



## CORPORATE POLICY

**No.: CP-032**

**Date Approved: April 24, 2024**

**Name: Appointment of Municipal Directors**

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| <b>Purpose:</b>   | To provide information on best practices for municipal appointments to Regional District's Board of Directors. |
| <b>Authority:</b> | Division 2 of Part 6 of the <i>Local Government Act</i>  |
| <b>Scope:</b>     | This policy applies to director appointments by municipal councils to the Strathcona Regional Board.           |

**Definitions:** “municipality” means an incorporated local government entity but, for clarity, does not include an improvement district or a treaty First Nation government.

**Policy:** The Regional District recommends that, as a best practice, municipal councils appoint the mayor of the municipality as its representative to the Regional District Board and that other members of council only be considered if the municipality is entitled to appoint multiple Regional District directors.

- General:**
- 1) The mayor of a municipality is the spokesperson for that municipality, and the natural conduit for bringing issues that affect that municipality to the Regional Board's attention. The mayor is also best positioned to determine the municipality's position on the various matters that may come before the Regional Board during the normal course of events.
  - 2) To be effective in its deliberations, the Regional Board must be confident that its decisions are being made in a manner that reflects the true perspectives of its constituent members. That is why regional district boards are sometimes referred to as the 'council of mayors.'
  - 3) If the council is not able to appoint the community's mayor as its representative to the Regional District Board due to scheduling or other conflicts identified by the mayor, it should consider appointing the member of council that it believes is best able to represent the community on matters that will likely come before the Regional Board.
  - 4) Municipalities should align the appointment of its director with the mayor's term of office to maximize the effectiveness of the appointment.

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