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As per the Municipalities Act:

**49.1** (1) A rural municipality council may review the divisions of the rural municipality on its own initiative at any time and for any reason.

**Reviews of division boundaries**

This Policy shall establish the guidelines for the review of division boundaries within the Rural Municipality of Sliding Hills No. 273 as follows:

1. Review of the boundaries shall be undertaken by the Rural Municipality of Sliding Hills Administrator and Reeve (known from here on as the committee).
2. A review shall be triggered when:
  - a. The census report has been released and there is an increase or decrease in total population of the municipality of 5% or more from the previous census.
  - b. There is a new development resulting in an increase of population in the affected division or increase in taxable assessment.
  - c. Where the population of a division varies = or – 15% of 70 inhabitants.
  - d. Where there are no nominees/candidates in a general election for one or more divisions.
3. The Special Service Area with a population exceeding 100 may qualify as a separate division with representation of one (1) council member.

### **Reporting of Recommendations to Council**

1. The committee shall make recommendation to Council for the relocation of boundaries to accommodate the variances noted in 2. a) to c) or to maintain or eliminate divisions as necessary.
2. The committee shall make recommendation to Council for the elimination of divisions as noted in 2. d).
3. The committee may make recommendation to Council for the division boundaries to remain as they are if findings do not warrant changes.

### **Time Frame to Complete the Review**

1. A report shall be presented to Council within 30 days of the initiation of the Boundary Review or the next regular meeting of Council.
2. The committee may be granted an extension of 30 days if unforeseen or extenuating circumstances warrant.

### **Public Notice and Inspection of the Report**

1. Notice that a Boundary Review is to be undertaken by the committee of the Rural Municipality of Sliding Hills No. 273 shall be posted in the municipal office in Mikado, Saskatchewan and on the municipal website.
2. The notice shall state the timeframe for the review with the given start date and date of completion.
3. Notice to the public that the report is available for inspection and date inspection shall closed will be published on the municipal website and in the Canora Courier.
4. Once public inspection is closed, council may apply to the ministry to alter boundaries, in accordance to section 49 of *The Municipalities Act*.