

R.M. of Craik No.222 Policy

Policy # 2024-05

Policy Title: Division Boundary Review Policy

Policy Objective:

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a manner in which Council will review the division boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Craik No.222.

Authority: 2024-164

Council Resolution: 2024-164 July 19 2024

Policy:

General Principal:

1. A rural municipality Council may review the divisions of the rural municipality on its own initiative at any time and for any reason. Section 49.1 of *The Municipalities Act* (MA) enacts the 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.
2. Council shall review the Division Boundaries in accordance with this policy.

Procedures:

1. The Division Boundaries Committee shall be Council as a whole whereby all members are appointed.
2. All Division Boundary discussion shall take place at a regular Council Meeting.
3. Council will establish an acceptable variance between divisions and boundary locations based on Permanent Population in each division.
4. Events that trigger a review will be:
 - a) Any factors that may cause a large variance in permanent population.

5. Factors that may be considered in determining an acceptable variance of population in the division boundaries are:

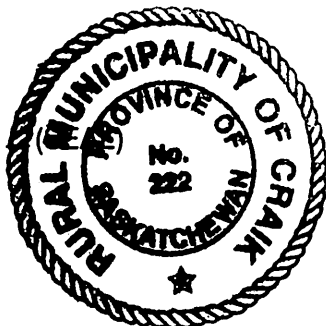
- a) Geographical Separation - whenever possible, division boundaries will be readily identifiable to the public by using both natural and human made geographical features (lakes, roads, etc.); or
- b) Extended periods of vacancy in residential property (seasonal); or
- c) other as deemed necessary by Council.

6. Any member of Council who wishes to alter division boundaries shall provide and report their recommendations for review. They shall do so at a regular Council meeting.

- a) In cases where the member of Council's report shall recommend a change in any/all division boundaries, public notice of the report shall be given prior to the meeting; or
- b) in cases, where the member of Council's report shall recommend no changes to the existing division boundaries, public notice of the report shall not be given prior to the meeting.

7. All reviews must be completed within six (6) months of being initiated.

8. A passed resolution of 75% of Council at a regular meeting is required to apply to the Ministry of Government Relations to alter division boundaries.



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Administrator