



## **FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **1.0 Overview**

The Board of Directors ('Board') for the Strathcona Regional District has established the First Nations Relations Committee to undertake research and provide guidance to the Regional Board concerning matters within its mandate. The Committee shall automatically be dissolved upon fulfillment of its mandate.

#### **2.0 Purpose and Mandate**

The mandate of the Committee is to investigate the matter of first nations relations within the Strathcona Regional District and to advise the Board of its findings and, specifically:

- to undertake research into the methods being used within the Regional District and elsewhere for improving relations with first nations;
- to prepare an inventory of all first nations located within, or having deemed interests within, the Strathcona Regional District;
- to investigate the status of each first nation identified above with respect to treaty negotiations; and
- to make recommendations to the Board with respect to improving or strengthening relationships with first nations.

#### **3.0 Committee Structure**

3.1 Membership on the Committee shall be limited to not more than 5 directors representing a cross-section of municipal, electoral area, small community and large community interests on the Board.

3.2 The Committee will elect a Chair and Vice Chair at each inaugural meeting.

#### **4.0 Meetings**

4.1 The Committee will meet as required to fulfill its mandate. Meetings will be at the call of the Committee Chair or as scheduled in advance by resolution of the Committee. Meetings will be held in conjunction with meetings of the Regional Board or of another Board committee whenever possible.

4.2 Voting on all questions that may come before the Committee shall be decided by a majority vote of members. No director or alternate director shall have more than one vote on a question.

4.3 The Committee will be subject to the rules of procedure set out in the Regional Board's procedure bylaw.

5.0 Reporting

The Committee will provide its advice and recommendations to the Regional Board in the form of verbal and written reports from the Committee Chair. A copy of the minutes of each Committee meeting will be included on the Regional Board's meeting agenda.

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