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Interim List of Changes to Municipal Boundaries, Status, and Names: From January 2nd, 2016 to January 1st, 2017

The Interim List of Changes to Municipal Boundaries, Status and Names provides a summary of the changes to census subdivisions, such as municipal boundary or name changes that came into effect between January 2, 2016 and January 1, 2017. This report presents the changes which have been processed by the Statistical Registers and Geography Division based on the information received and, therefore, may not include all the changes that may have occurred in this time period.

New for 2017, Table 1 in this product has been redesigned to simplify the publication of municipal changes as well as to enable users to sort and filter information in the table. Boundary changes identified in this product can be viewed using the current Census Subdivision Boundary File – Catalogue number 92-162-X, as well as the updated version of GeoSuite web – Catalogue number 92-150-X (geosuite.statcan.gc.ca/geosuite/en/index).

About this product

Preface

Census subdivision (CSD) is the general term for municipalities (as determined by provincial/territorial legislation) or areas treated as municipal equivalents for statistical purposes (e.g., Indian reserves, Indian settlements and unorganized territories). Municipal status is defined by laws in effect in each province and territory in Canada.

Census subdivisions are an important component of the geographic structure used at Statistics Canada for collecting and disseminating data. As such, the Statistical Registers and Geography Division carefully monitors and updates changes to the boundaries, names and other relevant information related to CSD. These changes are published in this Interim List to warn users doing trend or longitudinal analysis that the areas being compared have changed over time.

Content considerations

The summary data in this product reflect municipal changes in effect between January 2, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Notifications of the changes that take place during this period are obtained from the provincial gazettes and statutes, the orders of the Municipal Board and special provincial acts.

Boundary changes are compiled from legal descriptions and accompanying maps into the National Geographic Database (NGD) using the best available information. Census subdivision boundary files¹ are published on an occasional basis for public use. Any corrections or additional changes reported back to the Statistical Registers and Geography Division are represented in the subsequent issue of the Interim List.

An important reference for users of the Interim List is the Standard Geographical Classification manual. It is composed of:

- Volume I (The Classification) - Catalogue number 12-571-X (www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-cel/olc.action?objId=12-571-X&objType=2&lang=en&limit=0)
- Volume II (Reference Maps) - Catalogue number 12-572-X (www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-cel/olc.action?objId=12-572-X&objType=2&lang=en&limit=0)

We welcome any suggestions on the presentation of the Interim List or the planned frequency. Those users requiring more information about changes to census subdivisions should contact us by e-mail at STATCAN.infostats-infostats.STATCAN@canada.ca, or by phone at 1-800-263-1136.

Geographic changes

After a census, Statistics Canada makes public the total number of persons and the total number of dwellings counted in a given area, for example, in a municipality. By the next census, the municipality's geographic boundaries may have changed, especially if it has annexed part of another municipality or has merged with another municipality. When a boundary change occurs between censuses, the population and dwelling counts for the geographic areas affected by the boundary change are revised (adjusted). Once the dwellings affected by the boundary change are identified, it is possible to establish the population affected. These counts are then added to the geographic area that has increased in size and subtracted from the geographic area that has decreased in size.

1. For more information, see the Census Subdivision Boundary File, 2017. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 92-162-X (www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-cel/olc.action?ObjId=92-162-G&ObjType=2&lang=en&limit=0).

Tables

Table 1 Changes to census subdivisions by province and territory is a table that presents all types of changes received to date, with 2016 population adjusted to modified census subdivision limits, where applicable. The table is available for download for all of Canada.

It is important to highlight that the layout of this table has been redesigned to simplify the presentation of changes to CSD and to reduce duplication of information. In the new layout, the information is presented using the assumption that a CSD may be gaining or losing information, be it area, population, a combination of both area and population, as well as codes, names and types. **Please note that a gaining CSD may have more than one entry in the table if more than one losing CSD is associated with the same transaction. Records can be grouped by transaction using the File Number field.

The record layout of the redesigned table is as follows:

Gaining CSDuid = the code that uniquely identifies the CSD that is gaining information in the transaction. This code is based on the Standard Geographical Classification (SGC). In order to uniquely identify each CSD in Canada, the two-digit province/territory (PR) code and the two-digit census division (CD) code must precede the CSD code.

Gaining CSDname = the name associated with the CSD that is gaining information in the transaction.

Gaining CSDtype = the CSD type associated with the CSD that is gaining information in the transaction. The census subdivision type accompanies the census subdivision name in order to distinguish CSDs with the same name within a given province or territory.

Gaining Change Code = the code that is associated with the type of change of the gaining CSD. A full list of change codes and their meanings can be found in the description of Table 2.

Gaining Action = a brief description associated with the change code of the gaining CSD.

Losing CSDuid = the code that uniquely identifies the CSD that is losing information in the transaction. This code is based on the Standard Geographical Classification (SGC). In order to uniquely identify each CSD in Canada, the two-digit province/territory (PR) code and the two-digit census division (CD) code must precede the CSD code.

