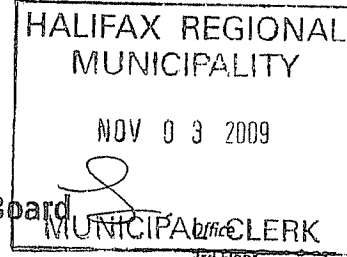


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Dear Ms. Mellett:

Halifax Regional Municipality - 2010 Review of the number and boundaries of polling districts - MB-09-ADM

In its decision dated November 22, 2007, the Board noted Halifax Regional Municipality's undertaking to conduct a comprehensive review of the number and boundaries of polling districts in 2010. The Board directed that, in order to allow sufficient time for the application to be considered in advance of the 2012 municipal election, the application must be filed no later than December 31, 2010.

Could you please advise the Board of the status of this matter.

Yours truly,

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November 4, 2009

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Dear Ms. Wagner,

Re: Halifax Regional Municipality - 2010 Review of the number and boundaries of polling districts- MB-09-ADM

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the status of the review of district boundaries being undertaken by HRM.

Following a review of the previous decisions of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and report and presentation to Council, the following motion was put and passed at the August 4, 2009 meeting of HRM Regional Council:

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:**

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- 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
- iii) 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.

A copy of the full report can be found on the HRM web site:
<http://halifax.ca/council/agendasc/090804cowAgenda.html>

The Council Committee has been constituted and are considering the governance models they wish to bring forward and the most appropriate approach to public consultation.

In addition, HRM has engaged outside expertise in demographic projections which, combined with HRM's internal expertise, will provide what we trust are the most up to date and accurate population/voter demographics available to the process.

Once Regional Council has determined the governance model to be adopted, work will commence on delineation of the specific district boundaries and the public consultation process will follow.

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HRM is aware of, and is working toward, the application date of December 31, 2010 as outlined in the November 22, 2007 decision of the Board.

We would be pleased to provide further updates as the process moves along and look forward to further discussions as the review continues. If the Board has any questions please do not hesitate to make inquiries.

Yours truly,

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Dear Ms. Mellett:

Halifax Regional Municipality - 2010 Review of the Number and Boundaries of Polling Districts - MB-09-ADM

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated November 4, 2009, and received by the Board on November 6, 2009, providing the Board with an outline of HRM's major district boundary review.

The Board agrees with the process undertaken by HRM and awaits receipt of the application.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon MacLeod".

for Elaine Wagner
Chief Clerk of the Board