



A New Ward System for the Edmonton Catholic School District

At a special public Board meeting this morning, the Board of Trustees approved a new Ward system for the Edmonton Catholic School District. The Board of Trustees reviewed the electoral boundaries for the current six Wards and has approved the move from six Wards to seven Wards. If approved by the Minister of Education, the seven Wards would be effective for the October 2010 municipal election.

“This seven Ward system is much more equitable in terms of numbers of constituents,” said Board Chair Debbie Engel. “This will benefit all of our Trustees as it also allows for anticipated growth in the current Wards 1, 5 and 6,” Engel added.

Trustees worked closely with the City of Edmonton to develop this newly revised Ward system and studied projection data for Edmonton’s population in order to make changes to the current Wards. Changes were needed to the current six Wards to accommodate rapid growth in West, Southwest and Southeast Edmonton. Wards will now be identified as Wards 71 to 77 to avoid confusion with the City of Edmonton’s new 12 Wards. The number of Trustees will remain at seven.

The bylaw will now be submitted to the Minister of Education for approval which is in the form of a Ministerial Order.

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