



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Petition received under section 129 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* – request for ward boundary changes

Date:	July 3, 2013
To:	City Council
From:	City Clerk
Wards:	All Wards
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise City Council that the City Clerk and City Solicitor will be submitting a report for Council's consideration on July 16 and 17, 2013 regarding a petition requesting ward boundary changes. This petition was received by the City Clerk under section 129 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* ("COTA").

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Section 129 of the COTA permits electors in the City to present a petition asking Council to pass a by-law dividing or re-dividing the City into wards or dissolving the existing wards.

On June 27, 2013, a petition under section 129 of COTA was filed with the City Clerk's Office, which states the following:

"We, the undersigned electors of the City of Toronto ask Council to pass a by-law redividing the City of Toronto into wards, in accordance with section 129 of the City of Toronto Act, SO 2006, c11, Sched A. We further ask that such wards be based on the new boundaries for the federal electoral districts located in Toronto proposed by the 2012 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario in its Report in either its current form or as amended after receiving objections from the House of Commons.

We further request that these new wards be in place for the 2014 Toronto Municipal Election."

The City Clerk and the City Solicitor are currently reviewing the petition for its validity and sufficiency under COTA. If it is determined that the petition is valid and sufficient, Council has 90 days from the date of receipt of the petition to deal with the matter, namely September 25, 2013.

Section 129(4) of COTA states, "If city council does not pass a by-law in accordance with the petition within 90 days after receiving the petition, any of the electors who signed the petition may apply to the Ontario Municipal Board to have the City divided or redivided into wards or to have the existing wards dissolved".

The forthcoming report will advise Council on the petition's validity and sufficiency. If the petition is valid and sufficient, the report will advise City Council of its options and on the implications of those options, so that City Council can exercise an option in accordance with COTA.

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