

**CFUW ONTARIO COUNCIL  
STANDING COMMITTEES MEETING, SEPT.13TH, 2007**

**ATTENDEES' REFERENDUM COMMENTS**

**For the present First Past the Post System:**

- ! MMP list candidates will not be accountable to a specific constituency.  
(3 responses)
- ! The FPTP system works for women in Quebec.
- ! Cabinet ministers and even the premier could come from the list [*under MMP and thus not have direct responsibility to a constituency*].
- ! I want a majority government, not a splintered one with single interest groups.
- ! "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."
- ! MMP gives too much power to parties since a quarter of the MPPs will not be elected by anyone.
- ! The list may lead to patronage appointments.

**Questions and Comments on the FPTP System**

- ! What would the qualifications be of those on the list?
- ! We have heard only one side of the MMP system.

**For the new Mixed Member Proportional System**

- ! MMP is a fairer, forward-looking, more equitable system because it mirrors the popular vote. (12 responses)
- ! MMP provides an opportunity to have more women and minorities representing us in government. (7 responses)
- ! It is an excellent system, but difficult to understand.
- ! It encourages trend-setting interests like the environment.
- ! This is an historic referendum which will give Ontarians an opportunity to change the system.
- ! I value the advice of the Citizens' Assembly.
- ! This referendum is an opportunity that may not come again
- ! 83 countries have Proportional Representation
- ! Only 3 countries use the outdated FPTP system
- ! MMP will more accurately represent the number of votes cast and thus represent the people better.
- ! Any system would be better than the present one.
- ! It allows for better representation of all parties, especially minority parties.
- ! It requires more consensus based decision making.
- ! It may encourage more women to run and youth to vote.
- ! It may engage more Ontarians in the voting process.
- ! The legislature will more accurately reflect the views of the voters.
- ! It will raise interest in democracy because this system will create a level playing field.
- ! My decision was based on the March Standing Committee presentation.
- ! It's time for a change.

**Questions and Comments on the MMP**

- ! Who are the list MPPs accountable to?
- ! Concerns were expressed about how the list will be chosen.
- ! Majority government works for the party, not the people.
- ! I need more information on each party's plan for implementation should the MMP pass.
- ! I need a clearer understanding of the duties and roles of both constituency and "list" MPPs.

