



# SIoux LOOKOUT

## Hub of the North

### 2021 Ward Boundary Review

#### **Introduction and Background:**

The Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout has directed the Municipal Clerk to undertake a Ward Boundary Review ahead of the 2022 Municipal General Election. The purpose of this review is to obtain input on whether or not the citizens of the Municipality wish to retain the Hudson Ward (Ward 1).

Following Commissioner Grey's Restructuring Order in 1999, the former Town of Sioux Lookout was expanded to include areas East (to Alcona), West (to, and slightly beyond, Hudson) and South (to approximately Ojibway Provincial Park). The enlarged Municipality was structured as follows:

- Two Ward Councillors (Sioux Lookout, which covered the former Drayton and Jordan settlement areas; and Hudson (which covered the former Hudson settlement area), with residents of each Ward being able to elect one councillor for their respective Ward,
- Four Councillors-At-Large – the rest of the geographic area of the Municipality; with the remaining of the residents electing six Councillors at Large and one Mayor.

That meant each voter would cast one vote for a Ward Councillor, one Vote for Mayor, and five votes for Councillors-at-Large.

Prior to the 2014 Municipal Election, Council decided to eliminate the Sioux Lookout Ward (Ward 2), and retain the Hudson Ward (Ward 1). This restructuring left one Ward Councillor (Hudson Ward/Ward 1), five Councillors-at-Large, and one mayor.

It has been over 20 years since Annexation, and Council is once again reviewing its electoral boundaries.

Your input is extremely valuable.

**Please complete the following survey no later than September 7, 2021.**

#### **Question 1:**

- How many Councillors, not including the Mayor, should sit on Council?
  - ☐ 8 (would require the addition of two more Councillor positions)
  - ☐ 6 (current number)
  - ☐ 4 (would require the elimination of two Councillor positions)

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#### Question 2:

- How many Wards should the Municipality of Sioux Lookout have for election purposes?
  - ☐ None – all Councillors should be elected “at large” to represent all residents of the Municipality equally
  - ☐ One (Keep the current Hudson Ward/Ward 1)
  - ☐ Other (please explain the number of Wards you think the Municipality should have and why)

#### Question 3:

- Do you have any other comments or questions regarding the Sioux Lookout Municipal Council composition and/or the Ward system? If so, please share them with us below.

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#### PLEASE NOTE!

You may complete this survey online, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021WardBoundaryReview>, until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

If you are completing this survey on paper, please provide sufficient time to either mail it back or drop it off at the Municipal Office (Attention Brian P. MacKinnon, Manager of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk) by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Thank you for participating and helping to guide the future structure of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout!