

DISCUSSING THE OPTIONS

TORONTO WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

PUBLIC MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015

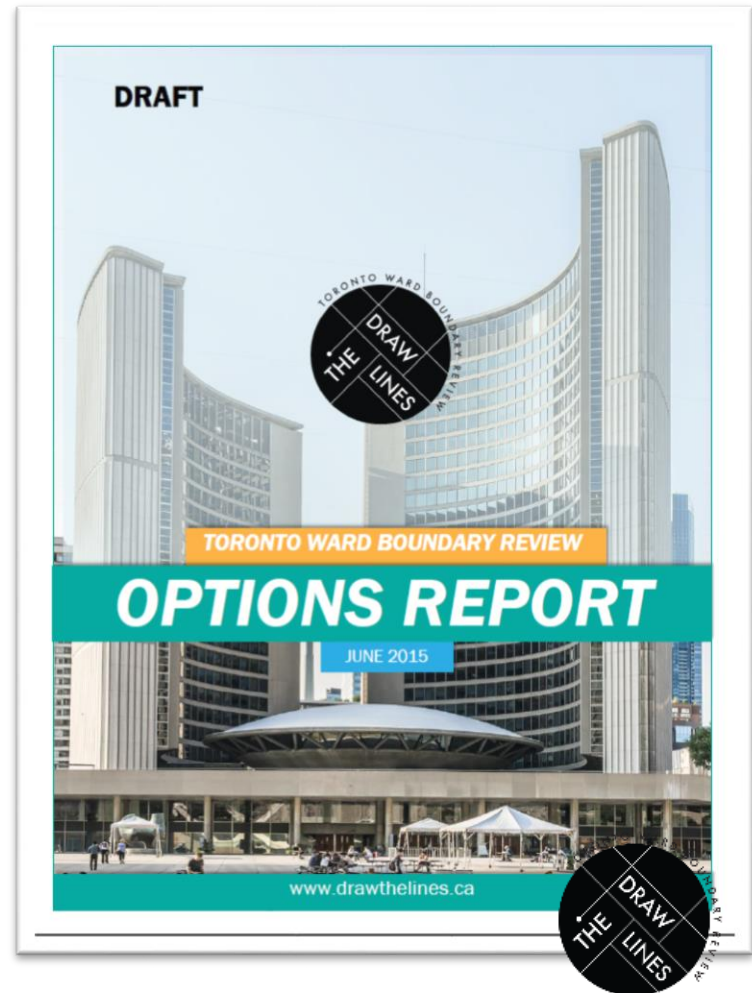


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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Context
3. Methodology
4. The Options
5. Ranking/Refining the Options
6. Next Steps



5 options for ensuring **‘effective representation’** within the ward structure of the City of Toronto



Effective Representation

- Voter parity
- Natural/physical boundaries
- Geographic communities of interest
- Ward history
- Capacity to represent
- Geographic size and shape of ward
- Population growth



Key Elements

- Toronto's growth
- Four municipal elections
- Unique options
- Balanced ward sizes



Toronto's Growth

- **2031 population** - 3.19M
- **600,000 new people** between 2014 and 2031
- TWBR projections based on City Planning's projections for Census years



4 Municipal Elections

- 2018, 2022, 2026, 2030
- Target year for voter parity – **2026**
(Census year)
- Allows wards to **grow into**
appropriate size
- If system works for 2026, it will still
work for 2030



Unique Options

- A multitude of options possible
- 5 discrete options informed by Round One of TWBR



Balanced Ward Sizes

- Best outcome: +/- 10% of AVG ward population
- Possible: between 10% and 15% above or below average ward population
- **Variances over 15% only in exceptional circumstances**



The Options

OPTION	AVERAGE WARD POPULATION	POPULATION RANGE	# OF WARDS
(1) Minimal Change	61,000	51,850 - 70,150 (+/-15%)	47
(2) 44 Wards	70,000	63,000 - 77,000 (+/-10%)	44
(3) Small Wards	50,000	45,000 - 55,000 (+/-10%)	58
(4) Large Wards	75,000	67,500 - 82,500 (+/-10%)	38
(5) Natural/Physical Boundaries	70,000	63,000 - 77,000 (+/-10%)	41

FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL riding boundaries suggested during TWBR's Round One

Virtually no support for ridings becoming wards (approximately 123,000 AVG population)



Support for splitting ridings in half (50 wards), similar to existing ward structure

- TWBR team completed analysis
- **Effective representation not achieved** inside federal riding boundaries
- Adjusting riding boundaries for voter parity results in Option 1
- A “ridings option” not pursued



OPTION 1

MINIMAL CHANGE

Change as few ward boundaries as possible and maintain current average ward population.



AVG ward population is **61,000**

Ward population range is **51,850 – 70,150**

Not effective at +/- 10% of AVG ward population, but works at 15%

47 wards



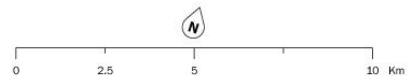
Of the existing 44 wards:

- 18 remain unchanged
- 8 are reduced
- 5 are enlarged
- Remaining 13 wards altered to accommodate reduced or enlarged wards

3 new wards created



OPTION 1 MINIMAL CHANGE



OPTION 2

44 WARDS

Retain current number of wards and size of Council.



