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Subject: 2016 Census impact on Capital Regional District Board composition and voting strength
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Chair Barbara Desjardins and Board Directors
Capital Regional District

Dear Chair Desjardins,

Attached please find the 2016 Census population figures that serve as the basis for voting strength and number of municipal directors.

These population figures reflect the number of people living within regional district boundaries, which may be different from the federal Census boundaries of the same name. In determining these total population figures, Ministry staff have made adjustments to ensure that Indian Reserve populations are included for the appropriate local government areas and to account for 2016 municipal boundary changes. Population is a defined term in the *Community Charter* and is the basis for voting rights and municipal representation on the Regional District Board and for allocation of certain local government grant amounts.

As a result of the 2016 Census and adjustments, the Capital Regional District Board composition will not change, but the following municipalities see a change in voting strength that will need to be allocated among their directors:

- The City of Langford receives two (2) additional votes.
- The City of Victoria receives one (1) additional vote.
- The District of Saanich receives one (1) additional vote.
- The Town of View Royal receives one (1) additional vote.

Regional Districts are encouraged to inform their member municipalities of any changes as soon as possible. Municipal councils are required to appoint any new directors (who must take their municipal director oath of office) and adjust the number of votes assigned as necessary, before the Board's first meeting held after November 1st.

Should you have any questions regarding the census population certification process, please contact Elizabeth Lane, Program Analyst, Governance and Structure Branch. Elizabeth can be reached by phone at 778-698-3225 or by email at lggovernance@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Capital Regional District
(incorporated February 1, 1966)
Voting Unit: 5,000 population

	2016 Census including subsequent population changes certified by the	Number of Directors (voting strength/5)	Voting Strength (population/ voting unit)
Cities:			
Colwood	16,859	1	4
Langford	35,342	2	8
Victoria	85,792	4	18
Districts:			
Central Saanich	19,325	1	4
Esquimalt	17,655	1	4
Highlands	2,225	1	1
Metchosin	4,708	1	1
North Saanich	11,249	1	3
Oak Bay	18,094	1	4
Saanich	114,148	5	23
Sooke	13,001	1	3
Towns:			
Sidney	11,672	1	3
View Royal	10,408	1	3
Electoral Areas:			
Salt Spring Island	10,557	1	3
Southern Gulf Islands	5,158	1	2
Juan De Fuca	7,167	1	2
Totals:	383,360	24	86

Populations certified as necessary by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under sections 196 and 197 of the *Local Government Act* as per the definition in the Schedule to the Community Charter.

Effective November 1, 2017.

These population figures are to be used only in the determination of voting strength and Director representation.

1. Population includes people residing on Indian Reserves and boundary extensions to December 31, 2016.