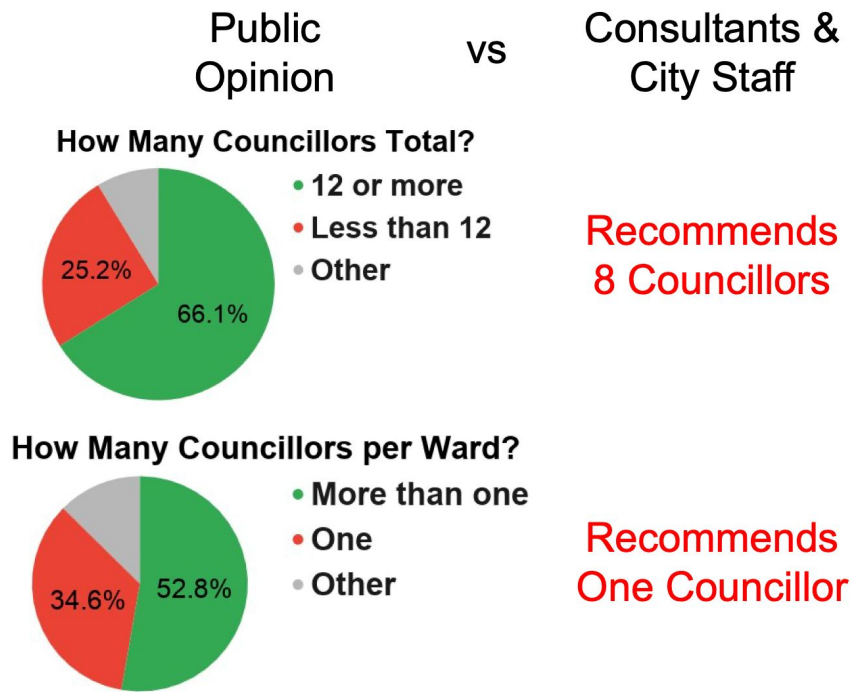


To Guelph City Council,

Please respect the will of the people of Guelph and reject the recommended changes to council composition. A large majority (66%) of the participants in public consultations said they want 12 or more councillors, not less. A clear majority (53%) said they want more than one councillor per ward, not one. This is according to the numbers in the Consultant's report itself! Why are the consultants and staff making recommendations in **direct opposition to the majority of public opinion**? Especially since public participation was relatively high (double expectations!) and therefore we can infer that people care about these issues.



Reducing the size of council and the number of councillors per ward **makes no sense for a growing and increasingly diverse city like Guelph**. If anything we need MORE councillors and MORE councillors per ward in order to ensure Council is representative of the voting population.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bowman
Democracy Guelph Spokesperson