AVG ward population is **70,000**

Ward population range is **63,000 – 77,000**

44 wards

41 wards within +/- 10%

All wards within +/- 15%



OPTION 2 **44 WARDS**



OPTION 3

SMALL WARDS

50,000 POPULATION

Present an option based on a **small ward population.**



Considerable support for small wards
during Round One

Improves 'capacity to represent'



AVG ward population is **50,000**

Ward population range is **45,000 – 55,000**

58 wards



51 wards within +/- 10%

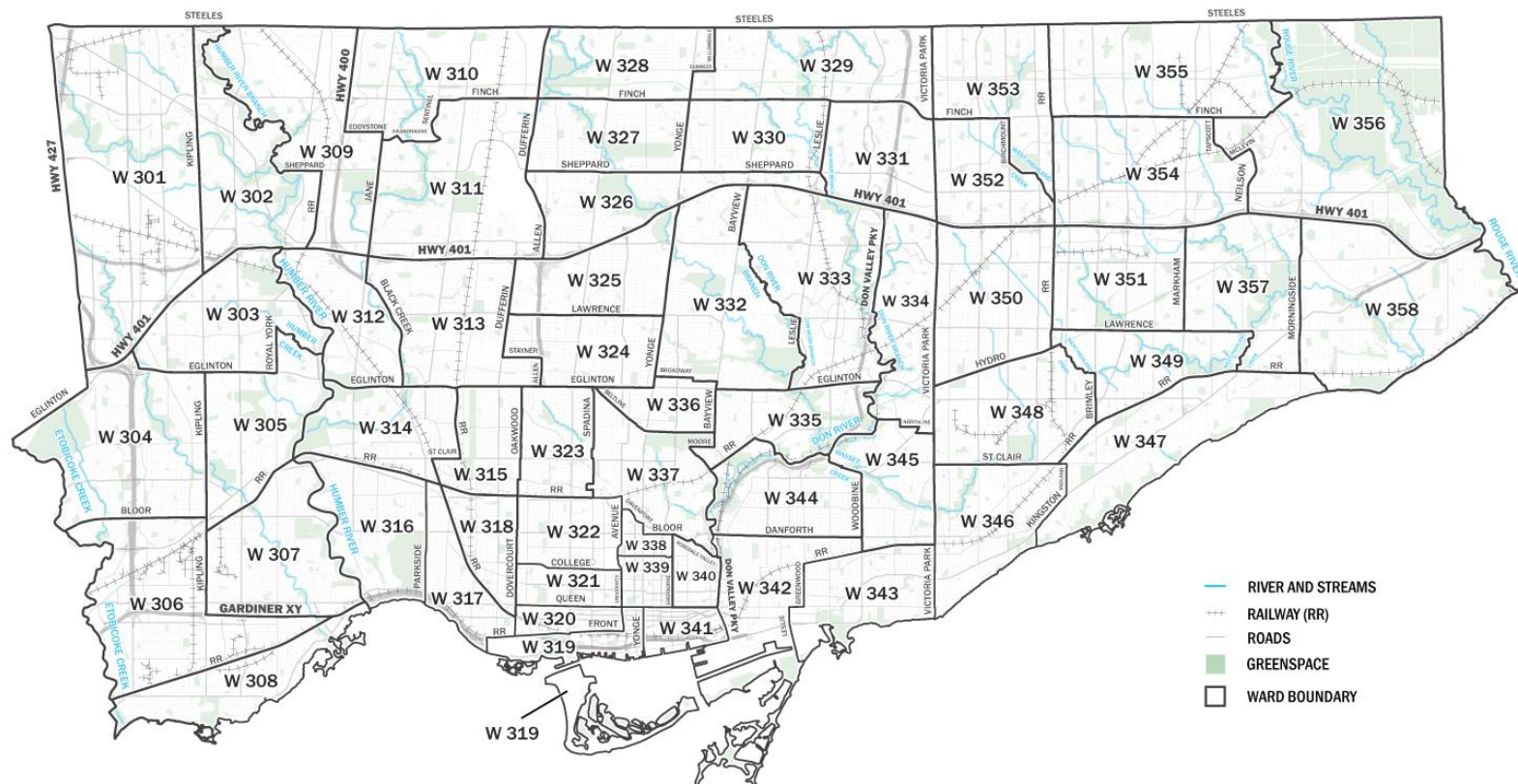
4 wards within +/- 10% - 15%

3 wards above 15% (2 by less than ½ %)

1 ward at 17% above is very stable in terms of population growth



OPTION 3 SMALL WARDS



OPTION 4

LARGE WARDS

75,000 POPULATION

Present an option based on wards with
a **larger ward population.**



Support during Round One for larger wards, mainly to achieve a smaller Council

75,000 as an AVG ward size was about as large as was suggested (with a few exceptions)



