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**Alderman election
process on fall ballot**

CUT BANK — Voters in **Cut Bank** will decide in November whether to make a change in the way aldermen are elected to the city council.

In its final report to the council, the **Cut Bank Local Government**

Study Commission recommended that local voters should decide in November whether or not to retain the current ward/district election for aldermen or change it to an "at-large" or "city-wide" vote.

The study commission was elected by the voters Nov. 8, 1994, with some members appointed by the city council. Its purpose was to "study the existing form and powers of our city government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the state laws." If a change was deemed necessary, the study commission had the authority to submit such a proposal to the electors of the city.

In conducting its review, the study commission sought advice from local government officials and received information from other officials, community leaders and Cut Bank residents. All meetings were open to the public.

The one area where the commission felt a change should be put to the voters involved the election of

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the alderman.