

## Andrew Peat

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**Subject:** Special Meeting

Good day CAO Peat,

I would like to address an issue that arose during the Town Hall section of last night's Board meeting. Ken Marr had urged the Board to take a position regarding the upcoming incorporation referendum. A concern was raised by a trustee that such a discussion would be inappropriate given the minimal quorum (absent two of the trustees). Mr. Marr suggested that the Board convene a Special Meeting with more trustees in attendance. At that point Trustee Cook argued that this is not a viable option because: 1) a Special Meeting requires unanimous consent of all trustees, and 2) that there would need to be a two-thirds vote to **rescind the previous motion** from the July meeting pertaining to this matter.

To the best of my recollection, Mr. Peat, you indicated that a Board meeting is already tentatively scheduled for next Monday, Aug. 28, in which case the concern for timing is moot. That aside, the relevant section of the Meetings Procedures bylaw (#119) does not appear to require unanimous consent of the trustees to call a Special Meeting:

*6. Most meetings of the board are scheduled at regular intervals. No formal notice of the meetings is required if all of the trustees are aware of these dates. If this is not the case, then at least seven days' notice must be given in writing, unless all the trustees are present or those who are absent have in writing, waived notice of the meeting or consented to it being held in their absence.*

*7. The chair may call a meeting at any time, and is required to call a meeting if requested in writing by a majority of the trustees, or the Inspector of Municipalities Public notice of board meetings must be given by publication in a local newspaper at least three days in advance of the meeting.. The time period for giving notice of a meeting can be waived by unanimous consent of all trustees if the schedule is publicly available.*

To paraphrase, it would appear that the Chair may call such a meeting with minimal fanfare if all trustees are present, or with seven days written notice if any are absent at the time it is called.

As to the second point raised by Trustee Cook, the minutes state:

*10.1 Motion that the Board of Trustees defer consideration of a position regarding incorporation moved by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Hetherington. CARRIED*

Essentially, the matter was tabled, in which case it can be re-visited at any time and there is nothing to "rescind".

With all due respect to comments by Chair Svendsen, the reality is that the trustees **are** politicians. Each has stood for election to a body that wields power and taxing authority over its constituents. These constituents have every reason to look to the trustees for the implications, pro and con, that the upcoming referendum may have for the District. I would join Mr. Marr in urging trustees to convene a Special Meeting to share this information with the public and offer their positions.

Respectfully,

Julia Lucich



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