AVG ward population is **75,000**

Ward population range is **67,500 – 82,500**

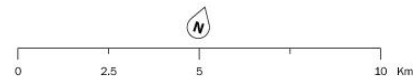
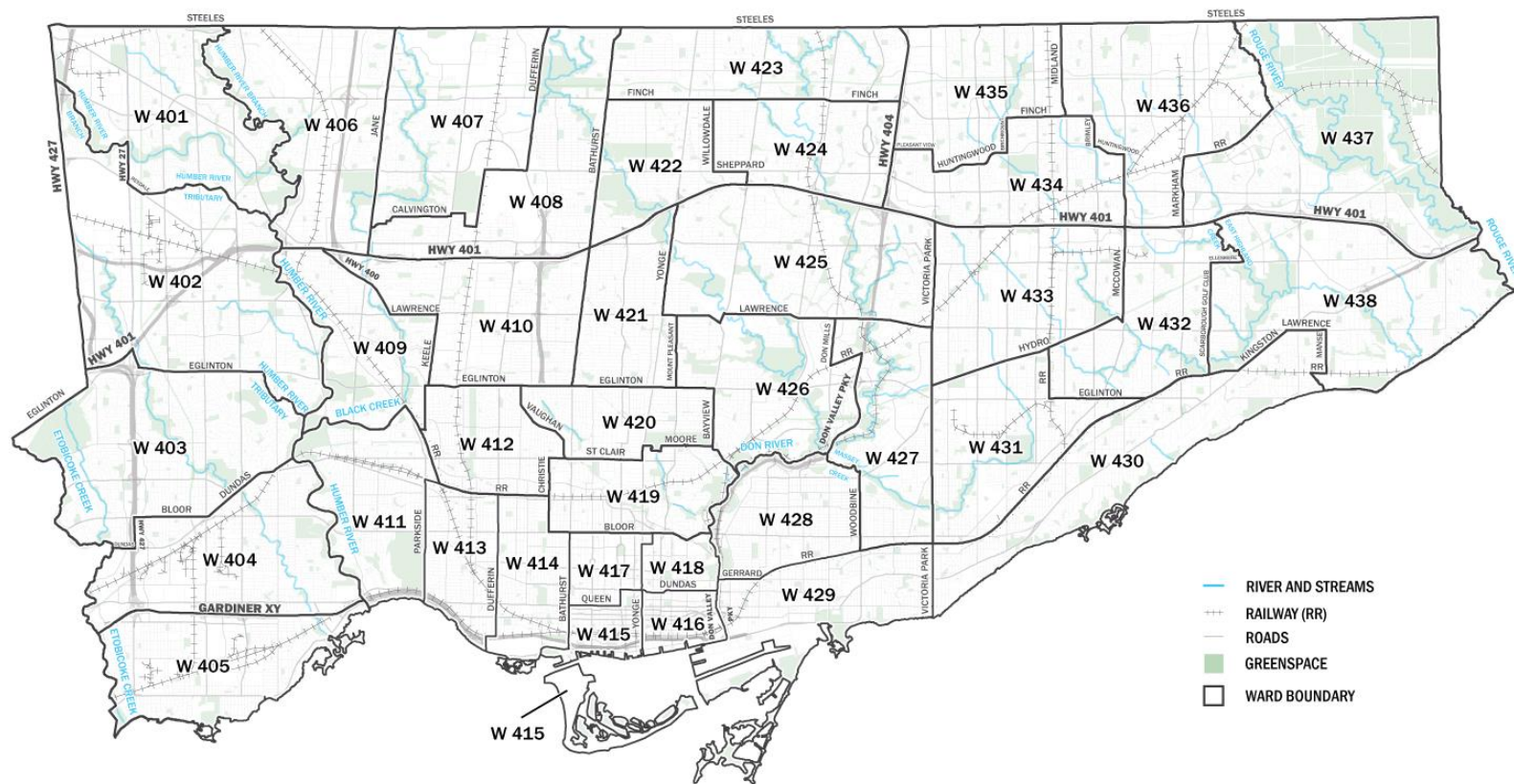
38 wards

35 wards within +/- 10%

All wards within +/- 15%



OPTION 4 LARGE WARDS



OPTION 5

NATURAL / PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

Base an option on **natural and physical boundaries** as a starting point.