Losing CSDname = the name associated with the CSD that is losing information in the transaction.

Losing CSDtype = the CSD type associated with the CSD that is losing information in the transaction. The census subdivision type accompanies the census subdivision name in order to distinguish CSDs with the same name within a given province or territory.

Losing Change Code = the code that is associated with the type of change of the losing CSD. A full list of change codes and their meanings can be found in the description of Table 2.

Losing Action = a brief description associated with the change code of the losing CSD.

Losing Census Population Affected = the population count, derived from the 2016 Census, that is removed from the losing CSD and added to the gaining CSD if applicable.

Effective Date = the date on which the change was effective.

File number = the code that identifies the transaction number for a given change or set of changes. The code is assigned by Statistical Registers and Geography Division for the purpose of logging CSD changes. The first two digits are equal to the province code in which the affected CSDs are located. The following four digits are assigned sequentially within the tracking system as the transactions are entered.

Table 1
Changes to census subdivisions by province and territory

Gaining CSDuid	Gaining CSDname	Gaining CSDtype	Gaining Change Code	Gaining Action	Losing CSDuid	Losing CSDname	Losing CSDtype	Losing Change Code	Losing Action	Losing Census Population Affected	Effective Date	File Number
1314004	Charlo	VL	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	1314011	Eel River Crossing	VL	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	01/01/2017	130003
1314016	Eldon	P	8	Area and population gained due to correction	1314020	Kedgwick	RCR	9	Area and population lost due to correction	15	02/01/2016	130005
2422010	Fossambault-sur-le-Lac	V	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	2422020	Shannon	MÉ	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	03/09/2016	240009
2468010	Hemmingford	VL	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	2468015	Hemmingford	CT	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	05/11/2016	240014
2435035	Hérouxville	PE	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	2435040	Grandes-Piles	VL	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	23/07/2016	240005
2498025	Natashquan	MÉ	3	Type change	...	Natashquan	CT	...	...	...	18/06/2016	240003
2498025	Natashquan	MÉ	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	2498904	Lac-Jérôme	NO	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	10/12/2016	240016
2432040	Plessisville	V	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	2432045	Plessisville	PE	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	30/07/2016	240006
2408902	Rivière-Bonjour	NO	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	2407908	Lac-Casault	NO	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	240019
2407910	Ruisseau-des-Mineurs	NO	8	Area and population gained due to correction	2407908	Lac-Casault	NO	9	Area and population lost due to correction	0	02/01/2016	240018
2476008	Saint-André-d'Argenteuil	MÉ	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	2476020	Lachute	V	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	240023
2411005	Saint-Clément	MÉ	3	Type change	...	Saint-Clément	PE	...	...	...	05/11/2016	240013
2452080	Saint-Gabriel	V	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	2452085	Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon	MÉ	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	03/09/2016	240007
2433035	Saint-Gilles	MÉ	3	Type change	...	Saint-Gilles	PE	...	...	...	24/09/2016	240011
2494240	Saint-Honoré	V	3	Type change	...	Saint-Honoré	MÉ	...	...	...	09/01/2016	240001
2471105	Saint-Lazare	V	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	2471050	Les Cèdres	MÉ	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	09/01/2016	240002
2471105	Saint-Lazare	V	8	Area and population gained due to correction	2471100	Hudson	V	9	Area and population lost due to correction	28	02/01/2016	240022
2467010	Saint-Philippe	V	3	Type change	...	Saint-Philippe	MÉ	22/10/2016	240012

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2463005	Sainte-Marie-Salomé	MÉ	3	Type change	...	Sainte-Marie-Salomé	PE	10/12/2016	240017
3534011	Aylmer	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	3534010	Malahide	TP	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	01/01/2017	350002
3539015	Strathroy-Caradoc	MU	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	3539047	Adelaide-Metcalf	TP	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	01/01/2017	350001
4603050	Winkler	CY	8	Area and population gained due to correction	4603047	Stanley	RM	9	Area and population lost due to correction	69	02/01/2016	460001
4711073	Dalmeny	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4711065	Corman Park No. 344	RM	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	19/09/2016	470006
4705052	Esterhazy	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4705051	Fertile Belt No. 183	RM	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	08/02/2016	470001
4701024	Estevan	CY	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4701022	Estevan No. 5	RM	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	19/09/2016	470005
4706028	Grand Coulee	T	3	Type change	...	Grand Coulee	VL	...	...	...	26/10/2016	470007
4706039	Indian Head	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4706038	Indian Head No. 156	RM	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	20/05/2016	470003
4701079	Kenosee Lake	VL	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4701076	Wawken No. 93	RM	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	11/07/2016	470004
4707039	Moose Jaw	CY	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4707038	Moose Jaw No. 161	RM	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	20	01/01/2017	470010
4702031	Radville	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4702029	Laurier No. 38	RM	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	01/01/2017	470008
4707045	Sun Valley	RV	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4707042	Marquis No. 191	RM	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	01/01/2017	470009
4811013	Beaumont	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4811012	Leduc County	MD	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	61	01/01/2017	480003
4815015	Bighorn No. 8	MD	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	4806014	Rocky View County	MD	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	480006
4803022	Claresholm	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4803018	Willow Creek No. 26	MD	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	10	01/01/2017	480005
4803022	Claresholm	T	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	4803018	Willow Creek No. 26	MD	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	480010

