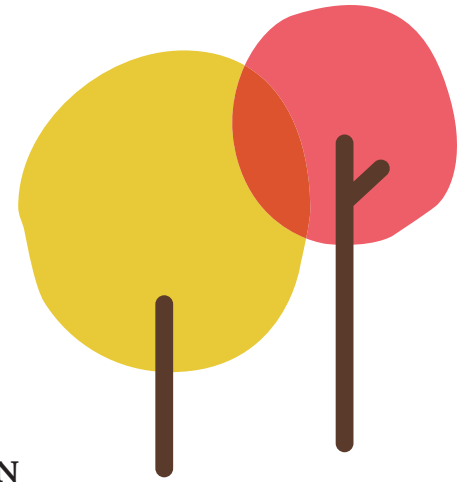


# BOUNDARY REVIEW 2022 - INFORMATION

## for the Municipality of the County of Kings



### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Municipal Council governs the Municipality and has prescribed responsibilities as detailed in the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act. Council is elected by residents of the Municipality (those eligible to vote) to represent the best interests of its residents, businesses, and organizations. Council makes decisions about municipal services, by-laws, policies, and programs.

The current Council is comprised of a Mayor and nine Councillors. Councillors are elected in each of the nine Districts. The Mayor is elected by residents throughout the Municipality (all nine Districts), while the Deputy Mayor is elected by Council.

### COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Members of Council attend monthly Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. In addition, they serve on an average of seven boards and committees each, attend public hearings and public information meetings, and communicate almost daily with constituents in their districts.

Council also develops a Strategic Plan to pinpoint Key Strategic Priorities for the coming years and outline which projects staff carry out. These include projects in the areas of accessibility, diversity, active transportation, green energy, economic development, broadband, and more. The [current Strategic Plan](#) is for 2021-2024.

### LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Different levels of government have different responsibilities and jurisdictions: federal, provincial, or municipal. The Municipality provides a variety of services, either directly or through third parties, including parks and recreation, sewer and water, waste collection, community grants, public transportation, land use planning, building inspections, animal control, fire and emergency services, and roads and sidewalks (some roads in the County of Kings are the responsibility of the Municipality, but most are provincial roads).

These municipal services have a direct impact on people who live and work in the Municipality, and those who have businesses here. The cost for providing these services is covered by revenue from residential and commercial property taxes.

### RELATIVE PARITY OF VOTING POWER

Relative parity of voting power is an important factor in Boundary Reviews and in the decision of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB). It means that all districts have roughly the same number of electors so that each vote in municipal elections carries the same weight. The NSUARB requires that the number of electors in each district be no more than + or - 10% of the average number of electors per district. Greater variances up to +/- 25% will be allowed only in extraordinary circumstances.

Table 2 (on the back) shows the number of voters per district (based on 2020 municipal election numbers), the share of the total number of voters in the Municipality per district, and the variation from the average number of voters. In the current situation, the variances are close to 10%, with 12.2% being the greatest variance.

### BUDGET INFORMATION

Council is responsible for a \$54 million Operating Budget (2022-2023) for the delivery of municipal services to residents and businesses. These dollars are spent on for example: education contribution, RCMP contribution, salaries and benefits, fire protection and grants, and more.

In addition to the Operating Budget, the Capital and Project Budget of the Municipality for fiscal year 2022-2023 is \$21.2 million for things like information technology, roads and sidewalks, parks and recreation infrastructure, municipal sewer infrastructure, etc.

### HISTORY OF COUNCIL SIZE

Table 1 below shows how the size of Council (the number of Councillors) has changed (or not changed) in the past 30 or so years as a result of previous Boundary Reviews. District boundaries were adjusted accordingly.

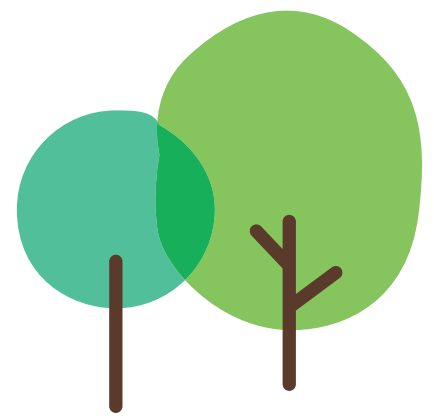
YEAR	COUNCIL SIZE
1993	Maintained at 12
2000	Maintained at 12
2004	Reduced from 12 to 11
2007	Maintained at 11
2013	Maintained at 11
2015/2016	Reduced from 11 to 9 Warden changed to Mayor
Current	Mayor and 9 Councillors (one of whom serves as Deputy Mayor)

Table 1. Past Boundary Reviews



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ELECTORAL DISTRICT	LAND AREA (KM <sup>2</sup> )	VOTERS	SHARE OF TOTAL VOTERS	VARIATION FROM AVERAGE	
				No.	%
District 1	246.6	4,404	11.5%	140	+3.3%
District 2	55.4	4,674	12.2%	410	+9.6%
District 3	436.8	4,436	11.5%	172	+4.0%
District 4	34.4	4,367	11.4%	103	+2.4%
District 5	677.1	3,993	10.4%	-271	-6.4%
District 6	33.8	4,176	10.9%	-88	-2.1%
District 7	402.3	4,193	10.9%	-71	-1.7%
District 8	19.6	4,150	10.8%	-114	-2.7%
District 9	274.6	3,984	10.4%	-280	-6.6%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2180.5</b>	<b>38,377</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>242.3</b>	<b>4,264</b>			

Table 2. Land Area and Voters by Polling District (2020 Municipal Election Numbers)

## NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD: PROCESS

Once all feedback from members of the public has been gathered and presented to Council, Council will make a decision to confirm or alter the number of Councillors and polling district boundaries. Council will then submit an application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) outlining the desired changes, if any. Once the application is submitted (it is due before the end of 2022), the NSUARB will schedule a Public Hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate in the Hearing or to comment on the application. The final decision on the number of Councillors and the district boundaries is made by the NSUARB and is normally issued within 60 days of the Hearing.

## NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD: DEFINITIONS

To help you understand the Boundary Review process and the role of the NSUARB, the following definitions may be helpful.

**Communities of Interest** - A neighbourhood, community, or group of people who have common concerns and shared interests and would benefit from being grouped together in a single district. A community of interest can be characterized by factors such as historical connections, recreational activities, water and sewer boundaries, traffic infrastructure and patterns, language and ethnic origin, school districts, shopping patterns and business centres.

**Elector** - A person who has the right to vote in an election.

**Electoral Boundaries or Polling District Boundaries** - the geographic boundaries of electoral/polling districts.

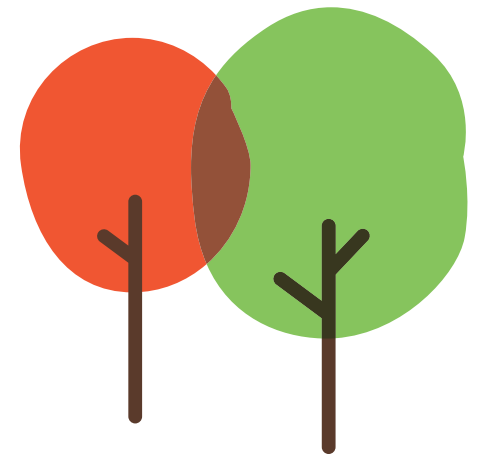
**Population Density** - The number of people per square kilometre who live in a polling district.

**Relative parity of voting power** - All districts having roughly the same number of electors so that each vote in municipal elections carries the same weight.



