

# Bylaw 18892 - Ward Boundary Corrections - Annexation

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## Purpose

To amend Bylaw 15142 to adjust Ward Boundaries further to the annexation of areas of land from Sturgeon County, Leduc County and the Town of Beaumont.

## Readings

Bylaw 18892 is ready for second and third readings.

## Advertising and Signing

A letter was mailed to all residences in the annexed areas advising residents of the purpose of Bylaw 18892.

A sufficient petition for a vote of the electors on Bylaw 18892 was not received, and Bylaw 18892 can therefore receive second and third reading.

## Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

## Previous Council/Committee Action

At the June 18, 2019, City Council meeting, Bylaw 18892 was read a first time.

## Report Summary

Ward Boundary adjustments are required to accommodate areas of land annexed from Sturgeon County, Leduc County and the Town of Beaumont. These revisions will ensure that residents in those areas are represented by City Council.

Bylaw 18892 would amend *Bylaw 15142, City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries and Council Composition Bylaw*, by replacing the existing Schedule A.

## Report

The proposed boundary adjustments were developed to adhere to the Ward Boundary Design Policy (City Policy C469A). A period of public engagement in February 2019 allowed Administration to gather feedback from residents prior to Council's first reading of the bylaw.

While proposed Bylaw 18892 would replace Schedule A of Bylaw 15142 in its entirety, adjustments to the boundaries of only four Wards (Wards 4, 9, 10 and 12) are required.

## Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Edmontonians are connected to the City in which they live, work and play.			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Edmontonians have a voice in shaping their City through equitable representation at City Council	Population representation per ward	Boundary adjustments establish wards that ensure a proportional distribution of eligible voters across the city	Population of each ward remains within a range of +/- 25% of the optimum

## Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score (with current mitigations)	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Public Perception	Residents believe the level of public consultation to be insufficient, leading to the perception that any ward boundary adjustments are inappropriate	1 - rare	1 - minor	1 - low	A comprehensive public engagement plan was developed to offer residents multiple opportunities to provide input through a variety of mediums	
Public Perception	Residents in the annexed areas are unaware of the Ward Boundary Design Policy criteria and believe that the proposed adjustments are not in the public interest	2 - unlikely	1 - minor	2 - low	Ward Boundary Design Policy criteria are imbedded within communication to residents and in public engagement tactics	

## Public Engagement

Extensive public engagement activities, including a direct mailout to residents and two open house forums, occurred within the newly annexed areas prior to Bylaw 18892 receiving first reading in June 2018.

Throughout the public engagement process, feedback from residents was infrequent. The majority of inquiries related to where specific residential addresses fell within the proposed boundaries and which Councillor represented the associated ward. No suggested revisions to the proposed adjustments were received.

**Attachment**

1. Bylaw 18892

**Others Reviewing this Report**

- S. McCabe, Deputy City Manager, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development
- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor