

Municipal Boundary Review

Step 1: Determining Number of Councillors
Municipality of the District of Argyle



Overview

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- What do Councillors Do?
- Roles of our Councillors & Warden



Purpose of a Municipal Boundary Review

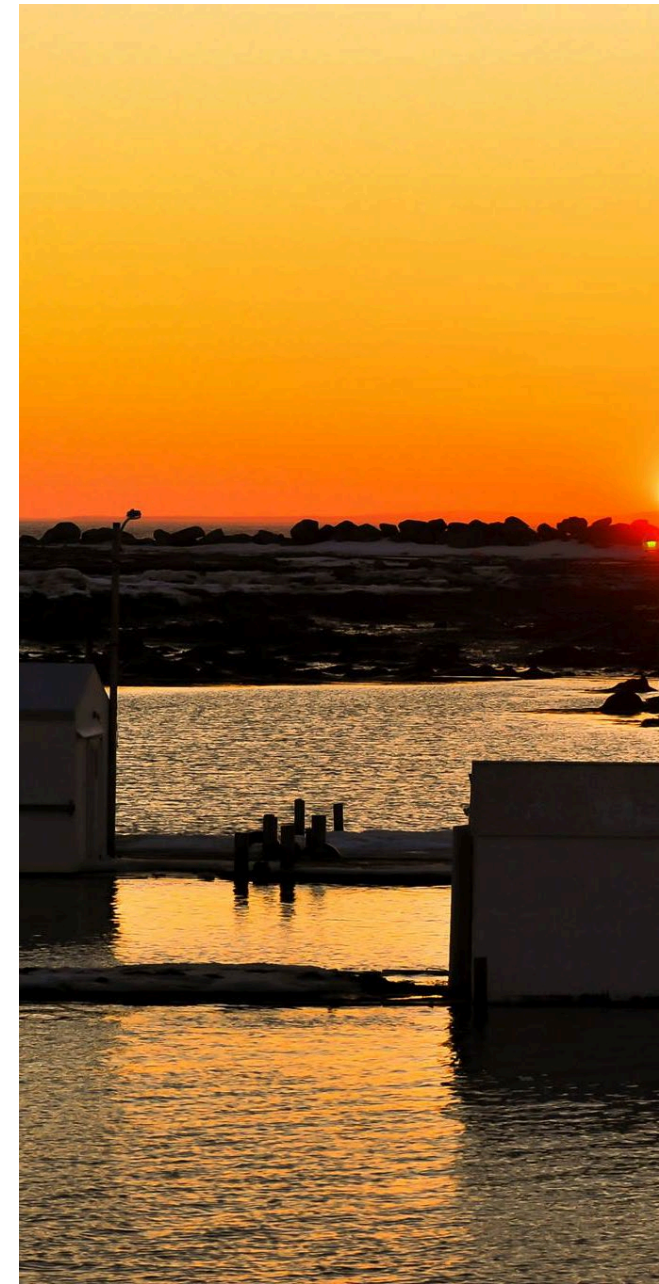


Purpose of Municipal Boundary Review: Why?

