

The purpose of a government review committee is to study the existing form and powers of a local government and its procedures for delivering local government services, and then compare them with other forms available under state laws.

The scope of the review includes:

Power: Reviewing whether the local government has general or self-governing powers.

Form: Considering different forms of government such as Commission-Executive (Council-Mayor), Commission-Manager, Commission, Commission-Presiding Officer, or Town Meeting.

Plan: Examining elements such as elected officials' terms of office, supervisory authority of staff, partisan or nonpartisan elections, representation by district/ward or at large, combined positions, and method of filling vacancies.

However, the local government review is **NOT** :

A performance review of elected officials, local government staff, or members of appointed boards.

A review of local government policies, ordinances, taxes, fees, or assessments.

A review of laws regulating the election of local officials or laws that require or regulate planning or zoning.

An opportunity to direct or require a local government or any officer/employee to carry out any function or service.

We are commissioned to gather information:

- To exactly state what the current government form is.
- To understand what the current Philipsburg community would like to see as a government via survey, questionnaire etc ...
- To understand how the findings of what Philipsburg citizens want correlates with the 6 forms of government allowed by the Montana Constitution.
- To understand if and how what the citizens want will be possible within current government and financial needs.
- Based on citizen review to either propose changes via a ballot measure, or propose status quo