Less rooted in existing ward structure
and pre-amalgamation jurisdictions

Same AVG ward population as
Option 2: 44 Wards, but different
ward arrangement



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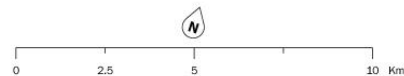
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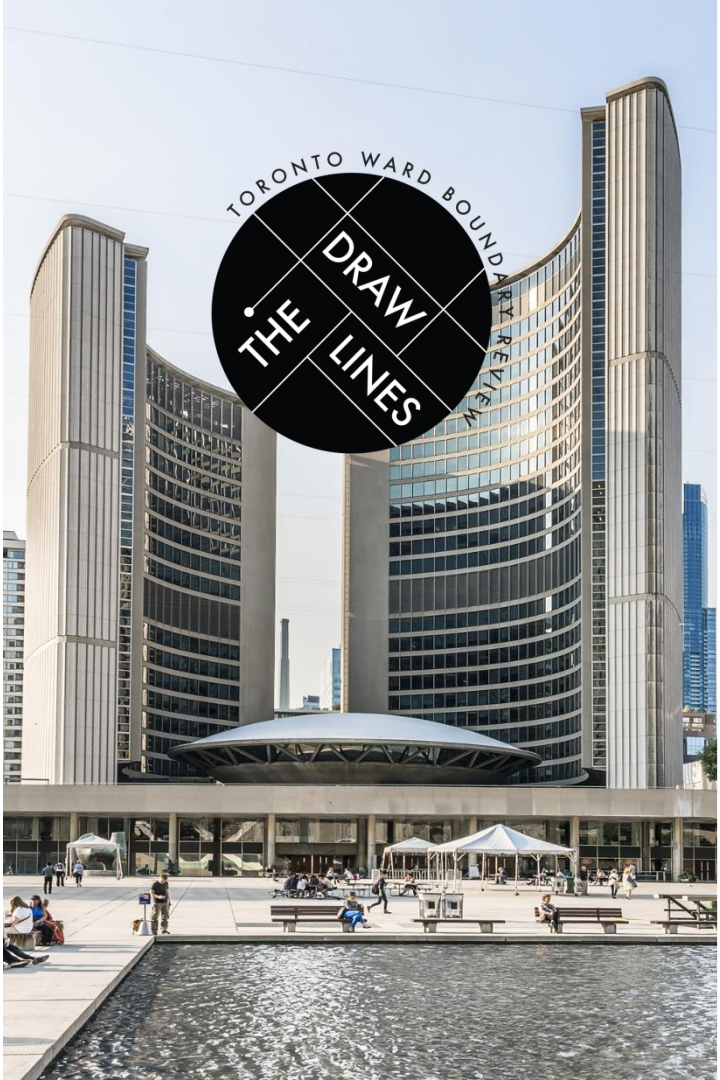
41 wards

37 wards within +/- 10%

All wards within +/- 15%







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All 5 options achieve **effective representation**:

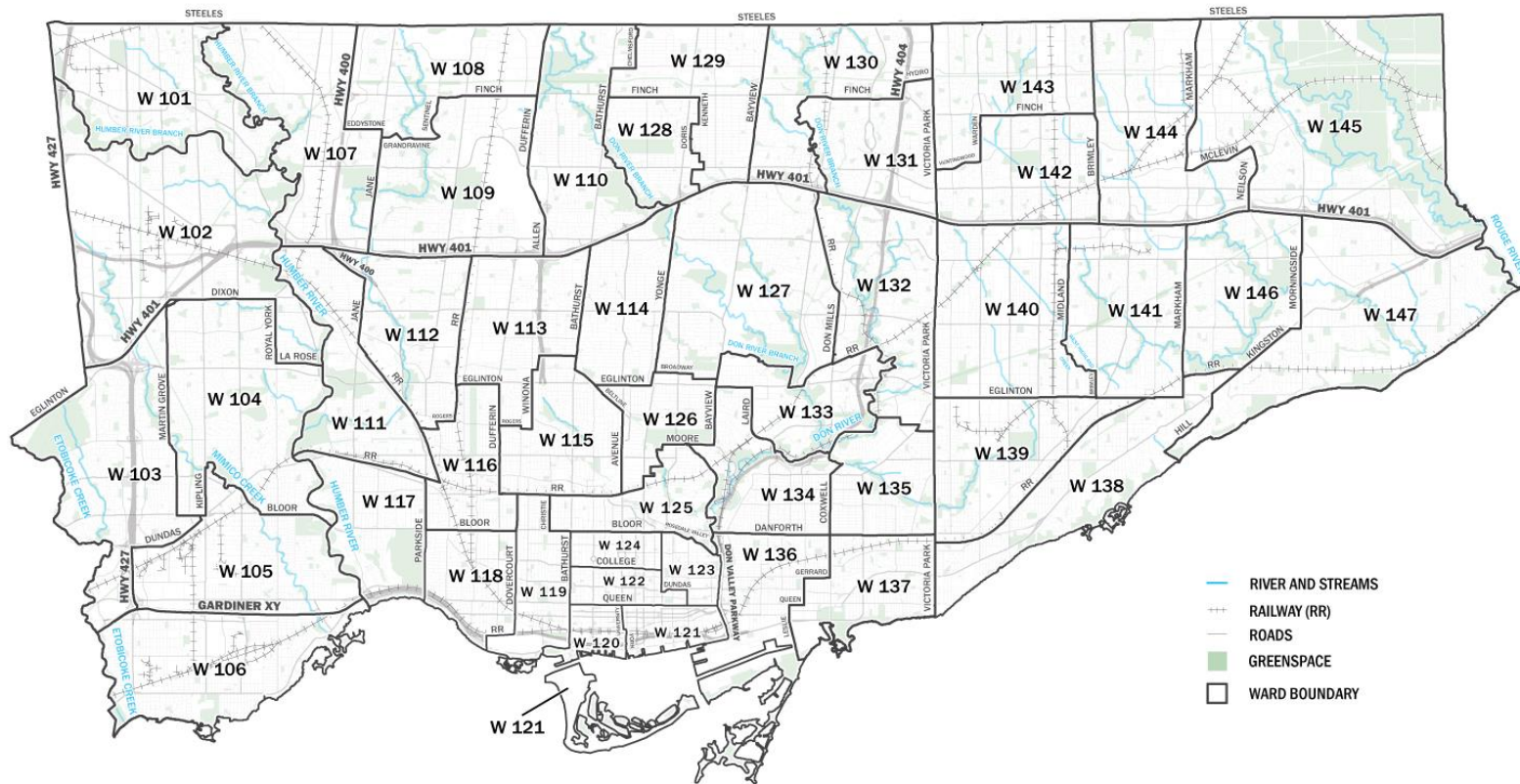
- All have strengths/weaknesses
- Worksheet helps introduce city-wide perspective
- Allows assessment of components of effective rep for each option