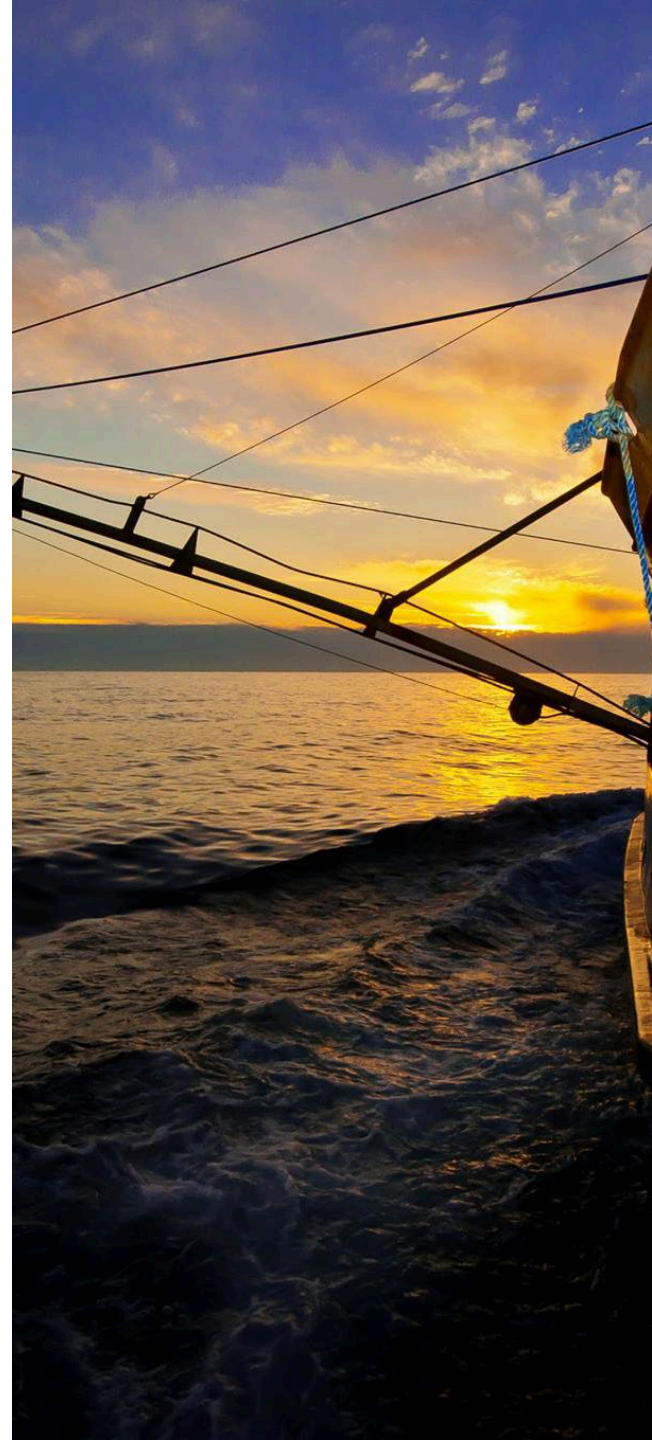
The Municipal Government Act, requires every municipality in Nova Scotia to conduct a study to determine if the **number of municipal councillors** and **district boundaries** are sufficient.

