

Aurora needs ?progressive? action on ward system

(Re: Ward system would be ?counterintuitive? to Aurora's small-town feel. October 15, 2014)

We read Mr. Wride's comments as to why a ward system for Aurora would be counterintuitive with interest. While all opinions are interesting, he uses Mayor Dawe's term for a ward system as being parochial once again.

What is narrow-minded about citizens wanting representations for their specific neighbourhoods? Why would a ward approach detract from the ?small town? atmosphere?

Aurora is not a small town anymore. We have ?big town? neighbourhood issues needing attention. How can an individual Councillor possibly be interested in all Aurora's neighbourhoods? Why would a ward system be divisive if the citizens' neighbourhood's needs were being met?

Mr. Wride's letter ends by stating it would be less democratic. There is a great leap in logic here.

Canada's Federal and Provincial parliamentary systems are based on individual MPs elected on the basis of specific areas. Aurora needs to move forward on a progressive basis with a ward system.

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