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Subject: FW: Request for Feedback and Comments: Governance Review - Other Bodies - Appeals Boards
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 1:58 PM
To: Ogbede, Charles <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sackmann, Debby <[REDACTED]>; Cameron Choquette <[REDACTED]>; Asit Sarkar <[REDACTED]>; 'Albert Lavoie' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Request for Feedback and Comments: Governance Review - Other Bodies - Appeals Boards

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Hello Charles. Thank you for sending us the Governance Review Report to Council that was tabled on June 14th for a decision in September.

I see that the report addresses mainly appeal boards other than the Board of Revision (BOR), as the BOR's governance review occurred in 2020 and is considered complete at this point. However, I believe it's very important for the present report to Council to be revised to reflect the major change that occurred in 2021 with respect to all Boards of Revision in Saskatchewan.

In November 2021, the Government of Saskatchewan approved Order in Council 623/2021 titled "The Cities (Boards of Revision) Amendment Regulations, 2021." There were also related amendments to *The Cities Act* – S. 192, 193, 193.1 and 194. Those amendments established a new position of Provincial Registrar of Boards of Revision within the Ministry of Government Relations, with the responsibility to establish training, qualification, and certification requirements for all BOR members. Each member must pass a specialized training program developed by the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy to become a certified board member. In addition, every BOR must be certified as a whole and to do so must be comprised of certified members.

Also, the Lieutenant Governor of Council may make further regulations about BOR procedures and about appointments, training and qualifications of BOR members – placing these matters with the provincial government rather than City Council. The changes are intended to ensure similar standards and approaches in municipalities across the province.

Therefore, the last paragraph of Section 2.4 on page 6 of the June 14th report should be revised accordingly. It currently says "given the function of the BOR and their potential to significantly affect the City's tax base, City Council has already directed changes to the recruitment and evaluation

processes for the BOR to closely monitor their performance.” The 2020 changes to which that statement refers have been superseded by the new provincial Registrar and regulations. I must say I was rather shocked to read the view that the BOR needed special attention because its decisions can affect the tax base; this sounds like the need to influence the BOR when Council is supposed to be arms’ length from the BOR.

I’m attaching the November 2021 Order in Council (OIC) for your convenience.

Regards,
June Bold, Saskatoon

[REDACTED]

From: Ogbede, Charles <[REDACTED]>
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Good Afternoon Chair and members of Development Appeal Board,

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on June 14, 2023, tabled the **Governance Review - Other Bodies - Appeals Boards [GPC2023-0601]** [report](#) to be considered at its September 13, 2023 meeting.

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Please see attached the report and appendices for your information, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question.

Thank you,

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Order in Council 623/2021

Approved and Ordered: 16 December 2021



Lieutenant Governor

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, makes *The Cities (Boards of Revision) Amendment Regulations, 2021* in accordance with the attached Schedule.



President of the Executive Council

(For administrative purposes only.)

Recommended by: Minister of Government Relations

Authority: *The Cities Act* – sections 192, 193, 193.1 and 194

JAG DM 08-12-21

SCHEDULE

Title

1 These regulations may be cited as *The Cities (Boards of Revision) Amendment Regulations, 2021*.

RRS c C-11.1 Reg 1, New Part III.1

2 *The Cities Regulations* are amended by adding the following Part after Part III:

**“PART III.1
Boards of Revision**

“Provincial Registrar of boards of revision

17.1(1) The Office of the Registrar is established pursuant to section 193.1 of the Act as the certification body for all boards of revision in Saskatchewan.

(2) Applications for board of revision certification may be made to the Office of the Registrar on and after June 1, 2022.

(3) The Office of the Registrar may certify a board of revision to hear property assessment appeals if the Office of the Registrar is satisfied that:

(a) each member of the board of revision and the secretary of the board of revision have completed the relevant training approved by the minister with respect to property assessment appeals; and

(b) the board of revision has met all other certification requirements set by the minister, if any.

