

**PEACE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION  
BY-LAW NO. 1-2020  
BEING A BY-LAW TO REVIEW WARD BOUNDARIES**

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Peace River School Division of the Province of Alberta, by a resolution passed January 18, 1983 pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(1) of the School Election Act has provided for the nomination of trustees by wards, and

Whereas the Minister of Education upon the application of the Board of Trustees of the Peace River School Division has provided for the nomination of trustees by wards through Ministerial Order No 73 and

Whereas Sections 76 (1), (2) of The Education Act, 2020 being Chapter E-0.3 of the Statutes of Alberta 2012 allows a Board to provide for the nominations and election of trustees by wards and determine the boundaries of the wards, see Schedule A, and

Peace River School Division Board of Trustees is comprised of seven elected representatives, one from each Ward in the division, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Peace River School Division in the Province of Alberta enacts as follows:

1. Electoral ward boundaries will be established based on the following criteria:
  - 1.1. Service Efficiency – ward boundaries are to be designed to consider ease of transportation and communications within the ward, commonality of culture and interest, service or trading area, location of schools and high school boundaries.
  - 1.2. Future Growth - ward boundaries will be designed with the intent of lasting a minimum of two school authority elections and therefore the potential for growth in each ward over the next ten years will be taken into consideration.
  - 1.3. Communities of Interest - all efforts will be made to ensure that residential subdivisions are kept within the same ward.
  - 1.4. Geographical Features - wherever possible, ward boundaries will be readily identifiable to the public by using both natural and human-made geographical features including significant topography and major highways.
  - 1.5. Least Number of Changes - to provide stability in elected representation, ward boundary proposals should include the fewest changes possible to achieve the desired results.
  - 1.6. Contiguous Wards - all portions of a ward are physically connected insofar as possible.

- 1.7. Financial – it is incumbent upon all organizations to ensure that available financial resources are distributed and used in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

## 2. The Board will:

- 2.1.1. Advise Administration of any recommendations or changes that are desired to the ward boundaries.
- 2.1.2. Direct Administration to conduct a ward boundary review and prepare boundary proposals for the Board's consideration.
- 2.1.3. Decide on the manner in which the ward boundary review will be conducted.
- 2.1.4. Provide direction on the proposals and recommendations presented by Administration.
- 2.1.5. Decide upon and adopt any changes to the ward boundaries by passing the required bylaw no later than October in the year prior to a general school authority election.

## 3. Administration will:

- 3.1.1. Work closely with internal and external stakeholders to understand the impact of any changes to the ward boundaries.
- 3.1.2. Present to the Board the ward boundary proposals.
- 3.1.3. Bring forward a bylaw to the Board to adopt the ward boundary changes.
- 3.1.4. Implement the approved ward boundaries.

Legal Reference: Section 76, Education Act  
Local Authorities Election Act

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