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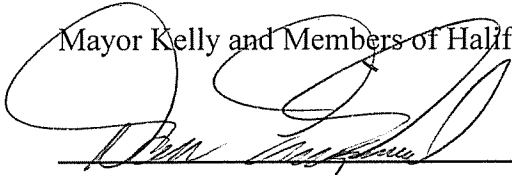


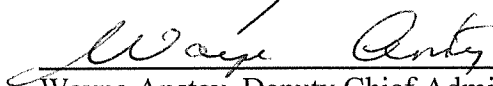
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Halifax Regional Council
April 17, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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DATE: April 11, 2007

SUBJECT: District Boundaries Review

ORIGIN

1. Requirement in *Municipal Government Act* that Halifax Regional Municipality review the polling districts and boundaries for the 2008 election.
2. June 21, 2004: Adjournment by the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board of an application by the Boundary Action Reversal Committee concerning Cherry Brook/Lake Loon, pending the HRM polling boundary review for the 2008 election.
3. August 1, 2006: Regional Council motion approving the recommendation in a July 20, 2006 staff report, concerning principles and a process for polling boundary review for the 2008 election, including a parallel process for Cherry Brook/Lake Loon.
4. December 20, 2006 Information Report to Regional Council session of January 9, 2007 outlining the results of a prehearing conference held on December 11, 2006, including a time line approved by the Board.
5. February 21, 2007 Information Report to Regional Council session of March 6, 2007 with a revised time line approved by the Board to enable the results of the 2006 Census to be used.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to amend the Municipality's polling district boundaries, as set forth in Maps 2 to 5, for the 2008 Municipal election.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On August 1, 2006 Regional Council approved principles and a process for a minor review of Polling District boundaries due to the fact that a boundary review had recently been undertaken in 2004. A comprehensive review of polling district boundaries as well as the number of polling districts will be undertaken in 2010 for the 2012 municipal election. Staff have analysed the voter variances, held public meetings and considered written submissions.

As a parallel process, staff were also instructed to consider an earlier application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board from the Cherry Brook/Lake Loon Boundary Action Reversal Committee. The Board had adjourned a previous hearing of the Committee's application pending the current polling district review.

Based on the 2006 Census data, most of the present Districts fall within the target +/-10% variance. Major growth has occurred in District 3 (Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook) and District 23 (Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets). There has been a loss of population in District 15 (Fairview - Clayton Park), but future growth is anticipated as the Mount Royale residential project develops. District 1 (Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit Valley) remained stable but saw a reduced relative share of voters due to growth in other areas of the Municipality.

Staff recommend several changes based on variances, development patterns and/or communities of interest:

- **Hubley Lake area (Map 2):** Adjust the boundary between District 22 (Timberlea - Prospect) and District 23 (Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets) to follow nearby lot lines. This can be characterized as a housekeeping amendment.
- **Bedford South area (Map 3):** Adjust the boundary between District 16 (Rockingham - Wentworth) and District 21 (Bedford) to accommodate recent and proposed development at Rochdale Place and Worthington Place. This can be characterized as a housekeeping amendment.
- **Williams Lake area (Map 4):** Adjust the boundary between District 17 (Purcell's Cove - Armdale) and District 18 (Spryfield - Herring Cove), to allocate Ravenscraig to District 18. This can be characterized as a housekeeping amendment.
- **Cherry Brook area (Map 6):** Move Cherry Brook from District 3 (Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook) to District 4 (Cole Harbour), in response to the parallel application to the Board by the Boundary Action Reversal Committee. This recommendation is more significant in nature than the previous three boundary amendments. The recommendation is consistent with the Board's 2004 boundary decision for this area as well as public input received during this review.

BACKGROUND

On August 1, 2006 Regional Council approved principles and a process for a minor review of Polling District boundaries (see below). As a parallel process endorsed by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and Regional Council, staff were also instructed to consider an earlier application to the Board from the Cherry Brook/Lake Loon Boundary Action Reversal Committee. The Board had adjourned a previous hearing of that application until the current polling district review.

Principles for Regional Review

1. That the size of Council not be considered during the review;
2. That boundary adjustments only be considered if the target population variance of plus or minus 10 percent per district is exceeded without adequate justification;
3. That minor boundary adjustments be considered where the community of interest is better served;
4. That a comprehensive review of the number of polling districts and their boundaries be undertaken in 2010.

Prehearing Conference for Cherry Brook/Lake Loon Application

An Information Report dated December 20, 2006 to the Regional Council session of January 9, 2007 outlined the results of a prehearing conference held by the Utility and Review Board for HRM and the Boundary Action Reversal Committee on December 11, 2006, including a time line approved by the Board. This timeline was later amended to allow the recently released 2006 census data to be used in the analysis.

Process

- **A first set of public meetings** was held by staff, presenting background material and requesting suggestions for changes to boundaries. There was a general meeting for all HRM at the Halifax Regional School Board chamber in Dartmouth on Monday, January 22, 2007. A parallel public meeting was held at the Black Cultural Centre in Cherry Brook on Thursday, January 25, to seek preliminary comments on the polling boundaries relevant to the Cherry Brook/Lake Loon application. The minutes from these meetings are contained in Attachment A.
- **A second set of public meetings** was held by staff, with a general meeting for all HRM at Halifax Hall on Monday, March 19, 2007, presenting possible boundary changes for discussion. There was also a second meeting on Thursday, March 22 at the Black Cultural Centre to solicit comments on possible recommended polling boundary changes relevant to the Cherry Brook/Lake Loon application. The minutes from these meetings are also found in Attachment A. Written submissions are contained in Appendix D.

- **Staff is now reporting to Regional Council** outlining scenarios for changes to the Polling District Boundaries after considering population changes, development locations, public input and minor corrections. Council will then decide which Polling District Boundary changes should be included in its application to the Board.

DISCUSSION

Statutory Requirements

Section 368(4) of the Municipal Government Act states:

"In determining the number and boundaries of polling districts the Board shall consider number of electors, relative parity of voting power, population density, community of interest and geographic size."

In determining "relative parity of voting power", a key concept is the "variance", or difference, between the number of eligible voters in any one Polling District, and the average number of eligible voters per Polling District. Ideally, each Polling District would have a variance of zero, meaning that every District would have the same number of eligible voters. Even if this could ever be achieved in one particular year, however, development and population growth occurs unevenly, and some Districts inevitably attract more new residents than others.

Board Requirements

In its February 13, 2004 decision regarding HRM's application for the last election, the Board determined that future Polling District reviews should aim for no more than a +/-10% variance in number of voters for any one Polling District. Variances beyond +/-10% must be justified, using the principle that greater variances need greater justification. The Board also indicated that a variation of +/- 25% can only be justified in exceptional circumstances.

Voters and Variances

HRM obtained the geography data for the 2006 Census in late February 2007, at the dissemination block level, which is the smallest level of geography available from Statistics Canada. These polygons were assigned to each district using the "best fit" principle – where the polygons did not match the polling districts, they were assigned based on where staff believed the majority of the population of that area resided.

The 2006 population data from Statistics Canada was also applied to the polling districts. At this time, only total population and dwelling counts are available. For the Polling District review process, however, it is necessary to consider eligible voter population. To that end, staff estimated the number of eligible voters in each dissemination block by using the proportion of eligible voters

in that area for the 2001 census. For example, if 75% of the total population in a certain block was eligible to vote in 2001, staff assumed that 75% of that block would be eligible to vote in 2006.

Findings

Table 1 lists the 2001 and 2006 Census population and estimated eligible voters and variances for each Polling District. Map 1 shows the current Polling District boundaries. Most of the Districts fall within the target +/-10% variance. Several other findings have arisen from staff's analysis:

- **Major growth has occurred in District 3 (Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook) and District 23 (Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets).** In District 23, there has been especially strong growth in the Westwood Hills, Stillwater Lake and Kingswood subdivisions. The variance of 14.8% is not sufficiently high to justify major boundary changes at this time in order to reduce it to the target of a 10% variance. The comprehensive polling district review planned for 2010 will provide more flexibility to accommodate any further increase in the variance for this growing area.
- **There has been a loss of population in District 15 (Fairview - Clayton Park).** This is associated with declining household size in established neighbourhoods, but future growth is anticipated as a result of the Mount Royale residential development project. The 2006 variance is -12%, but this variance will be decreased by the resulting increase in voters as a result of development.
- **The population of District 1 (Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit Valley) remained stable, but growth in other areas of HRM increased the variance for this district between the total number of eligible votes in District 1 and the average number of eligible voters in other districts.** The variance of -18.9% is justifiable in view of the low population density and large size of this district.
- **The application by the Boundary Action Reversal Committee to move Cherry Brook from District 3 (Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook) to District 4 (Cole Harbour) can be accommodated without creating excessive variances.** The 2006 variance for District 3 of 14.1% would be reduced to 9.1%, though the variance for District 4 would rise from 8.9% to 13.9%. While this would be above the target variance range, it would be no higher than the 14.1% variance approved by the Board in 2004. This is discussed further under "Cherry Brook - Lake Loon Boundary Action Reversal Committee Application".