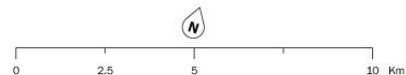
Worksheet

COMPONENTS OF EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION	OPTION 1 MINIMAL CHANGE (47 WARDS)	OPTION 2 44 WARDS (44 WARDS)	OPTION 3 50,000 (58 WARDS)	OPTION 4 75,000 (38 WARDS)	OPTION 5 NATURAL/PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES (41 WARDS)
1. Voter Parity					
2. Natural / Physical Boundaries					
3. Geographic Communities of Interest					
4. Ward History					
5. Capacity to Represent					
6. Geographic Size & Shape of the Ward					
7. Population Growth					

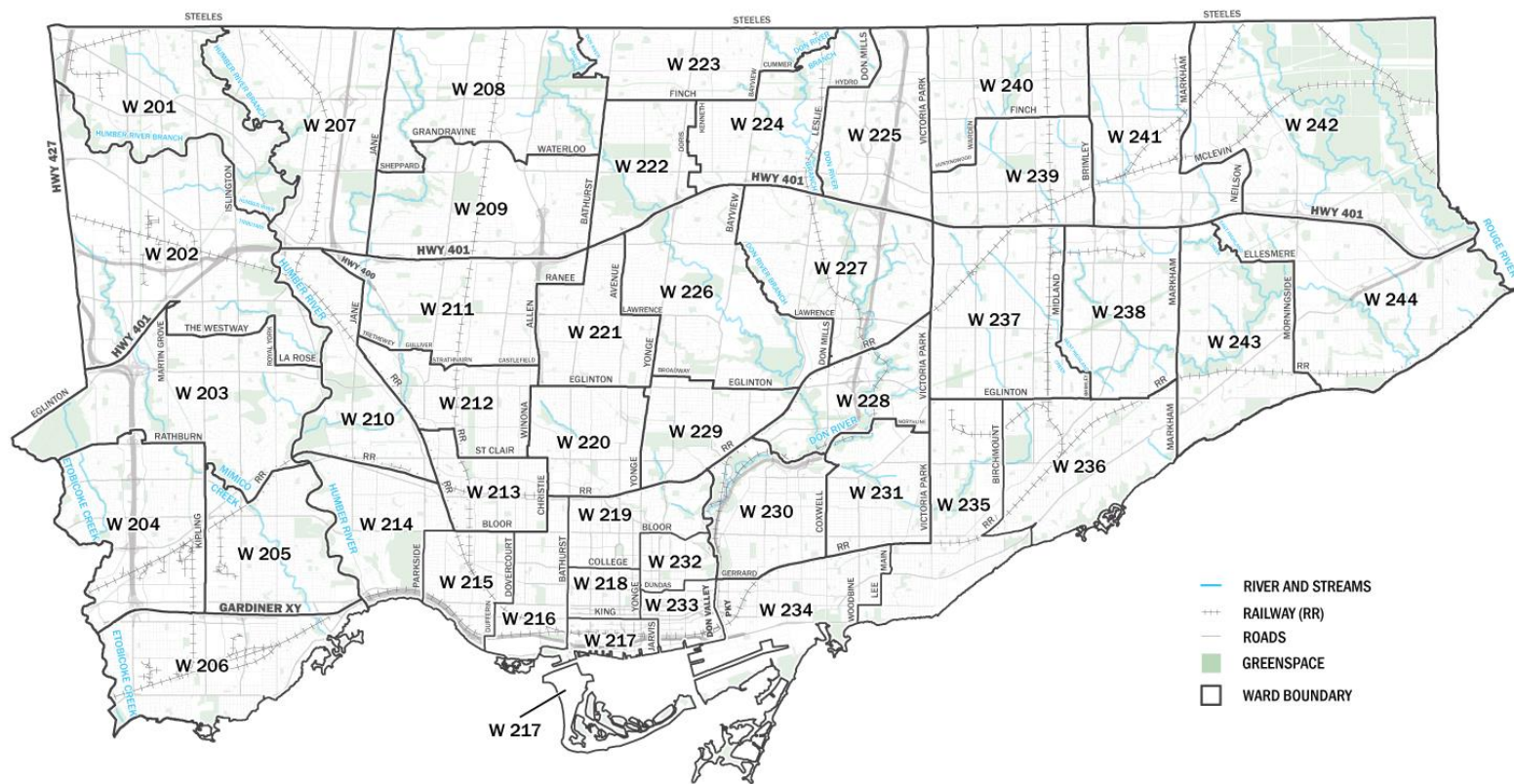
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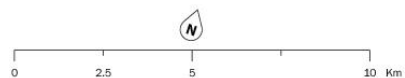
- RIVER AND STREAMS
- RAILWAY (RR)
- ROADS
- GREENSPACE
- WARD BOUNDARY



