



Councillor Blog October 2022

Welcome back fellow residents of White City, and those reading from the surrounding area, for the October 2022 edition of the White City Councillor Blog. This month's blog will provide an update on White City's Boundary Alteration Application – also known as annexation – submitted to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board (SMB).

In May 2018, over four and a half years ago, White City initiated the process to incorporate, into a single municipality, our town, Emerald Park, Park Meadows Estates, Meadow Ridge Estates, Escott/Deneve, Great Plains Industrial Park, and sufficient additional land to support a well-planned and managed community for the next 25 years. White City Town Council believed then, and still believes, that we will be stronger together as one united urban community. Residents and businesses across the region would benefit from the clarity, stability, coordination of services and proactive planning of a single, united government.

Through 2022, White City's legal team has been working to finalize a hearing date on the merits of the town's application. On September 21, 2022, White City received official notification that a hearing date has been set. The hearing is expected to run for six business days commencing on November 23, 2022 and concluding November 30, 2022 in Regina. More details will be shared once the SMB has provided additional information for public attendance at the hearing and public submissions.





White City originally filed its application to alter the town's municipal boundaries in November 2019. A preliminary hearing was held November 18, 2021 to address a jurisdictional matter, following which the SMB subsequently issued a decision in which it ruled that White City had followed the correct procedure in submitting its application for the SMB to hear. Due to new census data becoming available in February 2022, White City prepared restated documents in anticipation of the upcoming hearing. Specifically, a Restated Restructuring Proposal, Restated Financial Impact Assessment and Restated 2022 Growth Study were submitted to the SMB and the RM of Edenwold No. 158 on June 15, 2022. These documents can be accessed online: <https://one-community.ca/downloads>.

Despite lengthy and significant delays, White City is looking forward to presenting its case on the proposed boundary alteration. Following the conclusion of the hearing, we look forward to a decision from the SMB and anticipate a decision will be issued by March 31, 2023.

We will continue to press forward and advocate for this important change to our community. We've missed out on too much by not advocating together. If we plan together and grow together we will be stronger together.

It's time to bring our communities together.



If you have any questions, have a comment, want more information, or wish to suggest a topic for a future blog please email townoffice@whitecity.ca or call 306-781-2355 – we look forward to hearing from you!
- Mayor Brian Fergusson