Development Patterns - Recommended Changes

Staff have identified several locations where recent or anticipated development is bisected by the current Polling District boundaries, and have made recommendations to address these:

- **Hubley Lake area (Map 2): Adjust the boundary between District 22 (Timberlea - Prospect) and District 23 (Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets) to follow nearby lot lines.** The existing boundary bisects a few lots which are part of a recent subdivision. This change would have a negligible effect on the voter counts. It is a housekeeping amendment designed to eliminate potential confusion.
- **Bedford South area (Map 3): Adjust the boundary between District 16 (Rockingham - Wentworth) and District 21 (Bedford).** The current boundary bisects several recently created and proposed lots at Rochdale Place and Worthington Place. The adjusted boundary would place all lots fronting on Rochdale Place and Worthington Place within District 16, together with the southern side of Vanier Way between these two cul de sacs. The rest of the boundary would remain unchanged. This recommendation would have a negligible effect on the number of voters in each district. It is a housekeeping amendment designed to eliminate potential confusion.
- **Williams Lake area (Map 4): Adjust the boundary between District 17 (Purcell's Cove - Armdale) and District 18 (Spryfield - Herring Cove),** to allocate the entire Ravenscraig subdivision to **District 18**. The new boundary would follow the rear lot lines and the southernmost portion of Ravenscraig Drive. This would augment the number of voters in **District 18**, which has a lower negative variance (-8.8%) than has **District 17** (-6.2%). The effect on variances would be desirable, though both are already within the minimum +/- 10% range. It is a housekeeping amendment designed to reflect new development which has occurred as a result of the sale of municipal parkland. Flemming Park will continue to be the district boundary.

Cherry Brook - Lake Loon Boundary Action Reversal Committee Application

Application to move Cherry Brook from District 3 (Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook) to District 4 (Cole Harbour) (Map 5): As a parallel process, staff were also instructed to consider the application to the Board from the Cherry Brook/Lake Loon Boundary Action Reversal Committee. The application was supported by an April 2004 petition to the Nova Scotia Legislature, copied to HRM in January 2007 (see cover letter in Attachment D).

Reasons provided by the Boundary Action Reversal Committee and other attendees at the public meetings include a long history of association between Cherry Brook, Lake Loon, Humber Park, Westphal and Cole Harbour; and that the community is oriented in a north-south, and not an east-west direction.

During the last polling district review in 2004, staff recommended using Highway 7 as a boundary between Districts 3 and 4 because the variances would no longer allow District 4 to extend north of the highway to include Cherry Brook. The Board partly over-ruled this in its 2004 decision, by retaining Lake Loon/Humber Park in District 4, but was not able to include Cherry Brook due to the very high variance that would have resulted.

The latest data show that this situation no longer applies. Cherry Brook can be included in **District 4** without unduly affecting voter variances, provided that Lake Major Road remain in **District 3**. This would reduce the variance for **District 3** from 14.1% to 9.1%, though the variance for **District 4** would rise from 8.9% to 13.9%. While this would be above the target, it would be no higher than the 14.1% variance as approved by the Board in 2004.

The decision regarding this boundary application requires a judgement regarding what the community of interest is. This requires weighing a number of factors that cannot necessarily be quantified. The staff recommendation however is consistent with the Board's decision in 2004 as well as the public submissions during that review. There may be other factors which Council may wish to consider.

Changes Not Recommended

Staff also considered a small number of additional oral and written requests from the public, but was unable to find evidence that these represent a broadly based community of interest. These requests were raised during the 2004 polling district review, and dismissed by the Board. Since then there has been no material change in circumstances. In some cases, there may be an opportunity to consider these requests as part of the major polling district review which is to begin in 2010. The requests were:

- **Dartmouth Centre:** To move the southern boundary of **District 5** (Dartmouth Centre) southwards to Boundary Road and Johnstone Avenue.
- **Enfield:** To move the boundary between District 1 (Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit Valley) and District 2 (Waverley - Fall River - Beaver Bank) to include the entire portion of Enfield within HRM in District 1.
- **Beaver Bank:** To move Barrett Lumber and Quarry Road from **District 19** (Middle & Upper Sackville - Lucasville) to **District 2** (Waverley - Fall River - Beaver Bank).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Apply to the Utility and Review Board for the changes to Polling District boundaries as shown on Maps 2 to 5. This is the recommended alternative.
2. Apply for specific Polling District boundary changes selected from Maps 2 to 5.
3. Apply to retain the 2004 Polling District boundaries for use in the 2008 municipal election, as shown on Map 1.

ATTACHMENTS


Attachment A: Minutes from Public Meetings
Attachment B: Original and Amended Time Lines
Attachment C: Public Meeting Advertisements
Attachment D: Written Submissions

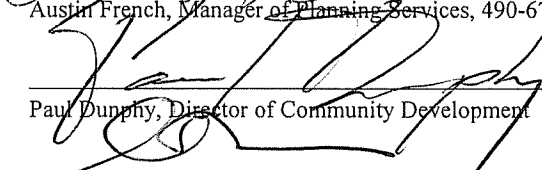
Map 1: Current District Boundaries
Map 2: Hubley Lake Area
Map 3: Bedford South Area
Map 4: Williams Lake Area
Map 5: Cherry Brook Area

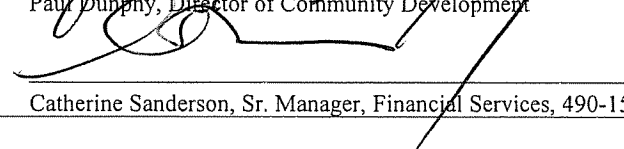
Table 1: Population and Eligible Voters by Polling District
Table 2: Population and Eligible Voters by Proposed Polling District

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Attachment A: Minutes from Public Meetings

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES REVIEW
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2007

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Marcus Garnet, Planner; Ms. Hilary Campbell, Planning Technician; Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with four members of the public present.

2. BOUNDARY REVIEW PRESENTATION

Mr. Marcus Garnet and Ms. Hilary Campbell, made a presentation to the public noting why this needs to be done, what it involves, when input can be provided by the public and who makes the final decision. The presentation noted:

- The review is required by the Municipal Government Act, Section 369(1),
- Polling districts should have equal number of voters,
- Citizens may request changes,
- There was a major review in 2004 and for the 2008 election the UARB and Municipal Council have agreed on a minor review which will involve looking only at the boundaries of the districts and not the number of districts and will involve adjusting the boundaries but not making major changes to them,
- This process will consider an application to the UARB by the Boundary Action Reversal Committee representing electors in Cherry Brook and Lake Loon who wish to be placed within the same polling district as Cole Harbour and Forest Hills,
- This process will attempt to minimize the variances in number of voters,
- The final decision will be made by the UARB,
- The focus is on those areas that are over ten percent voter variance in the previous review, either above or below average residential units as of the end of 2006 or they are above or below average anticipated new units over the next three to four years.

Mr. David Barrett, 2 Maplewood Court, Beaver Bank, noted Barrett Lumber and 10 homes on Quarry Road should be included in the Beaver Bank rather than Sackville. He noted Barrett Lumber has been in existence for a long period of time and they would prefer to remain in Beaver Bank for taxation purposes.

Mr. Garnet thanked the residents for their attendance and input into the process.

- 3. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES REVIEW
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
MINUTES
January 25, 2007

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Marcus Garnet, Planner; Ms. Hilary Campbell, Planning Technician; Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with approximately twenty members of the public present.

