



**DISTRICT BOUNDARY RESIDENT REVIEW PANEL MINUTES**  
**September 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Diane Childs, Chair  
Russell Walker, Vice Chair  
John Ariyo  
Pamela Brennan  
Pierre Gareau  
Kate Sullivan  
Greg Zwicker

STAFF: Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager  
Jill McGillicuddy, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 3:28 p.m., and recessed at 4:20 p.m. The Panel reconvened in at 4:51 p.m. and adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 24 & 31, 2022**

MOVED by Russell Walker, seconded by Pierre Gareau

**THAT the minutes of August 24 & 31, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions:

- Item 9.1.2 – Survey and Public Presentation Options

MOVED by Pamela Brennan, seconded by Greg Zwicker

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Later in the meeting, the following was deferred to the September 21, 2022, meeting of the District Boundary Resident Review Panel:

- Item 9.2.1 Update from Public Engagement Working Group

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**7.1 Correspondence – None**

**7.2 Petitions – None**

**7.3 Presentation – None**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 Mapping Subcommittee – Approval of Mapping Option for Phase Two Public Engagement**

The following was before the Panel:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 6, 2022

Pierre Gareau, District Boundary Resident Review Panel member led a review of the proposed electoral districts as outlined in the report dated September 6, 2022. Committee members completed an extensive review of the draft electoral districts in accordance with the objectives set out in section 368(4) of the

Municipal Government Act, including consideration of the number of electors, relative parity of voting power, population density, community of interest, and geographical size. The following is an outline of the review by District:

***District 1 – Revised as follows:***

- ***Include Lawrencetown***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of electors – marginally over with the addition of Lawrencetown; however, there is limited development, and the adjacent boundaries will have future development
- population density
- geographical size – is large but population density is acceptable
- Communities of interest – rural population is kept together

***District 2 – Revised as follows:***

- ***Removal of Lawrencetown to District 1***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Community of interests are maintained (history, language, and ethnic origin)
- Number of electors – within range with some room for growth

***District 3 – Revised as follows:***

- ***Removal of area to the south along the Circumferential Highway and Portland Street***
- ***Addition of a portion of Cole Harbour and Colby Village***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of electors – within range with room for projected growth
- Communities of interest (planning boundaries, school boundaries, suburban communities)

***District 4 – Revised as follows:***

- ***Removal of Fletchers Lake, Fall River, Windsor Junction, Waverley, Montague Gold Mines***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of electors – below the range; however, there is substantial growth projected for the area
- Communities of interest (Planning boundaries, school districts, and generally urban communities)

***District 5 – Revised as follows:***

- ***Consists of Waverly, Montague Mines, and a portion of Dartmouth***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of electors – within range with some room for growth

***District 6 – Revised District***

- ***Consists of Dartmouth North, South to Lake Banook and West to the Harbour***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of electors – within range with some available capacity for growth
- Communities of interest (Planning boundaries, school districts)

***District 7 – Revised as follows:***

- ***Removal of Section from Quinpool Rd to Jubilee Rd***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of electors – within range
- Communities of interest (Planning boundaries, school districts, road networks, and generally urban, downtown communities/neighbourhoods)
- Population density

***District 8 – Revised Proposed Boundary District 6 as follows:***

- ***Addition of streets between Connaught Ave, Windsor St, and Bayers Rd.***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of electors – within range
- Communities of interest or commonality (urban, downtown communities)
- Population density

***District 9 – Revised Proposed Boundary District 10 as follows:***

- ***Removal of streets between south of Main Ave to School St and west of Joseph Howe to Dunbrack (Portion of Fairview)***
- ***Removal of Street between Windsor St and Connaught Ave***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of Electors – falls within range
- Communities of interest or commonality (urban, downtown communities)

***District 10 – Former Proposed District 8 – Accepted as presented***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of Electors – falls within range (On high end, but limited growth)
- Population density – there is a dense population within the more urban area mixed with a disbursed suburban/rural community

***District 11 – Former Proposed District 9 – Accepted as presented***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of Electors – falls within range (On high end, but limited growth)
- Communities of interest or commonality – rural and suburban coastal communities

***District 12 – Revised Proposed District 12 Boundary as follows:***

- ***Removal of a portion of Bedford West***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of Electors – falls within range
- Communities of interest or commonality (Suburban communities)

***District 13 – Revised Proposed District 11 Boundary as follows:***

- ***Removal of a portion of Bedford South***
- ***Addition of a portion of Fairview***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of Electors – falls within range
- Communities of interest or commonality (suburban communities)

***District 14 – Accepted as presented***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of Electors – falls within range with capacity for future growth
- Community of interest or commonality (Suburban communities)

***District 15 – Accepted as presented***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria based on:

- Number of electors – within the prescribed range
- Population density
- Communities of interest or commonality (Suburban communities)

***District 16 – Revised as follows:***

- ***Addition of streets north of Hemlock Ravine***

The Panel determined the proposed district met the criteria base on:

- Number of electors – within the prescribed range
- Population density
- Communities of interest or commonality (Urban and Suburban communities)

Darren Talbot, GIS Specialist led the Panel through a review of the revisions put forward and displayed each proposed electoral district.

Upon reviewing the proposed districts, the Committee renumbered the districts as illustrated on the revised maps and each map has been posted to Halifax.ca. As part of community engagement, the district numbers and community names will be considered.

MOVED by Diane Childs, seconded by Russell Walker

**THAT the District Boundary Resident Review Panel approve the revised draft mapping option as presented for use in its public engagement activities for Phase 2 of the 2022 District Boundary Review Project.**

Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager and Kate Green, Manager, Regional Policy responded to questions of clarification from the Panel.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **9.2 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

### **9.2.1 Update from Public Engagement Working Group**

This matter was deferred, refer to Order of Business.

## **10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

## **11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for anyone wishing to speak, there were none.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 21, 2022**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Jill McGillicuddy  
Legislative Assistant