(4) Certification of a board of revision expires on the date set out in the certification notice or on the occurrence of one of the following events:

(a) more than half of the members of the board have resigned or been replaced by new members;

(b) the board of revision no longer meets the certification requirements set by the minister pursuant to clause (3)(b), if any.

(5) The Office of the Registrar may enter into an agreement with a third party to provide training for board of revision members that is approved by the minister with respect to property assessment appeals.

(6) The Office of the Registrar may require a third party with which it has a current or past agreement to provide training as mentioned in subsection (5) to provide a list of all board of revision members who have started or completed training with that third party.

(7) The Office of the Registrar, for the purposes of carrying out its functions, may collect information from boards of revision, including the following:

- (a) a list of municipalities for which a board of revision has been appointed;
- (b) statistics on property assessment appeals and board decisions for a specified period;
- (c) any other information with respect to property assessment appeals and board of revision activities requested by the Office of the Registrar.

(8) The Office of the Registrar, for the purposes of carrying out its functions, may collect information from municipalities, including the following:

- (a) the names of the members of the board of revision appointed by a municipality;
- (b) statistics respecting assessment value change for a specified period, including any agreements to adjust the assessment value pursuant to section 204 of the Act;
- (c) any appeal fees set by a council pursuant to section 196 of the Act for a specified period;
- (d) any expenditures with respect to a board of revision incurred by a municipality for a specified period;
- (e) any other information with respect to property assessment appeals and board of revision activities requested by the Office of the Registrar.

(9) The minister may request that the Office of the Registrar provide the minister with a written report respecting any matter concerning the Office of the Registrar, and the Office of the Registrar shall provide that report within the period specified by the minister.

(10) The minister may require the Office of the Registrar to make publicly available, in any manner that the minister considers appropriate, any information respecting any matter concerning the Office of the Registrar, including a list of certified boards of revision.

(11) If the minister establishes certification requirements for the purposes of clause (3)(b), the Office of the Registrar shall cause those requirements to be made public in any manner that it considers appropriate.

“Certification of boards of revision

17.2(1) Every board of revision must be certified by the Office of the Registrar in accordance with section 17.1 to hear property assessment appeals commencing with the 2023 taxation year.

(2) A council shall ensure that its appointed board of revision is certified by the Office of the Registrar pursuant to subsection 17.1(3) before any property assessment appeal is heard with respect to that council's municipality by that board of revision.

(3) A board of revision is eligible to apply to the Office of the Registrar for certification only after:

(a) each member of the board of revision and the secretary of the board of revision have completed the relevant training approved by the minister with respect to property assessment appeals; and

(b) the board of revision has met all other certification requirements set by the minister pursuant to clause 17.1(3)(b), if any.

(4) A board of revision must apply to the Office of the Registrar for certification:

(a) within 30 days after being appointed by a council and not later than the day on which the assessment roll is prepared in any municipality for which the board of revision is appointed; or

(b) if the certification of the board of revision expires pursuant to subsection 17.1(4), before hearing a property assessment appeal.

“Board of revision appointment

17.3 A resolution passed by a council pursuant to section 192 of the Act appointing persons to the board of revision for the municipality must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar immediately after the meeting at which it was passed and not later than the date on which the assessment roll is prepared”.

Coming into force

3(1) Subject to subsection (2), these regulations come into force on the day on which section 2-48 of *The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2020* comes into force.

(2) If these regulations are filed with the Registrar of Regulations after the day on which section 2-48 of *The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2020* comes into force, these regulations come into force on the day on which they are filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

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To: [Bryant, Shellie](#)
Cc: [Leuschen, Candice](#)
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From: Shields, Megan <[REDACTED]>
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To: Ogbede, Charles <[REDACTED]>
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Hi Charles,

Sorry for the delayed reply. I have reviewed the documents and do not see any issues jumping out at me. I am very new to the BoR so feel that those with more experience would likely have more constructive feedback.

Hope your summer is going well!

