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# R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501

POLICY TITLE Division Boundary Review Policy		ADOPTED BY RM Council Resolution No. 2022-07-13-25 EFFECTIVE DATE July 13, 2022	POLICY NO.  <b>100-14</b>
ORIGIN/AUTHORITY RM Council	JURISDICTION RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501	Amended:  Rescinded:	Resolution No.  Resolution No.

## 1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a manner in which Council will review the division boundaries of the **Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 (RM)**.

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Council: Shall mean the council of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501
- 2.2 RM: Shall mean the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No 501
- 2.3 Division Boundaries: Shall mean the designated area established by the government and assigned a number to create the six voting divisions
- 2.4 Minister: Shall mean the provincial government

## 3.0 POLICY:

A rural municipality Council may review the divisions of the rural municipality on its own initiative at any time and for any reason. Section 49.1 of *The Municipalities Act* enacts that Council shall establish a policy setting out the manner in which it will review the divisions of the municipality for the purpose of providing that each division of the RM has, as nearly as is reasonably practicable, the same population or number of voters.

## 4.0 IMPLEMENTATION - PROCEDURE:

In undertaking these responsibilities:

- 1. Council will establish a committee and will report the recommendations to the entire Council. The committee as established by Council will be paid the same remuneration as a regular committee meeting. The committee will report their recommendations within 30 days or at the time of a regular council meeting.
- 2. A review of division boundaries may be triggered by the following:
  - a. an order by the Minister;
  - b. by resolution of Council;
  - c. petition of ratepayers as presented, in accordance to the MA, requesting for a review;
  - d. Federal Census; or
  - e. potential future growth or depopulation.

This review may not be held during the six months prior to an election in the municipality.

- 3. Factors to be considered when completing the review may include, but not limited to:
  - a. Representation by Population



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- b. Representation by Electorate
- c. Representation of Communities of Interest
- d. Geographical and Topographical Features

4. Review Process

Public Notice shall be given that Council has received the recommendations of the committee. The report from the Division Review Committee will be available for public inspection in the municipal office for a period not less than 30 calendar days.

After the inspection period, Council may make resolution to apply to the Ministry to alter boundaries..

5. The Minister's Order will take effect:

- a. if the application is made 180 days or more before a general election, with respect to that general election and all subsequent general elections and by-election held in the Municipality; or
- b. if the application is made less than 180 days before a general election, with respect to all general elections and by-elections commencing with the second general election after the report is filed.

**5.0 RESPONSIBILITY/INTERPRETATION/REPEALING:**

This policy shall be administered and interpreted by the Administrator; however, this policy cannot be amended without Council approval.

This policy replaces all previous policies and resolutions that have been passed by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 with respect to the application of any and all parts of this policy and the terms and conditions contained herein.

This policy shall come into force and take effect on July 13, 2022 and shall continue in full force and effect until repealed or replaced by subsequent resolution of Council.