

2019 Ward Boundary Review

2018 Census Results



- Enclosure 1 of the report contains two maps (urban and rural) of our current ward boundaries
- Ward 4 exceeds the +25% recommended deviation
- Ward 3 is falling close to the -25% recommended deviation at -16.8%

Policy Criteria Outcomes



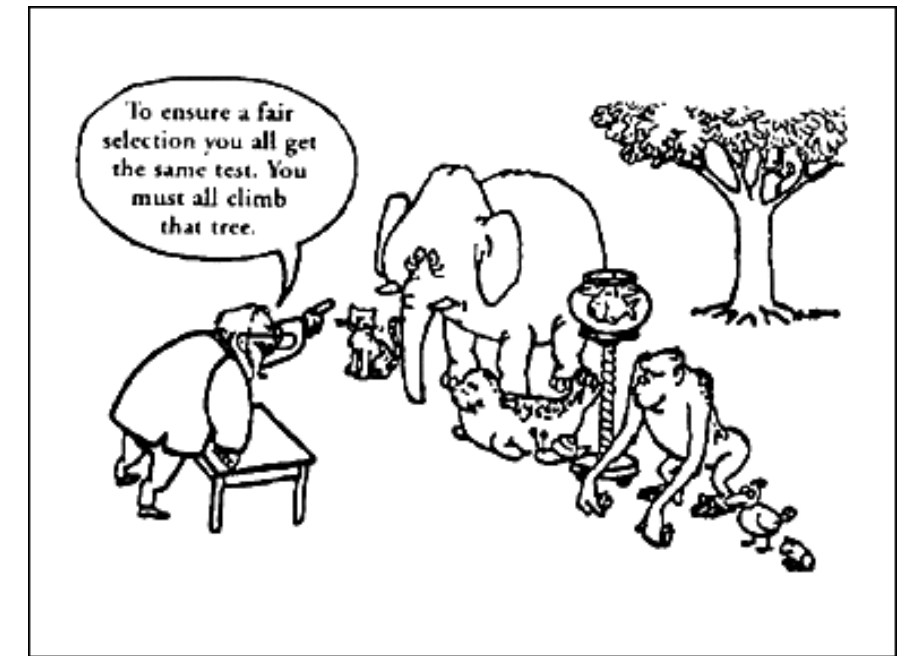
- Administration applied the Ward Boundary Review Policy Criteria
- Enclosure 2 contains 4 maps for the urban ward options
- Each option contains a legend on the map with colours that have been assigned to the proposed ward
- For example the proposed Ward 8 in each option is a shade of purple
- All of the options contain a table that lists the population, eligible voters and the deviation from the mean for the population and the eligible voters

Calculating the Mean



- The **mean** is equal to the sum of all the urban ward populations divided by the number of urban wards ($71,335/5=14,267$)
- The **deviation** from the mean is a measure of difference between the population of the ward and the urban population mean
- The sign of the **deviation** reports the direction of that difference
- For example, the **deviation** is positive when an urban ward's population exceeds the urban population mean

Scoring Matrix



- Enclosure 3 contains a scoring matrix for the urban options
- Each of the policy criteria can be found in the far left column and is assigned a weight based on the order of importance
- The ward boundary options were then scored against the policy criteria

Urban Ward Boundary Options



- Options 1 and 2 are tied, both receiving 26 out of 28 possible points
- Option 3 scored 21 out of 28 possible points
- Option 4 scored 18 out of 28 possible points
- Of the top two, Option 1 is slightly better as it does not change the current Ward 8 boundary

Rural Ward Option



- The current ward boundaries for the rural wards comply with the policy including the boundary adjustments contemplated in the Alliance Exploration Agreement between Strathcona County and the City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Enclosure 4 contains an option to create a more blocked shaped ward and a better alignment with geographical features i.e. Wye Road is used as the boundary up to Range Road 213
- Enclosure 5 contains the scoring matrix for the rural option
- The option is desirable for election planning purposes and will reduce confusion for electors in some of our rural voting stations by reducing the number of ballot choices

Next Steps



Options for the Priorities Committee

- Make a recommendation to Council with the preferred urban and rural option
- Refer to the Community Living Advisory Committee and direct them to review the ward boundary options and make a recommendation to Council