Megan Shields

From: Ogbede, Charles <[REDACTED]>
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From: Sarkar, Asit <[REDACTED]>
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Cc: Marvin Dutton <[REDACTED]>; Adrian Deschamps <[REDACTED]>; June Bold <[REDACTED]>; Cameron Choquette <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you very much Charles, for sending this reminder. I am enclosing some comments with respect to the Licence Appeal Board.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Asit

Asit Sarkar

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments on the Report on Governance Review – Other Bodies – Appeal Boards

14 August, 2023

These comments relate to the proposed changes to the Licence Appeal Board. As a member of the Board of Revision and concurrently of Licence Appeal Board, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. My comments are based on over twelve years of service on the Board of Revision, Licence Appeal Board and Development Appeal Board. It is good to know that the City has recognized the unique nature of the Board of Revision and has not opted for including the governance and operation of this Board in the current report. Also, in laying out different governance options, the Report recognizes the special nature of the Development Appeal Board. I consider this to be appropriate. However, the Report has chosen to treat the governance of the Licence Appeal Board in ways similar to other appeal boards. Based on my experience, this fails to recognize the unique aspect of this Board and does not explain how those aspects would be addressed under the proposed recommendations.

Let me specify how the Licence Appeal Board also has unique characteristics. Similar to the Board of Revision and Development Appeal Board, this is also a *quasi-judicial tribunal*. Therefore, its governance and operation would have to conform to fundamental principles of administrative justice and judicial fairness. In addition, unlike the Board of Revision and Development Appeal Board, the decisions of the Licence Appeal Board are final and not subject to further appeal. It is this element that would require that the qualifications necessary to serve on this Board would at least parallel those necessary for service on the Board of Revision and Development Appeal Board. The third element is the fact that the process of granting, suspension or cancellation of the licence essentially involves decision-making on the applicant's ability to make a living. Therefore, it is imperative that the Board members are able to balance the interests of the City residents and those of the applicant by using the principles of administrative justice by reviewing the evidence brought before it and providing for the administrative due process of cross examining the person or persons providing the evidence. There is an additional aspect that is of growing importance – that of growing diversity of backgrounds of applicants. As the number of new immigrants continue to increase in Saskatoon, many of the recent applicants have been from racial minorities. It is essential that in making decisions, the Board members also ensure that all applicants are treated fairly irrespective of their racial backgrounds. This involves ensuring that the language and accent of the appellants do not have any bearing on the hearing process and the resulting decision.

It is these above aspects that would make me suggest that the Council consider adopting the Option 3 in the Report. In my opinion, it is immaterial whether the Licence Appeal Board membership is same as the Board of Revision. In deciding appeals, both sit as panels. The relatively larger base of Board of Revision membership allows panel to be constituted and hearings scheduled without undue delay (another principle of administrative fairness). In addition, the Board of Revision members, with the current changes in place, receive specialized training in dispensing administrative justice in fair and transparent ways. The option

recommended in this Report does not provide for any such training for proposed appeal board members who may be assigned to hear Licence Appeal Board matters. In addition, I submit that the comparative picture of number of appeal board membership across different provincial jurisdictions do not reflect the nature of the work that is usually done by the Licence Appeal Board in accordance with the Bylaw and is essentially simplistic way of arriving at a recommendation. While the Report suggests that changes would be necessary in the Bylaw and the related policy affecting licences, the proposed changes in the governance of the Licence Appeal Board are premature without a full presentation of changes that would be necessary in order to preserve its current role as an administrative tribunal.

In conclusion, I would suggest that the Council consider the Option 3 and direct the administration to outline proposed changes in the Bylaw and policy that would be consistent with the recommended change in governance.

I trust these comments would be helpful. If necessary, I would be pleased to elaborate on these comments at the meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Asit Sarkar

Member, Board of Revision and concurrently of Licence Appeal Board, 2012-23 & Vice Chair, 2017-23

Member, Development Appeal Board, 2013-2021 & Chair, 2017-21.

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To: [Bryant, Shellie](#)
Cc: [Leuschen, Candice](#)
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From: Cameron Choquette <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 3:32 PM
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Hi Charles,

My comments are attached.

