

CURRENT 10 ELECTORAL WARDS IN PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

WARD STRUCTURE AND REPRESENTATION

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10 Electoral Wards comprised as follows:

1. Picton
2. Bloomfield
3. Wellington
4. Ameliasburgh
5. Athol
6. Hallowell
7. Hillier
8. North Marysburgh
9. South Marysburgh
10. Sophiasburgh

Representation

- Picton - 2 Councillors elected
- Bloomfield – 1 Councillor elected
- Wellington - 1 Councillor elected
- Ameliasburgh -3 Councillors elected
- Athol – 1 Councillor elected
- Hallowell - 2 Councillors elected
- Hillier – 1 Councillor elected
- North Marysburgh – 1 Councillor elected
- South Marysburgh – 1 Councillor elected
- Sophiasburgh – 2 Councillor elected
- Mayor elected at large

16 in Total including the Mayor

- Ample representation
- Residents know representative
- Good attention to individual issues
- Familiar/historical identification
- Lots of Councillors available to sit on Advisory-committees

Existing Ward Structure and Council Size (excerpt from the Composition of Council Minutes Sept. 8, 2008)

- Decision making cumbersome
- Numbers create extended debate
- Too much ‘ward-ism’ and not enough broad issue
- Residents contact multiple councillors and mayor – results in duplication of effort
- Heavy demand on staff resources re inquiries/support
- Unequal representation among wards
- Unequal geographic area among wards

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