

Cariboo Regional District
Memorandum

To: Members, Central Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus

From: Steve Forseth, Chair - Central Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus

Date: October 26th, 2016

Re: SD #27 Boundaries Review Letter – Discussion Item (at request of Director Sorley)

PURPOSE:

For discussion

BACKGROUND:

At the July 20th Central Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus meeting, I presented a report concerning my participation of a consultation meeting around School District #27's Trustee Boundary Review back on June 15th of this year. After some discussion, the following was resolved:

That the report from the Central Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus Chair S. Forseth, dated June 15, 2016, regarding proposed boundary changes for School District #27, be received. Further, that correspondence be forwarded to School District #27 advising that the Cariboo Regional District Board:

- 1) Supports Option #1 of the SD#27 Trustee Electoral Zones Review;*
- 2) Is opposed to a reduction in polling stations; and*
- 3) Encourages the School District to work together with the Cariboo Regional District to share polling stations whenever possible.*

The above resolution was endorsed by the Board at our August 26th meeting. However, at the September 23rd CRD Board meeting - CRD Chair Al Richmond required the Board to re-vote on the July 20th CCRC Resolution as per Section 217 of the *Local Government Act*. The Board resolved to defer further consideration of the matter pending consideration of this matter by the South Cariboo Joint Committee, which their September meeting was cancelled to schedule conflicts

At the Board of Education for School District #27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)'s meeting of September 27th, the following resolutions were endorsed:

- a) THAT the Board of Education write to the Minister of Education requesting that, pursuant to section 30 (4) of the School Act, the Minister consider making a variation order that will combining Electoral Zones 5 and 6 (WL Fringe/City of Williams Lake), electing 2 trustees at large with all other zones remaining unchanged.*
- b) THAT the Board of Education solicit the views of the City of Williams Lake, District of 100 Mile House, Cariboo Regional District, and Local First Nations, as appropriate, regarding the recommended variance to trustee electoral boundaries.*

I also had a meeting with SD27 Chair Tanya Guenther, after the Board of Education's October 18th meeting and she confirmed the above two resolutions and any letter sent would NOT be considered officially at their Board but received for information however when we do receive their letter with the above two resolutions from SD27 and our official response, that letter from the CRD will be submitted along with other stakeholder input to the Minister of Education for his review/decision

RECOMMENDATION:

No further action be taken until a letter from School District #27 is received asking for the Cariboo Regional District's input as to the following resolution from the Board of Education for School District #27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin):

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Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Forseth
Chair,
Central Cariboo Rural Directors' Caucus
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