Do you have availability for a meeting next week? I'd like to touch base on some BOR items.

Cam

On Mon, Aug 14, 2023 at 10:25 AM Ogbede, Charles <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Thank you,

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RE: Request for Feedback – Governance Review of Appeal Boards

Dear Charles:

Thank you for requesting feedback on the governance review of appeal boards for the City of Saskatoon. I'm pleased to offer some brief comments to you as a current member of both the Board of Revision and the Licence Appeal Board (LAB). Although I am the current Chair of both boards, I make these comments based on my personal experience and am not currently speaking on behalf of my fellow Board members.

Generally, I am in support of Administration's recommendation to amalgamate the appeal boards. However, I wish to draw your attention to some important distinguishing features of the LAB:

- There are relatively few hearings of the LAB (3 in 2022), which makes the shared membership of the BOR relatively immaterial considering the workload
- Decisions of the LAB cannot be appealed to an appellate body, so it needs to be an expert body of fact-finders that uphold the principles of natural justice and administrative law in a quasi-judicial setting
- The LAB is governed by a municipal bylaw rather than *The Cities Act*, so the bylaw implications of a revised LAB need to be considered in order to ensure that its role as an administrative tribunal are protected so that appellants can feel comfortable and assured of its independence and professionalism

With the growing complexity of administrative law in Canada and Saskatchewan, being able to attract and retain qualified Board members will be integral to the success of any amalgamated appeal board. The compensation amendments are a significant improvement on the status quo and should be complemented with training and support.

I'd be more than happy to provide additional comments on any proposed amendments and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Cameron Choquette, BComm.(Hons.), MPA, PSGov.

From: [Ogbede, Charles](#)
To: [Bryant, Shellie](#)
Cc: [Leuschen, Candice](#)
Subject: FW: New appeal boards
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 8:23:37 AM

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 2:34 PM
To: Ogbede, Charles <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sackmann, Debby <[REDACTED]>
Subject: New appeal boards

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Good afternoon, I have read the information provided on the possible new board formation.

I am not a supporter of the new possibility of one board hearing all the appeals for the city.

I sit on the P.M.A.B which includes other city properties.

This board understands the bylaws and Regulation of the city and fire department when we hear appeals.

After interviewing city representative or fire department representative to gain information to support their position and the appellants position the board makes a fair decision for both the city and appellant considering all the information provide as well as the bylaws involved.

We have very few of our decisions that are appealed to KINGS BENCH.

My concern would be that with many appeals from different city properties understanding all the different bylaws an error could be made which likely could be appealed to KINGS BENCH.

This would lead to a lawyers time being involved to defend the boards decision. (Financial time and cost to the city.)

I don't feel we should sacrifice quality for convenience.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my concerns.

Roy Fleming.



From: [Ogbede, Charles](#)
To: [Bryant, Shellie](#)
Cc: [Leuschen, Candice](#)
Subject: FW: Request for Feedback Governance Review-Other Bodies: Appeals Boards
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From: Brockbank, Michael <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 11:53 AM
To: Ogbede, Charles <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Brockbank, Michael <[REDACTED]>; Sackmann, Debby
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Request for Feedback Governance Review-Other Bodies: Appeals Boards

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Charles:

