



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Media Information

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Public Consultation to Review School District Electoral Boundaries on the Westside

Kelowna, BC: The public is invited to participate in a consultation process regarding School District No. 23 Trustee Electoral Boundaries for the Westside. Currently, Trustee Cheryl Wiebe is elected from the Regional District of the Westside and Trustee Moyra Baxter is elected from the District of Peachland. Electorate representation by these two Trustees is unevenly split numerically, as the Regional District area has a far greater population.

At the November 14, 2007 Board meeting, Trustees voted in favour of “broad based public consultation” to examine the issue. The Board “believes that there are inequities in representation on the ‘Westside’, which includes the new Westside District Municipality, the District of Peachland and the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area.”*

Five public meetings will be held around the Central Okanagan District as follows:

Date & Time	Neighbourhood	Location	Room
December 10 7pm	Lake Country	George Elliot Secondary 10241 Bottom Wood Lake Winfield	Library
December 11 7pm	Rutland	Hollywood Road Education Services 1040 Hollywood Road, Kelowna	Room # 2
December 13 7pm	Kelowna	Kelowna Secondary 1079 Raymer Ave. Kelowna	Room # 295
January 7 7pm	Westbank	George Pringle Elementary 3770 Elliot Road Westbank	Theatre
January 9 7pm	Peachland	Peachland Elementary 5486 Clements Cres. Peachland	Library (Room # 116)

The meetings will be conducted by an independent committee that will collect public feedback in accordance with the Trustee Variation Guidelines (Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Education). Public consultation is a legislative requirement in order to make any change to the Board electoral structure. The process itself has been determined by the Board with any final recommendations presented as a request to the Minister of Education to make changes to the Electoral Boundaries.

**Central Okanagan West Electoral Area: Traders Cove, Fintry, Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates, Wilsons Landing, Rural Peachland, IR 9 and IR 10*

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