

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN**

**BY-LAW NO. 2004-03**

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Being a By-Law to eliminate the ward system of electoral representation and replace it with an at-large system of electoral representation.

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WHEREAS by Order to the Ontario Municipal Board dated October 6, 2000 the Municipality of Powassan was divided into three wards; and

WHEREAS Section 222 of the Municipal Act, 2001, states that the Council of a local municipality may pass a by-law dividing or redividing the municipality into wards or dissolving the existing wards; and

WHEREAS Section 222(2) indicates that Council shall give notice of its intention to pass the by-law and hold at least one public meeting to consider the matter; and

WHEREAS a public meeting was held on January 6, 2004 to consider the matter; and

WHEREAS the intention to pass this by-law was advertised to the public.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Powassan enacts as follows;

1. In this by-law
  - a) At-Large system means an electoral system in which all eligible voters within the municipal boundaries vote on the same list of candidates.
  - b) 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 who wish to represent their ward on council.
2. The existing ward system in the Municipality of Powassan is hereby dissolved.
3. The ward system shall be replaced with an at-large system for the Municipality of Powassan.
4. This By-law shall come into force for the 2006 election.

READ A FIRST time, and considered read a SECOND and THIRD time and passed as such in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

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Mayor

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Clerk