

**Bylaw 22-2016  
Municipal Ward Boundaries and Council Composition  
(Repeals 59-2006)**

**Report Purpose**

To give second and third reading to Bylaw 22-2016, a bylaw that proposes to change the municipal ward boundaries.

**Recommendation**

1. THAT Bylaw 22-2016, being a bylaw to establish the municipal ward boundaries and Council composition, be given second reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 22-2016, being a bylaw to establish the municipal ward boundaries and Council composition, be given third and final reading.

**Council History**

December 12, 2006 - Council approved Bylaw 59-2006 being a bylaw to change the municipal ward boundaries for the 2007 and subsequent general municipal elections.

April 5, 2016 – Council approved GOV-002-032 the Ward Boundary Review Policy and directed Administration to conduct a Ward Boundary Review and report back to Council with boundary options on or before the May 24, 2016, Council meeting.

May 24, 2016 – Council amended the April 5, 2016, motion to change the date that Administration was required to report back to Council with ward boundary options from May 24, 2016 to June 21, 2016.

June 21, 2016 – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 22-2016.

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** n/a

**Governance:** Voters have the right to both equal and effective representation. “Equal” representation requires that a single vote is equal to any other vote cast in the area regardless of location. “Effective” representation ensures that voters have the ability to access their elected representative equal in strength to the rest of the population. Recognizing that truly ‘equal’ and ‘effective’ representation is impossible to achieve, the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that an allowable representation range of + or – 25% from the population mean is appropriate.

**Social:** The proposed ward boundaries recognize and respect the importance of the urban and rural characteristics of Strathcona County and preserve the communities of interest wherever possible.

**Culture:** n/a

**Environment:** n/a

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** GOV-002-032 Ward Boundary Review Policy

**Legislative/Legal:** *The Municipal Government Act (MGA)* and the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* govern processes associated with municipal elections. The legislation allows municipalities to establish electoral boundaries for municipal elections and to determine the number of councillors for each ward. Section 231 of the MGA required this bylaw to be

advertised and provide electors with the opportunity to submit a petition. No petitions were received within the sixty day petitioning period.

**Interdepartmental:** Information Technology Services, GIS Branch, Planning & Development Services, Communications

### **Summary**

The criteria set out in GOV-002-032: Ward Boundary Review Policy (the "Policy") was used to complete the ward boundary review. Section 1 f) of the Policy states that "to provide stability in elected representation, ward boundary proposals should include the fewest changes possible to achieve the desired results."

The only recommended change to the ward boundaries is to align the urban service area boundary with the urban ward boundaries. Currently the Optima Wye Crossing condominiums and Salisbury Village are located in Ward 6 but are part of the urban service area. Under the proposed Bylaw, Ward 3 and Ward 6 boundaries would be changed to align with the urban service area boundary. These minimal changes will ensure compliance with the Policy for the 2017 election.

### **Communication Plan**

New Release

### **Enclosures**

1 Bylaw 22-2016, Ward Boundaries and Council Composition