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4819012	Grande Prairie	CY	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	4819006	Grande Prairie County No. 1	MD	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	480012
4819006	Grande Prairie County No. 1	MD	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	4819009	Beaverlodge	T	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	480011
4815032	Improvement District No. 9 Banff	ID	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	4815035	Banff	T	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	480015
4817095	Mackenzie County	SM	8	Area and population gained due to correction	4817837	John d'Or Prairie 215	IRI	9	Area and population lost due to correction	0	02/01/2016	480007
4803026	Nanton	T	8	Area and population gained due to correction	4803018	Willow Creek No. 26	MD	9	Area and population lost due to correction	0	02/01/2016	480014
4802008	Raymond	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4802001	Warner County No. 5	MD	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	5	01/07/2016	480002
4811021	Thorsby	T	3	Type change	...	Thorsby	VL	...	...	...	01/01/2017	480016
4819011	Wembley	T	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	4819006	Grande Prairie County No. 1	MD	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	480013
4811002	Wetaskiwin	CY	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	4811001	Wetaskiwin County No. 10	MD	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	01/01/2017	480004
4803018	Willow Creek No. 26	MD	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	4803022	Claresholm	T	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	480009
4803018	Willow Creek No. 26	MD	8	Area and population gained due to correction	4803026	Nanton	T	9	Area and population lost due to correction	0	01/01/2017	480018
4816037	Wood Buffalo	SM	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	4816850	Allison Bay 219	IRI	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	480008
5903045	Castlegar	CY	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	5903058	Central Kootenay J	RDA	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	07/12/2016	590010
5926005	Comox	T	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	5926022	Comox Valley B (Lazo North)	RDA	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	19/09/2016	590002
5901012	Fernie	CY	8C	Area gained due to boundary correction	5901017	East Kootenay A	RDA	9C	Area lost due to boundary correction	...	02/01/2016	590009

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5947016	North Coast A	RDA	2	Name change	...	Skeena-Queen Charlotte A	RDA	19/09/2016	590003
5947021	North Coast C	RDA	2	Name change	...	Skeena-Queen Charlotte C	RDA	19/09/2016	590005
5947027	North Coast D	RDA	2	Name change	...	Skeena-Queen Charlotte D	RDA	19/09/2016	590006
5947032	North Coast E	RDA	2	Name change	...	Skeena-Queen Charlotte E	RDA	19/09/2016	590004
5907026	Okanagan-Similkameen B	RDA	5	Area gained due to partial annexation	5907053	Okanagan-Similkameen G	RDA	6	Area lost due to partial annexation	0	07/12/2016	590007

... not applicable

Table 2 Number of census subdivision changes by type of change is a table that presents the number of CSD changes according to the type of change. The type of change is represented by a change code. The change codes represent the following types of changes:

1 = incorporation

2 = change of census subdivision name

2C = correction of census subdivision name

23 = change of census subdivision name and type

3 = change of census subdivision type

3C = correction of census subdivision type

4 = dissolution

5 = census subdivision has annexed a new part from another census division

5A = census subdivision has annexed a complete census subdivision (could also include the annexation of another census division part)

6 = census subdivision has lost a part annexed by another census subdivision

7 = revision of Standard Geographical Classification (SGC) code

8 = census subdivision limits have been corrected and census subdivision has gained land area and population

8C = census subdivision limits have been corrected and census subdivision has gained land area

9 = census subdivision limits have been corrected and census subdivision has lost land area and population

9C = census subdivision limits have been corrected and census subdivision has lost land area

10 = population has increased

11 = population has been reduced

Table 2
Number of census subdivision changes by type of change

Province and Territory	1	2	2C	23	3	3C	4	5	5A	6	7	7C	8	8C	9	9C	10	11	Total
Newfoundland and Labrador	0
Prince Edward Island	0
Nova Scotia	0
New Brunswick	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4
Quebec	6	...	...	7	...	7	...	...	2	2	2	2	...	...	28
Ontario	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Manitoba	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
Saskatchewan	1	...	...	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Alberta	1	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	3	8	3	8	...	...	31
British Columbia	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	12
Yukon	0
Northwest Territories	0
Nunavut	0
Canada	...	4	...	...	8	...	...	25	...	25	...	...	7	11	7	11	...	...	98

... not applicable

Notes

No changes to census subdivision were processed during the time period covered by this Interim List for the following provinces and territories: Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The Interim List of Changes to Municipal Boundaries, Status and Names has also been added to GeoSuite web, 92-150-X (geosuite.statcan.gc.ca/geosuite/en/index). You can view the full list by clicking on the CSD layer from the Hierarchy of standard geographic areas for dissemination, 2016 Census window.