

## **COMMENTS TO SURVEY ON ALTERNATE VOTING SYSTEM**

**– AS OF NOON JULY 8/11**

110 People provided Comments

142 Skipped the Comments

**252 Respondents – Including only those eligible to vote in Parry Sound**

**Please note: Comments are recorded exactly as they were submitted.**

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There are several people in Town who abhor change so keeping the old system is important for transition.

7/5/11 4:00PM

I don't have email.

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Not everyone has a computer, but it could be added to the voting procedure for those who choose to use a computer. I prefer the personal approach.

7/5/11 3:58PM

Great idea so long as telephone and internet instructions are very simple so everyone can utilize these methods.

7/5/11 3:55PM

I have "Disabilities"

7/5/11 3:54PM

This a great idea for a senior!

7/5/11 3:52PM

We & many others don't have a computer. Some people don't even have phones. Should keep the traditional paper ballot.

7/5/11 3:51PM

But - a major reservation: an all-or-nothing switch to alternate forms of voting will disenfranchise some eligible voters, those who cannot use the telephone (such as me) and who do not have computer access or the ability to use it. As a former DRO I believe that maintaining the paper ballot, although costly, is essential along with adopting the alternate forms to maximise participation.

6/23/11 11:23AM

Excellent idea!

6/23/11 10:42AM

You do not know who is voting or how many times some people will vote. You cannot visually check off the name.

6/22/11 2:23PM

Is will take buisness away from Stores and from Restaurants, Taxi Service, or Bus Service, Parking Meters, so on. Barber Shops, Beuty Shops health Centres Lots of People don't have a Phone they can't afford it so they want ladder voting.

6/22/11 2:22PM

what is alternative if a computers internet is down or computer not functioning on election day. What will the identity precautions be so that you know it is actually the person voting that is supposed to be and how will you control that we only vote once.

6/16/11 12:04AM

Too much taking the information and using. I wouldn't like to give my inforamation over the phone!

6/16/11 11:53AM

Awsome! How do you prove ho is really on the other end. DAH. I'm disabled - there are P.O.A.'s and other ways of a human nature to accomdate us.

6/16/11 11:51AM

Due to the fact I do not have a vehicle it would be very good.

6/16/11 11:50AM

Alot of Seniors want to vote. I do run a computer but like credit cards I don't trust it. Many seniors don't have computers.

6/16/11 11:49AM

I think you are opening up a can of worms. A greater opportunity for dishonest and loss of accuracy. Change for the sake of change is stupidity.

6/16/11 11:49AM

good idea especially for seniors

6/13/11 12:31AM

I like knowing that my real paper ballot has gone into a real ballot box!

6/10/11 1:56PM

I think there is a lot less room for corruption with a hard copy vote.

6/10/11 11:48AM

Hi Where is the information supporting the statement that internet and telephone voting can increase and improve voter participation. I have worked in all the elections in the last 5 years in Parry Sound and voter turnout seems to be the people who are politicaly interested in doing their municipal, provincial or federal duty. The population of Parry Sound is not growing by leaps and bounds and being a small town you get to know and hear of the new people moving to this area and the trend seems to be more seniors and retirees looking for a better and easier lifestyle. We do not have many many younger family's unless they are coming to the area where their qualifications are needed. With respect to the voting aging population they are often not able to communicate by internet and due to many factors not always able to understand the phone process and I would like to be assured that all requirements are met so not a vote is lost through this new method. People in general like to be greeted by "real" person (a novelty in this fast paced lifestyle ) at the voting station with a friendly smile and a welcoming hello. We are very helpful in every situation, and in our closing very few votes are lost because of miscommunication With every phone call or internet communication you lose the personal interaction and just become a drone on the phone and how much of the age of consent for voting actually have computers in Parry Sound It will be interesting to see how many respond by internet or by letter or who as an interest one way or the other. I would like some information available at a later date to read some of the comments and the sway of what they want for the next election and at that time I may be aware of what the public decides and how effective this new form of voting is recieved Thank you for considering my comments

6/10/11 1:17AM

You are being unfair to the older generation. everyone is not computer wise or has a computer. How can you prove that the person pressing button are the right full voter. people don't vote when they are upset what going on at present.

6/9/11 3:59PM

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Too Easy To Cheat or Cast Two Ballots

6/9/11 3:49PM

By telephone how do you know the person you are talking to will be honest? Lots of seniors do not own computers.

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Thank you for consulting the Parry Sound residents. I would question the wisdom of changing the method of voting from paper ballot to telephone and internet only. My research indicates that all taxpayers do not have internet. How can accuracy improve by phone if a person identifies him or herself fraudulently? I personally appreciate the constitutional privilege I have in going to an identified voting location, marking my ballot etc. I wonder how many potential voters using this new method would simply press a button having little or no knowledge of the person for whom they voted.

6/9/11 3:46PM

I don't hear well on phone. I don't have a computer (and no intention). My fingers don't work well on buttons. Easily confused with regards to above.

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But not all people own a computer. I don't.

6/9/11 3:38PM

If it changes, I don't think you'll think you'll see me vote.

6/9/11 3:37PM

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I can vote when I have the time, not when you mandate me to do it. However, not everyone can afford a telephone or internet, so walk-in voting should still be offered. also, many seniors are sut-ins. The municipality should go to them. Age related deafness makes telephone voting hard, as do cataracts, etc. Physical disabilities, etc.

6/9/11 3:25PM

Very convenient, especially for the elderly

6/9/11 3:23PM

I would have to use phone (do not use internet). I can forsee diff. getting line that's free.

6/7/11 11:39AM

There's no proof as to who is voting.

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Because no contact and not everyone has a computer.

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I very much support the concept.

6/7/11 11:04AM

As long as the accuracy and security issues can be addressed. may increase voter participation at young people.

6/7/11 11:02AM

With some accomodation for the citizens who have hearing difficulties (phone) and are internet phobic (maybe you could have assistance at the library.

6/7/11 10:58AM

I have concerns re the security of using a PIN and voting via telephone or computer. Are there any statistics re imprpoer use of this method and how people can cheat with this system? How many other municipalities/towns have used this method and how much was participation increased.?

6/7/11 10:25AM

This town is made up with a large population of seniors who do not own or use a computer. I feel going only to telephone or internet voting put our seniors at a disadvantage.

6/6/11 4:39PM