# VOTING POWER, GROWTH AND COUNCIL SIZE

## for the Municipality of the County of Kings (2022)



### RELATIVE PARITY OF VOTING POWER

This table shows the number of voters per district in three different years. It also shows how the number of voters in each district differs from the average number of voters (expressed as +/- %). The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board requires the districts remain within +/- 10% of the average number of voters.

DISTRICT	2015			2016			2020		
	Voters	Variance from average (#)	Variance from average (%)	Voters	Variance from average (#)	Variance from average (%)	Voters	Variance from average (#)	Variance from average (%)
1	4,004	143	3.71%	4,068	16	0.39%	4,404	140	3.28%
2	4,099	238	6.17%	4,530	478	11.79%	4,674	410	9.61%
3	4,140	279	7.23%	4,346	294	7.25%	4,436	172	4.03%
4	3,982	121	3.14%	4,167	115	2.83%	4,367	103	2.41%
5	4,078	217	5.63%	3,804	-248	-6.13%	3,993	-271	-6.36%
6	3,754	-107	-2.77%	3,929	-123	-3.04%	4,176	-88	-2.07%
7	3,554	-307	-7.95%	3,848	-204	-5.04%	4,193	-71	-1.67%
8	3,573	-288	-7.45%	3,944	-108	-2.67%	4,150	-114	-2.68%
9	3,563	-298	-7.71%	3,834	-218	-5.39%	3,984	-280	-6.57%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,747</b>			<b>36,470</b>			<b>38,377</b>		
<b>AVERAGE # VOTERS</b>	<b>3,861</b>			<b>4,052</b>			<b>4,264</b>		
	Source: Stantec Report 2015			Source: 2016 election			Source: 2020 election		

Number of voters by district from 2015, 2016 election, 2020 election and the % variance that they fall from the average number of voters at that time

### GROWTH - NUMBER OF UNITS (DEVELOPED SINCE 2016 ELECTION BY DISTRICT)

This table shows the number of approved units that have been added to each district since the 2016 election. It also shows the breakdown of the types of unit.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL UNITS	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	ATTACHED UNIT(S) (EX. SEMI)	APARTMENT	SEASONAL
1	179	92	56	31	-
2	170	63	47	60	-
3	137	119	16	-	2
4	175	59	60	56	-
5	148	84	40	22	2
6	107	55	28	24	-
7	147	95	14	36	2
8	145	16	57	72	-
9	109	93	15	-	1

Source: Municipality of the County of Kings permitting data, 2016 election to present (2022)

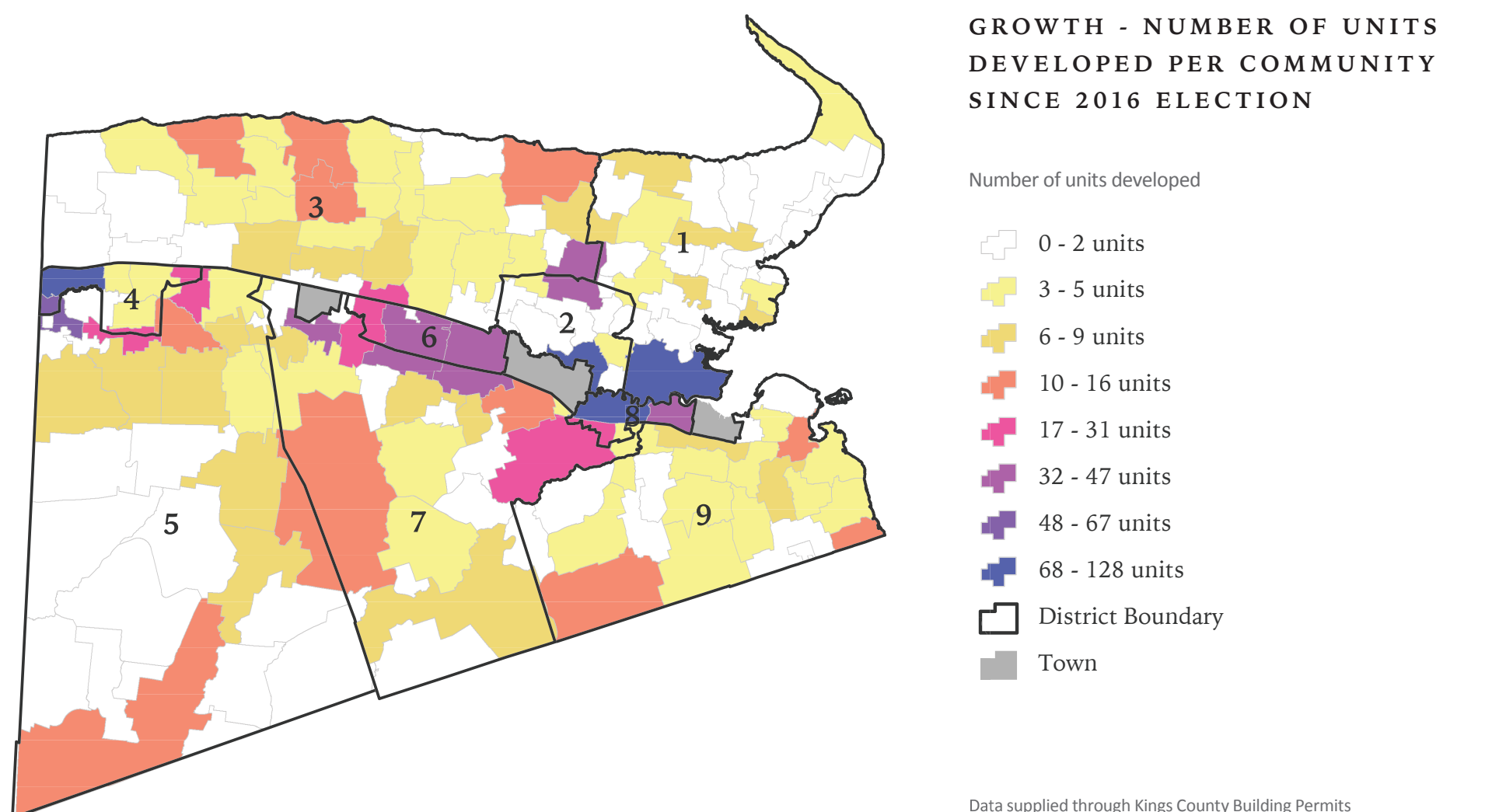


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Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm, 181 Coldbrook Village Park Dr, Coldbrook, NS, B4R 1B9

