Petition to the Council of the Municipality of Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh

Whereas a previous Council reduced the number of ward representatives from 2 to one from each of the 3 wards and the next council eliminated the wards without consulting the electorate or conducting an electoral review.

And whereas the municipality contains communities of interest such as an Old Order Amish-Mennonite Community, lakeshore cottage and residential developments and farms and villages that occupy geographic areas that would be more appropriately represented by dividing the municipality into wards.

And whereas a ward system improves the chances of these identifiable communities of interest having representation on the Council.

And whereas a ward system ensures that councillors can be held directly accountable at election time.

And whereas the Clerk, the township Planner and Elections Ontario have been unable to provide requested population information from which to develop boundaries.

And whereas the Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh Council have not undertaken an independent electoral review for the municipality.

Therefore: under the provisions of section 223 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001,* We the undersigned electors of the municipality of Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh petition the municipal Council to pass a bylaw dividing the municipality into 5 wards using these boundaries for the 2026 municipal election.

Ashfield West - the area west of Highway 21, South of Amberly Road (86) and North of Shoreline Road.

Ashfield East - the area East of Highway 21, North of Nile Road, South of Amberly Road (86) (excluding Lucknow) and West of County Road 1.

Wawanosh - the area East of County Road 1, South of Amberly Road (86), West of County Road 22 and North of Nile Road

Colborne West - the area west of Highway 21, south of Shoreline Road and north of the Maitland River

Colborne East - the Area East of Highway 21, South of Nile Road and south of County Road 25 where it meets the Nile Road, and north of the Maitland River.

Name - Print	Address	Signature