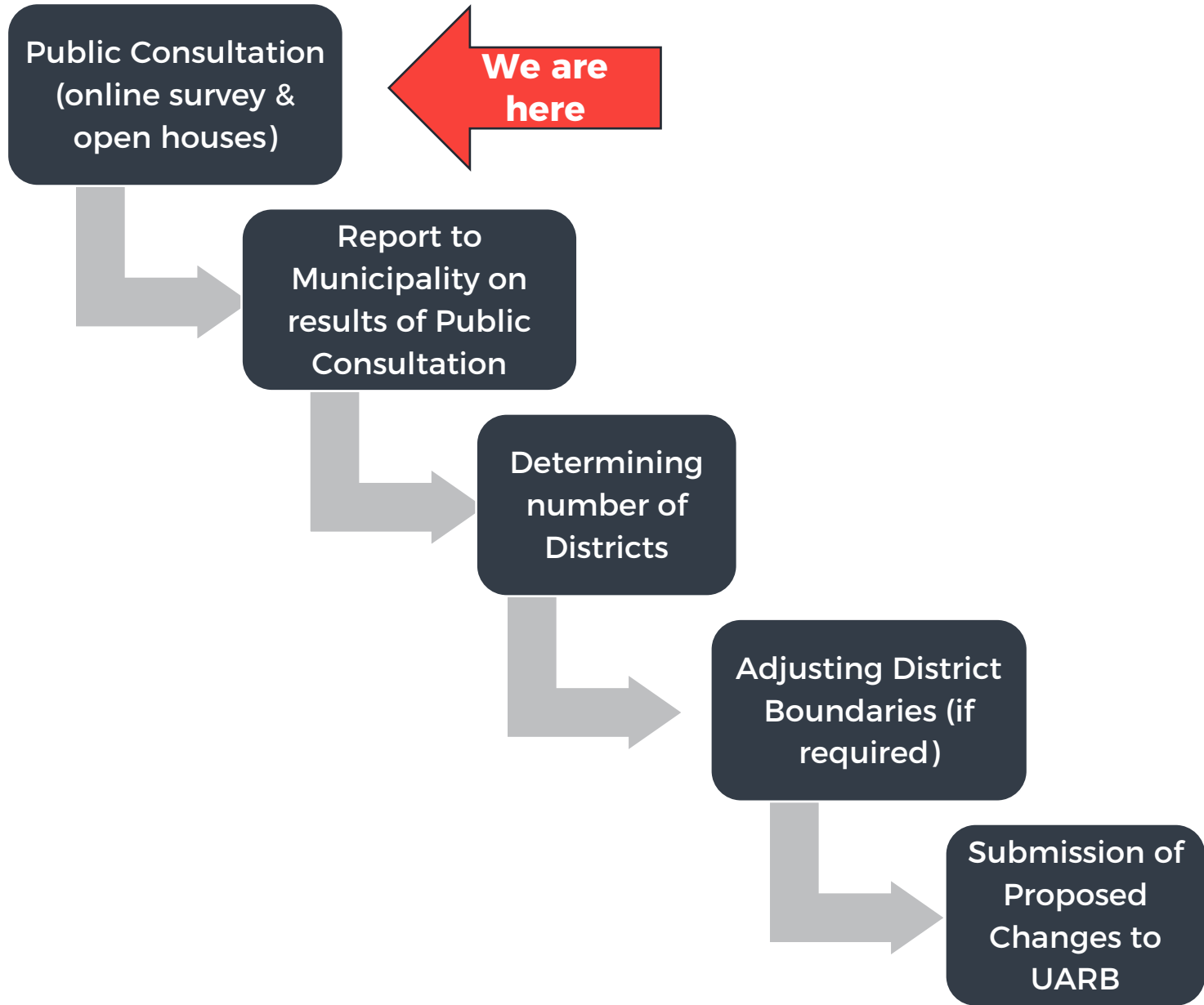
Once complete, the Municipality must apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB) to confirm or alter the number of Councillors and boundaries of polling districts.

- 1 Step 1**
Consultation regarding the number of Councillors
- 2 Step 2**
Consultation regarding the district boundaries



Boundary Review Process





Current Municipal Services





Current Municipal Services



Council



Community



Recreation



Finance



Building & Development



Services

What do Councillors do?



What do Councillors do?

Argyle Councillors make decisions that deal with a wide range of services that impact both the future of Argyle and the day-to-day lives of the citizens.