COUNCIL SIZE & REMUNERATION	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS (EXCL. MAYOR)	NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS (INCL. MAYOR)	TOTAL ANNUAL COUNCIL COMPENSATION	POPULATION (2021 CENSUS)	POPULATION PER COUNCILLOR	REMUNERATION PER PERSON	LAND AREA (KM2)	AVERAGE DISTRICT SIZE (KM2)
Halifax Regional Municipality	16	17	\$1,687,275	439,819	27,489	\$3.84	5,490	343.13
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	12	13	\$776,824	93,694	7,808	\$8.29	2,430	202.50
<b>Municipality of the County of Kings</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$412,772</b>	<b>47,918</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>\$8.61</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>232.67</b>
Municipality of the County of Colchester	11	12	\$559,177	36,044	3,277	\$15.51	3,572	324.73
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg	10	11	\$385,877	25,545	2,555	\$15.11	1,759	175.90
Municipality of the District of East Hants	11	11	\$362,563	22,892	2,081	\$15.84	1,786	162.36
Municipality of the County of Pictou	12	12	\$327,390	20,676	1,723	\$15.83	2,797	233.08
Municipality of the County of Cumberland	8	9	\$335,670	19,964	2,496	\$16.81	4,255	531.88
Municipality of the County of Annapolis	11	11	\$421,203	18,834	1,712	\$22.36	3,178	288.91
West Hants Regional Municipality	11	12	\$303,276	19,509	1,774	\$15.55	1,244	113.09
Municipality of the County of Antigonish	10	10	\$300,900	15,101	1,510	\$19.93	1,450	145.00
Municipality of the County of Inverness	6	6	\$264,878	13,239	2,207	\$20.01	3,815	635.83
Municipality of the District of Chester	7	7	\$192,554	10,693	1,528	\$18.01	1,122	160.29
Region of Queens Municipality	7	8	\$208,759	10,422	1,489	\$20.03	2,392	341.71
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth	7	7	\$208,085	10,067	1,438	\$20.67	586	83.71
Municipality of the District of Argyle	9	9	\$210,664	7,870	874	\$26.77	1,528	169.78
Municipality of the District of Clare	8	8	\$201,074	7,678	960	\$26.19	852	106.50
Municipality of the District of Digby	5	5	\$150,409	7,242	1,448	\$20.77	1,657	331.40
Municipality of the County of Victoria	8	8	\$235,266	6,750	844	\$34.85	2,854	356.75
Municipality of the District of Guysborough	8	8	\$207,216	4,585	573	\$45.19	2,116	264.50
Municipality of the District of Shelburne	7	7	\$154,770	4,336	619	\$35.69	1,821	260.14
Average	9	9	\$345,796	35,836	3,042	\$21.40	2,191	253





# **Boundary Review 2022**

# Welcome!

## A FEW NOTES ABOUT THIS PROJECT

- October 5 Port Williams Community Centre at 7pm
- October 6 Kingston Fire Hall at 7pm
- Recap & options October 20 at 7pm
- Ongoing engagement & opportunities to participate until October 21, 4:30pm (online survey with draw for gift basket!)
- Recommendation on Council size and boundaries Committee of the Whole November 10 at 6pm
- Council decision December 6 at 6pm
- Apply to NSUARB before December 31

# Welcome!

## WHAT TO EXPECT TONIGHT

*Tonight's session will be recorded*

1. Welcome & Warm Up
2. Background information & technical tips
3. Round 1: The Size of Council
4. Refreshment Break
5. Round 2: District Boundaries
6. Wrap up & farewells

# Our Promise To You

We will keep you informed, listen to you, and acknowledge your concerns and goals, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the recommendation made to Council.



# Values

Inclusivity & Accessibility

Respect

Accountability

Education

Communication

Authenticity & Transparency

Having fun

# Would You Rather...

**Snack on  
chips *or* chocolate?**

**Be the captain of a  
ship *or* an airplane?**

**Be able to fly *or* be  
invisible?**

**Always have  
summer *or* winter?**

Lounge by the  
pool *or* at the  
beach?

**Have a cup of  
coffee *or* tea**



# Background Info

Let's get into the technical side of boundary reviews.

# This is what we're doing

- 4 parts to our work:
  1. Community engagement on size of Council & District Boundaries
  2. Checking we heard you correctly & considering options
  3. Making a recommendation to Council
  4. Applying to the NSUARB

# Role of NSUARB

- Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board is an Administrative Court – independent third party
- Receives Council's application
- Holds a Public Hearing
- Makes the final decision

# Municipal Government Act

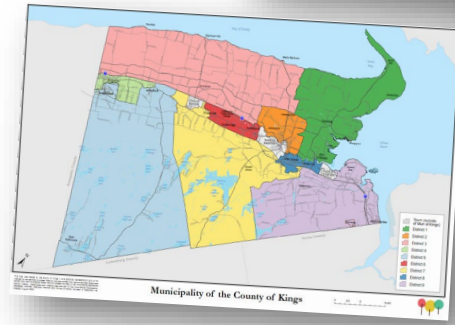
- Municipalities are governed by the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act (MGA)
- Section 369: municipalities must conduct “A study of polling districts” (Boundary Review) every **8** years
- Council must apply to NSUARB to confirm or change the number of Councillors and boundaries of districts

# The NSUARB's Requirements

- Communities of Interest
- Number of electors
- Relative parity of voting power (require all districts to be +/- 10% of the average number of people)
- Population density
- Geographic size

# Helpful Information

- Information Sheets at your tables
- Maps at your table and around the room for you to review



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**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
The Council governs the Municipality and the provision of municipal services. The Council is made up of 12 members who are elected by the voters of the Municipality. The Council is responsible for the overall management of the Municipality and the provision of municipal services. The Council is also responsible for the overall management of the Municipality and the provision of municipal services.

**BUDGET INFORMATION**  
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**VOTING POWER, GROWTH AND COUNCIL SIZE**  
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**RELATIVE PARITY OF VOTING POWER**  
The table below shows the number of voters in each district and the average number of voters per councillor. The table also shows the number of voters in each district and the average number of voters per councillor.

DISTRICT	2022		2018		2014	
	Voters	Average per Councillor (%)	Voters	Average per Councillor (%)	Voters	Average per Councillor (%)
1	4,204	352	4,132	344	4,074	339
2	4,199	349	4,276	356	4,274	356
3	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
4	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
5	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
6	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
7	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
8	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
9	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
10	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
11	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
12	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
13	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
14	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
15	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
16	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
17	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
18	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
19	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
20	4,240	353	4,240	353	4,240	353
TOTAL	84,747	7,062	84,747	7,062	84,747	7,062
AVERAGE	4,237	351.5	4,237	351.5	4,237	351.5

**GROWTH - NUMBER OF DISTRICTS DEVELOPED SINCE 2014 ELECTION BY DISTRICT**  
The table below shows the number of districts developed since the 2014 election by district. The table also shows the number of districts developed since the 2014 election by district.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICTS	APARTMENT SEASONAL
1	17	1
2	17	1
3	17	1
4	17	1
5	17	1
6	17	1
7	17	1
8	17	1
9	17	1
10	17	1
11	17	1
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13	17	1
14	17	1
15	17	1
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20	17	1

# The Current Situation

- 9 Councillors + 1 Mayor
- 38,377 electors across the whole Municipality
  - 4,264 electors per Councillor
- 47,918 total population across the County
  - 5,324 persons per Councillor

Any Questions  
So Far?



Round 1

# The Size of Council

What is the appropriate number of Councillors?

What factors should be considered in deciding the appropriate number of Councillors?

# Refreshment Break

Round 2

# District Boundaries

Are the current boundaries appropriate & fair? Why or why not?

Where should changes be made?

What *Communities of Interest* should be in the same district?

