

Memo

To: Council
From: Alain D. Muise, CPA, CA
Date: September 27, 2022
Re: Boundary Review – Next Steps for Public Engagement

Online content

Our online content shall include a brief history of how we got to where we are now, the importance of public engagement, the rules we are following, and the final word is with the Utility and Review Board. Council approved 2 options, which shall be shown, as well as the original boundaries. Differences shall be explained as best we can, with video being an option.

A brief survey (survey monkey) is a click away, so residents can make their choice and tell us why they chose that option. This will be the first item to go up for residents and can be accessed on our website and on our social media. Scott Muise and Alix d'Entremont shall assist Scott Surette and I in setting this up.

Open House

We will host an open house, currently scheduled for November, as we have another open house pre-planned for the aquaculture ADA. That piece will be led by WSP, as we budgeted and discussed. The November open house shall be a hybrid, where people can either visit us in Tusket, or join online. Based on our recent experiences, we don't believe that having it in multiple locations is appropriate, and could be perceived as presumptuous, as one option has some changes, while the other option has many changes. If we were to only go in the areas that are impacted by a modified 9 boundary, then it may be perceived as us potentially leaning on one option vs another. All information gathered in this event shall be added to the Survey, so you will have a one stop shop for information. All Council is invited to attend and provide input now on the 2 options. Scott, Chantalle, and I will work on this.

In person

While we have not confirmed the location and the timing yet, Scott and I will lead an in-person presentation. A 10–15-minute presentation shall be developed by us, and we will divide and conquer by visiting volunteers at their meetings, rather than the other way around. We identified seniors' groups, and fire departments as the places where most of our volunteers spend their time. We will be speaking with at least 5 groups, hoping for 7-8 groups, but that depends on timing etc. We will present the information, and those present will be able to ask questions of us. The survey will be handed to them in paper form, and they can fill out the info anonymously and we will add the results to the survey online.

Another wrinkle

We did some post meeting work on the 7-boundary option. We heard some of the concerns expressed by Council about some of the combinations we made. We are prepared to present you a modified

option of this and may ask you to reconsider your decision to approve that map. While you were gracious in the decision, and it is a decision we are prepared to accept, we did note some concerns and feel it is our obligation to show you there is another way to respect boundaries and the numbers. We are committed to showing this to you before we go out so that you are comfortable with the result. The investigation started soon after that meeting, and we will have something for you to look at in the coming week, hopefully.