I am pleased to be invited to provide feedback regarding the proposed changes contained in the City's Governance Review - Other Bodies - Appeals Boards document. I noticed the comment on page 5 of the document that states, "the City Clerk's Office continues to struggle to recruit enough members of the public to serve on the Boards." During my service on the Section 329 Boards, I cannot recall a time when we didn't have our full membership of 5 citizens and I cannot recall a time when we didn't have the minimum quorum of three members required to conduct a hearing. Yet previous to this comment also contained on page 5 it's noted that, "All of the Section 329 Appeal Boards share the same membership." . My preference is if there is going to be a change would be for Option 3. This option combines the Section 329 Boards into one body, which maintains the continuity of the current Board members who possess the acquired knowledge base to function effectively. The current four Boards are collapsed into one, which according to the statistics the Property Maintenance Appeal Board has comprised 100% of the hearings the previous three years. I feel that the Administration's preferred choice, Option 2 would place too great a workload on Board members who already have hear the second greatest number of Appeals. The Review left unsaid how attendance policies for the new larger Appeal Board would operate. With the proposal of seven serving members, but only five allowed to attend I'm unsure how this would operate. Would it be first come, first served approach for whom expresses interest in attending a hearing or would there be a rotation of invitations extended to five members to attend a particular hearing? Option 3 recognizes the reality of maintaining the responsibilities of the other three, non PMAB Boards while streamlining the administrating functions of the current four Section 329 Boards into one. The Section 329 Boards all have similar functions which I feel differ significantly from the areas that the City Mortgage Appeals Board, Access

Transit Appeals Board and the Saskatoon License Appeals Board are tasked to address. On the surface this review appears to a solution searching for a problem, but I recognize the attractiveness of downsizing the number of Boards. There was no recognition in the Review document that I recall reading of the role that the City Clerk's Office plays in providing the Boards with administrative support. From my initial Board Secretary, Joanne Sproule to Kathy O'Brian to our current Board Secretary Debby Sackman, I feel that we have received superb support which is critical to the smooth and effective functioning of our duties.

As far as the Compensation proposals go, I am in favour of the Review's recommendation of Administration's choice of Option 2. My understanding is that the compensation for Members serving on these Boards has not increased in over twenty years, and doesn't adequately reflect the time commitment the Board Members dedicate to properly discharge their responsibilities. My hope is that the feedback from myself and other serving members of the Boards in question will be given sufficient weight in crafting a final recommendation for the implementation of best practices moving forward. I look forward to hearing the results of this lengthy (February 13, 2017 - present) process.

Sincerely,

Michael Brockbank, Chair
Property Maintenance Appeals Board
Fire Appeals Board
Saskatoon Private Swimming Pools Appeal Board
Environmental Management Appeals Board

From: [Ogbede, Charles](#)
To: [Bryant, Shellie](#)
Cc: [Leuschen, Candice](#)
Subject: FW: Comments Re: Governance Review Proposal
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One more feedback from an Appeal Board member.

Charles

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From: [REDACTED]
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Hello Charles,

Thank you for the opportunity to share opinions about the proposal. My apologies for not responding sooner; our family situation this spring/summer has been a very difficult one and I have been otherwise distracted because of it.

I am on the Property Maintenance Appeal Board (PMAB), Fire Appeals Board, the Private Swimming Pools Appeal Board and the Environmental Management Appeal Board. We mainly deal with matters of the PMAB.

I strongly recommend the Status Quo option for several reasons:

- * We take a lot of time to prepare for our meetings by reading, carefully, all the materials that have been submitted by the Fire Department and the appellant - especially, when there is more than one appeal. We no longer have written documents so the information has to, electronically, be organized in such a way so that it can be accessed in an expedient manner. To have to prepare for Appeals for the additional Boards listed would be onerous
- * We are knowledgeable with the Bylaws that govern the PMAB etc. matters. As a volunteer, I would not want to have to know all the details of additional Boards and have to prepare for Appeals that include those Boards.
- * Our meetings can last for about two hours. I would not volunteer to be on a Board which could last up to four hours. That would pretty well entail setting aside a whole day. I think it would be difficult to find enough volunteers to be part of a larger Board.
- * The possibility of receiving up to \$100.00 in recompense is certainly not an appealing factor for me. I do not think it would be for anyone. Many people who volunteer for positions on Civic Boards are, in my opinion, retired person. While it is important to receive financial recognition, I do not think that the possibility of receiving \$100.00 is a deciding factor in wanting to volunteer.
- * I do not think we have to make a decision based on what other jurisdictions have of are doing. Do what is right and best for the City of Saskatoon.

Thank you for taking time to read my comments. Hopefully, they will be helpful in making a decision.

Yours sincerely,
Donald Stiller

