

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

**POLICY TITLE:** REGIONAL DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

**POLICY #** 0480

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of Council to attach political responsibility and accountability to its appointee on the Board of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

The *Local Government Act* (section 784) provides for the appointment by Council of a municipal director, from among the members of council, to serve on the Board of Directors of the Regional District. The Act is silent on the political responsibility and accountability of a municipal director. As every director represents a specific ward (municipal or electoral area), regional directors do not share a common constituency. While general objectives may be stated in regional terms, implementation decisions (what goes where, who does what) invariably involve community concerns that, while being localized, are not necessarily parochial.

The belief that a municipal director should be accountable to the council that appointed him or her has been challenged on occasion by the belief that ward representation is by definition parochial, and that regional district directors should adopt a regional perspective.

**POLICY GOAL:**

It is the goal of this policy to ensure that the Regional District Director for the Village of Montrose is accountable to the Council of the Village of Montrose who appointed him or her.

**POLICY OBJECTIVES:**

1. To require those members of Council who wish to be considered for appointment as Director or Alternate Director on the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to complete and sign an application as per attached Schedule "A".
2. To appoint a Regional District Director at the inaugural meeting of Council in an election year.
3. To limit the appointment of Director and Alternate Director to members of Council who have signed an application as per attached Schedule "A".
4. To evaluate the performance of the Director and Alternate Director in November of every year that is not a municipal election year.
5. Where the performance of the Director and Alternate Director is deemed, by a majority of Council, to be consistent with the commitments made at nomination time, to renew the appointment of such Director and Alternate Director for a further year.
6. Where the performance of the Director or the Alternate Director is deemed, by a majority of Council, to be inconsistent with the commitments made at nomination time, to appoint a substitute Director or Alternate Director for the following year.

Initially approved at meeting #19-99 on September 21, 1999.

Last reviewed and confirmed as amended at meeting #39-11 on December 5, 2011.

Next scheduled review on September 4, 2012.

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## **Regional Director Appointment Policy Schedule "A"**

### Regional Director Nomination Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being a member (or member elect) of the Council of the Village of Montrose hereby submit my nomination for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

By signing this nomination form, I hereby declare my willingness to accept an appointment by the Council of the Village of Montrose to serve as Director or as Alternate Director for the Village of Montrose on the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, its Commissions, and its Committees.

By signing this nomination form, I further declare that, in the capacity of Director or Alternate Director on the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, its commissions, and its committees, I shall:

- a) represent the interests of the citizens of the Village of Montrose, as defined by Council, in all matters arising at the Regional District Board, its commissions, and its Committees;
- b) fairly represent, speak in support of, and vote in compliance with, all bylaws, policies, and resolutions of the Council of the Village of Montrose;
- c) every month, place on the agenda of the first regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose a written or verbal report on all regional issues of special or general interest to the Village of Montrose;
- d) place on the agenda of the next special in-camera meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose a written report on all confidential regional issues of special or general interest to the Village of Montrose;
- e) be accountable to the Council of the Village of Montrose, in all aspects associated with my appointment as Director or as Alternate Director for the Village of Montrose on the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, its Commissions, and its Committees.

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Member of Council, or  
Member Elect of Council

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Witness

Date: \_\_\_\_\_