



June 7, 2021

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Brian Reardon
Chief Administrative Officer
Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Dear Brian Reardon:

Thank you for your email of May 11, 2021, regarding a change to the Regional District of Central Okanagan's (RDCO) voting unit value (voting unit).

I appreciate that this initiative was identified by the RDCO Board as one of its priorities to foster good governance in the Central Okanagan. As local government demographic conditions evolve and change, I understand why regional district board members may consider changes to board representation and governance when one jurisdiction's population is growing rapidly over the others.

I am pleased to hear that you completed an engagement process with all members of the Board regarding a review of the voting unit. While this process did not provide Board consensus, I acknowledge that the Board has subsequently passed resolutions indicating a preferred voting unit of 5,500 and that the voting unit be changed for the Board's inaugural meeting following the 2022 general local election.

As you know from your ongoing engagement with ministry staff, a review of this proposal is currently underway. If you have any questions or concerns, please continue to work with Lisa Hoskins, Program Analyst, Governance and Structure, by email at: Lisa.Hoskins@gov.bc.ca, or by telephone at: 236 478-1644.

I look forward to providing an additional response in the future regarding the results of this analysis.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josie Osborne'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'O'.

Josie Osborne
Minister

pc: Gail Given, Chair, Regional District of Central Okanagan
Lisa Hoskins, Program Analyst, Governance and Structure, Local Government Division