

HALIFAX

2022 District Boundary Review Study

Legal and Legislative Services

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Legislation

Municipal Government Act, Part XVI

369 (1) In the year 1999, and in the years 2006 and every eighth year thereafter the council shall conduct a study of the number and boundaries of polling districts in the municipality, their fairness and reasonableness and the number of councillors.

(2) After the study is completed, and before the end of the year in which the study was conducted, the council shall apply to the Board to confirm or to alter the number and boundaries of polling districts and the number of councillors.

Legislation Continued

368 (4) 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.

Two Phase Process

Phase I – Desired number of Councillors

- Executive Standing Committee recommendation to Regional Council

Phase II – Distribution of Polling Districts

- DBRRP recommendation to Regional Council through Executive Standing Committee

Role of DBRRP (Phase II)

AO 2022-001-GOV, sections 5 & 6

- Advise Council, through Executive Standing Committee, on proposed boundaries for Municipal electoral districts
 - Lead public engagement
 - Analyze responses and themes
 - Adjust current district boundaries to develop proposed boundaries
- Participate in the NSUARB process as required

Factors to Consider when determining Polling District Boundaries

- Number of electors
- Relative parity of voting power
- Population density
- Community of interest
- Geographic size