



The Corporation of the Township of Tay
Public Consultation Meeting
Agenda

March 17, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Remote Video and Telephone Conference

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Pages

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
Recommended Motion:
That the Public Consultation Meeting Agenda for March 17, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
3. Disclosure of Interest
4. Opening Remarks
5. Statement of Public Notice
6. Presentations
 - 6.1. Presentation from the Clerk - Council Composition Review
7. Correspondence Received
8. Question & Clarification Period - Public
9. Question & Clarification Period - Council
10. Closing Remarks
11. Adjournment
Recommended Motion:
That this Public Consultation Meeting of Council adjourn at (time) p.m.

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Public Meeting Council Composition Review

Presented By:
Cyndi Bonneville,
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2021



Background

- After an initial round of public consultations, including a survey undertaken during November-December 2020, and numerous one-on-one consultations between members of council and electors, council is leaning towards changing the current number of councillors from 7 to 5.
- Council is also leaning towards changing to an at large voting system, eliminating the current ward system.



Current Council Make-up

- Council is currently comprised of a Mayor, Deputy Mayor (both elected at large) and five Councillors - two from Ward 1, two from Ward 2, and one from Ward 3 (these are elected by voters within their specific wards).



Council Composition

- Municipal Councils can have 5, 7 or 9 members.
- What is the ideal size of Tay Township Council?
 - 5 total members of council
 - 7 total members of council
 - 9 total members of council
- If council chooses to move to either 5 or 9 members a ward boundary review would be required, if wards are not eliminated.



Ward Boundaries

- The ward system was implemented in 1996 and identifies the three largest communities and aims to divide the representation proportionally.
- It was designed to facilitate better communication and accessibility between councillors and the electorate.
- Some ward boundary changes have occurred over the years to respond to growth.
- Tay Township currently has 3 wards.



Wards

- Would you like to see
 - The current ward system remain with no adjustments
 - The ward system removed, and all members of council voted on at large
 - The current ward system remain, but the ward boundaries altered



Community Engagement to date

- Correspondence via letter and email
 - Results will be gathered and presented at the Public Meeting.
- Survey Results
 - Results will be collected and presented at the Public Meeting.



Survey Results



Voting Methods

Voting methods are the ways to cast your ballot in the municipal election. Tay Township currently uses vote by mail and election day in person polling station voting.

- Would you like to see other voting options?
 - Telephone voting
 - Internet (online) voting
 - Hybrid of any of the above (in person, vote by mail, telephone, internet)



Next Steps/Timeline

- Staff report to council summarizing results of survey and public meeting.
- Municipal By-law to establish new ward boundaries or to dissolve the existing wards must be passed before end of 2021 and may be subject to appeal through the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.
- Municipal By-law to make changes to Council composition must be passed before end of 2021, the Municipal Act does not provide for an appeal mechanism for objections.



Next Steps/Timeline

- May 1, 2022 Last day to pass a by-law authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment and/or authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method.