Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

Submitted by: Marci Ivanic, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

SUBJECT: Weighted Vote Distribution for 2022-2026 and Representation for 2026-2030 – Middlesex County By-law #5469

BACKGROUND:

Middlesex County By-law #5469 establishes a weighted voting system for Members of Middlesex County Council. Each local municipality is allocated a certain number of votes based on the number of electors in that municipality. Where a municipality is represented by a Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the votes are divided equally between them, unless there is an uneven number of votes, in which case the Mayor is allocated the additional vote.

In accordance with By-law #5469, the number of weighted votes given to any Member of County Council is determined at the beginning of each term and is based on the number of electors in each local municipality according to that municipality's last revised polling list.

Representation on County Council for the next term of Council is also based on the number or electors according to each municipality's last revised polling list.

ANALYSIS:

All of the local municipal Clerks in Middlesex have certified and provided the County Clerk with the number of electors in their municipality according to their last revised polling list for the 2022 election.

In accordance with By-law #5469:

- Representative(s) of a municipality are entitled to one weighted vote for every 1,000 electors or part thereof as per the last revised polling list.
- Municipalities with 5,000 or more electors are represented by a Mayor and Deputy Mayor on County Council. Representation is capped at two per municipality.
- Municipalities with less than 1,500 electors shall have no representation on County Council.

The below table indicates the number of electors, the weighted vote distribution for the 2022-2026 term and representation for the 2026-2030 term in accordance with the above.

Municipality	Number of Electors (2022 Election)	Number of Votes for 2022-2026	Distribution for 2022-2026	Number of Representatives for 2026-2030
Adelaide Metcalfe	2,464	3	3 - Mayor	1
Lucan-Biddulph	4,218	5	5 – Mayor	1
Middlesex Centre	14,313	15	8 – Mayor 7 – Deputy Mayor	2
North Middlesex	4,348	5	5 – Mayor	1
Southwest Middlesex	4,552	5	5 – Mayor	1
Strathroy-Caradoc	18,093	19	10 – Mayor 9 – Deputy Mayor	2
Thames Centre	11,090	12	6 – Mayor 6 – Deputy Mayor	2
Total		64		10

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Weighted Vote Distribution for 2022-2026 and Representation for 2026-2030 Report be received for information.