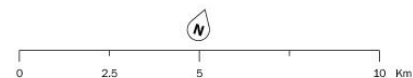
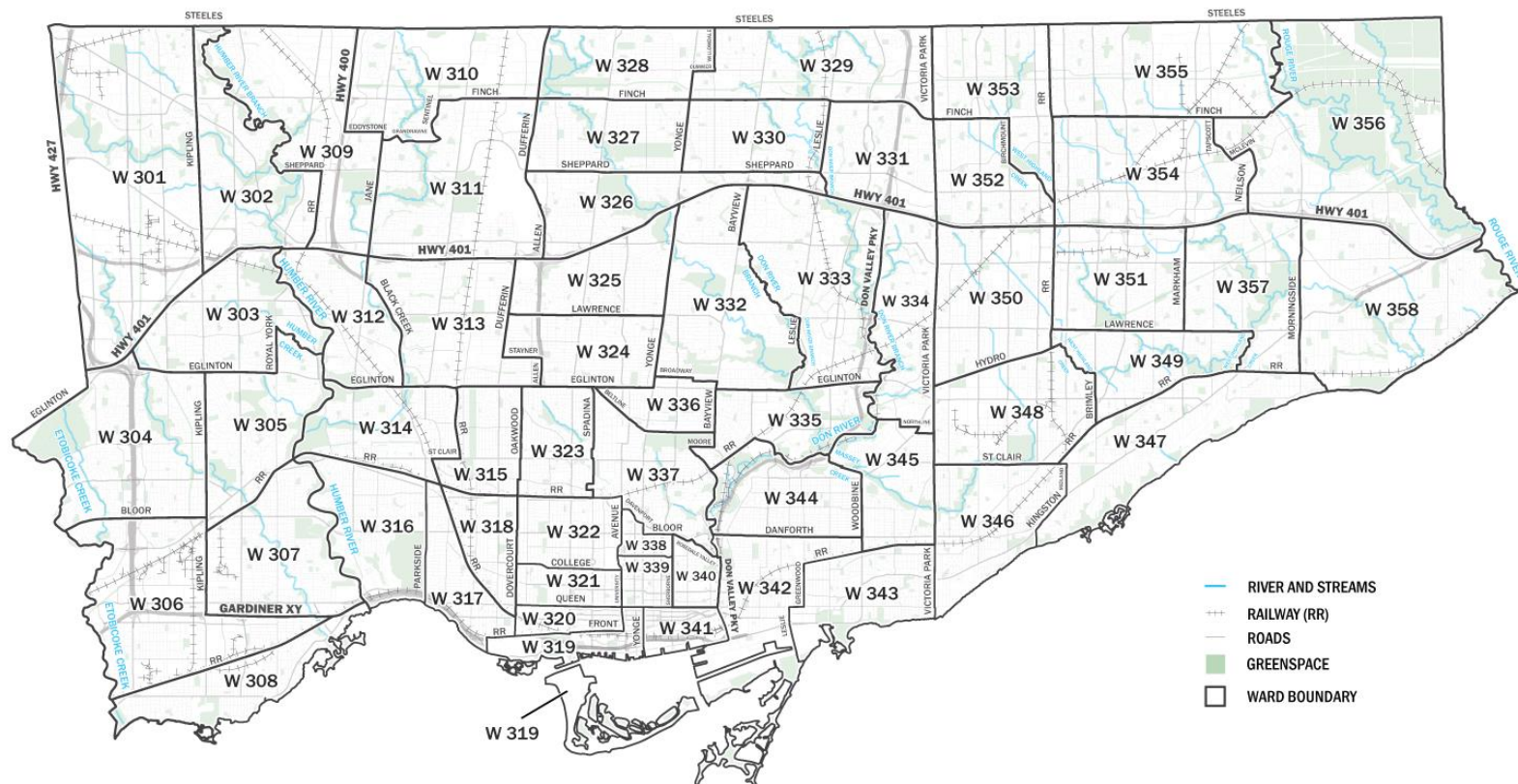
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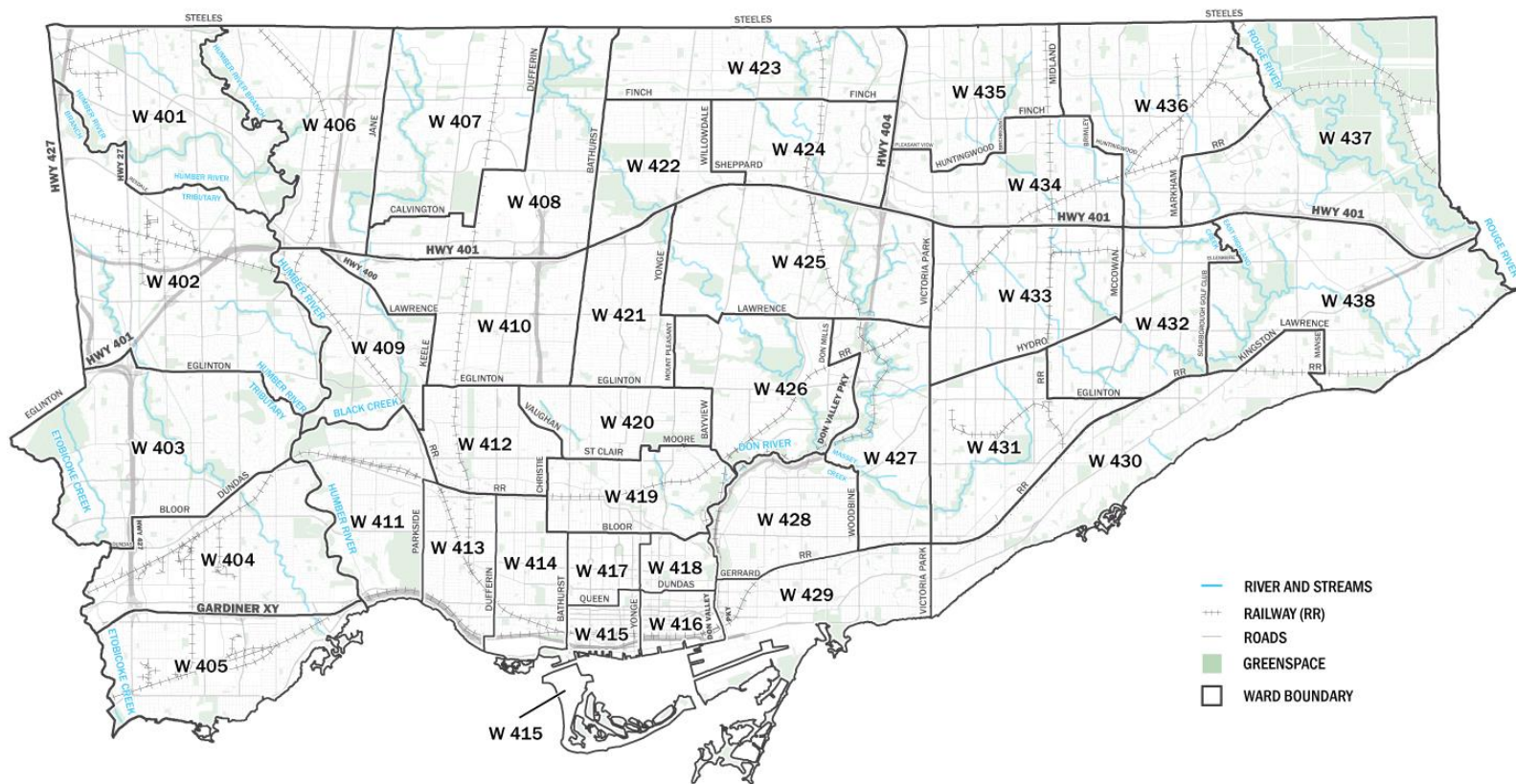
