

MuniLegislativeReview

From: Bob Murphy [REDACTED]
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To: MuniLegislativeReview
Subject: municipal legislative review

Good day,

I am submitting these comments on behalf of myself and dozens of other municipal voters I know who have expressed disgust at the present rules regarding municipal voting.

Taking myself as an example, I live in [REDACTED] most of the time. I also have a second home in [REDACTED] which I live in some of the time. When voting last fall I had to choose, so given that my vote would have more impact in the [REDACTED], I voted there.

My house in [REDACTED] is not a rental but a second home and considerable money, \$3200, is paid to that council for which I have no say in. This is taxation without representation.

There are numerous people just here in [REDACTED] who are in the same position, not to mention all around the province. Taxation without representation, not democratic.

These are not rentals, but private residences.

After every election people wonder why the % of voters is so low, well here is a big part of low turn out, a lot of home owners are not allowed to vote. At the same time a non property owner has only to live in a community for 30 days to be able to vote. Something terribly wrong here. This is a gross abuse of democracy.

I suspect should this ever go to court as an abuse under the charter of rights the abused would win.

I am requesting that government take a look at this and do the right thing for all us disenfranchised municipal property owners and give us the right to vote (like the 30 day renters).

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