# Our next steps

## Information Gathering

October 5, 7pm – Port Williams Community Centre

October 6, 7pm – Kingston Fire Hall

## What We Heard & Options for Changing Council Size and Boundaries

October 20, 7pm – Municipal Building

## Opportunity for Feedback

Ends October 21, 4:30pm

# Our next steps

Recommendation to Committee of the Whole

November 10, 6pm – Municipal Building

Decision by Council

December 6, 6pm

Application to NSUARB

By end of December

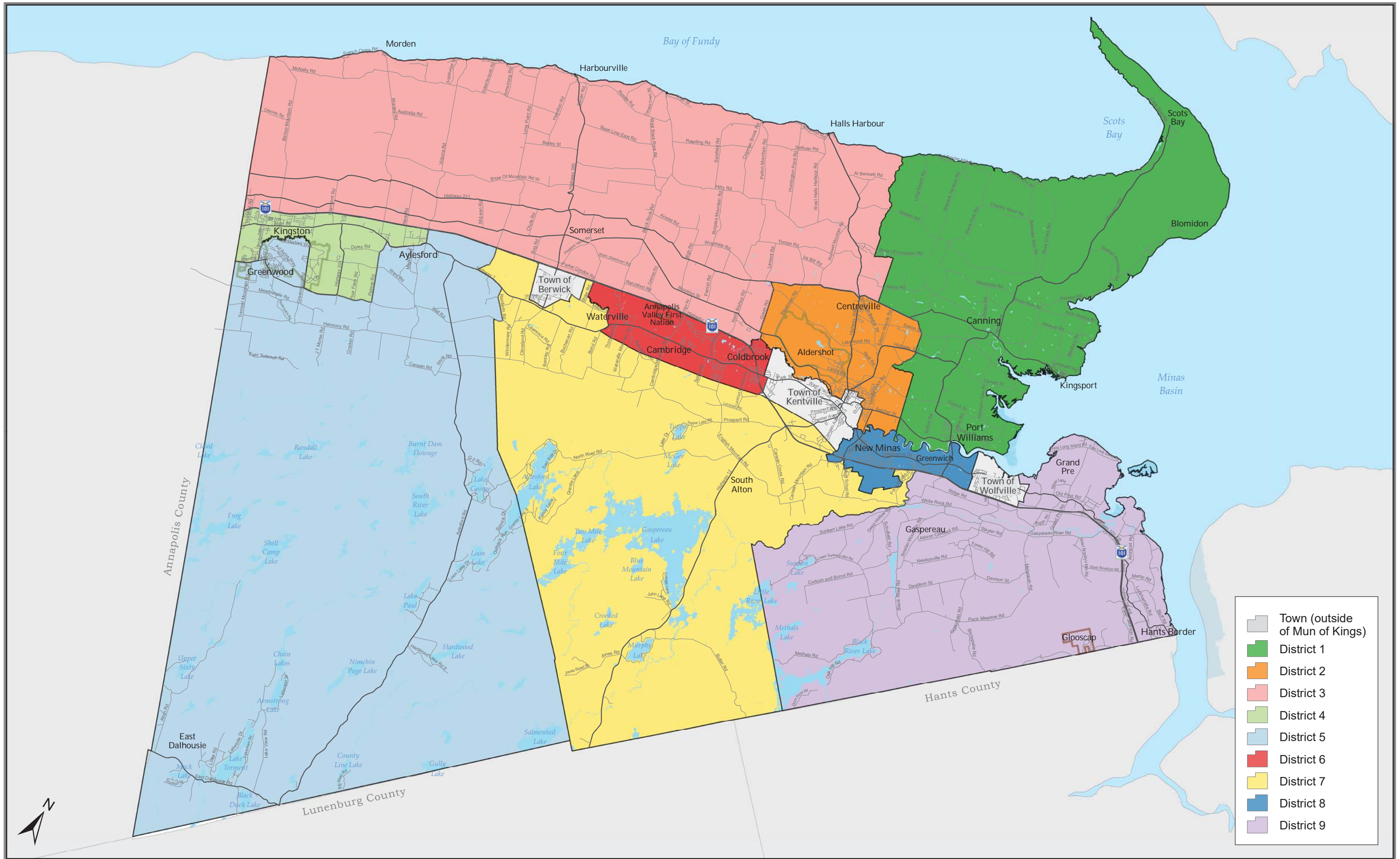
NSUARB Public Hearing

Date TBD

What questions or  
additional comments  
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**Thank You &  
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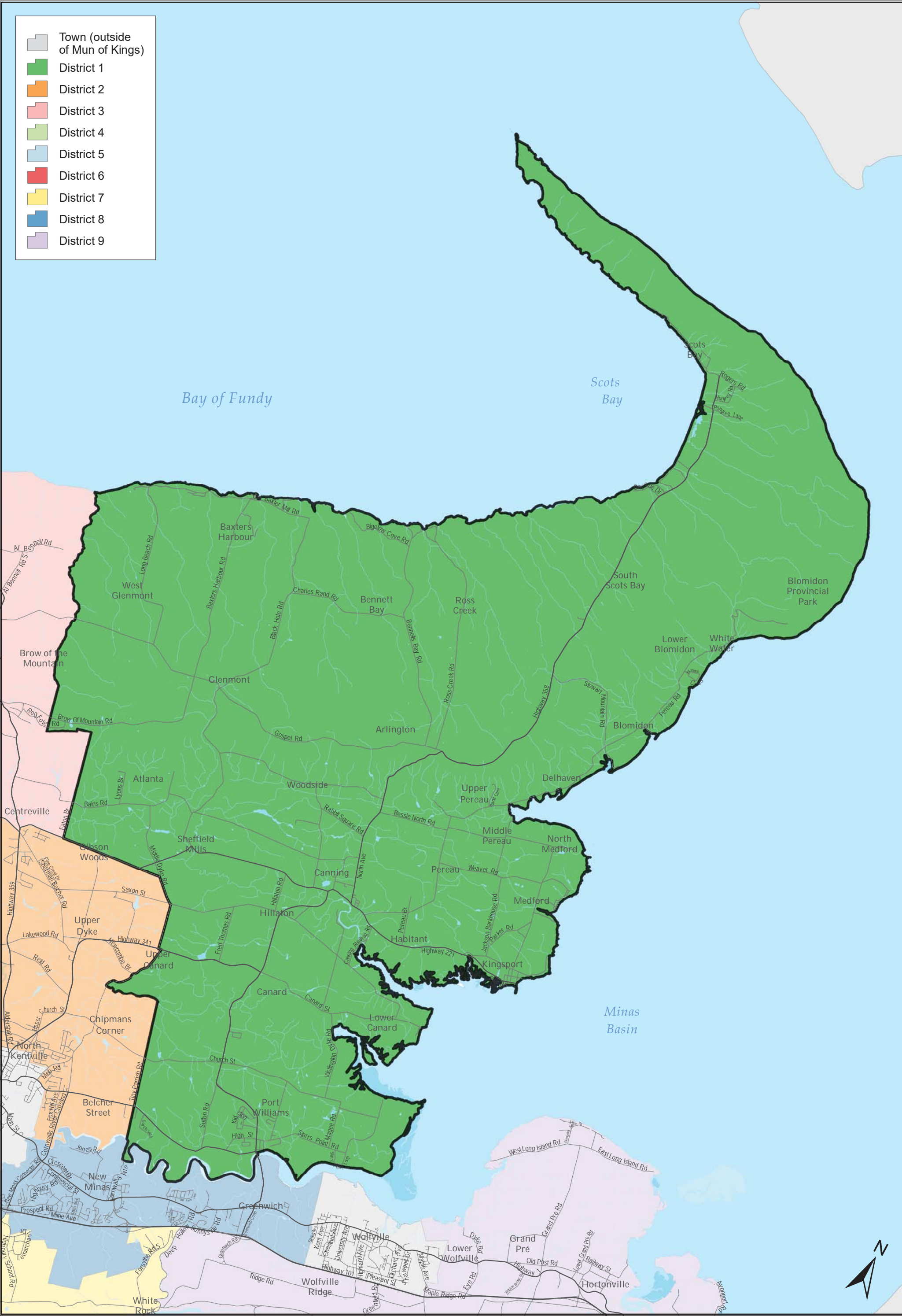
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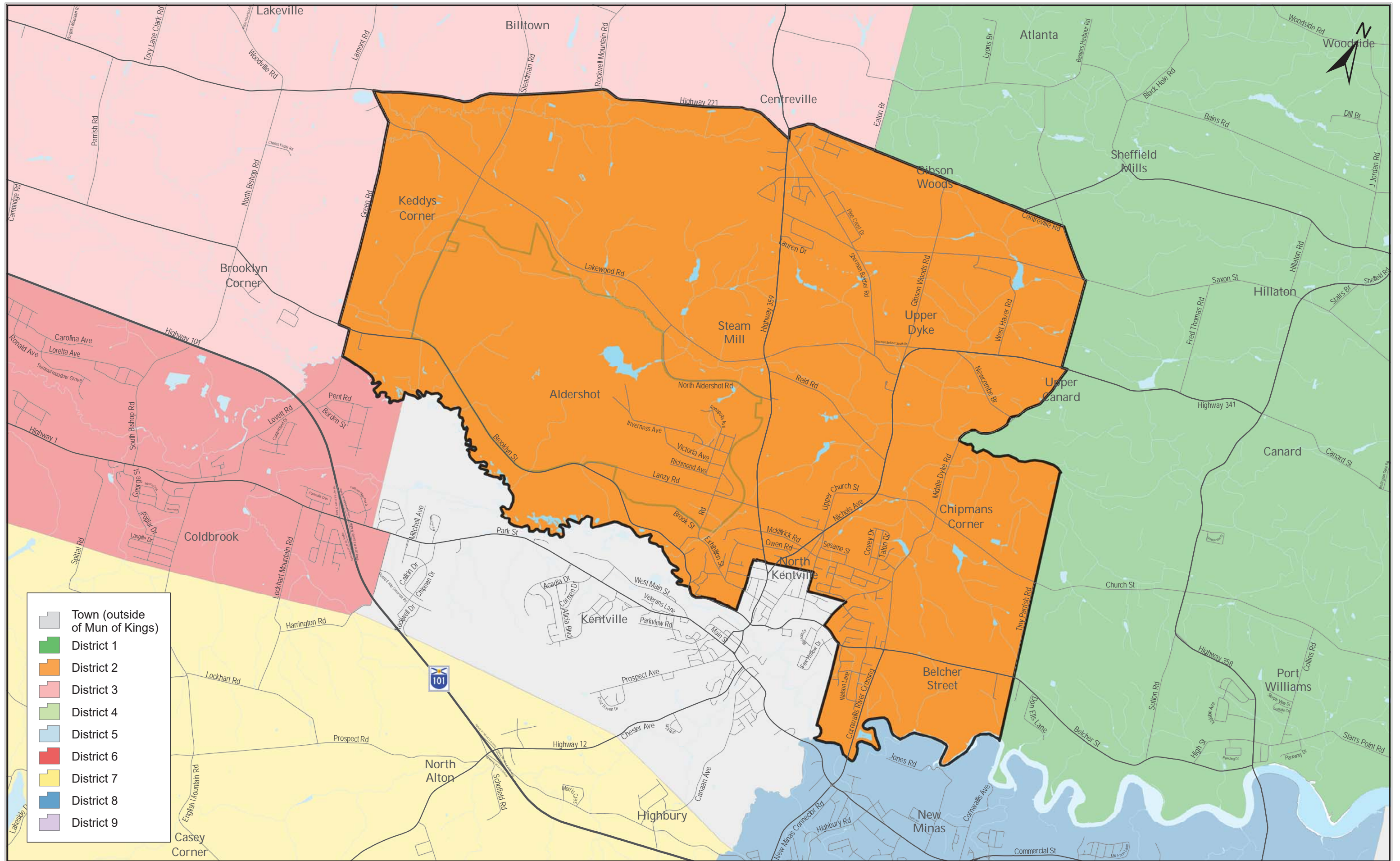
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


