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## **Council Shortlists Size of Council Proposals, Sets Public Information Dates**

Picton, Ontario – County Council has established a shortlist of Size of Council Proposals to be explored in further detail, following discussion and evaluation at a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting last night.

The shortlist was established out of the 18 options submitted from the public in response to Council's call for public suggestion regarding the Size of Council, and the option of maintaining the status quo. Proposed plans were evaluated in considering representation by population, voter parity (do all electors cast the same number of votes regardless of the ward in which they reside), and the utilization of natural and physical boundaries. Shortlisted proposals include:

- Status Quo – 15 Councillors + Mayor & 10 Electoral Wards
- **Plan for 10 Councillors + Mayor with current Electoral Wards and weighted voting** (Angus Ross)
- **The N.E.W. Plan – 3 Electoral Wards** (Gary Mooney)
  - 9 Councillors + Mayor Option
  - 12 Councillors + Mayor Option
  - 15 Councillors + Mayor Option
- **Plan 13 Proposal – 13 Councillors + Mayor with 9 Electoral Wards** (John Thompson)

Council will conduct a more comprehensive review of shortlisted proposals at a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for July 16, 2015 at 6pm. At this meeting, Council will identify preferred proposals to bring forward for additional public consultation. This public consultation process will take place in September 2015, and will involve 9 public information sessions and the opportunity to participate in a survey, allowing members of the public to identify their preferred option for the Size of Council and Electoral Wards.

“We are committed to involving the public in the Size of Council Review, and were pleased to receive so many responses to our request for public proposals” says Mayor Robert Quaiff. “We are looking forward to evaluating these six options in further detail and identifying preferred proposals to bring back to the public for additional consultation, working towards our goal of addressing the Size of Council in 2015.”

All recommendations made at the Special Committee of the Whole Meetings of June 25 and July 16 will not be ratified until the July 28 meeting of Council, until which time staff and Councillors will be working in good faith to conduct a comprehensive and meaningful review of shortlisted options.

Public meeting dates and locations are listed on the accompanying fact sheet, along with additional information about the public consultation process. For additional information about the Size of Council review, please visit [www.thecounty.ca](http://www.thecounty.ca)

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**FACT SHEET:  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGARDING SIZE OF COUNCIL**

At the July 16, 2015 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, preferred Size of Council options will be identified to bring forward to the public for additional consultation. This consultation will take place:

- Through a public survey, to be made available online and in hard copy for the month of September.
- At Public Information Sessions, to take place at the following dates and times:

Bloomfield Town Hall	Tuesday, September 1
Wellington Town Hall	Thursday, September 3
Athol Town Hall	Wednesday, September 9
Ameliasburgh – Location TBD	Date TBD
Sophiasburgh Town Hall	Monday, September 21
North Marysburgh Town Hall	Wednesday, September 23
Picton Community Centre	Thursday, September 24
Hillier Town Hall	Date TBD
South Marysburgh Town Hall	Wednesday, September 30

The target date to provide a report outlining the results of this public consultation is October 29, 2015, with confirmation of a decision to take place at the November 12, 2015 meeting of Committee of the Whole.

These recommendations were made at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 25, 2015 and as such are not considered final until approved at the regular meeting of Council on July 28, 2015.