2. BOUNDARY REVIEW PRESENTATION

Mr. Marcus Garnet and Ms. Hilary Campbell, made a presentation to the public noting why this needs to be done, what it involves, when input can be provided by the public and who makes the final decision. The presentation noted:

- The review is required by the Municipal Government Act, Section 369(1),
- Polling districts should have equal number of voters,
- Citizens may request changes,
- There was a major review in 2004 and for the 2008 election the NSUARB and Municipal Council have agreed on a minor review which will involve looking only at the boundaries of the districts and not the number of districts and will involve adjusting the boundaries but not making major changes to them,
- This process will consider an application to the NSUARB by the Boundary Action Reversal Committee representing electors in Cherry Brook and Lake Loon who wish to be placed within the same polling district as Cole Harbour and Forest Hills,
- This process will attempt to minimize the variances in number of voters,
- The final decision will be made by the NSUARB,
- The focus is on those areas that are over ten percent voter variance in the previous review, either above or below average residential units as of the end of 2006 or they are above or below average anticipated new units over the next three to four years.

Ms. Alma Johnston, Chairman, Boundary Action Reversal Committee, made a presentation noting;

- The status is still the same and they are requesting that HRM and NSUARB amend the order of the boundary of District 4 to include Cherry Brook, Lake Loon,
- They have been a community for 52 years (since 1954),
- The NSUARB reconfiguration decision resulted in the boundaries for Forest Hills and Colby to be redefined and Cherry Brook was placed in District 3, The

Boundary Action Committee has done everything they could possibly do as they have sent in letters to NSUARB from their MLA and Councillor, made presentations to Legislative Assembly and to Halifax Regional Municipality Regional Council in chambers,

- The committee presented a petition containing over three hundred signatures,
- The committee is ready to start the other proceedings and work along with the planners of HRM to hopefully achieve a solution for them to remain in the same district they have been in for the last fifty-two years,
- A written submission to the Clerk's office coming forward by January 31, 2007 from their MLA and herself.

Mr. John Harlow, District 4, made a presentation noting;

- He has been a resident for forty years, living in same home and with his neighbours in Cherry Brook directly behind his home,
- The current boundary line has cut away from his established community and Westphal, Cherry Brook was divided,
- The community was not in favour of the boundary when it was created,
- He made a presentation to NSUARB in late January, 2004,
- Cherry Brook is a part of his home, always has been his community and many developments have taken place in this community,
- The success of this community has been done through residents of Cherry Brook, Westphal and Cole Harbour,
- He is dissatisfied with the fact that the local fire station use to wear the community's name on the side of the station, this has since been removed and now reads "Fire Station 18",
- He feels the community is splintering and being torn apart calling the decision divisive,
- The community is north to south, not east to west,
- Variances are juggling numbers and he feels they are not accurate,
- Looking at Cherry Brook's population of approximately three hundred, he has heard numbers actually doubling the actual population, anywhere from seven to nine hundred with the PUB's figures coming to rest around thirteen hundred,
- That the planners should consider and maintain all the documents on public record,
- The community had the support from their MLA and Councillor and they did not want this community split, they believe community must stay together.

Ms. Hillary Campbell, Planning Technician noted because there is growth in the western end with Cole Harbour remaining stable there may be the ability to examine the numbers again.

Councillor David Hendsbee stated;

- He had mixed feelings being both the elected official and a resident of this community;

- He understands there is a population shift and growth and the boundaries are more metro-centric and the rural boundaries may have to be expanded to keep up with the numbers;
- Raising of average will only mean more things, District 1 will only grow larger in size to keep up with the other districts;
- He expressed concern that times and the taxation structure have changed nothing though this whole process, school boundaries will not be affected;
- Westphal and Cherry Brook has a long history of growing up together, built communities together but, times have changed and there are no area rates anymore,
- He expressed concern with the boundaries between Cole Harbour/Westphal and the Prestons suggesting Humber Park should stay with Cherry Brook and Westphal,
- Municipal politics are very local and he understands and appreciates it,
- The fire department is no longer there, school boundaries are no longer there, thus taking out the political aspects,
- He stated he hoped when the final decision is made that it is made on community of interest and rationale noting he will stand by whatever decision they will make.

Mr. John Harlow stated he does not feel population counts are as important as keeping community spirit.

Councillor David Hendsbee noted the municipality is going through a civic addressing process and stated this area should not be considered Dartmouth and the communities in the area should be re-established and re-affirmed.

Councillor Harry McInroy stated;

- For Humber Park and Montague Estates to be in District 4 parts of the current District 4 will have to be removed,
- The decision to cross Main Street was a mistake in redefining the District boundaries,
- Westphal is historic and to move Cole Harbour boundaries at the expense of Cole Harbour to accommodate this community is unreasonable and he does not agree with lobbing off parts of Cole Harbour to accommodate these communities as part of Cole Harbour,
- HRM can't react to emotional concern or historic communities because population is growing,
- He does not feel that the community of Cole Harbour should be further deteriorated to accommodate these interests.

Ms. Alma Johnston thanked everyone for their comments and requested HRM think about what the residents of the community want noting;

- This area has been in the Cole Harbour district for 52 years,
- In her opinion the boundary lines were drawn on a racial line,

- She doesn't know what the advantage is of Cherry Brook being in another district stating that they haven't received any advantage to it being in Cole Harbour,
- They have helped to build Cole Harbour,
- Cherry Brook and Humber Park have worked together for years and the communities were separated when the line was drawn,
- The boundary was changed without notifying residents of Cherry Brook and they feel HRM has come a long way in the last two years,
- She requested everyone work together to come up with a good decision so that Cherry Brook can get what they are asking for and what the community wants.

Mr. John Harlow stated this area has a long history and this community should not be taken away from Cole Harbour.

Mr. Wayne Desmond received clarification on the NSUARB process and noted;

- He does not feel Council supports the community,
- Communities here are not going to grow at the rate of Clayton Park West for example and asked if a higher variance could be allowed,
- He feels that they have been penalized,
- In order to maintain historical communities of interest they are never going to have to have the numbers to reap what's being proposed and thinks they are wasting time here tonight,
- He expressed concern with what will be presented to the NSUARB feeling it will not support the communities interest.

Mr. John Harlow stated that those making the decisions and drawing the lines have knowledge and familiarity of the communities and where they are and how they fit.

Mr. Garnet thanked the residents for their attendance and input into the process.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

**DISTRICT BOUNDARIES REVIEW
MINUTES
March 19, 2007**

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Hilary Campbell, Community Development; Mr. Marcus Garnet, Community Development; Ms. Linda Grant, Municipal Clerk's Office; Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with two people in attendance.

Mr. Marcus Garnet and Ms. Hilary Campbell, Community Development, overviewed the proposal outlining:

- Why this is being done,
- The scope of the review,
- What must be considered,
- How it will be done,
- What is required,
- Where the process is currently,
- When residents can provide input,
- Who makes the final decision,
- What happens after 2008.

Ms. Campbell, with the aid of the map, clarified the properties that would be now included in District 4 and which would stay in District 3.

Cut off for the division is just east of Broom Road.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

**DISTRICT BOUNDARIES REVIEW
MINUTES
March 22, 2007**

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Hilary Campbell, Community Development; Mr. Marcus Garnet, Community Development; Ms. Linda Grant, Municipal Clerk's Office; Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with eight people in attendance.

Mr. Marcus Garnet and Ms. Hilary Campbell, Community Development, overviewed the proposal outlining:

- Why this is being done,
- The scope of the review,
- What must be considered,
- How it will be done,
- What is required,
- Where the process is currently,
- When residents can provide input,
- Who makes the final decision,
- What happens after 2008.

Mr. Kerry Johnson, Cole Harbour, noted that the Home for Coloured Children is in the community of Cherry Brook and has been traditionally in District 4 and not District 3.

Councillor David Hendsbee noted the south west corner of District 3 is on the western boundary of the home property. He expressed concern that if the area was added to District 4 it would take too much of the population.

Ms. Alma Johnson advised the Home has always been in the community of Cherry Brook and does not have any residents; therefore, it would not have any effect on the population. She stated the Home should be in District 4.

Councillor David Hendsbee noted there was proposed development for Colridge Estates and the Home property is zoned such that there is potential for development.

Ms. Alma Johnston stated she is pleased with what staff have done and this proposal is what over three hundred people have said they want. She stated that by being a part of District 3 they have been taken for granted. She advised that there is growth taking place in Cherry Brook with the start of new developments.

Councillor David Hendsbee stated he is disappointed to see the proposed change stating he was honoured to serve the community in the capacity of both MLA and

municipal Councillor. He suggested the community look at having the provincial and federal riding boundary lines changed to coincide with the municipal. He stated he will not interfere with the decision of Regional Council and whatever the outcome this matter can finally be put to rest.

