

PUBLIC NOTICE

Intent to Pass a By-Law to Place a Question on the
2026 Municipal Election Ballot

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward intends to pass a by-law under **Section 8.1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996** on February 24, 2026 to submit the following question to the electors for the October 2026 municipal election:

Are you in favour of a third-party review of Council size and related ward boundaries?

The results of this question will be legally binding on the municipality under Section 8.2 of the Act only if:

1. At least **50 percent** of the eligible electors in the municipality vote on the question; and
2. More than **50 percent** of the votes cast on the question are in favour of the result.

Implementation and Estimated Costs

If the majority vote "Yes": The municipality shall do everything in its power to implement a third-party review in a timely manner. The estimated cost of conducting this review is between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

If the majority vote "No": The municipality shall not take any action to implement a third-party review of Council size or ward boundaries for a period of four years following voting day.

Appeal Process: Following the passage of the by-law, any person or entity may appeal the wording of the question to the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario.

Grounds for Appeal: Appeals must be based on the grounds that the question is not clear, concise, and neutral, or that it cannot be answered with a simple "yes" or "no" (per Section 8.1(2) of the Act).

Deadline: A notice of appeal setting out the objections and supporting reasons must be filed with the Municipal Clerk within 20 days of the notice of the passing of the by-law.

For more information, please contact: Catalina Blumenberg, Municipal Clerk, at (613) 476-2148 x1020 or by email at cblumenberg@pecounty.on.ca



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