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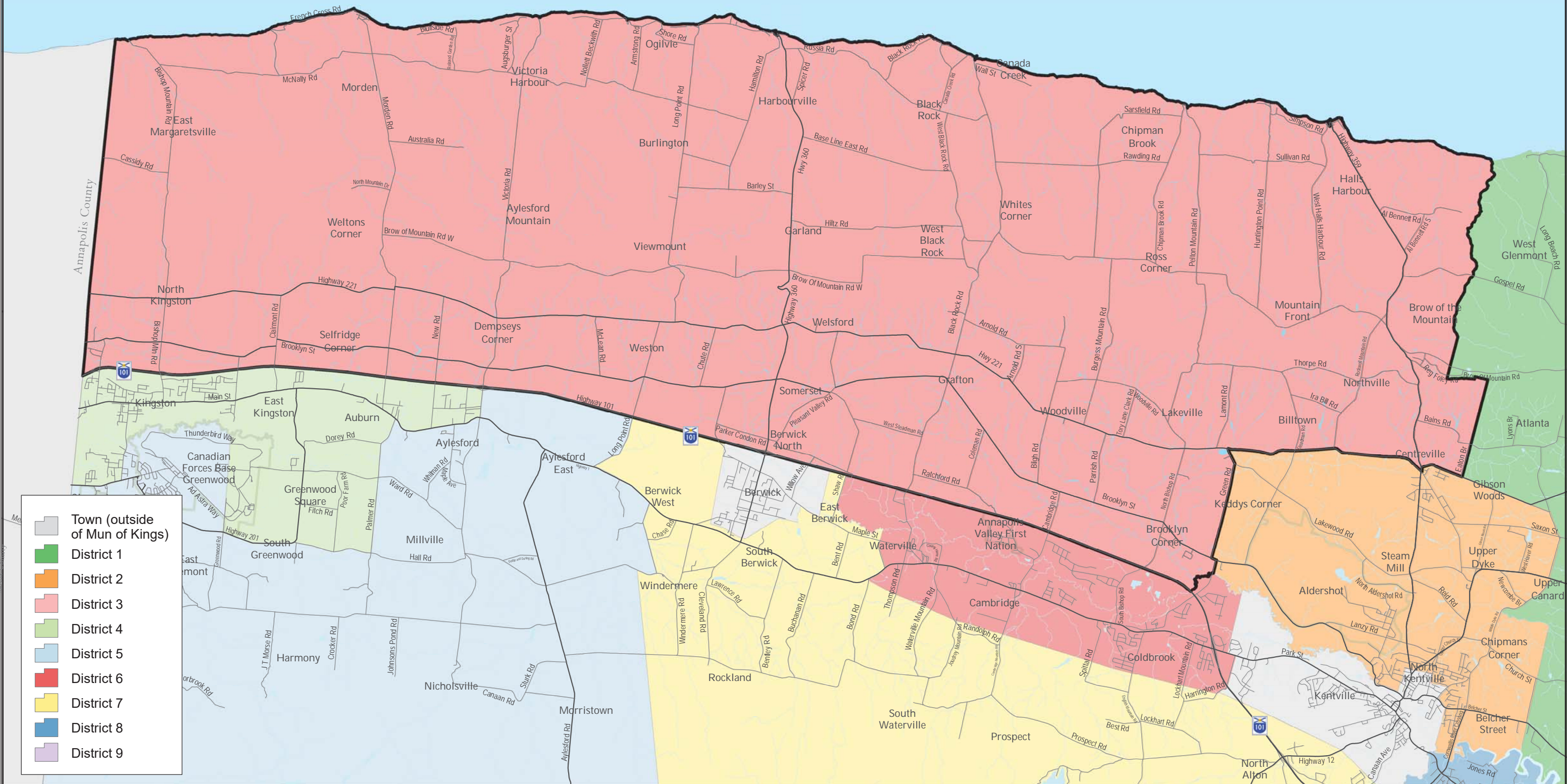
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Bay of Fundy



