

PUBLIC HEARINGS

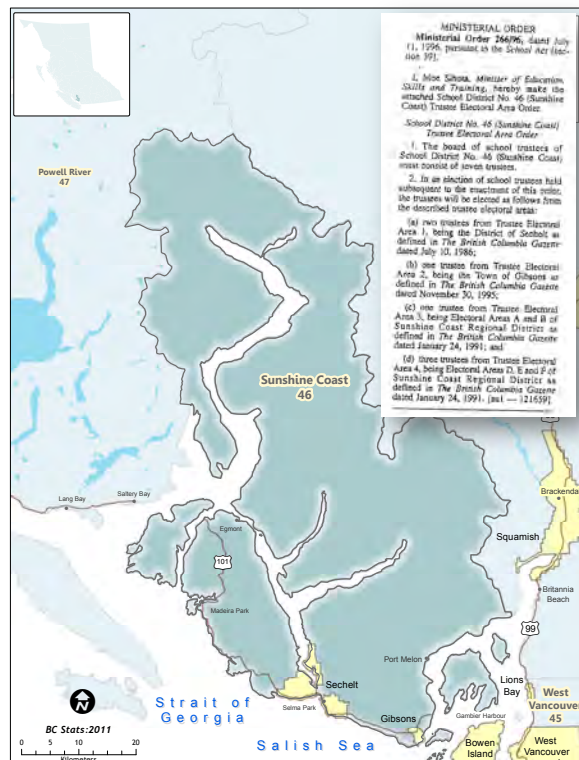
TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREA VARIANCE



Background

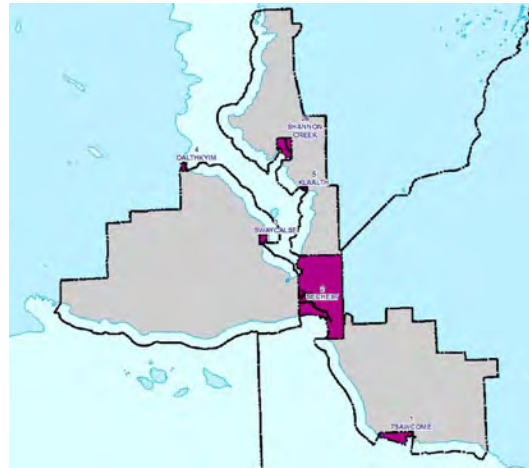
Last year, the Ministry of Education confirmed that certain Sechelt Indian Government District (SIGD) band lands have been omitted from their metes and bounds descriptions of the district's TEAs in their ministerial order.

The ministry has acknowledged the error and is requesting the Board's cooperation in updating the electoral areas for the school district.



Identified Areas

In all of these cases, except the District of Sechelt, the Sechelt Band lands are part of the local government area and so are included in the TEA. The District of Sechelt however excludes 6 Band lands (IRs) and these lands are also excluded from the adjoining Regional District Electoral Areas B and D.



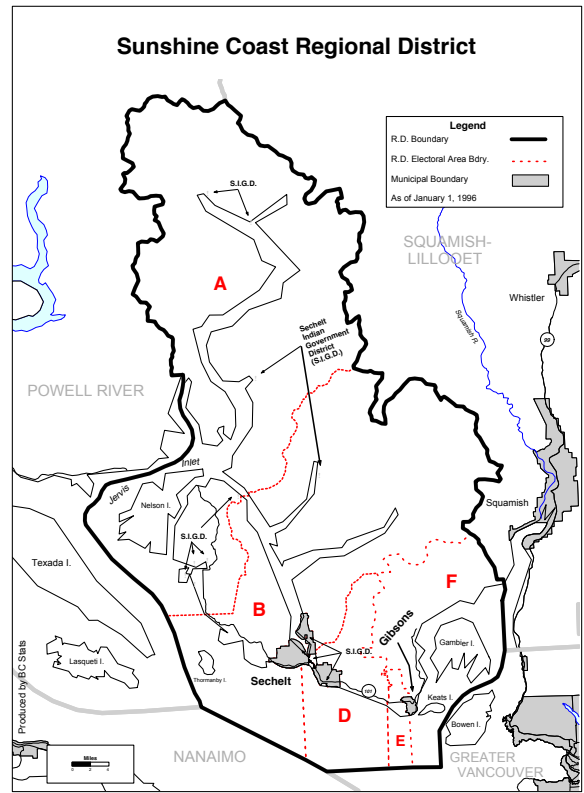
Areas that are not currently included:
IR 1 Tsawcome, IR 2 Sechelt, IR 3
Swaycalse, IR 4 Oalthkyim, IR 5
Klaalth, and IR 28 Shannon Creek.