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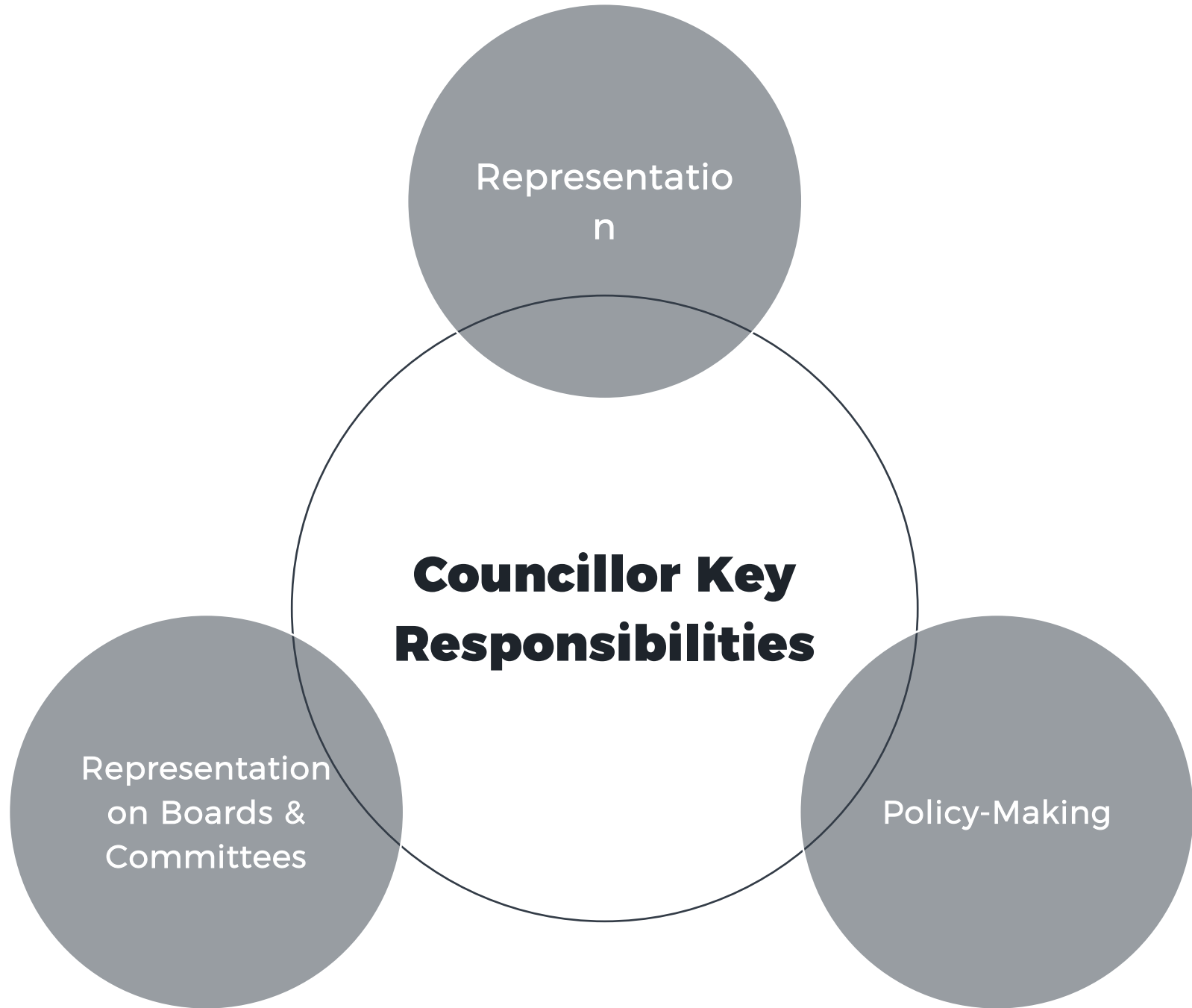
- Address concerns
- Communicate important issues in the community to other Councillors
- Keep citizens informed about important issues and seek their feedback
- Attend and participate in regular meetings: Council, Regional Council & Committees

COLLECTIVELY

- Establish long-term strategic vision for the municipality
- Approvals of land development applications, annual operating and capital budgets, etc.
- Establish property tax rates and area rates
- Adopt bylaws, policies and resolutions

Role of a Councillor





Role of a Warden



Role of a Warden

Key Responsibilities

- Chair all Council meetings and set agendas with CAO
- Are an ex-officio member of all committees of Council
- Perform ceremonial functions
- Serve as spokesperson for Council and as the main contact with media
- Can represent municipality in negotiations with Provincial Government
- Can influence policy development through CAO
- Act as a team builder, and should unite Council, foster common vision
- **Have one vote on Council, like all other Councillors**

What are we looking for?

Seeking Input From Residents

What types of things should we be thinking about when considering how many councillors are appropriate?

What qualities are you looking for in a councillor?

How many councillors are best to serve the municipality?

Fill out the online survey!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F9VJ3K6>

Next Steps

- Report to Municipality on results of Public Consultation
- Step 2
 - Adjusting District Boundaries (if required)
 - Determining number of Districts
 - Submission of Proposed Changes to UARB



Thank you

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