



POLICY 27: ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION - WARDS

Specifically

1. Elections/Appointment
 - 1.1 Wards

Within the stipulations of Ministerial Order 030/2017 dated May 19, 2017, and subsequent Ministerial Order 025/2013, the Board has decided to provide for the nomination and election of trustees within by wards. Copies of the Ministerial Orders are available at the Division Office.

- 1.1.1 Two (2) wards have been established within Red Deer Catholic Separate School Division.
 - 1.1.2 Five (5) trustees are to be elected in ward 1 and 2 trustees shall be elected in ward 2 (Rocky Mountain House) as follows:
 - i) One (1) trustee shall be elected in the Highway 11 Electoral Subdivision.
 - ii) One (1) trustee shall be elected in the Queen Elizabeth II Electoral Subdivision.
 - 1.2 Wards may be revised from time to time as determined by the Board.
 - 1.2.1 The Board must pass any desired revision, by bylaw, by December 31 of the year prior to the year in which a general election is to be held in order to have the revision in effect following that general election.
 - 1.2.2 In the determination of revised ward boundaries the Board must take into consideration representation by population, trading areas, school attendance areas and growth/depopulation forecasts.
 - 1.2.2.1 In balancing representation by population, the unwritten representation rule that can be used is +/- 25% of the average ward population.
 - 1.2.3 Further, in the determination of revised ward boundaries, the Board must utilize a community engagement process.
 - 1.3 The provisions of the Local Authorities Election Act respecting the election of trustees shall apply to every election in each ward.
 - 1.4 By-elections may be held as determined by the Board.

- 1.4.1 During the three (3) year period immediately following a general election, a by-election need not be held if there is only one (1) vacancy on the Board and during the fourth year following a general election, a by-election need not be held unless the number of vacancies on the Board reduces the Board to a number that is less than the quorum of the Board plus one (1).