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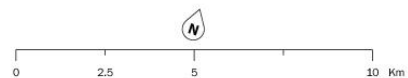
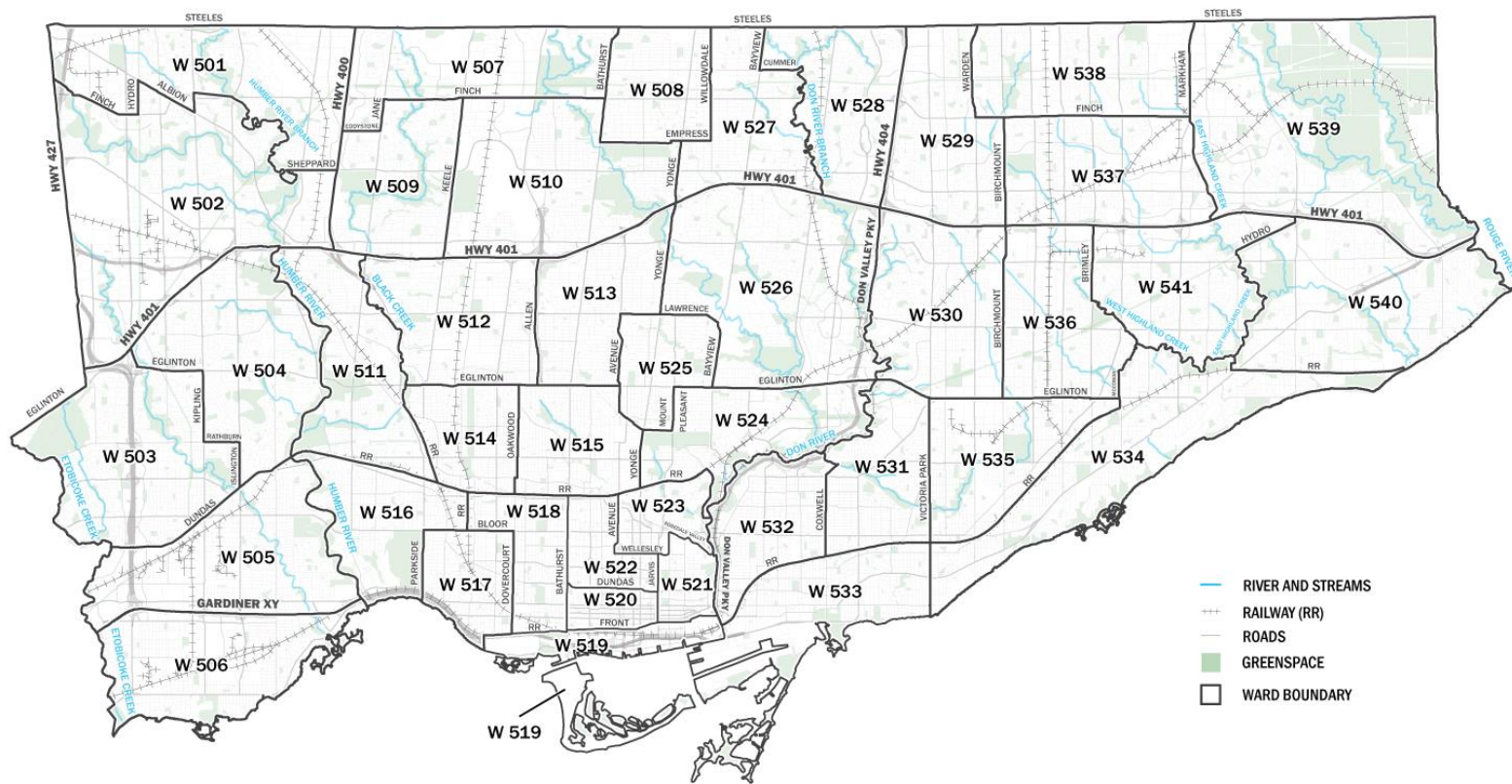
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REFINING OPTION 4 LARGE WARDS