Ms. Joyce Riley stated she was born and raised in the community of Cherry Brook and being moved around has the effect of putting them back as they do not receive any benefit from the tax dollars paid. If they do not remain Cherry Brook they will have no history left. She stated there is development taking place and it is time for the community to move forward.

Ms. Erma Pope commended staff on the proposal noting it has been a long process. She stated that historically Cherry Brook has been connected with Cole Harbour for the past fifty years. She stated as a part of District 3 they have paid for services while having none of the benefits. She stated this is what the people want and government should be listening to the people.

Mr. Garnet thanked the residents for their attendance and input.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENT B: ORIGINAL AND AMENDED TIME LINES

ACTION	FORMER TIME LINE	REVISED TIME LINE	NOTES
Publication of advertisement for first two public meetings	Jan. 13	No change	Completed
Public meeting in metro area	Jan. 22	No change	Completed
Public meeting in Cherry Brook	Jan. 25	No change	Completed
Publication of advertisement for second two public meetings	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Completed
Release of 2006 Census data	New step	March 13	Completed
Second two public meetings, one in metro and one in Cherry Brook	March 5-8	March 19-22	Completed
Report to Regional Council recommending boundary adjustments	March 27	April 10	Completed
Filing of HRM's application with Utility and Review Board (UARB)	April 5	April 19	Two weeks later
Proposed publication of hearing notices by UARB	April 10-11	April 25-26	Two weeks later
Filing of evidence with UARB by Boundary Action Reversal Committee; Deadline for requests by groups or individuals requesting formal standing	April 20	May 4	Two weeks later
Filing of evidence by groups or individuals seeking formal standing	April 27	May 11	Two weeks later
Filing of rebuttal evidence by HRM, if applicable	May 4	May 18	Two weeks later
Filing of witness lists by all parties	May 11	May 25	Two weeks later
Begin UARB Hearing	May 30	June 13	Changed by UARB

ATTACHMENT C: PUBLIC MEETING ADVERTISEMENTS

**PUBLIC MEETINGS
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Halifax Regional Municipality is reviewing the boundaries of polling districts in the Municipality in anticipation of the 2008 municipal election, as required by the Municipal Government Act.

The Municipality is interested in receiving suggestions from the general public before drafting recommendations for any possible adjustments.

Two phases of public meetings will be held. The first phase (see schedule below) will provide background information on existing Polling Districts and receive suggestions for adjusting boundaries. The second phase (to be advertised later) will present draft proposals for boundary adjustments, for further public comment.

Following these two phases of public meetings, staff will recommend boundary adjustments to Regional Council, which will then submit an application to the Nova Scotia Public Utilities and Review Board. Following this, the Board will hold a public hearing before finalizing the Polling District boundaries for the 2008 municipal election.

Phase 1 Public Meetings: Background Information and Suggestions

MEETING DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm	Halifax Regional School Board Chamber	90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, NS (across the plaza from the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal)
Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm	Black Cultural Centre	1149 Main Street, Dartmouth, NS

Should you be unable to attend one of the above Public Meetings, the Municipality invites interested citizens to submit their opinions in writing. Submissions in writing should be directed to:

Municipal Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, N.S. B3J 3A5. Attention: Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant. Or by e-mail to: horncaj@halifax.ca Or by Fax to: 902-490-4208 Attention: Julia Horncastle

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Comments should be submitted by **January 31, 2007**.

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- West End Mall, 6960 Mumford Road, Halifax, NS
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- Musquodoboit Harbour, Hwy 107 at Petpeswick Road, Musquodoboit Harbour, NS

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Phase 2 Public Meetings: Draft Recommendations for Polling District Boundary Adjustments

MEETING DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7:00 pm	Halifax Hall	Halifax City Hall, 2nd Floor, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax, NS
Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm	Black Cultural Centre	1149 Main Street, Dartmouth, NS

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ATTACHMENT D: WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

>>> "jean chard" > 01/26/07 6:37 pm >>>
Dear Ms Horncastle:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this review process. I have lived on Newcastle Street, in the block between Old Ferry Road and Pleasant Street, since 1976. During most of those years we were represented by a councillor whose main focus was the downtown area. Unfortunately, with amalgamation half of our street was split from the other end, and placed with the Woodside-Eastern Passage district. Although I am very happy with my councillor, I must say that this boundary makes no sense. Most of the focus of our neighbourhood is towards downtown, and Dartmouth Cove, not up the hill towards Eastern Passage. It would be logical to restore the whole of Newcastle Street to the downtown district.

Yours sincerely,

Jean M Chard
85 Newcastle Street
Dartmouth, NS
B2Y 3M8

>>> "Don Chard" <> 01/30/07 5:17 pm >>>
District Boundary Review

Att: Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant
Municipal Clerk's Office
Halifax Regional Municipality

Dear Julia:

I wish to make the following observation about the current review of polling district boundaries. I live at 85 Newcastle Street, which is in District 8, Woodside-Eastern Passage. We are capably represented by Becky Kent, but we would like to be in District 5 - Dartmouth Centre, as we were originally in the downtown ward when we moved here in 1976, and the Dartmouth Cove area identifies with Downtown Dartmouth more than it does with any other part of the municipality. We feel that the community links should be taken into account in this boundary review, and that the southern boundary of District 5 be at Tupper Street, so that all of Newcastle St. is in District 5, where it belongs.

Sincerely,

Don Chard

>>> Marg <> 01/30/07 7:41 pm >>>
To Whom It May concern,

My neighbour heard/read that there is a discussion? study? regarding the boundaries for elections.
I feel very strongly about this issue because my house has been included in Woodside/Eastern Passage when, in actual fact, we have considered ourselves a part of Downtown Dartmouth since moving here in 1978. We are at 71 Newcastle St. on the corner of Old Ferry Rd. - the new boundary.
The residents of Newcastle St. are a neighbourhood in themselves holding

an annual street party and a November pot luck.
Our children have attended Hawthorn/ St. Peter's and Dartmouth High schools. My family shops downtown when possible;
our dentist is there. We all use (walk to) the Dart. ferry and use that library location.

Most of us who live on Newcastle St. care strongly about our area of HRM. It is very common to see a number of us at municipal meetings. I personally attend as many of these as possible and have even spoken at some. You have divided our neighbourhood. Why would I feel connected to Eastern Passage? Or even Woodside?
I urge you to move this border south to at least the top of Newcastle St.

Thank you for your time.
Margaret Moody

PS I wish this issue had been better publicized so I could have had time to speak to others about it.

>>> Bill <> 01/31/07 8:26 pm >>>

Dear Ms Horncastle:

This is in reference to a recent request for comments on polling district boundaries in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

I presently live on Newcastle Street at the corner of Old Ferry Road, in what is designated District 8, Woodside-Eastern Passage. The separating line, as determined by the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board, between District 8 and Dartmouth Center District 5, is Old Ferry Road. Perhaps because Old Ferry Road is the only available and convenient street running directly to the harbour it was used as a separating line between District 5 and 8. This is not a logical division. Newcastle Street, now in two sections, has always been associated with Dartmouth. This is evidenced by the fact that there is a street several blocks to the south of Old Ferry Road named Boundary, the dividing line between Woodside and Dartmouth prior to amalgamation in 1961. The interests and concerns of downtown Dartmouth can be very different from those of Woodside and most particularly Eastern Passage.

I would suggest that a more reasonable dividing line between Districts 5 and 8 would put the southern boundary of District 5 along Prince Arthur, Fenwick, Johnstone and Boundary streets.

Yours truly,
Bill Moody

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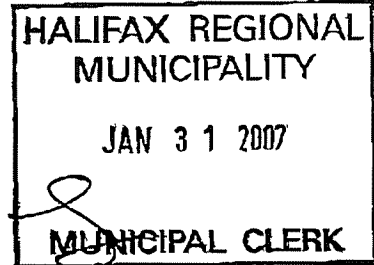


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Attention: Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

Dear Ms. Horncastle:

Re: District Boundary Review

I am writing regarding the hearings you are presently having on the 2008 Polling District Boundary Adjustment Project HRM and the request for the residents of Cherry Brook/Lake Loon to be included in District 4.

First of all, I personally believe that Elected Officials, especially Regional Councillors, should not make presentations on this topic as they could have a vested interest in the outcome, with that in mind, I want to make the following observation:

The communities of Cherry Brook/Lake Loon were never contacted regarding the initial boundary change that put them into District 3. (Others made presentation without contacting the community members).