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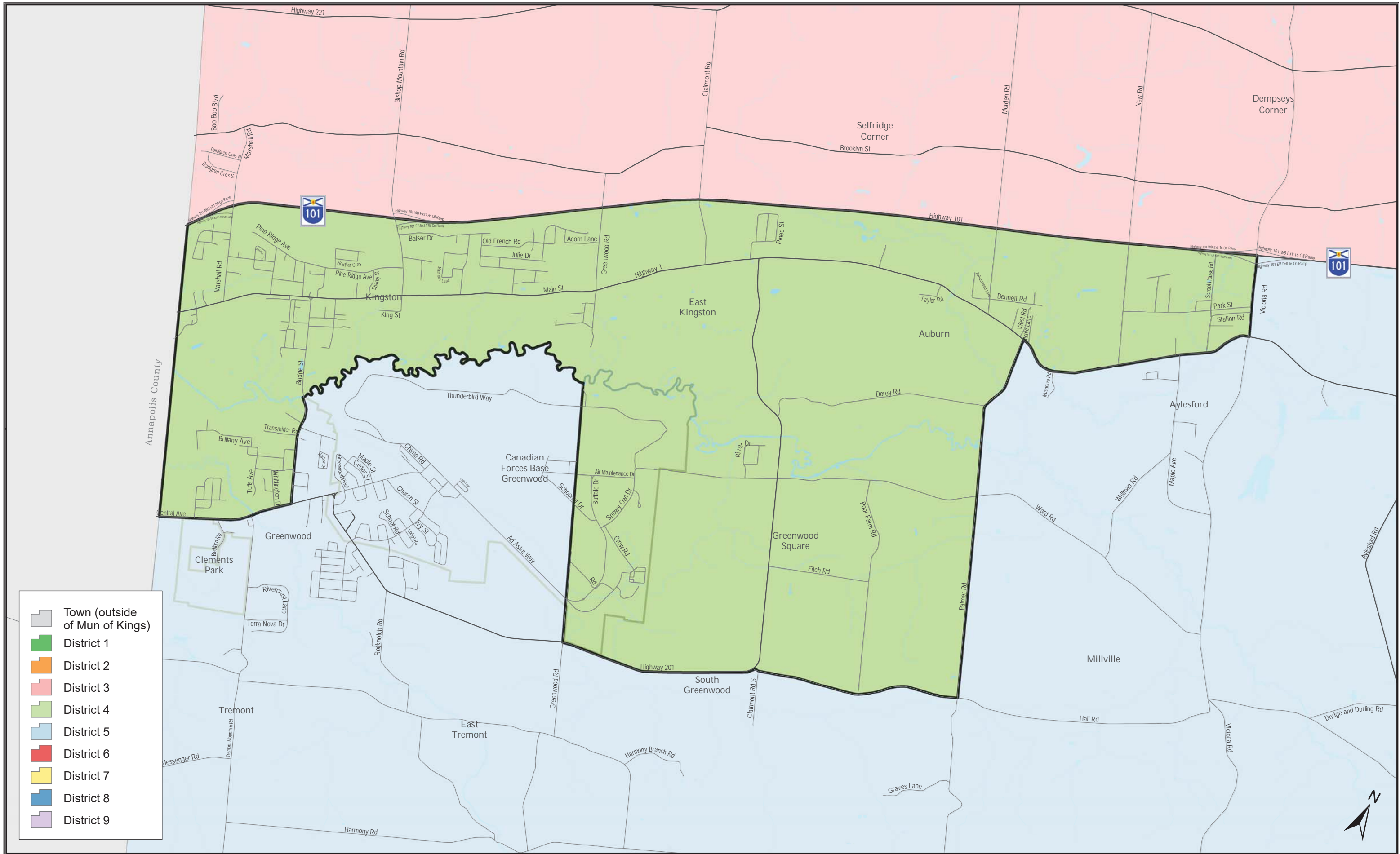
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
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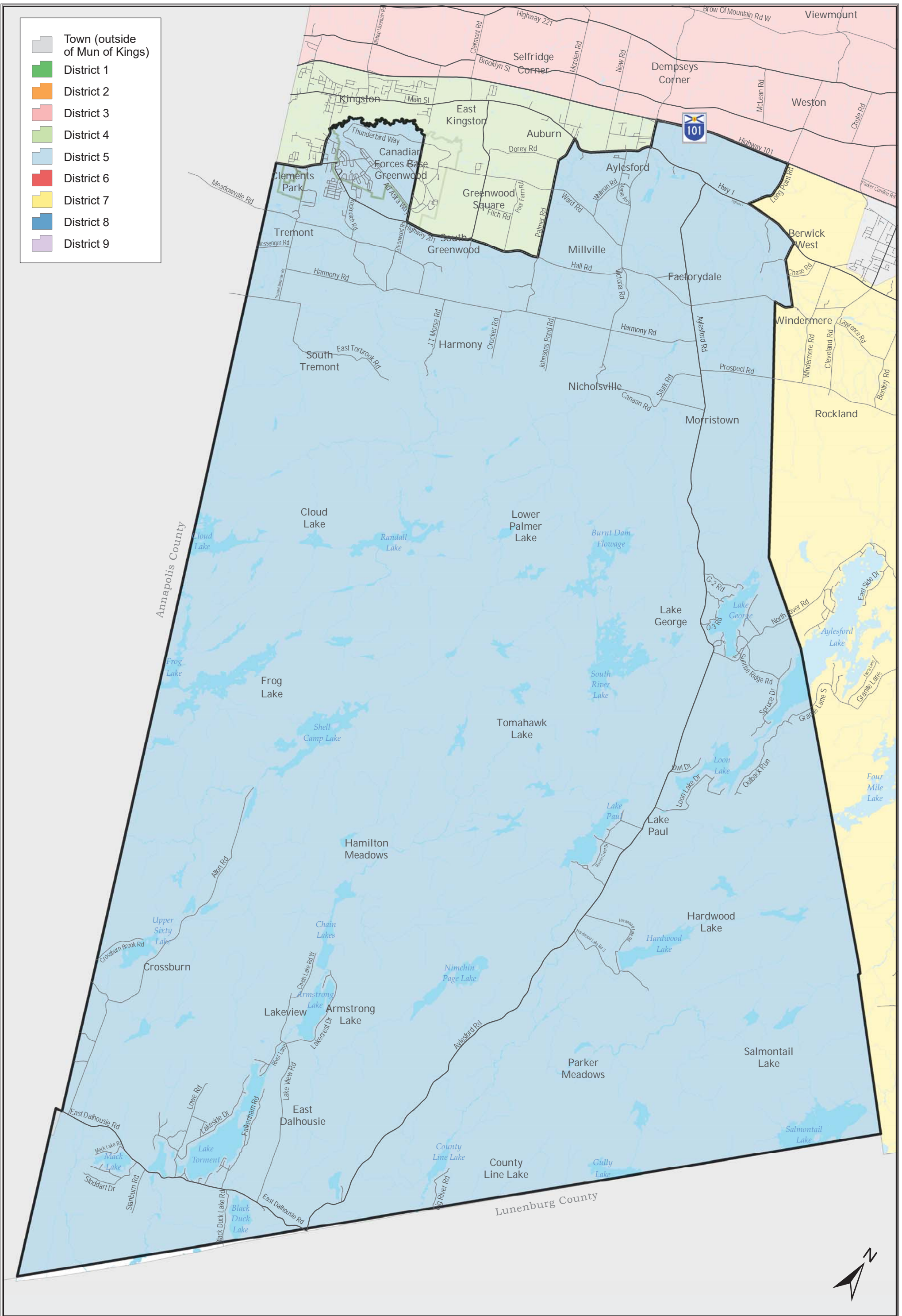
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# District 4

