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REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

SUBJECT Board Weighted Voting Distribution

ISSUE

The voting strength for weighted votes at the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board and Hospital Board has been amended as a result of recent changes in population shown in the 2016 census.

BACKGROUND

Voting strength on regional district boards is determined by sections 196 and 197 of the *Local Government Act*, and assigns one vote per 5,000 residents. Directors may have no more than six votes, at which point a new Director is added from that local government and the votes distributed.

In 2016 the Federal Government conducted the latest census and determined new population counts for the local governments contained within the CRD. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has advised the CRD of the revised vote distribution as follows:

1 Additional Vote	The City of Victoria The District of Saanich The Town of View Royal
2 Additional Votes	The City of Langford

Resolutions assigning the additional votes for the City of Victoria and District of Saanich is attached in Appendix B. For the Town of View Royal, Director Screech is the only CRD Director and will receive the additional vote. For the City of Langford, each of their Directors will receive one additional vote.

Correspondence will be sent to local governments in the CRD to advise them of the change of weighted vote distribution at the Regional and Hospital Board. Appendix C shows the revised voting table.

The changes take effect at the first Board meeting following the Inaugural meeting, which this year is the regular November 8, 2017 Regional Board and Hospital Board meetings.

IMPLICATIONS

Weighted votes are generally related to finance, land and some bylaws (e.g. for services and administration and operation of a service).

As the population continues to increase in the capital region, there is a likelihood that certain municipalities will require additional Directors. However, population growth estimates do not indicate additional Directors anticipated in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received for information.

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Attachments: Appendix A: Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Appendix B: Municipal Resolutions Regarding Additional Vote Distribution
Appendix C: New Voting Strength for CRD Regional and Hospital Board