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With official election results expected today, the municipalities of Windsor and West Hants are another step toward becoming one municipality.

The **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities** credits the two municipalities for coming together through a collaborative process.

“Everyone is working collectively to further the best interests of their residents,” says **NSFM President Pam Mood**.

“The merger is consistent with the Ivany Report recommendation to make local governments more efficient and all our members will be watching with interest.”

NSFM will welcome the new municipality of Windsor West Hants, with its 12 council members, as a “regional” member on April 1st.

At that time, the number of municipalities in the province will decrease from 50 to 49 and municipal representation will decrease from 379 to 376 politicians.

Windsor West Hants residents have elected two women to serve on the new council and the combined councils had seven. As a result, the number of women in municipal political roles in the province will go from 107 to 102, or from 28.2% to 27.1% of the total number.

In the last decade, the number of municipalities in Nova Scotia has dropped more than 10%. In 2010, there were 55 municipalities in Nova Scotia.

Between 2012 and 2016, several municipal units applied for dissolution, including the Town of Hantsport (now part of West Hants), and the Town of Springhill (now part of Cumberland County).

The last time it happened was in 2016, when the Town of Parrsboro became part of Cumberland County.

Did you know? The two municipalities of Windsor and West Hants produced five NSFM presidents over the years, including three from Windsor: Deputy Mayor Laurie Murley (2016-17), Mayor Anna Allen (2000-01), and Mayor Earle Hood (1986-87).

There have been two presidents from West Hants: Warden Judson Shaw (1953-54) and Municipal Clerk Ker Dimock (1924-25).

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