

**CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE**

**BY-LAW #2008-66**

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**BEING A BY-LAW to dissolve the Ward System of Electoral Representation for the Municipality of South Bruce and institute a General Voting System of Electoral Representation and to change the Composition of Council.**

**WHEREAS** Section 25.2 of the Municipal Act R.S.O. 1990 c.M.45 provided the government of the Province of Ontario with a process to facilitate municipal restructuring over large geographic areas involving local municipalities in counties;

**AND WHEREAS** an order made under the authority of the Municipal Act R.S.O. 1990 c.M.45 by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and dated January 30, 1998 gave effect to a restructuring proposal affecting the 27 municipalities located within the County of Bruce;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the said Minister's Restructuring Order, Wards – Section 8, the Municipality of South Bruce was divided into two (2) wards; ward one composed of land that composed the former Township of Mildmay Carrick and ward two composed of land that composed the former Township of Teeswater Culross.

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the said Minister's Restructuring Order, Local Councils – Section 16 ; the council of the Municipality of South Bruce was composed as follows:

16 (1)(a) a head of council who shall be elected by general vote; and  
(b) three members from each of the two wards.

16 (2) A deputy head of council shall be appointed by the members of council at the first meeting of council from among the members of council referred to in clause (1)(b) and shall act in the place of the head of council in the event of illness, absence from the municipality or vacancy in the office of the head of council.

**AND WHEREAS** Section 222(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended provides that a municipality may divide or redivide the municipality into wards or dissolve the existing wards;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 217(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended provides that a municipality may change the composition of its council.

**AND WHEREAS** Schedule A of South Bruce By law #2008-23 Municipal Notice By law, requires at least one Public Meeting;

**AND WHEREAS** such Public Meeting was duly advertised and held on October 22, 2008.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce enacts as follows:

1. Definitions:

In this by-law,

- i) "General Vote system" means an electoral system in which all eligible voters within the municipal boundaries vote on the same list of candidates.
  - ii) "Ward System" means an electoral system in which a municipality is broken down into smaller areas (wards) and voters living in each ward vote on their own list of candidates wishing to represent that ward.
2. That the present ward system of election for the Municipality of South Bruce is replaced by a General Vote System of election, as set out in this by law.
3. The composition of Council shall be;
- (a) A mayor elected by general vote;
  - (b) Six (6) councilors elected by general vote,
  - (c) The Deputy Mayor being elected as per section A4.3 of the South Bruce Policy and Procedures by law #2008-02, as amended.
4. This by-law shall come into force and effect for the 2010 regular municipal election
5. This by-law may be cited as the "General Vote Electoral System By-Law".

**READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 2nd day of December, 2008.**

  
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**MAYOR William Goetz**

  
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**CLERK Debra Roth**