

<b>Community Boundaries</b>	Policy	L3
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## What is the policy?

It is the policy of the department to establish boundaries for communities within which councils may function. A council is responsible for the municipal functions of local government within its boundaries. Boundaries should include areas in which council can reasonably provide these services.

Boundaries are required for bylaws, local land use and tenure, assessment and taxation, elections, census data, grant calculations and issues of community population. Boundaries may be established and/or reviewed at any time if requested by the council. Different situations will affect the need for community and department reviews. Boundaries can be reduced as well as expanded.

## Community responsibilities

- The council should prepare a sketch map or drawing indicating the proposed area to be included in the community boundary and prepare a document justifying:
  - a) the area it proposes
  - b) how it anticipates providing municipal services within that area
- The council should have one or more public meetings to discuss the proposal, the services to be provided within the area and any options that may be developed in this process.

## Department responsibilities

- Upon receipt of a resolution to expand/change the boundaries of a community, the minister will refer the subject matter to the Northern Manitoba Community Consultation Board.
- The department will keep the community informed of progress on the review process. The process generally follows the flow chart attached in Appendix L3-A.
- The final boundary drawing will be prepared by technical resources available to the department as a:
  - a) base map which may be copied for anyone's use
  - b) legal description, to be included in the Status and Boundaries – Unincorporated Communities and Settlements regulation 67/2009, published in the Manitoba Gazette

## **Other information**

- Appendix L3-A Boundary Review Process