



City of Duncan Boundary Restructure Study

Public meeting for the residents of the City of Duncan, Electoral Areas "D" and "E", and all other interested persons

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April 2006

A study is underway

A study of the impacts of extending the City of Duncan boundary to include the nearby parts of Electoral Areas D and E has started. The work will look at how local services are provided and funded in the area now, who sets community policies, and how things might be affected by extending the City boundary southward.

Why do the study?

The City and Areas D and E share a number of services but there is uneven representation on the decision bodies and uneven funding for local services. A municipal boundary extension could address some aspects of this.

Do we have to change?

There is no requirement for a change in the City boundary. *This is only a study. If changes are sought, the provincial legislation will direct the process.*

Who is doing this study?

The study is being done by the Boundary Restructure Public Steering Committee. We are a volunteer group of local residents representing various areas (see above right). Using a provincial grant, we have hired an independent firm, Sussex Consultants Ltd., to prepare the technical work.

What is the Committee's role?

Our role is to gather and present information to the residents. At the end of the work, we will recommend whether a boundary change should be pursued further. This recommendation will go to the province, City Council, and the regional district board.

Who appointed the Public Committee?

Members were appointed by a group of local elected officials from the City and the Regional District.

What are the boundaries?

The map on the back shows the initial study area, which covers the western portion of Area D and the eastern portion of Area E. The boundary will be refined as part of the technical analysis.

The Public Steering Committee

Name ...	Representing ...
• John Campbell (Chair)	• Area E
• Joanne Gardiner (Vice Chair)	• Area D
• Calvin Fee	• Area E
• Sheila Hobbs	• City of Duncan
• Peter Holmes	• Area D
• Tracey King	• City of Duncan
• Rob Laver	• City of Duncan
• Chip Seymour	• Cowichan Tribes
• Mark Turner	• District of N. Cowichan
• Henry Wikkerink	• Area E
• Alternates: Cathy Basskin	• Area D
Renee Leger	• District of N. Cowichan

What are Area D and Area E?

These are two electoral areas of the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD). Electoral areas are distinct members of the CVRD. They are not part of the City, though they share in a number of services with the City. Only parts of Area D and E are included in the study (for example, Cowichan Bay, which is part of Area D, lies outside the study boundary).

Public meeting

We're holding an informal public meeting on April 20th and we'd like to hear what you think the important issues are. We will also explain the study goals, timing, and process, and describe how the current system works.

Will there be more meetings?

Yes. We'll be holding more meetings as soon as we have some findings. These findings, and the community's reaction to them, will help guide us as we consider what the next steps might be. We'll send out a summary of our findings before the next set of public meetings.

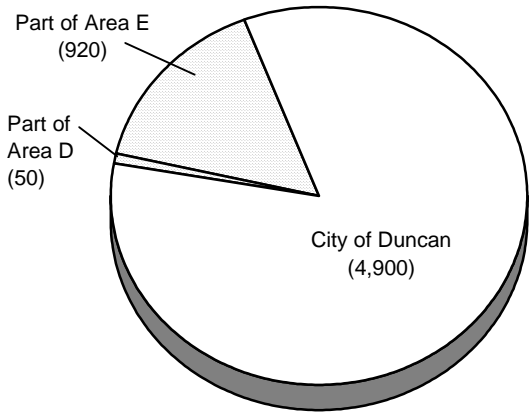
Please come to the public meeting!

Duncan Fire Hall (468 Duncan St)
Thursday, April 20th, 2006
7:30 PM (doors open at 6:30)

We'd like to hear your views and questions, so please plan to attend!

Learn more at www.city.duncan.bc.ca or at City Hall (200 Craig St) Call 746-6126

Estimated population in the study area



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