

PUBLIC NOTICE

Potential Changes to Toronto's Ward Boundaries

Notice is hereby given that Toronto City Council will consider new ward boundaries for Toronto.

At its meeting to be held in Committee Room 1 in Toronto City Hall on October 26, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Committee of Toronto City Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, agent or solicitor, any person who wishes to speak to the matter.

Background

Toronto is the largest city in Canada, and contains a wide diversity of communities and interests. A strong and fair foundation for local government is fundamental for the effective governance of Toronto, and begins with the ward structure.

City Council last reviewed Toronto's ward boundaries in 2000. In 2013, City Council initiated a Ward Boundary Review to ensure effective representation across Toronto, as there are significant discrepancies in ward populations. To ensure the review was objective and at arm's length from the City, third-party consultants were retained to undertake the review process following Terms of Reference approved by City Council.

Toronto Ward Boundary Review Process

The third party consultants undertook a five-step review process that included:

- **Research (June 2014 to November 2014)** - that formed the background information for the first round of public consultation including the legal context, jurisdictional reviews, analysis of Toronto's current wards and ward population projections out to 2030.
- **Civic Engagement (Round One: July 2014 to February 2015 and Round Two: August 2015 to November 2015)** - web-based activities (including social media platforms), communication and outreach to educate the public about the purpose of the ward boundary review, keep the public informed about the process and provide a range of opportunities for the public to get involved, including two online surveys.
- **Public and Stakeholder Consultation (Round One: July 2014 to February 2015 and Round Two: August 2015 November 2015)** – included 24 public meetings.
- **Generation of Ward Boundary Options (March 2015 to July 2015)** – following Round One of the public and stakeholder consultation, and building on the research, a series of ward boundary options were developed for public and stakeholder input in Round Two.

- **Final Report (February 2016 to April 2016)** – following Round Two of public and stakeholder consultation, the final report was developed including a recommendation for new wards for Toronto for City Council's consideration.

Follow-up Report to the Toronto Ward Boundary Review:

At the City's Executive Committee's meeting on May 24, 2016, EX15.2 Final Report - Toronto Ward Boundary Review was referred to the City Manager who requested that the Consultants review three additional potential ward boundary options. The Consultants were asked to conduct an analysis of these additional ward boundary options, including public consultations, and report back with a Consultant's Toronto Ward Boundary Review Supplementary Report to the Executive Committee, at its meeting on October 26, 2016.

The additional ward boundary options contained in the Consultant's Toronto Ward Boundary Review Supplementary Report and the ward boundary options discussed in EX15.2 Final Report - Toronto Ward Boundary Review on May 24, 2016 will be considered together by the Executive Committee at its meeting on October 26, 2016.

Further information about Toronto's Ward Boundary Review can be found at: www.drawthelines.ca.

Executive Committee and City Council Consideration

Executive Committee will consider recommended changes to Toronto's ward boundaries at its meeting on October 26, 2016. City Council will consider recommended changes to Toronto's ward boundaries at its meeting on November 8 and 9, 2016.

The Executive Committee may change the recommendations related to Toronto's ward boundaries for City Council's consideration. City Council may also make changes. If City Council decides to establish new ward boundaries, it will pass a by-law reflecting the detailed changes at a subsequent Council meeting.

Sharing your ideas about the proposed Toronto ward boundary changes:

To view copies of the report outlining and explaining the proposed amendments you may view the Executive Committee Agenda as of October 19, 2016:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&decisionBodyId=966#Meeting-2016.EX18>

To obtain copies of the report at no cost, or to submit comments or register to speak in person to the Executive Committee, please contact the following office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

Executive Committee
City Clerk's Office
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Any comments received after the Committee meeting will be processed to City Council.

If this matter is deferred at the Committee meeting or Council meeting or considered at a subsequent Committee or Council meeting, no additional notice will be provided other than the information on the subsequent Committee or Council agenda. Please contact the above City officials if you require notice in these cases.

To ask questions regarding the content of the report, respecting the above items, contact:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Notice to People Writing to Committee:

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Closed Meeting Requirements: If the Committee wants to meet in closed session (privately), a Committee member must make a motion to do so and give the reason why the Committee has to meet privately (City of Toronto Act, 2006).

This Notice is dated this October 14, 2016.

Ulli S. Watkiss City Clerk