

**INVITATION 7 TO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR AND WARD COUNCILOR
IN PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY
OCTOBER 3, 2022**

VitalSigns

On September 22, 2022, The County Foundation released the [2022Vital Signs Report](#) for Prince Edward County. VitalSigns is a national program, led by community foundations, and coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada, to leverage local knowledge, measure the vitality of our communities, and support action towards improving our collective quality of life. The VitalSigns Report and [VitalSigns Data Bank](#) are organized around nine themes:

1. Sustainable community	2. Inclusive economy
3. Good health and well-being	4. Quality education
5. Safety & justice	6. Food security
7. Transportation & mobility	8. Environment
9. COVID-19 impact	

1. For any **one** of these themes, please outline a course of action that Council should consider to reinforce successes and/or address challenges identified in the 2022 VitalSigns Report.

Recorded Votes

The [Municipal Act](#) requires Council “to ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality.” s. 224(d.1) The Act provides “If a member present at a meeting at the time of a vote requests immediately before or after the taking of the vote that the vote be recorded, each member present...shall announce his or her vote openly and the clerk shall record each vote.” s.246(1)

As part of a Strategic Initiative to review all of its policies and by-laws, Council recently reviewed the Procedure By-law for conducting its meetings. In the course of that review, Council adopted a [Transparency and Accountability Policy](#) in June 2022. While the Policy does not require recorded votes, there has been a noticeable increase in members’ requests that votes be recorded.

2. Please rate your level of agreement (Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neither disagree or agree | Agree | Strongly agree) with the following proposal:

“Council should adopt a Procedure By-law that requires that all members’ votes on motions be recorded.”

3. Please explain your rating.

Diversity, equity and inclusion

I promised other voters that I'd pass along some of their questions:

5. Please share examples of how you've been trying to learn more about diversity, equity and inclusion. What have been the biggest changes in your thinking? How are you applying what you've learned in your work in the County?

Please email your responses by 8 pm on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Thanks for sharing your thoughts with voters in the County.