

Councillor Bruce Phinney's remarks on student voting during committee meeting on municipal reform, February 24, 2020

I guess actually my opinion on the fact of whether at large or wards, I would like to see four wards. I'd like to see the number, see who's going to come out in those four wards to turn around and represent the people. I think it would be kind of interesting to see exactly a real mix up as a matter of fact. In relation to the students being counted, I have never agreed that the students should be part of it and the reason is because they are only citizens here for four years and sometimes, some of the decisions that are made by them can influence us for a very long time. We saw that in the provincial election when actually the students were allowed to vote. Actually, it's been said by many professors at the university the only reason Megan got in was because of the fact that the students were allowed to vote. Now that comes from experts, not me. So that's how I feel about it right now and I think it would be interesting to see exactly what does happen.