

# Corporation Of The Township Of Stone Mills

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## Public Notice Municipal Elections Act - Section 8.1(5)

Notice is hereby provided that at the regular meeting on April 6, 2010, Council for the Township of Stone Mills adopted Bylaw 2010-530 being a bylaw to authorize the clerk who is responsible for conducting the 2010 election to place on the ballot for the 2010 election the following question:

“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 \_\_\_\_\_

The current 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:

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 and 6 votes for candidates for Council. Council would be composed of the 6 candidates who received the most total votes.

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

- at least 50 per cent of the eligible electors in the municipality vote on the question; and
- 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.

Within twenty (20) days after the Clerk gives notice of the passage of a by-law to place a question on the election ballot, any person may appeal to the Chief Electoral Officer of the Province of Ontario. Any person may appeal on the grounds that the question is not clear, or concise or neutral, or on the grounds that the question is not capable of being answered only in the affirmative or negative and the permitted answers are not limited to "yes" or "no"

The last date to appeal the adoption of Bylaw 2010-530 is May 5, 2010.

Copy of Bylaw 2010-530 may be obtained at the Municipal Office in Centreville during normal business hours or may be viewed on the municipal website at [www.stonemills.com](http://www.stonemills.com).

Dated at Centreville this 8th day of April, 2010

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