



Policy Type:	100 General Government
Policy Title:	15 Division Boundary Review
Authority:	
Resolution #200-22	
Amended # 232-23	

Purpose:

- To outline the manner in which Council will review the Division Boundaries within the RM of Beaver River No. 622.

Definitions:

“Council” Means Council for the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622.

“Division Boundaries” Means the designated area(s) established that are assigned a number to create six voting divisions.

“Permanent Population” Means the total number of people residing within the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622 for a minimum of 8 consecutive months in a calendar year.

“The RM” Means the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622.

Background:

Per subsection 49.1(2) of *The Municipalities Act*, stating that:

“The council shall establish a policy setting out the manner in which it will review the divisions of the rural municipality within 2 years of the coming into force of this section for the purpose of providing that each division of the rural municipality has, as nearly as is reasonably predictable, the same population or number of voters.”

Policy:

1. That the Division Boundary 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. Remuneration shall be in accordance to RM Policy # 100 – General Government – 04 Council Indemnity and Mileage.
4. Council will establish an acceptable variance between divisions and boundary locations based on permanent population in each division.

5. Events that trigger a review will be:
 - a) Any factors that may cause a large variance in permanent population.
6. 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.
7. Any member of Council who wishes to alter division boundaries shall provide a report and their recommendations for review. They shall do so at a regular Council meeting in accordance with the Council Procedures Bylaw:
 - 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.
8. All reviews must be completed within six (6) months of being initiated.
9. 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.

