

# Establishing the Rural Community of Cocagne

This fact sheet provides a quick overview of your new local government.

## A Snapshot of the New Rural Community of Cocagne

- ◆ The geographic area of the new rural community of Cocagne covers the former local service district of Cocagne.
- ◆ Cocagne will have 2 voting wards and will be represented by a council of one mayor and 4 councillors (two councillors per ward)—elected by residents.
- ◆ As a rural community, Cocagne will have local decision-making powers and will assume responsibility for the delivery of local planning and emergency measures services.

## Cocagne Residents Voted “Yes” —Here’s What to Expect Next

Since the October 2013 plebiscite, a variety of efforts have been put in motion to officially establish your new rural community. Outlined below are dates and events of interest:

- ◆ Currently, efforts are underway to establish the rural community of Cocagne in law, under the *Municipalities Act*. A new regulation is expected to be approved in March 2014.

A **public information session** will take place in your community on **March 10, 2014, 7 p.m., at the Centre 50 d’Age d’Or (10 Villa Road)**, to speak to what it means to be a rural community, to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the rural community council, and to encourage residents to consider running for council. Cocagne residents are encouraged to attend this information session.

- ◆ Council nominations open on March 29, 2014 and close April 17, 2014, for eligible Cocagne residents who are interested in running for council.
- ◆ On May 12, 2014, residents will elect their very first rural community council during municipal elections.
- ◆ May 23, 2014, will be the official incorporation day for Cocagne.
- ◆ Swearing in of the newly elected council, the first meeting of council, the appointment of a clerk, and an inauguration ceremony, will take place May 28, 2014 in Cocagne. On this day, the newly elected council will officially take over community affairs.

The Department of Environment and Local Government (ELG) is committed to working with you to support the transition to a rural community. Please direct questions to Daniel Goguen, area local services manager for ELG, 523-7604.