

Subject: March 8th - Agenda Item # 5 "Community Charter Requirements - Size of Council"

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

The Clerk has rightly noted that section 118 was not in the Draft Charter Document. However, staff must have been aware of the Third Reading of Bill 14 (Community Charter) that took place on May 8th of 2003 - about 10 months ago, in which this section was already included. I was certainly aware of this requirement. I am thus somewhat perplexed about paragraph 3 on page 3 of the report by the Municipal Clerk.

In addition, the clerk's report lacks balance in the one area that really matters - the principles of democracy. Our residents have a right to decide this issue. Council is on shaky moral ground to deny this choice for another 3 years by using the special appeal process. I urge council to take the democratic route, ie. the one preferred by the drafters of this piece of legislation. The price of true democracy is always high - and I for one am willing to pay the price (about a \$1). Are you?

Yours truly,

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