

# HRM Boundary Review Committee Councillor's Survey

Councillor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Based on direction given by Council we are providing the opportunity for Councillors to respond to the following short survey. The information collected will assist in evaluating your views as part of the District Boundary Review process.

***Responses will be combined in reporting and no individual councillors response will be identified in the reported data.***

1. (a) What, in your opinion, are the key roles/responsibilities of a Municipal Councillor?

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- (b) Based on your view of the role of Councillor at what level of detail do you believe Councillor's should be involved in decision making regarding:

Setting HRM policy?

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As an advocate for community issues?

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As an advocate for individual residents?

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Others

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2.

- (a) How much time do you spend in an average week responding to calls, email and correspondence? Hrs. \_\_\_\_/week

What do you receive most of? calls\_\_\_\_ emails\_\_\_\_ other\_\_\_\_

- (b) Do you manage to respond to all matters and deal with the issues raised in the way you would like to?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Why/why not?

Please Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How much time do you spend in a typical week on any of the following activities *as a result of your role as Councillor?*

	Meetings	Time	
(a) Council Related	_____	_____	Hrs/wk.
(b) Committee Related	_____	_____	Hrs/wk.
(c) Community Council	_____	_____	Hrs/wk.
(d) Community Related	_____	_____	Hrs/wk.
(e) Ceremonial	_____	_____	Hrs/wk.
(f) Travel	_____	_____	Hrs/wk.
(g) Others	_____	_____	Hrs/wk.
TOTAL	_____	_____	Hrs/wk.

4. (a) How many committees of Council do you currently sit on?

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- (b) How many community committees do you currently sit on?

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- (c) Do you consider your role on these committees a good use of your time as Councillor. Why? Why not? Please comment:

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5. (a) To what extent do you utilize the Councillor Support Staff available to you? And for what types of things?

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- (b) Do you find that level of support sufficient to your current responsibilities as Councillor? Please comment as to why or why not?

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- (c) If HRM's governance structure were changed so that Councillors could a) devote more time to policy issues or b) represented a larger number of residents would that change your response? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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6. The *HRM Charter (and the MGA)* outlines the following factors that are to be taken into consideration in defining the number and boundaries of polling districts in a municipality:

- Municipal governance structure (community councils, regional council, boards & committees) or other
- number of voters
- relative parity of voting power
- population density
- community of interests
- geographic size

- (a) Considering these and the present governance model in HRM, do you think the number of Regional Councillors needed to carry out business should be:

Increased \_\_\_\_\_  
Decreased \_\_\_\_\_  
Unchanged \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

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- (b) Would you like to see any changes to how decision making occurs at the Community Council, Regional Council and/or Board and Committee level? Or remain as is?

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- (c) Specifically if you could change how decisions are made under HRM's governance structure, what changes would you like to see (if any):

At the Community Council level?

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At the Regional Council level?

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At the Board and Committee level?

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- (d) Given your responses (above) are you willing to offer a suggestion as to the appropriate governance structure for decision making in HRM? (Including the appropriate number of Regional Councillors)

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