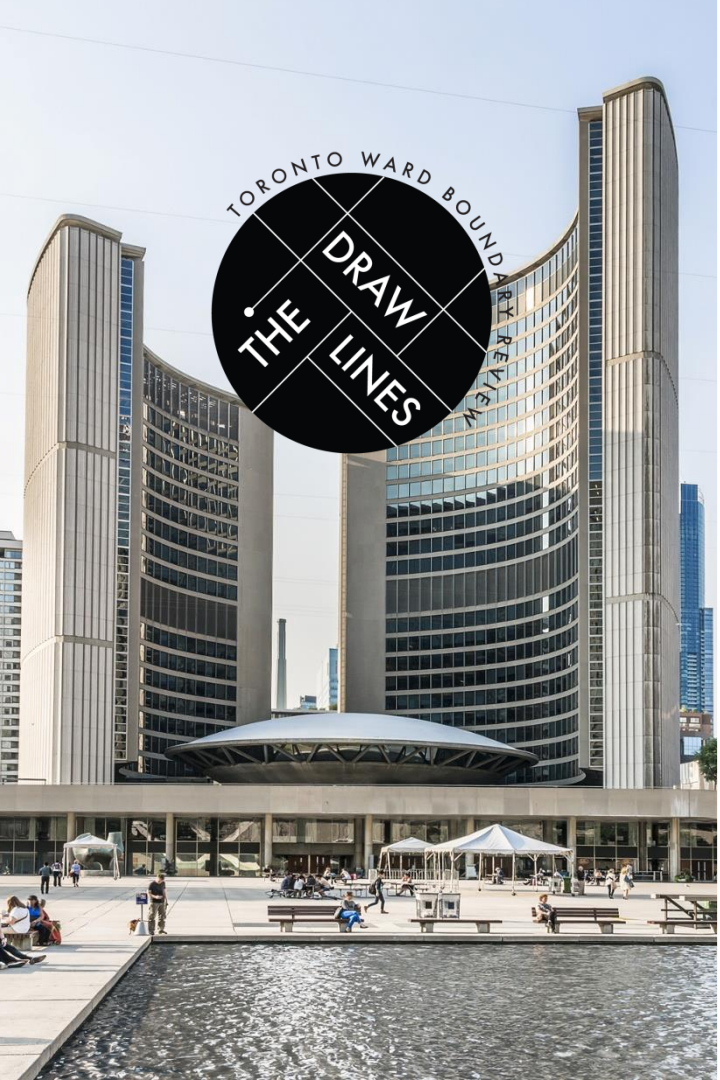


REFINING OPTION 5 NATURAL/PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES



Next Steps:

- Complete the survey – PRINT & ONLINE
- Online closes NOV 15, 2015
- 12 public meetings (SEPT. 16 – OCT. 24)
- Round Two Report
- TWBR Final Report with recommended option, with refinements (MAY 2016)



THANK YOU!

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