



Notice of Public Meeting

Township of Stone Mills Council Chamber

4504 County Road 4, Centreville, Ontario

March 1st, 2010

5:00 P.M.

Purpose of Meeting:

To allow for a question on the 2010 Municipal Ballot as follows:

“Do you favor replacing the present system of electing council representatives by separate wards with a new system of electing council representatives at large in which all voters vote for all representatives for the entire municipality?”

Yes _____ **No** _____

Currently the system allows for the following method of voting with ward representation.

If you are an elector in the Township of Stone Mills and eligible to vote in the wards listed you currently may vote for the Reeve plus a council representative outlined below:

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| Ward 1 | Former Village of Newburgh | 1 councillor |
| Ward 2 | Former Township of Sheffield | 2 councillors |
| Ward 3 | Former Township of Camden East | 3 councillors |

If the current system were replaced, each elector would cast one vote for Reeve, one vote for Deputy Reeve and five votes for Councillors.

A question placed on the ballot is **binding** on the municipality where:

- (a) **at least 50 per cent of the eligible electors in the municipality vote** on the question; and
- (b) **more than 50 per cent of the votes on the question are in favour** of those results.

Where both of these two conditions are met, the Township must pass a by-law to implement the question within 180 days.

The Township is **not bound to implement** the result of the vote where **either of the two pre-conditions above are not met.**

Next Steps

After the public meeting on March 1, 2010, a report will be submitted to Council considering the issues and public comments. Council will consider this report at a regular meeting. Notice of the meeting will be given at least 10 days prior to the meeting to enable interested residents to attend.