Cherry Brook/Lake Loon has had a long and very productive connection with the Montague/Humber Park area – a very unique and positive relationship which sets a standard for our communities.

On April 20, 2004, I presented the attached petition in the Nova Scotia Legislature at the request of the residents of Cherry Brook/Lake Loon, Humber Park and Montague (Excerpt of Hansard attached).

The four communities – Cherry Brook, Lake Loon, Humber Park and Montague have a unique relationship working on projects as a united front. The children go to school and grow up together making these communities an example of how racial harmony should work in the rest of the country. This has been disrupted with the separation of the communities in the Electoral Districts.

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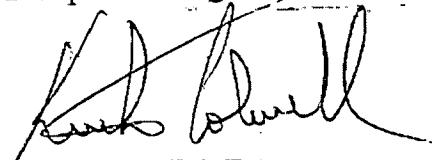
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There also has been loss of identity when the community was in District 4, the name was Cole Harbour North-Cherry Brook. This was very important to the residents and the long history of the Black Community in Nova Scotia.

The voters population in the area of Cherry Brook/Lake Loon is approximately 300 people. Therefore, it makes very little difference to the overall vote parity.

I would ask you to take these issues into consideration on behalf of the residents of the communities.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Colwell', written over a horizontal line.

Keith Colwell, MLA
Preston

/cmb

Enclosure

P.S. Copy of Petition to follow.

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First Session

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2004

(Excerpt from pages 2275-2276)

The honourable member for Preston.

MR. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to initially make an introduction. In the west gallery, I would like to introduce residents of the Cherrybrook, Lake Loon, Westphal and Montague areas of my riding. The group is part of the Boundary Action Reversal Committee to have Cherrybrook, Lake Loon, Westphal, Montague and Little Salmon River reviewed for the regional municipality upcoming elections - the review that was done by the Utilities and Review Board.

I would like to introduce the people who are there: Edward Beals, Wynola Fraser, Russell Bundy, Bernita Hodges, Portia Ryan, Ruby Beals, Terrence Smith, Wayne Bundy, Sarah Bundy, Alma Johnston, Marion Bundy, Pearl Sparks, By Bundy, Evelyn Riley and Howard Riley. I would ask the House to give them a warm welcome. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: I certainly welcome our special guests in the gallery today and hope they enjoy the proceedings.

The honourable member for Preston.

MR. KEITH COLWELL: Yes, I would ask the indulgence of the House to revert to the order of business, Presenting and Reading Petitions, with their permission.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston.

MR. KEITH COLWELL: The petition: "We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board to amend the order of the proposed boundary of District D to include Cherry Brook, Lake Loon along # 7 Highway to Little Salmon River Bridge north to Lake Major up the middle of Lake Major to where it joins to District D" - and that would be in the upcoming municipal election to be held this Fall. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

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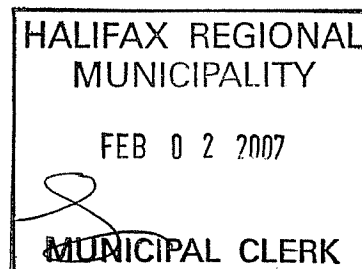


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January 31, 2007

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Attention: Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

Dear Ms. Horncastle:

Re: District Boundary Review

Further to my letter dated January 29, 2007 in regard to the above-noted, please find enclosed herewith a copy of the original Petition tabled in the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia on April 20, 2004 with a total of 302 signatures.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Colwell".

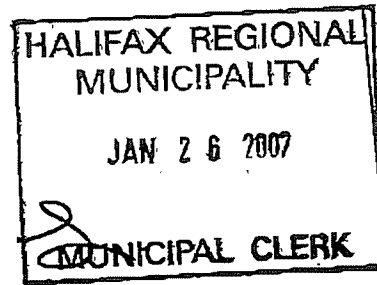
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Enclosure

To: Municipal Clerk's Office
Attention: Julia Horncastle

From: John Hungerford
48 Stage Road
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Subject: District Boundary Review

Dear Ms Horncastle,

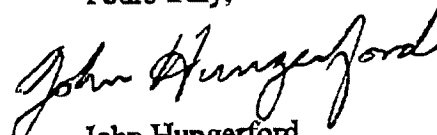
I am responding to HRM's invitation to submit my concerns on the forthcoming review of HRM polling district boundaries. My wife and I are seniors who live on the HRM side of Enfield west of highway 102. As border residents we rely on Hants County for our police, fire and postal services as well as for shopping, church and recreational services. That has never caused any problems for us.

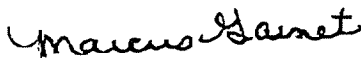
In the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board's order NSUARB - MB -03-01 dated 30 April 2004 the Board made boundary adjustments between polling districts 1 and 2 affecting us. Those living in Enfield on the east side of highway 102 were included in district 1 while those on the west side remained in district 2. This unfortunate split should now be corrected. HRM's Regional Development Plan identifies Enfield as a district center. I believe that it is important that the local residents speak with one voice during the implementation of this plan, which involves interfacing with Hants County. There is another complication. District 2 has imposed a special area tax rate on its residents to fund a recreational complex in Fall River. This impacts only those west of highway 102 and brings little benefit as we already have a recreational complex available to us.

I strongly recommend that the URB be asked to adjust the boundary between polling districts 1 and 2 to include all Enfield residents in polling district 1. We are mostly rural people and have much more in common with the residents of polling district 1 and Hants County than we do with the semi-suburban residents of Waverly/Fall River/Beaverbank.

I have previously made my concerns known to the URB in a letter dated 30 March 2005 and to Mayor Kelly in a letter dated 4 September 2006. If there is anything further required of me please advise.

Yours truly,


John Hungerford


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January 29, 2007

Boundary Action Reversal Committee
Cherry Brook Lake Loon
Alma Johnston, Chair
28 Serpentine Ave.
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Municipal Clerk's Office
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Attention: Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

Dear Ms. Horncastle:

Re: "District Boundary Review"
Cherry Brook Lake Loon Community, District C

This letter acknowledges the continuous request to the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to amend the boundary of District D, Cole Harbour to include the Cherry Brook Lake Loon Community.

The community wishes to thank you for notifying the community leaders and the public concerning the up coming meetings.

The support of the communities that surrounds Cherry Brook Lake Loon was demonstrated at the District Boundary Review meeting held at the Black Cultural Centre on January 25, 2007.

A letter of support for the Cherry Brook Lake Loon community has been forwarded to you by Keith Colwell, MLA.

I trust that those involved with the Revised Halifax Regional Polling District Review Process for 2008 Municipal Election will study the Cherry Brook Lake Loon community's file and make the necessary boundary adjustments.

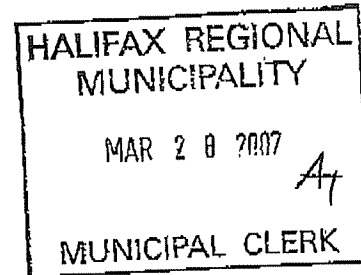
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Attention: Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

Dear Ms. Horncastle:

Re: "District Boundary Review"
Cherry Brook Lake Loon Community District C

On March 22, 2007, Halifax Regional Municipality scheduled a public meeting at the Black Cultural Centre, Cherry Brook to review boundaries for the polling districts.

Halifax Regional Municipality Planning Services Staff presented a written submission to residents showing a map of district adjustments between District 3 and District 4. Community residents' response to that proposal was positive but they wanted minor adjustments made that would include all properties owned by the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children. This adjustment would not effect the total number of voters.

Therefore, I have enclosed a map showing the proposed polling district adjustment between District 3 (Preston- Lawerencetown- Chezzetcook) and District 4 (Cole Harbour) as discussed at the public information meeting at the Black Cultural Centre on March 22, 2007. The area shaded in gold will be allocated to District 4 from District 3 under this proposal.

