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SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23
(CENTRAL OKANAGAN)

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November 30, 2007

Mayor Sharon Shepherd
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Dear Mayor Shepherd:

On behalf of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) and our Trustees, I would like to invite yourself and your Council to put forward any suggestions or recommendations you might wish to offer to our Trustee Electoral Boundary Review process.

Our Board of Education recently decided to review Trustee electoral boundaries for the Westside of the School District. At present, there is a significant imbalance in population between the two Trustee electoral areas on the Westside. The Board has committed to reviewing options to correct this imbalance, including receiving broad-based community input before considering any final recommendation.

As part of the process for gathering opinions and suggestions, we are inviting all local government bodies to provide input. There are several options by which this may take place: appearance at one of the community consultation meetings, by letter or e-mail, or by website survey completion.

Attached is a brief background to the current situation, details on the supporting motions passed by our Board, and information regarding the upcoming consultation meetings. If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Our Trustees look forward to receiving any opinions or suggestions that you may wish to offer.

Yours truly,

Mike Roberts
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachments: Public comment sheet
Background information
Board motions



School District No. 23 Trustee Electoral Boundaries on the Westside

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The public is invited to participate in a consultation process regarding School District No. 23 Trustee Electoral Boundaries for the Westside.

At the November 14, 2007 Board meeting, School District No. 23 Trustees voted in favour of "broad based public consultation" to examine the electoral boundaries. The Board "believes that there are inequities in representation on the 'Westside', which includes the new Westside District Municipality, the District of Peachland and the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area."*

**Central Okanagan West Electoral Area: Traders Cove, Fintry, Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates, Wilsons Landing, Rural Peachland, IR 9 and IR 10*

What do you recommend that the School District No.23 Board of Education do regarding the current electoral representation imbalance on the Westside?

Name (optional) _____ Address (optional) _____

Comments may be submitted in writing by Sunday, January 13, 2008 via mail, facsimile, or email to:

Lisa Harrison (Communications Officer)
School District No. 23
1940 Underhill St. Kelowna, BC V1X 5X7
Email: lharriso@sd23.bc.ca or Fax: 870-5056

In addition, from December 10, 2007 to January 9, 2008, the public is invited to submit suggestions online: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/features/boundaries>

WESTSIDE TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREAS

Trustee Variation Guidelines

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

These guidelines provide assistance to persons or *school boards when they wish* to vary the numbers of trustees in a school district, or *to vary the trustee electoral areas* and/or the number of trustees assigned to trustee electoral areas.

Procedures

The following procedure is provided as a guide:

1. A person or *a school board should have a stated rationale for requesting a variation in* the number of trustees in a school district, *any trustee electoral areas* and/or the number of trustees assigned to trustee electoral areas.
2. *The rationale should be brought to public attention* and the views of the public obtained, as expressed through some form of public consultation.
3. The views of appropriate municipal and regional board officials should be obtained as well as the views of other special interest groups (e.g. First Nations) which will have an interest in this matter.

Complete Ministry Guidelines attached
Italics inserted for clarity

The Ministry of Education has provided guidelines regarding a school board requesting a variation in trustee electoral areas. The board should provide a rationale for any proposed changes and consult the public on the proposal.

The Board of Trustees, School District No 23, Central Okanagan, has decided that the trustee electoral boundaries on the Westside should be examined.

Background.

Currently, on the Westside, one trustee is elected from the District of Peachland and one trustee is elected from the Regional District which covers the rest of the Westside. The practice is that the two Westside trustees share responsibilities as Liaison Trustees for all the schools on the Westside.

The rationale for wishing to consider varying the trustee electoral areas is that there are options which would result in a more equitable distribution of the Westside population between the two trustee positions.

In studying this issue, the widespread practice in British Columbia of different municipalities within a school district electing one or more trustees to a school board (Board of Education), should be recognized.

