

## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of October 26, 2017

To:

Committee of the Whole

Date:

October 18, 2017

From:

Chris Coates, City Clerk

Subject:

Capital Regional District Board and Hospital Board Weighted Votes

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council allocate the additional Capital Regional District Board and Hospital Board vote to one of the existing Directors who has four votes.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The attached correspondence from the Capital Regional District (CRD) highlights the requirement to increase the voting strength of one of the Directors that currently has four votes for the CRD Board and Hospital Board. This issue has surfaced with the receipt of the 2016 Census population figures that serve as the basis for voting strength and number of municipal Directors. The City of Victoria will see a change in voting strength of one additional vote that is to be allocated to the current Directors.

Council is free to distribute the additional vote to one of either Director Alto, Director Isitt or Director Young who currently have four votes each. Director Helps currently has five votes and is not permitted another vote as the voting strength between Directors can be no greater than one vote.

Options to distribute the votes include:

Option 1 – Voting by Council (Recommended)

Council members would vote for one of the three Directors with four votes to assign the extra vote for the duration of the term as a Director. This method is consistent with how Council makes appointments to other Boards.

Option 2 – By Random Draw

One of the three Directors would be randomly selected to receive the additional vote for the duration of the term.

Option 3 – By the highest number of Votes received at the general election.

This option would follow the process established in the *Council Procedures Bylaw* for determining the CRD Board Directors.

Each of the options noted above follow clear processes. On balance, Council may consider that voting by all of Council to distribute the additional vote most closely follows the City's standard practice for making appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Havelka Deputy City Clerk Chris Coates City Clerk

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date: 0d.19,2017

Attachment - Letter from the CRD