



Electoral Boundary Review Public Meeting

April 16, 2015

Board Office, Nisku

Electoral Boundary Review Background

On September 17, 2014 the Black Gold Board of Trustees passed the following motion:

16/14-15

*Trustee Koroll -- that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to engage ASBA to conduct an electoral ward boundary review and make recommendations to the Board. *Carried**

Electoral Boundary Review

School Act: Section 262

The School Act sets out the process for how regional divisions may change their ward or electoral subdivision. In particular, Section 262 (5)(6)(7) states the following:

School Act: Section 262

- (5) The board of a division, with the approval of the Minister, may by bylaw*
- (a) amend or replace a bylaw providing for the nomination and election of trustees by wards or electoral subdivisions, as the case may be, or*
 - (b) provide for the nomination and election of trustees by wards or electoral subdivisions, as the case may be.*

School Act: Section 262

(6) A bylaw passed under subsection (5) or any bylaw that amends or replaces it does not apply to the general election next following the passing of the bylaw unless it is passed before March 1 in the year in which that general election is held, and does not apply to or affect the composition of the board until the date of the next general election to which the bylaw applies.

School Act: Section 262

(7) A bylaw passed under this section shall, if practicable, provide that the number of trustees to be elected in each ward is in the same proportion to the total number of trustees of the board as the population of the ward is to the population of the district or division, as the case may be.

Government of Alberta Further Considerations

“When a board is considering changes to their structure representation by population must be considered. A board can determine representation by population by reviewing: Canada census data, Municipal census data, student numbers, trading areas and community attachments.”

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“The standard variance applicable to an assessment of ‘fair representation’ is the standard used in municipal, provincial and federal elections, which is a variance of +/- 25%. Therefore, if this rule is applied to the test under Section 262 (7), it follows that trustees should be represented in wards as per Section 262 and should represent approximately (+/- 25%) the same number of population as other trustees in the division.”

Black Gold Regional Division 1993-2014

- Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 was established on August 25, 1994 by then Education Minister Halvar Johnson, and came into effect on January 1, 1995.
- Black Gold Regional Division Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members.

Black Gold Regional Division 1993-2014

- Based on the 1993 census, the population of the region was approximately 35,089 residents; thus each trustee represented about 5,000 people. This ratio has shifted over the past 20 years. From 1994 to 2014 the population in our seven wards grew to 68,450 people.

Population by Ward

	Population 1993	Percentage representation	Population 2014	Percentage representation
County West (1 Trustee)	4,292	12%	4,452	6.5%
County Central (1 Trustee)	5,475	15.6%	6,223	9%
County East (1 Trustee)	4,679	13.3%	6,714	9.8%
Leduc (2 Trustees)	11,011	31.3%	28,583	41.7%
Beaumont (1 Trustee)	5,564	15.8%	15,828	23%
Devon (1 Trustee)	4,068	11.5%	6,650	9.7%
Total population	35,089	100%	68,450	100%

School locations and polling stations



