



Ward Restructure Information

In 2013, Parkland School Division's Trustees identified concerns with the current electoral wards. Specifically, it was felt that they no longer reflected the democratic principle of representation by population.

The Board recognizes that, once elected, Trustees represent the entire School Division. Parkland School Division's Board already reflects this principle, with many Trustees acting as the primary contact for schools outside their Wards.

In early 2015, Parkland School Division's Board engaged Russell Farmer and Associates Consulting Ltd to support a review of the current ward structure, and to provide options for realignment.

The Trustees assessed options trying to balance the principle of representation by population with the challenges of representing large geographic areas of the School Division.

The Board considered several potential models before identifying an option that it believes achieves the desired balance.

Highlights of the proposed model include:

- Adjusted electoral boundaries that address the current disparity in population between wards
- Retaining a total of seven Trustees for the School Division
- A move from four (4) to three (3) Wards outside the large urban centres of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain, and an increase from three (3) to four (4) trustees representing the large urban centres
- Spruce Grove and Stony Plain operating as a single combined Ward represented by four trustees.
- "Room to Grow" has been built into the model to ensure that anticipated population growth will allow the proposed Wards to meet the School Division's needs into the future.



Ward	% of Population (Current)	% of Population (Proposed)
1	9%	10%
2	10%	14%
3	21%	16%
4	10%	15%
5	18%	n/a
6	14%	n/a

Next Steps

In the spirit of Parkland School Division's enduring priority to engage community stakeholders, PSD will be undertaking a process to gather feedback on proposed changes.

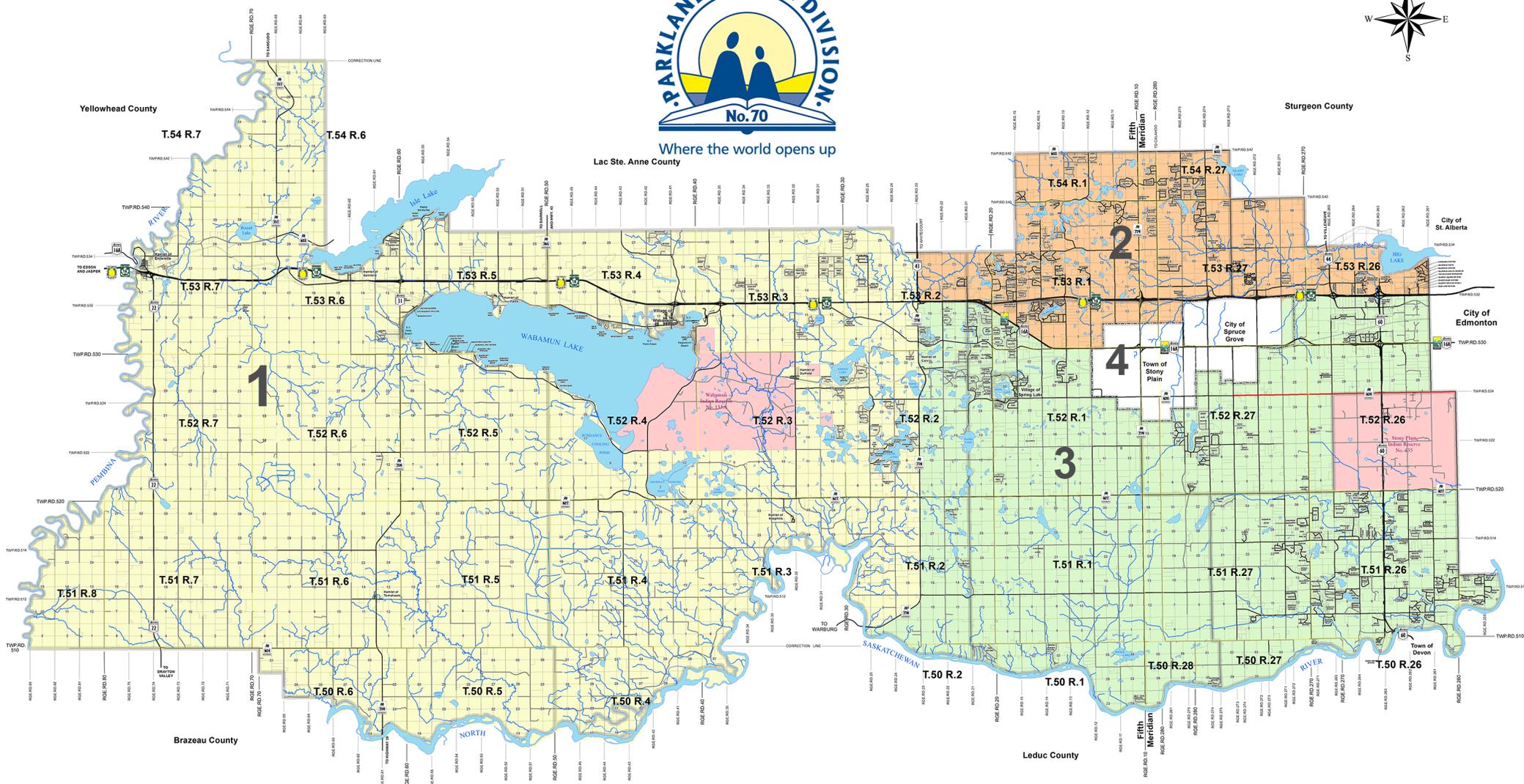
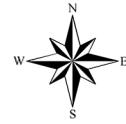
- This feedback will be strongly considered before any final model is adopted
- The consultation process will be completed by early 2016

Proposed changes to the electoral boundaries would be adopted, but would not take effect until the 2017 School Board elections. As a result, these changes will impact neither the structure of the current Board, nor the School Divisions current Trustees.

PROPOSED ELECTORAL WARDS



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Legend

Area	% of Population/Trustee
Area1	10%
Area2	14%
Area3	16%
Area4	15%

