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SORRENTO-BLIND BAY INCORPORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A group of 12 citizens from Sorrento and Blind Bay has been formed to guide a study looking into the possibility of incorporating the two communities into a separate municipality.

The committee will be active until the conclusion of the Incorporation Study report, which must be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs by February 28, 2021. The committee's role is to be an objective fact-finding and oversight body, ensuring all stages of the study, including the community consultation process, are conducted in a neutral and balanced fashion.

The purpose of the study is to provide the people of Sorrento and Blind Bay with information to make an informed decision on the implications of incorporation, as well as examine an alternative option of splitting Electoral Area C into two separate CSRD electoral areas.

The committee members include:

- Brian Butcher (Blind Bay);
- Patrick Earley (Blind Bay);
- Rose Fritz (Blind Bay);
- Sandra Heschuk (Sorrento);
- Lorrie Kelsey (Blind Bay);
- Darlene Lincoln (Blind Bay);
- Tracy Lundberg-Schimpf (Blind Bay);
- Rex Porter (Sorrento);
- Michael Shapcott (Sorrento);
- John Smith (Blind Bay);
- Larry Stephenson (Blind Bay);
- Tim Van Den Heuvel (Blind Bay).

"I hope that all residents in Blind Bay and Sorrento get actively involved in this process and take every opportunity to become thoroughly informed," says Electoral Area C Director Paul Demenok.

"Assisting us with the process will be the Sorrento-Blind Bay Incorporation Study Committee, a group of community volunteers who have stepped up to guide the process and help ensure that the appropriate questions are addressed. I would like to thank all of those who applied and I look forward to working with the committee in the months to come."



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Demenok notes incorporation has been an important topic of discussion in these two communities for more than 20 years.

“The goal of this study is to provide the information needed for residents to consider in making a crucial decision that will affect the future of this community for generations to come,” he adds.

The first meeting of the committee will take place in mid-November and meeting details will be posted on the CSR website.

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