Viable options should be presented for consideration, along with the rationale for variation to current trustee electoral areas. This would not preclude other options being brought forward for Board consideration, including the status quo.

For your information, this is the Board motion from the November 14, 2007 Board meeting

Action Item 7.8 Electoral Boundary Consultation Committee

Board Decisions:

THAT in view of the Trustee Variation Guidelines, (Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Education), the following statements be approved:

THAT: the Board of Education, School District No. 23, Central Okanagan believes:

- the school district is best represented by 7 trustees;
- in regional representation;
- there are inequities in representation on the "Westside", which includes the new Westside District Municipality, the District of Peachland and the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area*, and
- there should be broad based consultation on the Westside representation issue:

and further,

THAT: the following options for Trustee Electoral Boundaries on the Westside, and the rationale included in the attached document (available upon request), be included in any discussions on proposals for change:

- The status quo;
- Two trustees elected at large;
- One trustee elected to represent the new Westside District Municipality, and
One trustee elected to represent the District of Peachland and the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area*

*Central Okanagan West Electoral Area: Traders Cove, Fintry, Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates, Wilsons Landing, Rural Peachland, IR 9 and IR 10

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Jan, Please cc Council. Thanks Jan 1/07

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Dear Mayor Shepherd:

Beginning on December 10, 2007, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) will begin a public consultation process to examine Trustee Electoral Boundaries on the Westside. We have received a request for additional information and would like to share this school data with all interested parties.

Please find attached a document containing data on school enrolment for the Westside (including Peachland) and a second document containing data on schools, students and populations by electoral areas.

As part of the process for gathering opinions and suggestions, we are inviting all local government bodies to provide input. There are several options by which this may take place: appearance at one of the community consultation meetings, by letter or e-mail, or by website survey completion.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



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School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) - Schools, students and Populations by Electoral Areas

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Trustee	No. of Trustees	No. of Elem Schools	No. of Mid/Sec Schools	No. of Elem Students	No. of Sec Students	Population	Land Area (Sq Km)	Trustees per Population	Trustees Per Student
Peachland	1	1	0	194	See Note 3	4,883	16	4883	194
RDCO Westside	1	7	3	2,945	2,403	28,972	1,298		
IR No. 9		0	0	Incl above	Incl above	5,171	7		
IR No. 10		0	0	Incl above	Incl above	1,036	3		
		7	3	2,945	2,403	35,179	1,308	35179	5348
Lake Country	1	3	1	937	753	9,606	122		
RDCO Ellison/Joel Riche		1	0	300	See Note 3	3,978	1,244		
IR Duck Lake		0	0	0	0	1,923	2		
		4	1	1,237	753	15,507	1,368	15507	1990
City of Kelowna	4	17	8	7,703	6,416	106,707	212	26,677	3,530
	7	29	12	12,079	9,572	162,276	2,904		
		41		21,651					

Notes:

1. Enrolments as of Sept 12, 2007
2. Central Programs counted as a secondary school in the City of Kelowna
3. Secondary students from the Ellison & Peachland areas live in one Trustee electoral area but go to school in another. They have been included in the area where they attend school. (Peachland Approx 160 sec students & Ellison approx 200 sec students)

Population and Land Area Data Source:
 Statistics Canada. 2007. 2006 Community Profiles. 2006 Census.
 Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE. Ottawa. Released March 13 2007.
<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census08/data/profiles/community/index.cfm?lang=E>

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23
(Central Okanagan)



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School Enrolment for the Westside (including Peachland)
Data compiled September 30, 2007

Elementary Schools:	
Peachland	192
Chief Tomat	305
Helen Gorman	249
Hudson	319
Glenrosa	304
George Pringle	270
George Pringle French Immersion	202
Rose Valley	490
Shannon Lake	377
Middle Schools	
Constable Neil Bruce	740
Glenrosa	304
Secondary	
Mount Boucherie	1,463
TOTAL	5,215

