

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## GOVERNANCE AND DISTRICT BOUNDARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 18, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, Vice Chair  
Councillors: Barry Dalrymple  
Gloria McCluskey  
Peter Lund  
Reg Rankin  
Linda Mosher

REGRETS: Mayor Peter Kelly

STAFF: Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Sara Knight, Solicitor  
Mr. Paul Morgan, Senior Planner  
Ms. Alva Robinson, Data Analyst  
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

**\*Final meeting of Committee - Minutes administratively approved\***

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 22 and 30, 2010**

The Deputy Clerk noted that Councillors Nicoll and Barkhouse should appear on the front cover of the September 22, 2010 meeting as Guests.

The Deputy Clerk also noted that Councillors Adams, Outhit and Fisher should appear on the front cover of the September 30, 2010 minutes as Guests.

Ms. Knight clarified her statement found on page 4, Item 7.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph as follows:

*She went on to advise that in 2003/04 the Board did have an expert who was retained by legal counsel for the Board.*

Councillor Mosher indicated that in the last paragraph, last sentence of the same page, '7-8% of that number yet represent 70% of the population' should read '5-6% of that number yet represent 40% of the population.'

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund the minutes of the September 22 and 30, 2010 meetings of the Governance and District Boundary Review Committee, as amended, be approved.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mosher that the agenda, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**5.1 Correspondence**

**5.1.1 E-mails Received in Response to Phase II**

E-mails relating to Phase II of the Governance and Boundary Review were received from the following:

Tracey Whyte  
Margaret Moody  
Kelly Greenwood

Valerie Bradshaw  
Val Conrad  
Belinda Parker

Jim and Ruth Bower  
Martin Wilson  
Alan Frost

Correspondence from Alma Johnston was circulated at the meeting.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Hum that the correspondence be received as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 Review of Public Consultation – Report and Recommendation**

A report dated November 15, 2010 was before the Committee.

Ms. Mellett noted that although the public did not attend in great numbers, the feedback received was very useful.

Ms. Mellett went on to review with the Committee the changes staff were proposing to the proposed district polling boundaries considered at the public consultation sessions as contained in the November 15, 2010 report.

A discussion regarding the Bissett Road and Lake Loon/Cherry Brook changes ensued with Ms. Mellett pointing out that the historical and community significance of the Cole Harbour Heritage Park to the community provided justification for retaining that area in District 4.

Note was made that the Horizon Court Towers are very closely associated with District 5 and that association should be retained. District 9 includes a large business park and this fact should be taken into consideration by the UARB.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor McCluskey the Governance and District Boundary Review Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council that the proposed polling district boundary shared by District 5 and 9 be revised to retain the Horizon Court Towers in District 5 due to the strong relationship/linkage with the district. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mosher that the District 4 polling district boundary be reestablished at the previous location on Bissett Road which is justifiable based on strong community identification and feedback. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund that the area around Rosebank Drive, Dorothy Drive and Irene Avenue be placed back in District 20, following the previous district boundary, which is justifiable based on community identification and the overall stability of District 20. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the proposed polling district boundary between District 10 and 17 be revised to place the small apartment building located in District 10 in District 17, which is justifiable due to**

**its geographic relationship with District 17 (opposite side of Armdale Roundabout from District 10). MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Following a further brief discussion, it was **MOVED** by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund that the three (3) or four (4) households along the upper side of the Beechville Road proposed to be located in District 10 be retained in District 22. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED** by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Mosher the Governance and District Boundary Review Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council that the proposed polling district boundaries, as amended, be adopted. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Discussion followed regarding the original motion of Council of August 4, 2009 - that the committee "bring forward a recommendation for ratification (for or against) the district boundaries to Regional Council". Note was made that it is important that Council be fully briefed on the impacts and implications of making any changes to the proposed boundaries including, but not exclusive to, the interrelationship between districts and the "domino" effect of changes, that any proposed revisions will require analysis and review, the impact on the HRM submission to the UARB including meeting the December 31st submission date, and the requirement to strike a new committee to undertake any further revisions and/or consultations.

Ms. Mellett advised that the report from the Committee is scheduled for the November 30<sup>th</sup> Regional Council agenda. She thanked members of the Committee for their commitment and work noting that the discussion and debate had been useful and productive.

#### **9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The Clerk will establish a meeting if required.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy  
Deputy Clerk