

# Public meeting July 30 to consider changing size of town council

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South Bruce Peninsula is looking at changing the size of town council and how members are elected.

A public meeting is to be held at 7 p.m. on July 30 at the Wiarton arena to consider scrapping the current system of electing a mayor at large and two councillors from each of the four wards in the municipality for the 2014 election.

According to a notice read at Tuesday's town council meeting, council will be considering three options — sticking with the ward system, having a mayor and four councillors elected at large and having a mayor, a deputy-mayor and five councillors elected at large.

Coun. Jay Kirkland asked, however, if the possibility of a mayor, a deputy mayor and three councillors elected at large — as was the case in the former Amabel Township — had been dismissed.

Mayor John Close said any possibility was open for discussion at the meeting and afterwards.

The notice said verbal comments will be accepted at the public meeting and that comment sheets will be available at the July 30 meeting, at town hall and on the town's website.