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RVS Board of Trustees Approves Amendments to Ward Boundaries to Align with Municipal Boundaries

- There were three changes to ward boundaries that required amendment. Those changes included: one minor correction from the previous bylaw passed in 2017; the annexation of the lands in Cochrane; and two changes to Calgary Board of Education's service area.
- In order for the ward boundaries to be updated, reflecting these changes, a bylaw was needed to be passed before Dec. 31, 2020 and forwarded onto the Minister for consideration.
- The Board of Trustees gave three readings to bylaw 2020-1 which, subject to ministerial approval, will amend the ward boundaries.

Bylaw Approved Impacting Number of Elector Signatures

- The *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA) was amended on Sept. 1, 2020. One of the changes to the LAEA was to allow a school division the ability to adjust the number of electoral signatures, required as part of the nomination package, provided they met the population eligibility requirement.
- The Board indicated support for updating the number of elector signatures required. To apply for the 2021 election, this bylaw needed to be passed before Dec. 31, 2020.
- The Board of Trustees gave three readings to bylaw 2020-2 which will amend the number of elector signatures required for trustee candidates from five to 10.

Appointments Approved for Returning Officer for 2021 Election

- Given the required election tasks and staffing constraints, the Board approved the appointment of Michelle Groff as the Returning Officer, and Steve Thomas (Director of Finance) as the Substitute Returning Officer, for the 2021 Election.

Board Repeals Bylaw 2017-3

- The LAEA amended on Sept. 1, 2020, resulted in bylaw 2017-3 (the bylaw that outlined the school division's requirements for campaign contributions and expenses disclosure) to be redundant as it is covered in other legislation.
- The Board gave three readings to bylaw 2020-3 which will allow bylaw 2017-3 to be repealed.

The Board Approves Changes to Policy 19

- Changes to the *Education Act* required school boards to review their policies and make amendments as appropriate.
- Summary of major changes to Policy 19 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment
 - Complete rewrite of the policy to be in alignment of terminology and intent of Education Act.
 - Expanded the scope of the policy beyond respectful workplace and harassment to address a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning and working environments.
 - Requires trustees, employees, students, parents, volunteers, visitors, and contractors to embrace and support this policy.