

Extract of Regional Council Minutes - August 4, 2009

13.3 District Boundary

This item was addressed during an earlier Committee of the Whole meeting and was before Council for ratification.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Outhit that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Recommend that HRM's major District Boundary Review, required to be submitted by December 31, 2010, be conducted in two (2) phases. The first phase to address HRM's Council governance structure and the second phase to set the specific district boundaries.**
- 2. For phase 1, the establishment of HRM's Council governance structure, a Committee of Council be struck to consider appropriate alternatives for HRM and bring forward a recommendation to Regional Council on or before February 24, 2010 with regard to:**
 - i) the size of Regional Council appropriate to decision making of a Regional nature; and**
 - ii) the size of Regional Council to support a Community Council structure appropriate to community decision making.**

And, that the Committee of Council be comprised of:

- i) the Mayor**
- ii) one (1) Councillor nominated from each of the Community Councils**
- i) one (1) member of HRM's Executive Management Team**

And, that the Committee of Council undertake the public consultation deemed necessary to ensure appropriate public input and consultation on the matter.

- 3. For phase 2, the setting of specific district boundaries based on the direction approved by Regional Council, be undertaken by the same Committee of Council and supported by appropriate staff resources and expertise. The Committee will:**
 - i) ensure the boundaries are set in accordance with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) and legislative requirements to be considered in the setting of district boundaries including but not exclusive to communities of interest, planning areas, and meeting the population/voter equity between districts "plus or minus 10%" - or defended otherwise;**

- ii) undertake the public consultation deemed necessary to ensure appropriate public input and consultation on the boundaries including Councillors, stakeholders and the broader public; and
- iii) bring forward a recommendation for ratification (for or against) on the District Boundaries to Regional Council on or before September 28, 2010.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.