Discussions to date

- April 24, 2016 – Committee of the Whole
- May 24, 2016 – Committee of the Whole
- June 14, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting
- January 24, 2017 – Committee of the Whole
- January 31, 2017 – Special Committee of the Whole
- February 8, 2017 – Regular Board Meeting
 - MOTION:
“THAT the board proceed with three regional public consultations, taking place during February-April, on the following options: Option A: Listing SIGD lands within the geographic region that borders them, Option B: Including the excluded SIGD lands in the Sechelt TEA and combining Gibsons with Areas D,E & F”

Current Bylaw

#	TEA	Description	# of trustees
1	Gibsons	Town of Gibsons	1
2	Sechelt	District of Sechelt	2
3	Rural Area 1	SCRD Areas A & B	1
4	Rural Area 2	SCRD Areas D, E, F and SIGD	3



Considerations

Ministry of Education
Trustee Variation
Guidelines

Excerpted from the *Trustee Variation Guidelines*:

“A person or board of education must consider the principle of voter parity (representation by population) based on the concept of “one person – one vote”. Any movement away from “one person – one vote” will only be allowed if it is impossible to have relative equality of voting power and change will result in more effective representation”

For the complete document, visit:

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/legislation-policy/legislation/schooltrustee/school_trustee_election_procedures.pdf#page=62

Option A

Listing SIGD lands within the geographic region that borders them.

	SD46 Electoral Areas	# of Trustees	2016 Census	Trustee to population ratio
TEA 1	Area A		2624	
	Area B		2726	
	SIGD (HMB & Pender Lands)*		35	
	Rural Area 1	1	5385	1:5385
TEA 2	Sechelt		10216	
	SIGD		636	
	Sechelt	2	10852	1:5426
TEA 3	Gibsons	1	4605	1:4605
TEA 4	Area D		3421	
	Area E		3664	
	Area F		2043	
	Rural Area 2	3	9128	1:3043

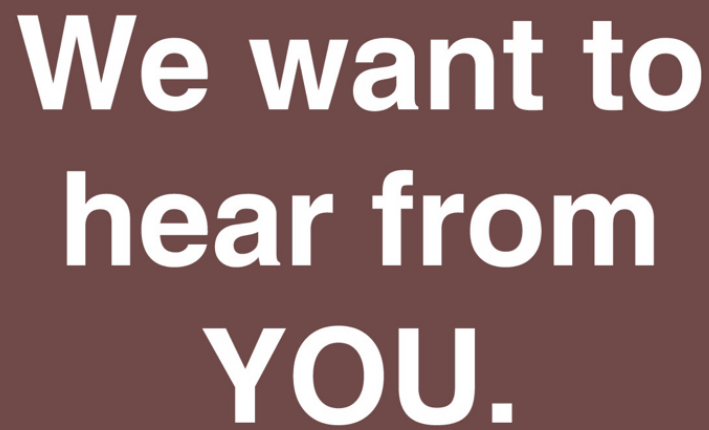
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Option B

Including all missing SIGD lands in the Sechelt TEA and combining Gibsons with Areas D,E & F. (SIGD lands in the Pender region included in their geographic region)

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	Sechelt/SIGD	3	10852	1:3617
TEA 3	Gibsons		4605	
	Area D		3421	
	Area E		3664	
	Area F		2043	
	Rural Area 2	3	13733	1:4578

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Feedback

- Public Consultations:
 - Thurs. Feb. 23 from 6-7 pm at Elphinstone Secondary
 - Tues. Mar. 7 from 6-7 pm at Pender Harbour Secondary
 - Wed. Mar. 29 from 6-7 pm at Chatelech Secondary
- Written input will be received until April 12, 2017 and can be emailed to nweswick@sd46.bc.ca

Under the *School Act*, the Minister of Education makes the final decision regarding trustee electoral areas. Any changes to the trustee electoral areas would be in place prior to the October 2018 election.