



NEW WARDS FOR TORONTO

FINAL REPORT Information Session

MAY 16, 2016



Presentation Outline

1. Overview of Final Report
2. About TWBR
3. TWBR Results
4. Recommended Wards
5. Overview of Changes
6. Conclusion & Next Steps

OVERVIEW OF FINAL REPORT



Components of Final Report

- Executive Summary
- Why TWBR
- The TWBR Step-by-Step
- Preferred Option & Refinements
- Recommendation for New Wards for Toronto
- Conclusion & Next Steps



Appendices

- A – Map of Current Wards
- B – Maps of the 5 Options
- C – Ward-specific Refinements – Option 1
- D – Out of Scope Comments
- E – Map of Recommended Wards – Large Version

The TWBR Step-by-Step

- Comparative Research
- Round One Civic Engagement & Public Consultation
(Input on current ward structure)
- Ward Boundary Options
- Round Two Civic Engagement & Public Consultation
(Feedback on options)
- Preferred Option & Refinements
- Recommendation for New Wards for Toronto



ABOUT TWBR



Why a TWBR

- Toronto's population now about 2.9 million
- Expected growth 2011- 2030 – 500,000
- Average ward for 2014 election – 61,000
(smallest - 45,440; largest – 94,600)
- Over 75% variance (minus 25% - plus 56%)



Why a TWBR

- Ward population size affects how residents are represented at City Council
 - at election time
 - every time City Council votes
- The status quo is not an option



What is the TWBR about

- Size and shape of Toronto's wards
- Current and future populations
- Effective representation
 - Voter parity (similar/not identical ward populations)
 - Geographic communities of interest
 - Natural and physical boundaries
 - Ward history
 - Capacity to represent



What is the TWBR NOT about

- How Toronto's government is organized
- How City Council operates
- How people vote (ranked ballots; proportional representation)
- Quality of the job a Councillor is doing
- Municipal services



TWBR Process

Round One civic engagement and public consultation (input on current ward structure/direction for options)

- Interviews with Members of Council
- Interviews with stakeholder groups
- Advisory panel
- Public meetings
- Online survey
- Options Report



TWBR Process

Round Two civic engagement and public consultation (feedback on options/preferred option)

- Interviews with Members of Council
- Interviews with stakeholder groups
- Advisory panel
- Public meetings/webinar
- Online survey
- Final Report with recommendation



TWBR RESULTS



5 Options

- Option 1 – Minimal Change
 - Option 2 – 44 Wards
 - Option 3 – Small Wards
 - Option 4 – Large Wards
 - Option 5 – Natural / Physical Boundaries
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- All achieve effective representation

Summary of 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/Provincial Ridings

- Little support for 25 wards (average population of 123,000)
- Some support for dividing federal ridings in half
 - average pop'n of 60,500 (close to Option 1)
 - requires 50 wards
 - splits some communities of interest
 - smallest 2 wards 20% below average
- Adjusted every 10 years – not a long-term solution



Preferred Option

- Round Two of public process ranked the 5 options
- Input analyzed in four ways
 - 1 – first choice
 - 2 – ranked score
 - 3 – last choice
 - 4 – comparison of first and last choices

Preferred Option

- Ranked score

First choice	5 PTS
Second choice	4 PTS
Third choice	3 PTS
Fourth choice	2 PTS
Fifth choice	1 PT
Not ranked	0 PTS
'No'	0 PTS

Table 3

Ranking by Option Placement – Public Survey

	OPTION 1 – MINIMAL CHANGE	OPTION 2 – 44 WARDS	OPTION 3 – SMALL WARDS	OPTION 4 – LARGE WARDS	OPTION 5 – NATURAL/PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES
First ranked	126	81	186	162	139
Second ranked	166	167	73	94	157
Third ranked	169	221	80	72	111
Fourth ranked	121	146	97	117	169
Fifth ranked	71	35	224	229	105
Not ranked	64	67	57	43	36
TOTAL	717	717	717	717	717

Table 4

First Place Choice – Public Survey

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Table 5

Total Ranked Score – Public Survey

	OPTION 1 – MINIMAL CHANGE	OPTION 2 – 44 WARDS	OPTION 3 – SMALL WARDS	OPTION 4 – LARGE WARDS	OPTION 5 – NATURAL/ PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES
TOTAL SCORE	2114	2063	1880	1865	2027

