

POLICY: Division Boundary Policy #1		COUNCIL RESOLUTION: Resolution # 2022-159 Effective: December 12, 2022	
DEPARTMENT: Administration	POLICY NUMBER: # GG22-159	AMENDED DATE:	

Purpose:

A Policy to establish a manner in which Council will review the division boundaries within the Municipality of the RM of Lakeside.

Policy:

A Rural municipality may review the divisions of the rural municipality on its own initiative at any time for any reason. Section 49.1 of *The Municipalities Act (MA)* enacts that Council shall establish a policy setting out the manner in which it will review the divisions of the municipality for the purpose of providing that each division of the RM has as nearly as is reasonably practicable, the same population or number of voters.

Procedure:

1. Council will establish a committee that will consist of the Reeve, two councillors and the administrator. The committee will be paid remuneration as set for regular council meetings.
2. Division boundary reviews may be triggered by the following:
 - a. An order by the minister
 - b. Resolution of council
 - c. Petition of ratepayers as presented in accordance to the MA, requesting th review
 - d. Significant change in voter numbers - population increase or decline
 - e. Any additional factors that may cause a large variation in population
 - f. Miles of roads per division

- This review may not be held 6 months prior to an election within the municipality.
3. The Review must be completed within 6 months of being initiated;
 4. The Committee will provide a report with it's recommendations to council;
 5. The review will be presented to council at a regular meeting and will be open for public inspection for 30 calendar days before council can apply to the Ministry to alter boundaries;
 6. Once public inspection is closed, council may apply to the ministry to alter boundaries, in accordance to section 49.1 of *The Municipalities Act*
 7. The Minister's order will take effect:
 - a. If the application is made 180 days or more prior to a general election, with respect to that general election and all subsequent general elections and by- elections held in the rural municipality;
 - b. If the application is made less than 180 days before a general election, with respect to all general elections and by- elections commencing with the second general election after the report to files.
 8. The Lieutenant Governor may make regulations respecting:
 - a. The number of members elected;
 - b. The manner and means of determining the population or number of voters
 - c. The minimum frequency of reviews;
 - d. Any requirements for the purpose of subsection (6)
 9. The Rural Municipality may request the Minister to order a ' Special Service Area ', which may be assigned different tax rates and service levels.

This Policy come into effect 12 day of December with motion 2022-159.



Reeve



Acting Administrator