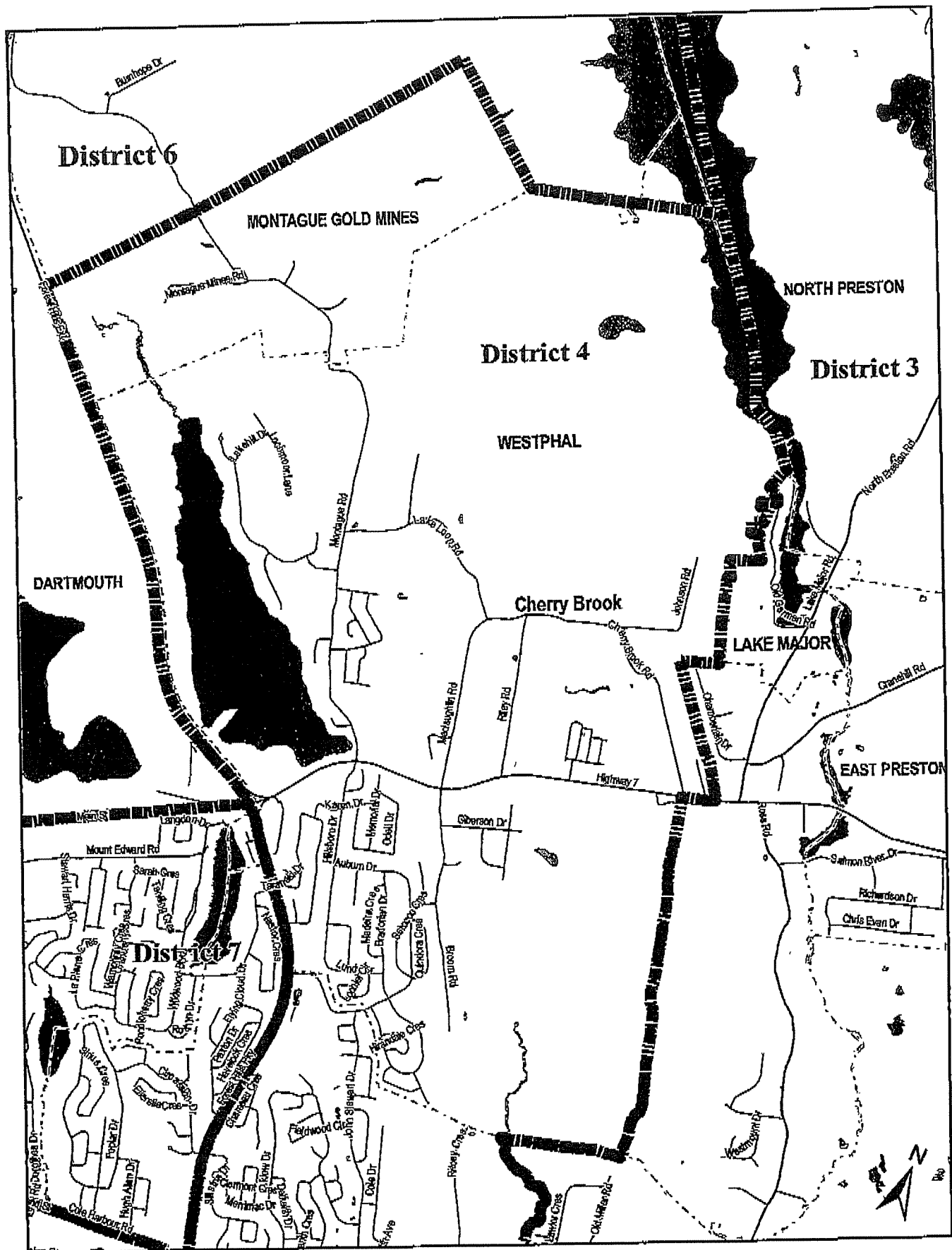
The Boundary Action Reversal Committee accepts this proposal as shown in the map enclosed.

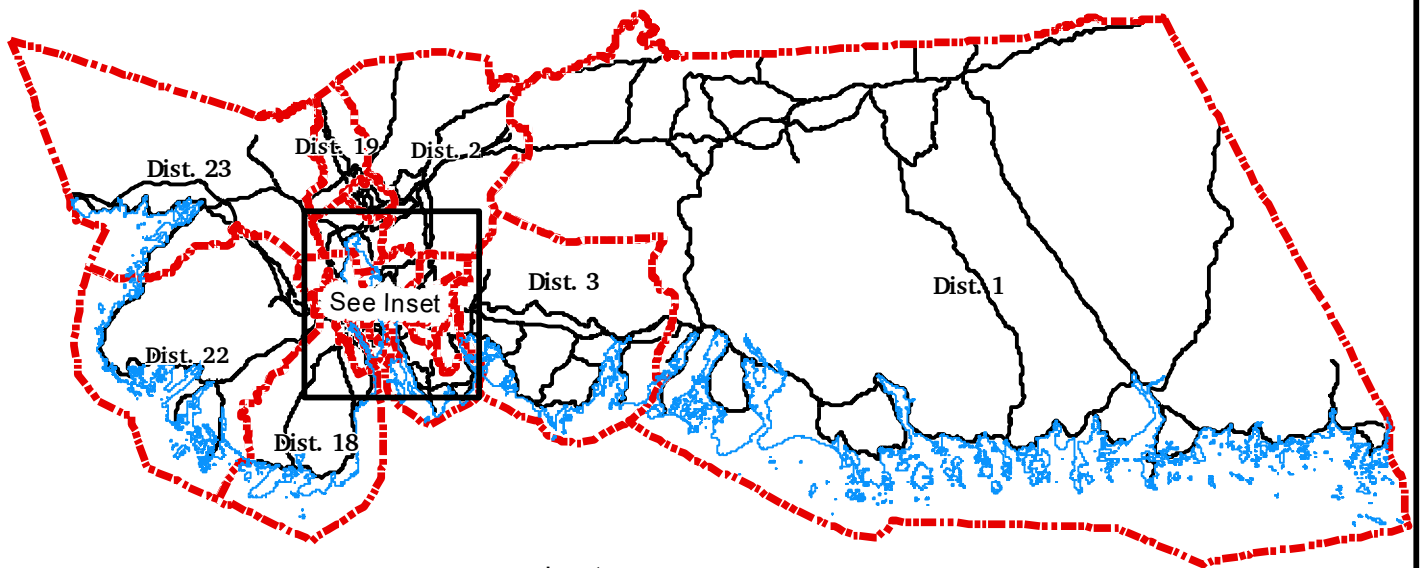
We wish to thank staff and all concerned for their cooperation.

Yours truly,

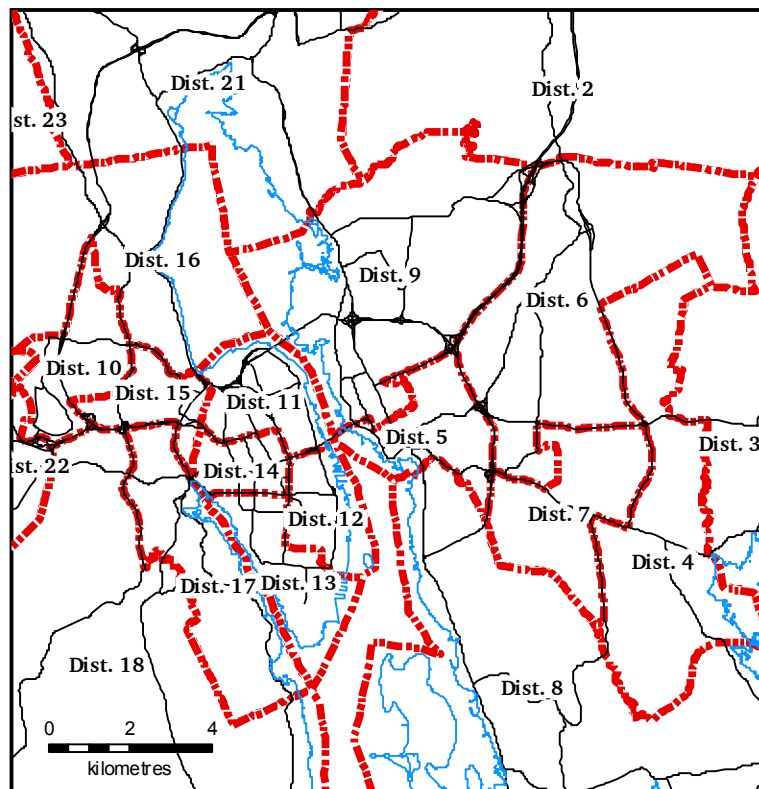
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Alma Johnston






