

**MONTAGUE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 21, 2006**

A special meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Montague is hereby declared in session by Mayor Richard A. Collins this 21st day of June 2006 beginning at 11:00 am.

Richard A. Collins, Mayor
John MacFarlane, Deputy Mayor
David Mabon, Councillor
Wilbur Naddy, Councillor
Peter Doucette, Councillor
Niall MacKay, Councillor
Rick Beck, Councillor

Staff: Robin Campbell, CAO

Call to Order

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order and noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposal regarding electoral boundaries. He requested that a motion be presented prior to any discussion on the topic.

Moved by Councillor MacKay

Seconded by Councillor Doucette

“That the Montague Town Council object to the electoral districts as proposed and to be discussed in the Legislative Assembly”

Discussion The following points were raised during discussion:

- Present electoral boundaries for Kings County are fine;
- We are loosing our representation;
- Rural vote is being minimized;
- Change in boundaries will create a lot of problems;
- Montague representation is being watered down by connecting it with other areas;
- Adverse impact on economy (i.e distribution of provincial funds)
- Less chance for cabinet minister being from Montague;
- Population should not be only criteria for representation;
- Break from tradition – not fair to Montague;
- Montague is unique – not a bedroom community;
- Disincentive for development in rural areas.

Question was called;

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Beck requested, and was granted, permission to present the following notice of motion:

He will move at the next meeting of Council “that the Town of Montague petition the provincial government to relocate the Montague Regional High School to a new location in the interests of student safety, growth potential, future development, and health concerns.”

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor MacKay

Seconded by Councillor Doucette

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 11:45 am.

Richard Collins, Mayor

Robin Campbell, CAO