

Electing Regional Councillors - Have Your Say on May 6 | 30 APR 2025

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION DEMOCRACY AT RISK IN CALEDON!

Have Your Say at Council - Tuesday May 6 @2:30pm

In our April 11 eNewsletter, we shared our concerns about how Caledon Council is trying to mess around with our democracy in the way that our two Regional Councillors will be elected in future.

You can read it again here, to refresh your memory:

[Municipal Election Democracy at Risk in Caledon | 11 Apr 2025](#)

On April 15, Council hosted a public meeting to allow Caledon residents to have their say. Many residents came forward to oppose the idea of changing the election of our Regional Councillors from the current ward system – one Regional Councillor for Wards 1, 2 and 3, one for Wards 4, 5 and 6 – to an “at-large” system or “general vote,” where everyone in Caledon would vote for the two Regional Councillors.

“At-large” representation means that election of Regional Councillors is by ALL of Caledon, both urban and rural parts of the Town. Since the largest population of voters is in urban areas (especially Bolton, which currently has almost half of Caledon’s population), there is a great risk that the rural voice in Caledon would be silenced in an “at-large” vote.

You can read more about the April 15 public meeting in this excellent article from *Just Sayin’ Caledon* written by Dan O’Reilly:

Resident on Shift to At-Large System in Caledon: “That is not representation. That is erasure.”

Let’s keep up the pressure on Council to make the right decision – keep the current ward-based election of Regional Councillors for the 2026 municipal election and beyond!

Please come, pack the Council chambers, and if you wish, address Council at the May 6 General Committee meeting:

What: General Committee Meeting of Caledon Council

When: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 2:30 pm

Where: Council Chambers of Town Hall, [6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East](#)

If you wish to address Council, please register, preferably by 12 noon on Friday, May 2, to make an in-person or remote delegation.

Cite agenda item 11.3. Register here: [Speak at Council - Register to Delegate](#)

Council Agenda Item 11.3: You will find Staff Report 2025-0239 and the Survey Results here: [Link to May 6 Council Agenda](#)

Why: Your electoral representation is a fundamental feature of democracy!

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Keep ward elections for our Regional Councillors!

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