

Neebing's Elected Officials

This is the fourth (and last) article in this series. As we told you in August, your Council is looking for your input. Council is interested in community feedback on both the numbers of council members and the way they are elected.

Given that we just finished the federal election, you may be tired of hearing about elections at this point. If so, we apologize, however, this is an important issue that has impact on Council's strategic plan.

In August, we explained the differences between elections "at large" and elections by geographic ward. In September, we asked for your feedback on the number of persons making up the Neebing municipal Council. Last month, we delved deeper into "ward" vs. "at large" elections.

In this last article, we are repeating the feedback questions and also inviting you to attend the Council meeting on December 4th. Council will be looking at its draft strategic plan. Obviously, the number of members of Council, as well as the way they are elected, will be discussed. Your feedback is important – but we have not heard from very many of you. These are the questions we have been asking:

- (a) Is it important to you to have a "ward councillor", elected to represent your geographic township's interests? Or would you be comfortable having all Council members elected "at large"?
- (b) If you are a fan of the "ward councillor" system, are you comfortable with the way the wards are drawn up? Or do you think the ward boundaries should be changed? If so – how do you think they should be changed?
- (c) Are you comfortable with a 7-member Council when most other rural municipalities opt for 5-member Councils?

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We hope to see you December 4th. Make your voice heard on these important matters.