

## **Supplementary Report - Follow up Report on the Toronto Ward Boundary Review**

**Date:** November 4, 2016  
**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager and City Clerk  
**Wards:** All

### **SUMMARY**

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In considering the Follow up Report on the Toronto Ward Boundary Review at its meeting on October 26, 2016, Executive Committee directed the City Manager, in consultation with the City Clerk, to report directly to City Council on the financial impact to Councillor Office budgets with respect to Option 4-44 Wards.

The existing City Council policy authorizes an additional Constituency Assistant for wards which exceed the median in both the number of households and population by 50%, funded from the Council General Expense Budget. Currently, 4 wards meet this criteria.

Under all seven (7) ward boundary review options being considered by City Council, the population and number of households amongst all wards would be within the 50 percent threshold discussed above. As a result, no ward would meet the policy criteria and funding for an additional Constituency Assistants will no longer be required.

The financial impact is a savings of approximately \$360,000 in the General Expenses Budget in the City Council operating budget. This savings will apply to Option 4-44 Wards. For the other ward boundary options included in Attachment 5 to the report, this savings may be higher or lower, depending on the proposed number of Councillors.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Manager and the City Clerk recommend that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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All ward boundary options included in Attachment 5 to the Follow up Report on the Toronto Ward Boundary Review, including Option 4 - 44 Wards would result in a cost savings of approximately \$360,000 in the General Expenses Budget of the City Council annual operating budget, as four Wards, would no longer qualify for an additional constituency assistant. However, the net savings for each option may be higher or lower, depending on the option and number of proposed wards.

## DECISION HISTORY

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In considering the Follow up Report on the Toronto Ward Boundary Review, the Executive Committee directed the City Manager, in consultation with the City Clerk, to report directly to City Council on the financial impacts to all Councillor Office budgets of Option 4 - 44 Wards (revised) (44 Wards).

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX18.2>

As part of the 2010 budget process, City Council directed that Councillors be provided with an additional staff at the Constituency Assistant level if the number of households and the population in their ward exceeds the median by 50 percent or more.

Council decision:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2010.EX42.1>

Supplementary report from the City Manager and the City Clerk:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-29379.pdf>

## COMMENTS

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As part of the 2010 annual operating budget process, to respond to discrepancies in ward populations, City Council authorized one additional staff member at the constituency assistant level for any ward which exceeds the median by more than 50 percent in both population and households, to be funded through the Council General Expenses Budget. In 2010, one ward met this criteria.

With the 2011 census and developments in the City, currently four (4) Councillors qualify for this additional position in wards 20, 23, 27 and 28.

The intent of the Toronto Ward Boundary Review is to address population discrepancies across Toronto's wards, and proposes an estimated population of 70,000 for each of the 44 wards. All seven options address population discrepancies amongst Toronto's wards and under each scenario, no ward will exceed the median by 50% or more in either households or population.

Therefore, all ward boundary options included in Attachment 5 to the Follow up Report on the Toronto Ward Boundary Review, including Ward Boundary Option 4-44 Wards

would result in a cost savings of approximately \$360,000 in the General Expenses Budget of the City Council annual operating budget. However, the net savings for each option may be higher or lower, depending on the option and number of proposed wards.

All ward boundary options, including Option 4-44 wards, will have no impact on individual Councillor Constituency Services and Office Budgets unless the option proposes an increase in the number of wards.

If City Council wishes to include a review of the resources provided to each Councillor under the approved ward boundary option, including the Constituency Services and Office Budget, the Staffing Budget and the General Expenses Budget, the City Clerk can undertake a review and report to Council prior to the implementation of the new ward boundary model.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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