

Report to Council



Date: January 27, 2020
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Regional Board Directors Assignment of Votes
Department: Office of the City Clerk

Recommendation:

THAT Council assign votes for the City of Kelowna directors on the Regional District of Central Okanagan's Board of Directors as outlined in the report from the Office of the City Clerk dated January 20, 2020, with respect to assignment of votes.

AND THAT Council direct staff to inform the Regional District of Central Okanagan of the assignment of votes.

Purpose:

To assign distribution of votes for the City of Kelowna directors on the Regional District of Central Okanagan Board of Directors.

Background:

The assignment of votes for City of Kelowna directors on the Regional Board of Directors came up for discussion in conjunction with the Regional District of Central Okanagan's (RDCO) review of the voting unit for the Regional Board. Based on the current voting unit of 4,000, the City is assigned 33 votes on the Regional Board, resulting in seven directors. Votes are to be distributed equally among the City's Regional Board directors. Since votes cannot be distributed equally, Council must assign votes as evenly as possible, with the difference between them being no more than one. Following the appointment of a seventh director in 2017 the distribution of votes was not revisited, resulting in the current uneven distribution.

Discussion:

While there is no statutory requirement or City policy for determining to whom votes are assigned when equal distribution is not possible, it is recommended voting be assigned based on election results from the previous election. This approach is consistent with traditionally how Kelowna RDCO Directors

are determined. The table below shows the current assignment of votes and the recommended assignment of votes based on the 2018 election results.

Regional Board Director	Current	Proposed
Mayor Basran	5	5
Councillor DeHart	5	5
Councillor Given	5	5
Councillor Stack	5	5
Councillor Sieben	5	5
Councillor Hodge	3	4
Councillor Wooldridge	5	4

Should the RDCO voting unit change, staff will review the number of directors and assignment of votes at that time and bring forward a recommendation for Council's consideration.

Conclusion:

Votes for the City's Regional Board directors must be assigned as evenly as possible, as outlined in the table above, to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act*.

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Local Government Act s. 197(1)

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Local Government Act s. 197(3)

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Internal Circulation:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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