

Battle River Watershed Alliance Society
BRWA Bylaw 5.2 Revision
AGM June 23

Why Section 5.2 needs to be changed

Section 5.2 needs to be revised because it has become very difficult to have employees of both Provincial and Federal governments be Directors on the Board. (conflict of interest guidelines). The Directors requested bylaw wording change be brought forward to the 2021 AGM that would maintain the possibility for Provincial and Federal Involvement and to expand municipal government involvement.

Section 5.2 was last revised in 2014 for two reasons,

- 1. To move Alberta Environment position to Ex-officio*
- 2. To add another sector "Health and Wellness"*

The intent was to keep the board size at 15 and allow for increased sectors from which to select Directors. That is when each sector is written with the phrase "up to a maximum of. . ."

Current Wording of Section 5.2

(Current section concerned with board composition with strikeouts for the words suggested to change)

5.2 The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than fifteen (15) Directors and the Past Chairperson from a variety of sectors as follows:

- (a) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from the Environmental category;*
- (b) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from the Agriculture category;*
- (c) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from the Business/Industry category;*
- (d) ~~up to a maximum of three (3) Members from the Municipal Order of Government category;~~*
- (e) ~~up to a maximum of two (2) Members from the Provincial or Federal Order of Government;~~*
- (f) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from the ~~Aboriginal~~ category;*
- (g) up to a maximum of three (3) Members from the Individual category;*
- (h) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from Academia category*
- (i) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from Health and Wellness category*

~~The Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (AESRD) designate shall be an ex-officio Member.~~

The Past Chairperson, shall be an ex-officio Member

The General Manager shall be an ex-officio member.

Directors for each category will be knowledgeable of their category, but are not expected to fully represent the diverse interests of that category.

Directors may seek out the opinion of other Members from the category for which they are elected.

5.2 proposed changes

Changes are shown in **red**.

1. Combine Municipal, Provincial and Federal sectors into one sector renamed Orders of Government.
 - a. Maximum of five members from this sector
2. Change sector name from Aboriginal to First Nations
3. Alberta Government Departments (Environment and Parks and Agriculture) become ex-officio advisors to the board.

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- (d) up to a maximum of five (5) Members from Government Bodies (Municipal, Provincial and Federal) category;
- (f) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from **First Nations and Metis category**;
- (g) up to a maximum of three (3) Members from the Individual category;
- (h) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from Academia category;
- (i) up to a maximum of two (2) Members from Health and Wellness category.

Provincial government representatives from Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) shall be ex-officio Members.

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