



CITY OF LANGLEY

COUNCIL MEMBER MOTION

Electoral Redistribution 2022 - Councillor Martin

Motion:

WHEREAS the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commissions one in each province are established to revise the electoral district boundaries in their province once every 10 years, after the census is conducted, to reflect population shifts and growth;

WHEREAS British Columbia will gain one seat in the House of Commons from 42 to 43;

WHEREAS the commissions each work separately to propose a new electoral map for their province by considering such criteria as average population numbers, communities of identity and interest, historical patterns of an electoral district, and geographic size of electoral districts;

WHEREAS the British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission (BCEBC) is holding public hearings to gather opinions on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names which provide an opportunity for citizens to participate in the process of redrawing the electoral map;

WHEREAS the hearing in Langley is scheduled for Coast Langley City Hotel & Convention Centre on Thursday, Sept 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS the new proposed boundaries would create a new Langley-Cloverdale riding, including (a) the City of Langley; (b) that part of the Corporation of the Township of Langley bounded as follows: commencing at the intersection of the westerly limit of said township with 72 Avenue; thence easterly along said avenue to 200 Street; thence southerly along said street to the northerly limit of the City of Langley at 62 Avenue; thence generally westerly along said city limit to the westerly limit of the Corporation of the Township of Langley; thence northerly along said limit to the point of commencement; and (c) that part of the City of Surrey described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of said city with 56 Avenue; thence westerly and southwesterly along said avenue to 192 Street; thence northerly along said street to 56 Avenue; thence westerly along said avenue to 144 Street; thence northerly along said street to 64 Avenue; thence easterly along said avenue to 152 Street; thence northerly along said street to 68 Avenue; thence easterly along said avenue and its production to the Serpentine River; thence generally northeasterly along said river to the Fraser Highway; thence southeasterly along said highway to the intersection with the production of 72 Avenue;

thence easterly along said production and avenue to the eastern limit of the City of Surrey; thence southerly along said city limit to the point of commencement.

WHEREAS the proposed election boundaries will reconfigure Langley and Cloverdale into new configurations, and change which Member of Parliament represents local residents;

WHEREAS the Langley riding was created a couple of decades ago that included just Langley City and Township;

WHEREAS the City of Langley and the Township of Langley should be one electoral boundary represented by one Member of Parliament given the historical context, the number of shared services, shared school district, shared RCMP detachment, and shared regional city centre designation between the two communities;

WHEREAS the proposed electoral reconfiguration will further split the riding into multiple electoral boundaries from the current electoral boundaries and create further challenges for the Member of Parliament that needs to represent three municipalities within the riding;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley objects the proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries for the City of Langley;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley request British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission (BCEBC) to consider reconfiguring the electoral boundaries to have one boundary for the City of Langley and the Township of Langley and be represented by one Member of Parliament;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Langley submit this motion to the British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission (BCEBC) for their consideration.