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Map 1

Overview Polling Districts

 Current district boundary

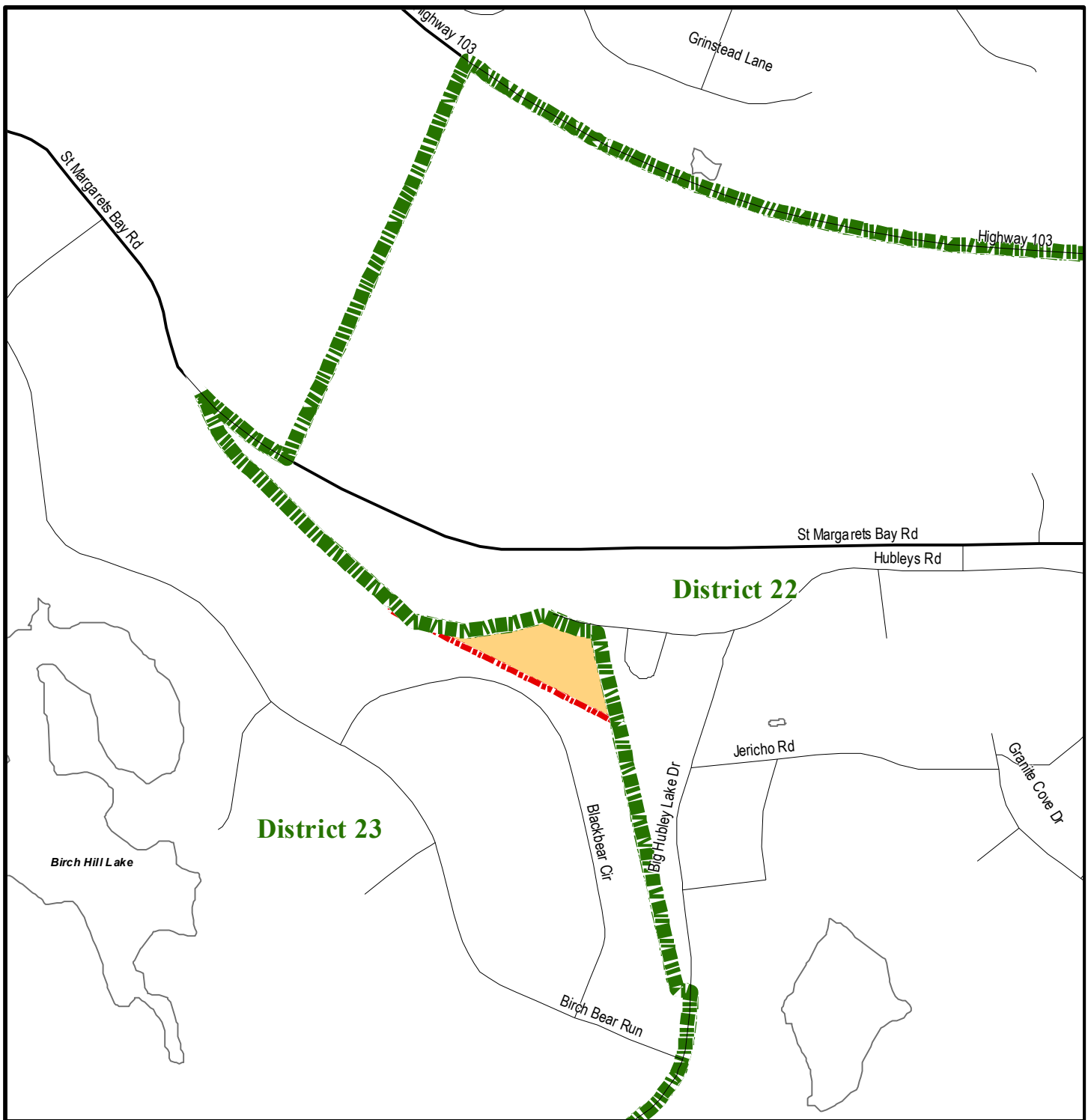
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Map 2
Hubley Lake Area

-  Proposed district boundary
-  Current district boundary
-  Area recommended for allocation to District 23

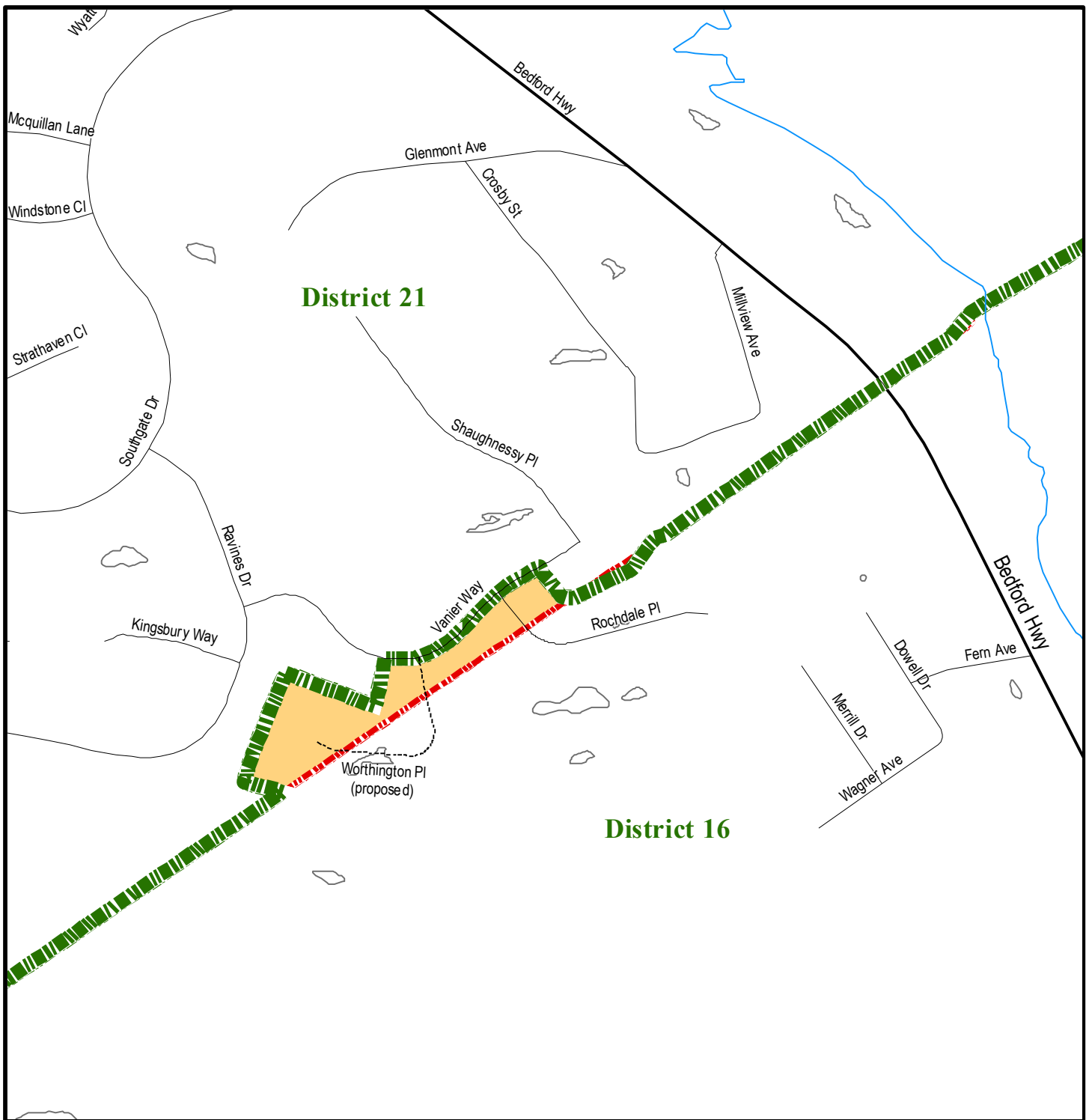
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Map 3
Bedford South Area

-  Proposed district boundary
-  Current district boundary
-  Area to be allocated to District 16

