

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST RIVER  
RESOLUTIONS

DATE February 11, 2021

MOTION #2021-25

MOTION CARRIED \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION LOST \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by Deputy Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Clow

Seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ Chad Stretch

WHEREAS

Pursuant to Executive Cabinet Order 2020-485, section (9), the Interim Council shall appoint an Electoral Boundaries Commission to submit its report to Council.

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River appointed Roy Main as Chairperson and Bev McIsaac, Eugene Murphy, and Willem Vanderleeuw as members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission. The Chair will receive \$1500.00, and each member will receive \$1000.00 upon submission of the report to the Council as per the attached Term of Reference.

I certify that this is a true copy of the resolution.

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Laala Jahanshahloo, CAO

# Rural Municipality of West River

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Term of Reference

for

Electoral Boundaries Commission

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## **Background**

Pursuant to Executive Cabinet Order 2020-485, section (9), the Interim Council shall appoint an Electoral Boundaries Commission to recommend by August 2021 whether an open ward or proportionate population wards is the best solution for the new Rural Municipality of West River. Following this report, the Interim Council for the Municipality shall make a determination, by November 2021, with respect to the size of Council under subsection 78(1) of the Act.

## **Term**

The Commission shall complete its work and submit its report to Council within ninety (90) days of being appointed pursuant to subsection 39(6.1) of the Municipal Government Act.

## **Membership**

The Electoral Boundaries Commission will comprise:

1. Roy Main – Chairperson
2. Bev Mclsaac
3. Eugene Murphy
4. Willem Vanderleeuw

## **Responsibilities**

The Commission shall:

- Make a report to Council setting out its recommendations regarding the area, boundaries, and names of the six single wards of the Municipality.
- Provide the opportunity for public input, which may include public meetings, at such times and places as it considers appropriate to enable representations to be made by any person as to any dual ward's area and boundaries.
- Give reasonable public notice of the time, place, and purpose of any such public meetings or means of public input.
- Regulate its own proceedings and the conduct of its business.

## **Consideration**

The Commission must consider "Ward Size Criteria" in pursuant to Subsection 38.4 of the Municipal Government Act, the number of electors of a proposed ward shall not be more than 10 percent above, nor more than 10 percent below, the average number of electors of all the proposed wards. In determining the area to be included in and fixing the boundaries of a ward, the Commission shall take into consideration.

- the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms,
- confirmation data from the most recent provincial elections,
- polling divisions from the most recent provincial elections,
- geographical features,
- population growth and patterns,
- community of interest,
- provincial electoral and polling division boundaries,
- other factors it regards as relevant.

## **Communication**

The Commission's work shall be supported by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality, and the Commission may request the CAO and/or the Chief Electoral Officer of PEI to provide any information possessed by their offices.