

## HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD Clarification of District Names in Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

**PURPOSE:** To clarify the spelling of two district names further to the Halifax Regional School Board's (HRSB) revised electoral boundaries application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB).

**BACKGROUND:** Report No. 2015-12-49 (Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Electoral Boundary Report) was considered by the Governing Board at its December 16, 2015 regular board meeting. Several motions were approved by the governing board at that time:

*It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the electoral boundaries based on the HRM boundary proposal and forward submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for decision.  
(CARRIED)*

*It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Yee) that the Governing Board amend District 4 to be titled as follows:  
Peninsula South-Peninsula West – Armdale  
(CARRIED)*

*It was moved and seconded (Yee/Littlefair) that the Governing Board amend District 3 to be titled as follows:  
Dartmouth Centre Harbourview – Burnside – Dartmouth East  
(CARRIED)*

*It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Yee) that the Governing Board amend District 6 to be titled as follows:  
Clayton Park West - Beechville/Lakeside/Timberlea-Spryfield  
(CARRIED)*

*It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Yee) that the Governing Board amend District 2 to be titled as follows:  
Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour - Westphal  
(CARRIED)*

*It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board direct HRSB staff to present its application to the NSUARB.  
(CARRIED)*

An application to the NSUARB was completed. As part of the application, a hearing was held on the application on March 23, 2016 at which time a discrepancy between the spelling of names in the application and those in the approved board minutes of December 16, 2015 was noted.

**CONTENT:** Appendix A is a MEMO from John McPherson (McInnes Cooper) dated March 23, 2016 outlining a request for clarification on the proposed names for HRSB Electoral District 2 and Electoral District 3.

**COST:** N/A

**FUNDING:** N/A

**TIMELINE:**

**APPENDICES:** Appendix A: *Letter from John McPherson (McInnes Cooper) to Elwin LeRoux, dated March 23, 2016 re: Halifax Regional School Board Boundary Application*

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** It is recommended that the Governing Board direct the Superintendent to confirm with Mr. McPherson that the intended names for HRSB Electoral District 2 & 3 are as follows:

**District 2**

**Dartmouth South – Eastern Passage – Cole Harbour – Westphal**

**District 3**

**Dartmouth Centre – Harbourview – Burnside – Dartmouth East**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

<b>AUDIENCE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
John McPherson	Elwin LeRoux	Following Board Approval

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**To:** Senior Staff – March 29, 2016  
Governing Board – March 30, 2016

Appendix A



MEMORANDUM

TO: Elwin LeRoux  
FROM: John MacPherson  
DATE: March 23, 2016 File No.: 135608  
RE: Halifax Regional School Board Boundary Application

I am writing further to our attendance today before the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board ("Board") in regard to the Application filed by the HRSB concerning the boundaries of its electoral districts.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Mr. Roland Deveau rendered an oral decision in which he approved the Application subject to an undertaking from HRSB in regard to district names, as explained further below.

In the Application, HRSB proposed the following name changes for District 2 and District 3:

District	Current Name	Proposed Name
2	Cole Harbour/Dartmouth East	Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage - Cole Harbour - Westphal
3	Dartmouth Centre/Dartmouth North	Dartmouth Centre -Harbourview - Burnside - Dartmouth East

However, the Motions of the HRSB of December 16, 2015 had slightly different names for the districts as follows:

"It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Yee) that the Governing Board amend District 2 to be titled as follows:

**Dartmouth South – Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour – Westphal.**

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Littlefair) that the Governing Board amend District 3 to be titled as follows:

**Dartmouth Centre Harbourview – Burnside – Dartmouth East."**

The Elections Coordinator of the Halifax Regional Municipality ("HRM") was in attendance at the hearing. She emphasized that it was important that the names of the Districts reflect as closely as possible those of the HRM Electoral Districts in order to avoid confusion.

Mr. Deveau requested clarification as to the exact names being requested for the Districts.

I recommend that the HRSB pass a new motion in respect of Districts 2 and 3 requesting that the following names be approved by the NSUARB:

**District 2**

Dartmouth South – Eastern Passage – Cole Harbour – Westphal.

**District 3**

Dartmouth Centre – Harbourview – Burnside – Dartmouth East.

If the HRSB approves these name changes, I will file the required Undertaking with the NSUARB as well as a revised Appendix "I" to the Application. At that time, the Order of the NSUARB will be issued approving HRSB's Application.

Please contact me should you have any questions in respect of this request.

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