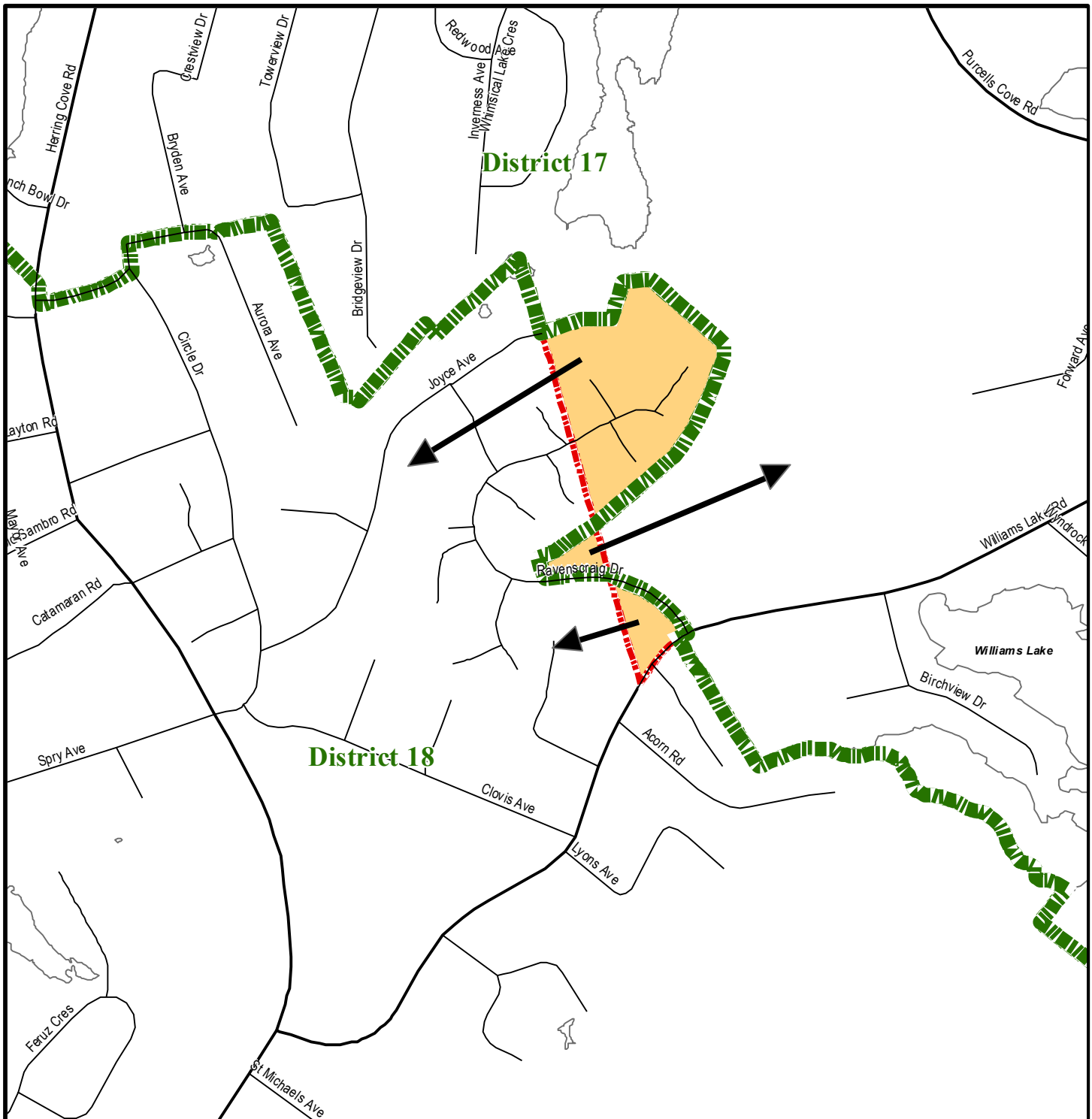
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Map 4
Williams Lake Area

-  Proposed district boundary
-  Current district boundary
-  Area recommended for allocation as indicated

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Polling District Boundary Review

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Table 1**Population and Eligible Voters by Polling District, Halifax Regional Municipality****Statistics Canada, 2001 and 2006 Census of Population**

District	Name	Total Population, 2001 census	Eligible voters by citizenship, 2001	2001 Percent Variance from Average - Eligible Voters	Total Population, 2006 census	Estimate - Eligible Voters by citizenship, 2006	2006 Percent Variance from Average - Eligible Voters
1	Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit Valley	13,795	10,475	-11.6%	13,655	10188	-18.9%
2	Waverley - Fall River - Beaver Bank	17,410	12,515	5.6%	18,547	13517	7.5%
3	Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook	18,110	13,118	10.7%	19,657	14340	14.1%
4	Cole Harbour	18,930	13,512	14.1%	19,096	13691	8.9%
5	Dartmouth Centre	15,458	12,494	5.5%	14,764	12146	-3.4%
6	East Dartmouth - The Lakes	16,660	12,545	5.9%	16,642	12730	1.3%
7	Portland - East Woodlawn	16,325	12,060	1.8%	17,448	12978	3.2%
8	Woodside - Eastern Passage	16,515	11,995	1.3%	17,523	12697	1.0%
9	Albro Lake - Harbourview	16,407	12,806	8.1%	15,829	12702	1.1%
10	Clayton Park West	11,030	8,935	-24.6%	14,829	12339	-1.8%
11	Halifax North End	14,921	12,147	2.5%	14,893	12390	-1.4%
12	Halifax Downtown	14,260	12,120	2.3%	14,420	13246	5.4%
13	Northwest Arm - South End	14,945	11,515	-2.8%	14,867	12490	-0.6%
14	Connaught - Quinpool	14,340	11,735	-0.9%	13,845	11680	-7.1%
15	Fairview - Clayton Park	14,829	11,955	0.9%	13,382	11063	-12.0%
16	Rockingham - Wentworth	12,840	10,208	-13.8%	14,202	11741	-6.6%
17	Purcell's Cove - Armdale	14,145	11,150	-5.9%	14,527	11794	-6.2%
18	Spryfield - Herring Cove	14,445	10,600	-10.5%	15,165	11465	-8.8%
19	Middle & Upper Sackville - Lucasville	16,675	11,804	-0.4%	17,657	12664	0.7%
20	Lower Sackville	16,630	12,190	2.9%	16,126	11920	-5.2%
21	Bedford	16,110	11,635	-1.8%	16,780	12480	-0.7%
22	Timberlea - Prospect	18,305	13,195	11.4%	19,377	14416	14.7%
23	Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets	16,080	11,576	-2.3%	19,627	14428	14.8%
		359,183	272,450		372,858	289,103	
Average		15,617	11,846		16,211	12,570	

11 April 2007, Compiled by HRM Community Development, Planning Services

Source: Statistics Canada. 2007. Halifax, Nova Scotia (table). 2006 Community Profiles. 2006 Census.

Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE. Ottawa. Released March 13, 2007.

Analysis based on dissemination blocks.

Statistics Canada. 2003. Halifax, Nova Scotia (table). 2001 Community Profiles.

Special tabulation based on dissemination areas.

Table 2

Population and Eligible Voters by Proposed Polling District, Halifax Regional Municipality
Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Population

District	Name	Total Population, 2006 census	Estimate - Eligible Voters by citizenship, 2006	2006 Percent Variance from Average - Eligible Voters
1	Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit Valley	13,655	10,188	-18.9%
2	Waverley - Fall River - Beaver Bank	18,547	13,517	7.5%
3	Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook	18,649	13,720	9.1%
4	Cole Harbour	20,104	14,311	13.9%
5	Dartmouth Centre	14,764	12,146	-3.4%
6	East Dartmouth - The Lakes	16,642	12,730	1.3%
7	Portland - East Woodlawn	17,448	12,978	3.2%
8	Woodside - Eastern Passage	17,523	12,697	1.0%
9	Albro Lake - Harbourview	15,829	12,702	1.1%
10	Clayton Park West	14,829	12,339	-1.8%
11	Halifax North End	14,893	12,390	-1.4%
12	Halifax Downtown	14,420	13,246	5.4%
13	Northwest Arm - South End	14,867	12,490	-0.6%
14	Connaught - Quinpool	13,845	11,680	-7.1%
15	Fairview - Clayton Park	13,382	11,063	-12.0%
16	Rockingham - Wentworth	14,202	11,741	-6.6%
17	Purcell's Cove - Armdale	14,527	11,794	-6.2%
18	Spryfield - Herring Cove	15,165	11,465	-8.8%
19	Middle & Upper Sackville - Lucasville	17,657	12,664	0.7%
20	Lower Sackville	16,126	11,920	-5.2%
21	Bedford	16,780	12,480	-0.7%
22	Timberlea - Prospect	19,377	14,416	14.7%
23	Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets	19,627	14,428	14.8%

372,858 **289,104**

Average

16,211 12,570

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Source: Statistics Canada. 2007. Halifax, Nova Scotia (table). 2006 Community Profiles. 2006 Census.

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Analysis based on dissemination blocks.

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Special tabulation based on dissemination areas.