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Evolution of Voting on Prince Edward Island

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Recently, a newscast stated that “CEO Tim Garrity strongly recommends that the Province brings in online voting due to Covid.” This is not what was stated by the Elections PEI CEO.

It was stated that “*the online voting option should be looked at*” and this was in reference to the five Municipalities who contract Elections PEI requesting information on the online voting option for the 2022 Municipal Elections.

Elections PEI researched the costs to incorporate an online voting component to the municipal elections they administer for Charlottetown, Summerside, Stratford, Cornwall and Three Rivers. The findings were passed along to the CAO’s and council of the five municipalities. These councils will need to decide to adopt the options and each would need to amend their election by-laws in accordance to the *Municipal Government Act*.

Mr. Garrity states “*ultimately, the decision to introduce an online voting component solely rests with the five municipalities that contracts the election services of Elections PEI.*” He adds “*Elections PEI does not have a stake in introducing online voting, we administer the elections with the laws and bylaws presented to us.*”

Elections PEI is not pushing for online voting at a Provincial level, but will always look at voting opportunities that benefit the electors of PEI.

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