



**DISTRICT BOUNDARY RESIDENT REVIEW PANEL MINUTES  
November 23, 2022**

PRESENT: Diane Childs, Chair  
Russell Walker, Vice Chair  
Pamela Brennan  
Pierre Gareau  
Kate Sullivan

REGRETS: John Ariyo  
Greg Zwicker

STAFF: Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager  
Catie Campbell, 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 3:32 p.m., and adjourned at 4:02 p.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32 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 – November 9, 2022**

MOVED by Paul Walker, seconded by Pierre Gareau

**THAT the minutes of November 9, 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: None

MOVED by Russell Walker, seconded by Pierre Gareau

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

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

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – November 18, 2022**

**6.1 2022 District Boundary Review Project – Phase Two**

The following was before the Panel:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 17, 2022
- Supplementary staff report dated November 23, 2022
- Correspondence from Lynn Bowen, Carol Jennings, Danny Rutkauskas, Anne Marie Baker, Zahraa Al-Ali, Puja Baranwal, Jason Beam, Karen Birss, Barry Burke, Jennifer Casburn, Leslie Chambers, Keith Chapman, Lyssa Clack, Cy Clonic, Darrens Corning, Connor Crewell, Kendra Gorgeatt, Mary Layes, Elaine Loney, Phil Menon, Dianne Nickerson, Ashley Samms, Jennifer Saunders, Harriette Schumacher, Allison Sears, Terri Langille, Darren Tuck, Blake Upham, D. Kiselev, Denise Kroll

The motion before the Committee read:

MOVED by Russell Walker, seconded by Kate Sullivan

**THAT to complete Phase Two of the 2022 District Boundary Review, the District Boundary Resident Review Panel recommend that the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed polling district boundaries as set out in Attachments 1 and 3 of the staff report dated November 17, 2022 for submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.**

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk and Leah Perrin, Principal Planner, Regional Planning provided an overview on the 2022 District Boundary Review Project – Phase Two, highlighting how a supplementary staff report for District 16 and District 5 and responded to questions of clarification from the Panel.

Perrin highlighted how the Graham's Grove area is zoned Corridor under the Municipal Planning Land Use Bylaw. The proposed amendment would include this area in District 5. There would be a minimal increase of 265 Electorates to District 5.

District 16 includes Bedford West and has an electoral count of 16% above the average. Rapid growth is anticipated in proposed District 14 and keeping community of interest together is considered important by the public as outlined in the public feedback.

The Panel outlined concerns of including Sandy Lake in District 16 as the public feedback from District 16 was generally positive.

Perrin explained how the Sandy Lake area is still a growing community and likely to change, and it is best to keep the community together and re-evaluate in the future. As well, lands located to the west of Sandy Lake are a provincial special planning area and is not likely to be developed soon.

MacSween highlighted how the correspondence outlined the preference to incorporate Sandy Lake as well as Bedford West in District 16.

MOVED by Russell Walker, seconded by Kate Sullivan

**THAT the motion be amended to include a recommendation to the Executive Standing Committee to recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed polling district boundaries as set out in Attachments 1 and 3 of the supplementary staff report dated November 23, 2022.**

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

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Russell Walker, seconded by Kate Sullivan

**THAT the District Boundary Resident Review Panel recommend that the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed polling district boundaries as set out in Attachments 1 and 3 of the staff report dated November 23, 2022 for submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 6.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

### **7.2 Petitions – None**

### **7.3 Presentation - None**

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

**9. REPORTS – NONE**

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times of any speakers present; there were none.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 30, 2022** (if required)

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Catie Campbell  
Legislative Assistant