

OTIPEMISIWAK MÉTIS GOVERNMENT

BILL 2024-01

An Act to amend the *District Boundaries Act*

AS PASSED BY CITIZENS' COUNCIL
JULY 10, 2024

SUMMARY

This enactment amends the *District Boundaries Act* to:

- (a) increase the number of members to be appointed to a District Boundaries Commission to six (6), comprising a chairperson and five (5) other members;
- (b) remove the ability of the chairperson to vote on motions of a District Boundaries Commission except when required to break a tie;
- (c) expand the definition of ineligible members to include those working for the Institutions of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government; and
- (d) include a definition for the word “Institution.”

These amendments are made to maintain the principle of equal and balanced representation of each of the Territories of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and to maintain the independence of the Commission.

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The President of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, by and with the advice and consent of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, enacts as follows:

District Boundaries Act**AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT**

1. Section 3 of the Act is amended by:
 - a. adding the following definition as subsection (g) for the word "Institution:"
"‘**Institution**’ means an Institution of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government established under Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law;"
 - b. relettering the existing subsections (g) and (h) as subsections (h) and (i), respectively.
2. Section 9 of the Act is amended by:
 - a. replacing "must appoint five (5) members to a Commission" with "must appoint six (6) members to a Commission"; and
 - b. replacing "being a chairperson and four (4) other members" with "being a chairperson and five (5) other members."
3. Section 10 of the Act is amended by:
 - a. replacing the following line in subsection (4): "The four (4) remaining members of a Commission must be Citizens eligible to vote under the Constitution and Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law." with "The five (5) remaining members of a Commission must be Citizens eligible to vote under the Constitution and Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law."
4. Section 11 of the Act is amended by:
 - a. replacing the following line in subsection (b): "an employee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government." with "an employee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government or an Institution."

5. Section 16 of the Act is amended by:

- a. adding the following paragraph as subsection (2): “The chairperson must not vote on any decision of the District Boundaries Commission, except when required to break a tie.”; and
- b. renumbering the existing subsection (2) as subsection (3).

DATED this 10th day of July, 2024.

Signed as if under Seal.

Per: 

Andrea Sandmaier
President, Otipemisiwak Métis Government



SCHEDULE I: EXCERPT OF AMENDED PROVISIONS

District Boundaries Act (as amended)

Definitions

(g) “**Institution**” means an Institution of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government established under Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law;

Appointment of members of a Commission

9 The Citizens’ Council must appoint six (6) members to a Commission, being a chairperson and five (5) other members.

Qualifications of members

10 (4) The five (5) remaining members of a Commission must be Citizens eligible to vote under the Constitution and Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law.

Ineligibility

11 A member of a Commission may not be:

(b) an employee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government or an Institution.

Voting

16 (1) Each member has one (1) vote for each decision of the Commission.

(2) The chairperson must not vote on any decision of the Commission, except when required to break a tie.

(3) If there is a tie in votes at a Commission’s meeting, the chairperson has a deciding vote.