



Public Participation Plan

Number of Councillors

Matter to Be Discussed

This Public Participation Plan aims to engage the community as Council considers whether to adjust the number of Councillors representing the Town effective the 2025 General Municipal Election. This review is an important part of ensuring that local governance remains effective, representative, and aligned with the needs and interests of residents. Through this plan, Council seeks to gather feedback from the public on this issue. The insights and perspectives shared by community members will help inform Council's decision-making process.

Impact on our Residents

Adjusting the size of Council can have significant implications for residents, affecting how well their interests are represented, how accessible their elected officials are, and how efficiently decisions are made. By engaging in this process, residents will have the opportunity to share their views and help shape the structure of local government. Their input is essential to ensure Council remains responsive, transparent, and in tune with the community's needs. This plan aims to create an open dialogue, allowing residents to voice their thoughts and concerns on an issue that directly impacts how they are represented at the municipal level.

Communication Plan

- Inform: Provide clear, unbiased information about the number of Councillors serving the residents.
- Consult: Gather feedback from residents, stakeholders, and community groups.

Tools to Be Utilized

- Conduct online and paper surveys to gather opinions from residents.
- Public Meeting where residents can voice their opinions.

Timelines for Participation

- Council Review of Participation Plan – November 12, 2024, Regular Council meeting
- Notify the community via a newspaper advertisement, website, and Facebook – from November 13, 2024
 - o Will also deliver copies of the survey to Seniors Lodge
 - o Advertisements will be in the newspaper multiple weeks in a row about the survey and public meeting
 - The first notification in the paper will be in the November 20, 2024 edition
- Survey availability – November 14, 2024 – December 13, 2024
- Public Meeting – Community Centre - December 4, 2024 – 6:30PM
- Analyze findings and prepare a report for Council – December 16, 2024 – December 18, 2024
- Present the findings for Council Review – December 23, 2024 – Special Council meeting
- Inform the community of the outcomes and decisions of Council – December 30, 2024 and on

Anticipated Costs

Costs will be minimal with typical hosting costs for a public meeting – drinks/snacks, advertisements and survey monkey costs.