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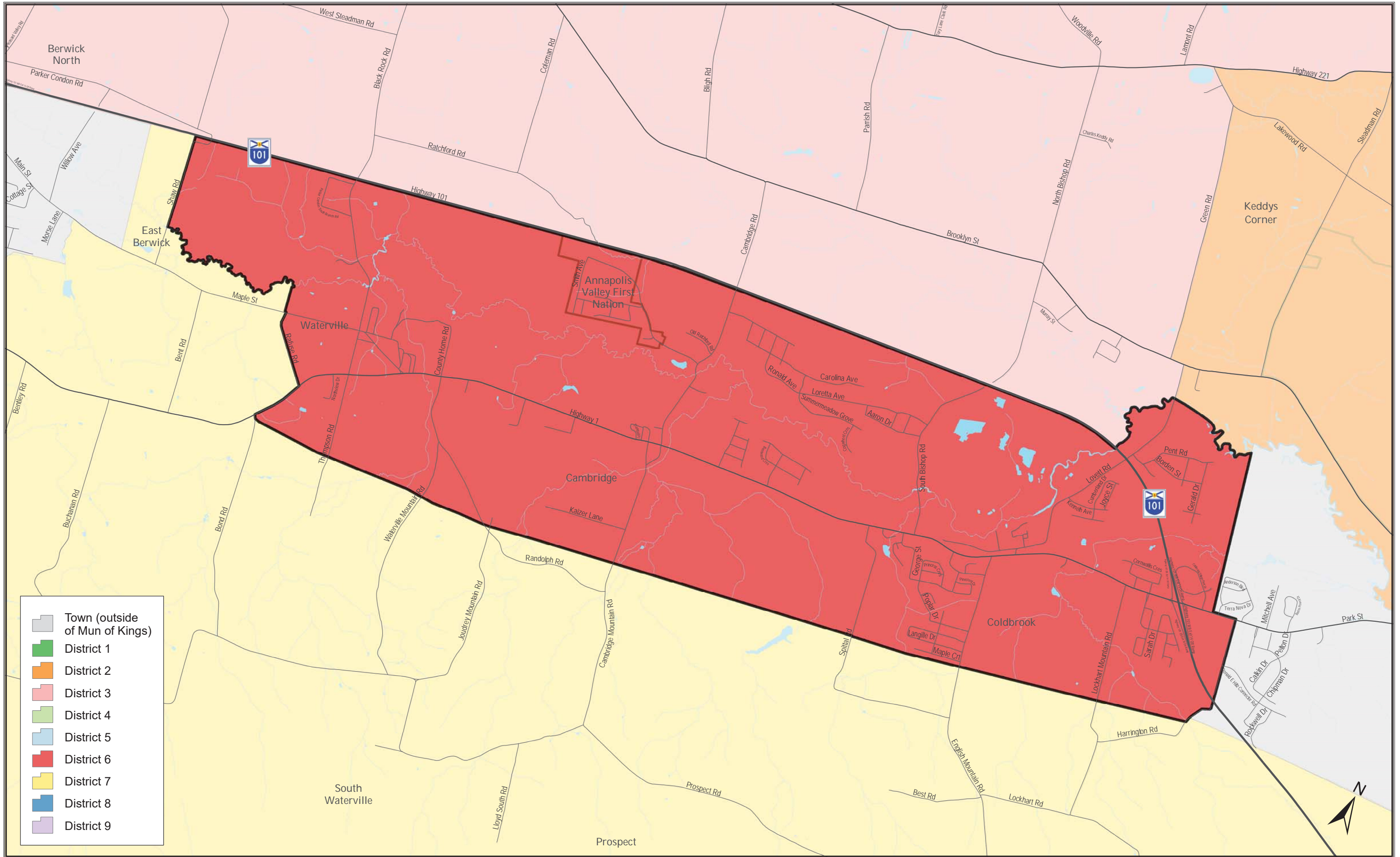
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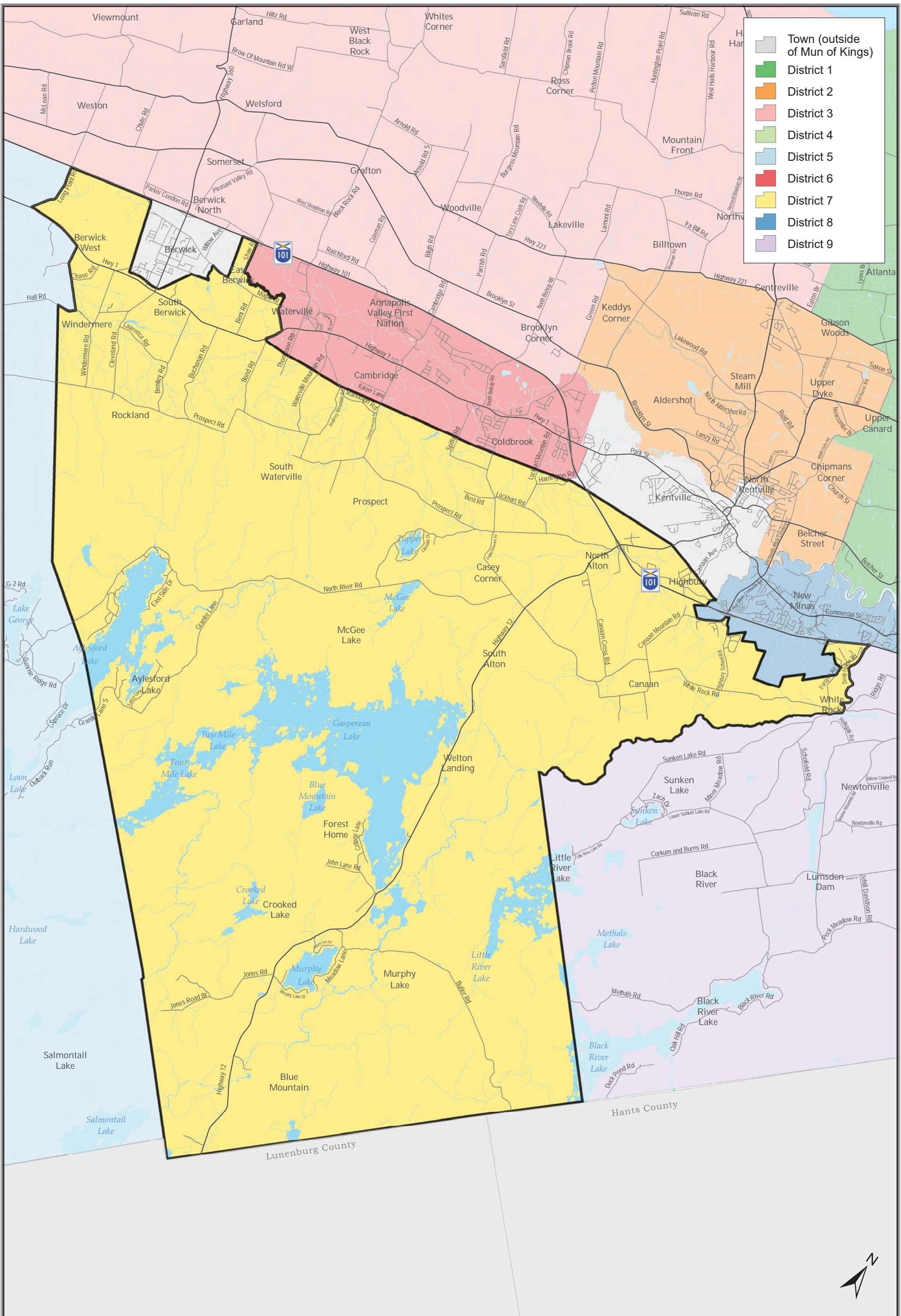
