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February 21, 2011

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Original to: Communications
Copied: Mayor
City Manager
Councillors

File Number: 0705-75
Initials: [Handwritten] Date: Feb 24/11

Dear Mayor Shepherd:

Re: Trustee Electoral Boundaries

On December 14, 2009, the Board of Education requested that the Minister of Education change the Electoral Boundaries for the Westside of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) as outlined below. At the time, Council was copied on the letter but not asked to comment on the proposed change. However, the District of Peachland and the District of West Kelowna, as being the directly within the affected areas, did choose to comment on the proposed change and the comments were included in the package sent to the Minister. The Minister of Education has since responded to the Board of Education, requesting that all local governments, First Nations and the Public have the opportunity to comment on the adjusted proposed Boundaries.

At the December 9, 2009 Board of Education Public Meeting, the following motion was passed:

THAT: The Board request the Minister of Education to change the Trustee Electoral Boundaries on the Westside as follows:

One Trustee elected to represent the District of West Kelowna; and One Trustee elected to represent the District of Peachland and the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area.

(Central Okanagan West Electoral Area includes Trader's Cove, Findry, Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates, Wilson's Landing, Rural Peachland, IR9 and IR10).

Board of Education - Trustees
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Jeff Watson

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Under the reconfigured boundaries, the estimated population representation is as follows:

106,707	City of Kelowna (26,676 per Trustee)
15,507	Zone I (District of Lake Country and Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
22,849	District of West Kelowna
17,213	Zone II (The Corporation of the District of Peachland, and Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)

The above proposed change will shift the current Electoral Boundaries of District of Peachland (est. pop. 4,883) and the District of West Kelowna and Central Okanagan West Electoral Area (est. pop. 35,179) to a more balanced representation by population.

Unfortunately, time is short as the Minister of Education's request has come late and the School District must respond to the Minister by early March to affect a Boundary change for the 2011 Fall Election. The Board will be submitting a response package to the Minister by March 10, 2011. The Board would be very appreciative if a response from Council could be included in the package. If that timeline is too short, the Board will endeavor to forward, to the Minister, any response of Council when it is available.

Thank you for your attention in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Rolli Cacchioni  
Board Chairperson

Attachment

cc: Board of Education, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

JAN 19 2011

Rolli Cacchioni, Chair  
Board of Education  
School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)  
1940 Underhill St  
Kelowna BC V1X 5X7

Dear Mr. Cacchioni:

I am responding to your letter dated December 14, 2009, regarding changes to Trustee Electoral Areas (TEAs) in your District.

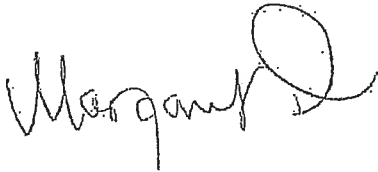
The Board's primary request is for changes to the boundaries for TEAs 2 and 4 on the west side of Okanagan Lake. In support of this request, you have provided letters of support from the Districts of West Kelowna and Peachland. However, you have not provided information about the views of other stakeholders, such as other local governments, First Nations, and the public. I understand that the district undertook a significant public consultation process on an earlier proposal to amalgamate TEAs 2 and 4. Similar stakeholder consultation will be required before I can render a decision on the current request. In addition to information on stakeholder consultation, please provide a metes and bounds description of the proposed boundaries of TEAs 2 and 4, prepared and certified by a professional surveyor (see Trustee Variation Guidelines).

The Board has also requested a change to the description of TEA 1 to reflect the current name of the local government division covering the same area (Central Okanagan East Electoral Area). However, from mapping data available to the Ministry of Education, it appears that the southern boundary of the School District No. 23 and the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area are not coterminous. Since it is important to ensure that a change in the TEA 1 description does not change the boundaries of the current TEA or include areas of adjacent school districts, please provide a written description of the TEA prepared and certified by a professional surveyor. No public consultation is required on this aspect of the Board's request since it does not require a change in TEA boundaries.

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I look forward to receiving information regarding stakeholder input on the proposed redrawing of the boundaries of TEAs 2 and 4 and written TEA descriptions of TEAs 1, 2, and 4, following which I will further review your requests and provide you with a response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret MacDiarmid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Margaret MacDiarmid  
Minister

Attachments



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December 14, 2009

The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid  
Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, B.C.  
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Dear Minister MacDiarmid:

**Re: Trustee Electoral Boundaries**

In response to your letters of August 10, 2009 and October 19, 2009, our Board of Education has reviewed the original request sent to then Minister of Education – Shirley Bond to adjust electoral boundaries. The original motion has since been rescinded and a new request is being submitted for your approval.

Pursuant to section 30 (4) of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) is requesting that the Minister of Education vary the electoral boundaries of the School District. At the December 9, 2009 Board of Education Public Meeting, the following motion was passed:

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Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates, Wilson's Landing, Rural Peachland,  
IR9 and IR10)

It is the Board of Education's opinion that this request better addresses the population imbalance while maintaining local representation.

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If accepted, this request will result in the Trustee Electoral Area Order to be adjusted as follows:

4 Trustees	City of Kelowna
1 Trustee	Zone I (District of Lake Country and Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)
1 Trustee	District of West Kelowna
1 Trustee	Zone II (The Corporation of the District of Peachland, and Central Okanagan West Electoral Area)

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Please note that this request also addresses a housekeeping item for Zone I. The boundaries for that zone have not changed but the Regional District of Central Okanagan has renamed the electoral descriptor for the area to 'Central Okanagan East Electoral Area'.

Thank you for your attention in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Rolli Cacchioni  
Board Chairperson

cc: Board of Education, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)  
Mayor Sharon Shepherd, City of Kelowna  
Mayor Doug Findlater, District of West Kelowna  
Mayor Keith Fielding, District of Peachland  
Mayor James Baker, District of Lake Country