

My name is Drew McCarthy and I'm fifteen years old. I've lived in Shelburne County my entire life. I came here because I am concerned about my future here in Shelburne County.

I am concerned because I do plan to stay in this area and raise a family. I wouldn't want Shelburne to lose its voice as a county. I want the kids of my generation, in my county to have unity, strength, character, and the right to voice their opinion about things that will affect our everyday lives.

What will the next generation – MY generation – have in this area if we split Shelburne County in two? Will my home be able to provide the resources and opportunities I will need for a healthy and bright future?

We just celebrated Remembrance Day last week. I think the men and women who fought so bravely for our freedom and rights would be outraged that we could lose our united voice in government. A strong Shelburne County is a UNITED Shelburne County, and that means ONE voice in the provincial government, speaking for us all.

People my age are asking a lot of questions about how this could affect us, from our schooling, to sports, to other community organizations. This is your chance to show that you are listening to us, even if we aren't old enough to vote yet. Some day we will be. We need to feel our government is listening, because if not, we will lose faith in the entire system.

We want to know that we can put faith into our government and that we can trust them to do the right thing here....keep Shelburne County together.