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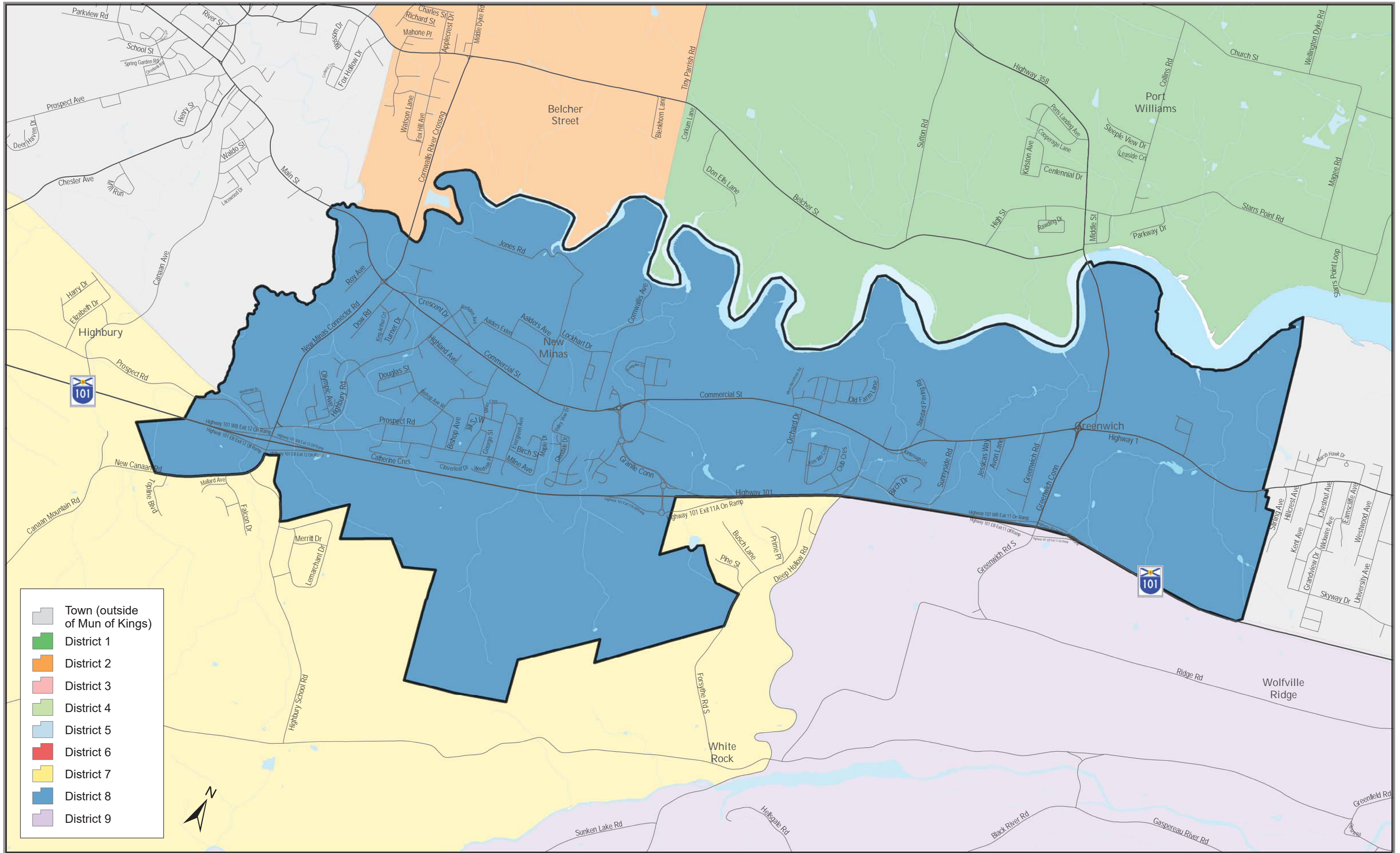
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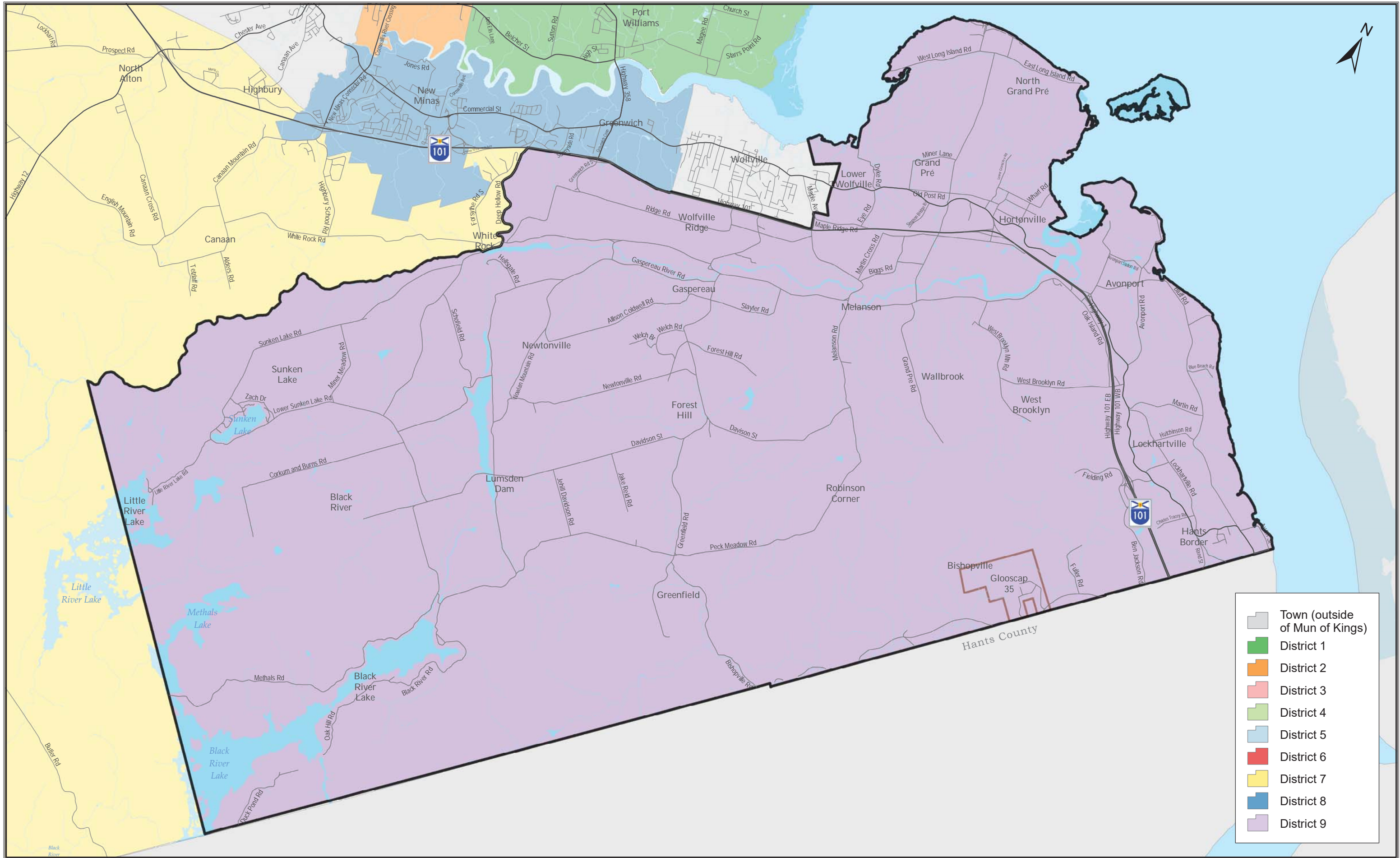
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