Chart 2

Comparison – First and Fifth Choice – Public Survey

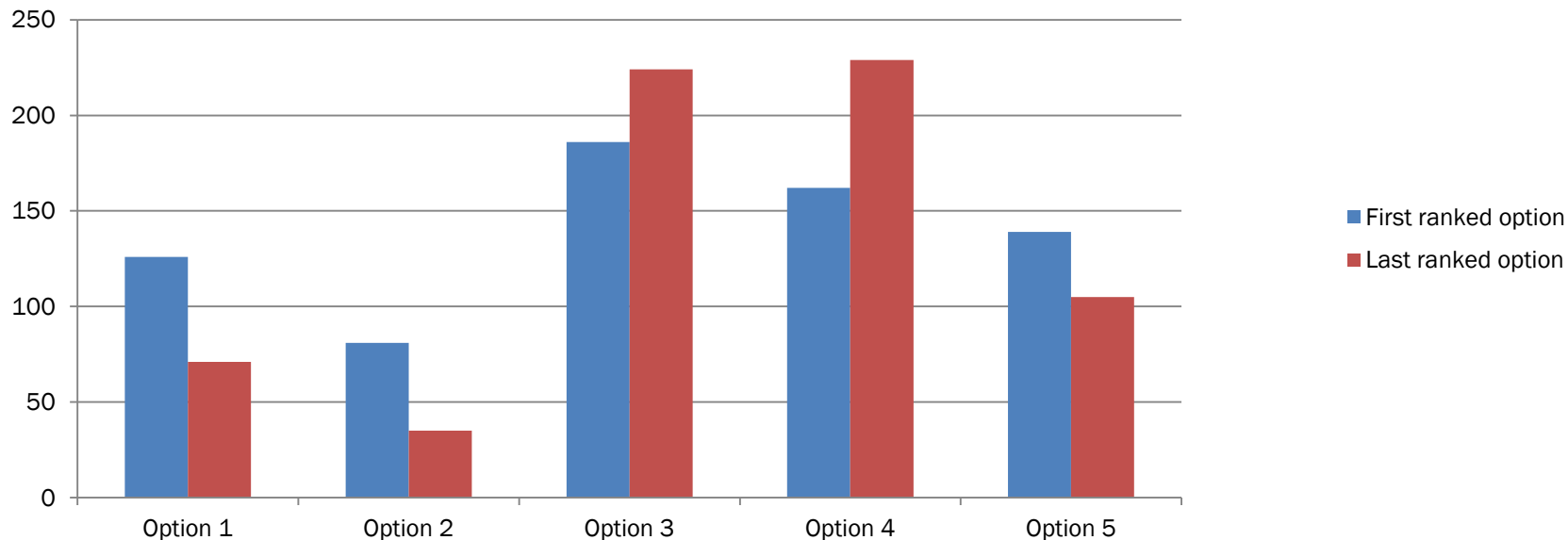


Table 7

Ranking by Option – Members of Council

	Option 1 – Minimal Change	Option 2 – 44 Wards	Option 3 – Small Wards	Option 4 – Large Wards	Option 5 – Natural/Physical Boundaries
First ranked	13	9	10	3	3
Second ranked	12	7	3	4	3
Third ranked	4	4	3	0	5
Fourth ranked	1	1	1	1	0
Fifth ranked	0	0	1	0	0
Ranked No	4	2	8	9	10
Not ranked	8	19	16	25	21
TOTAL	42	42	42	42	42

Table 8

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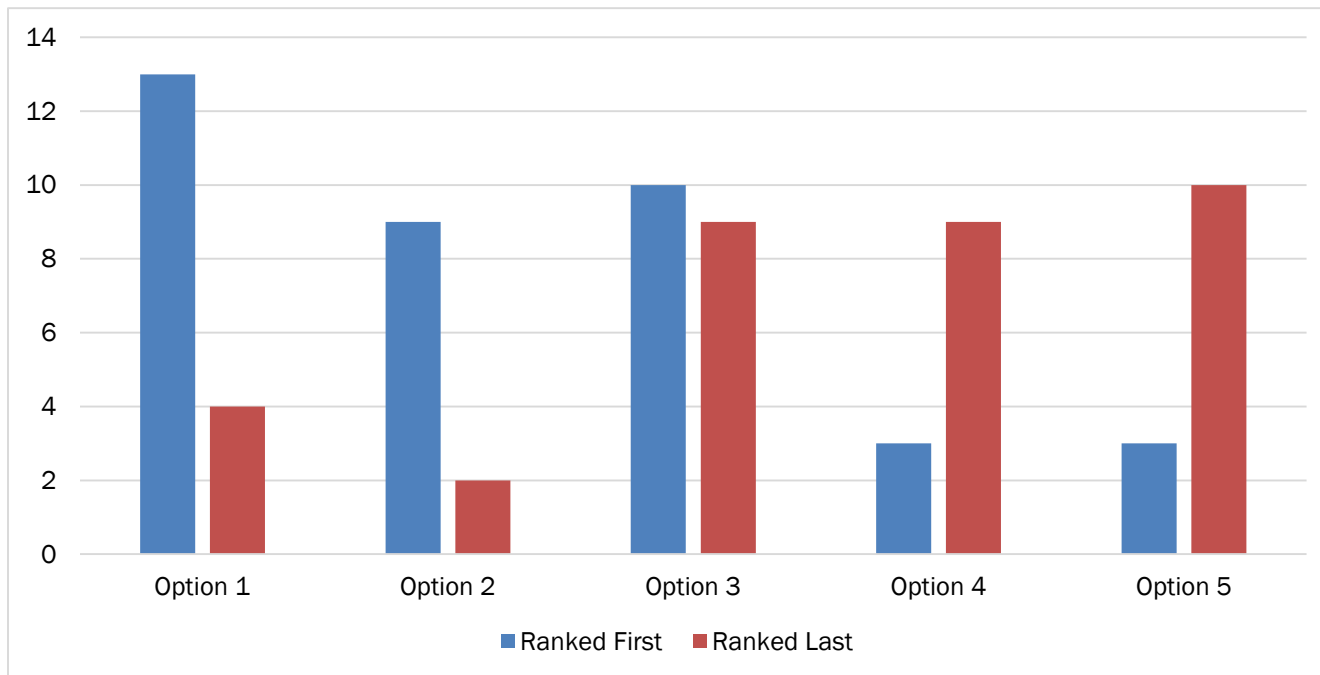
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Chart 4

First and Last Choice – Members of Council



Preferred Option

- Option 1 emerged as preferred option
- All suggested refinements to Option 1 examined
- All suggested refinements to other options relevant to Option 1 examined
- All suggested refinements tested for effective representation
 - incorporated
 - not incorporated

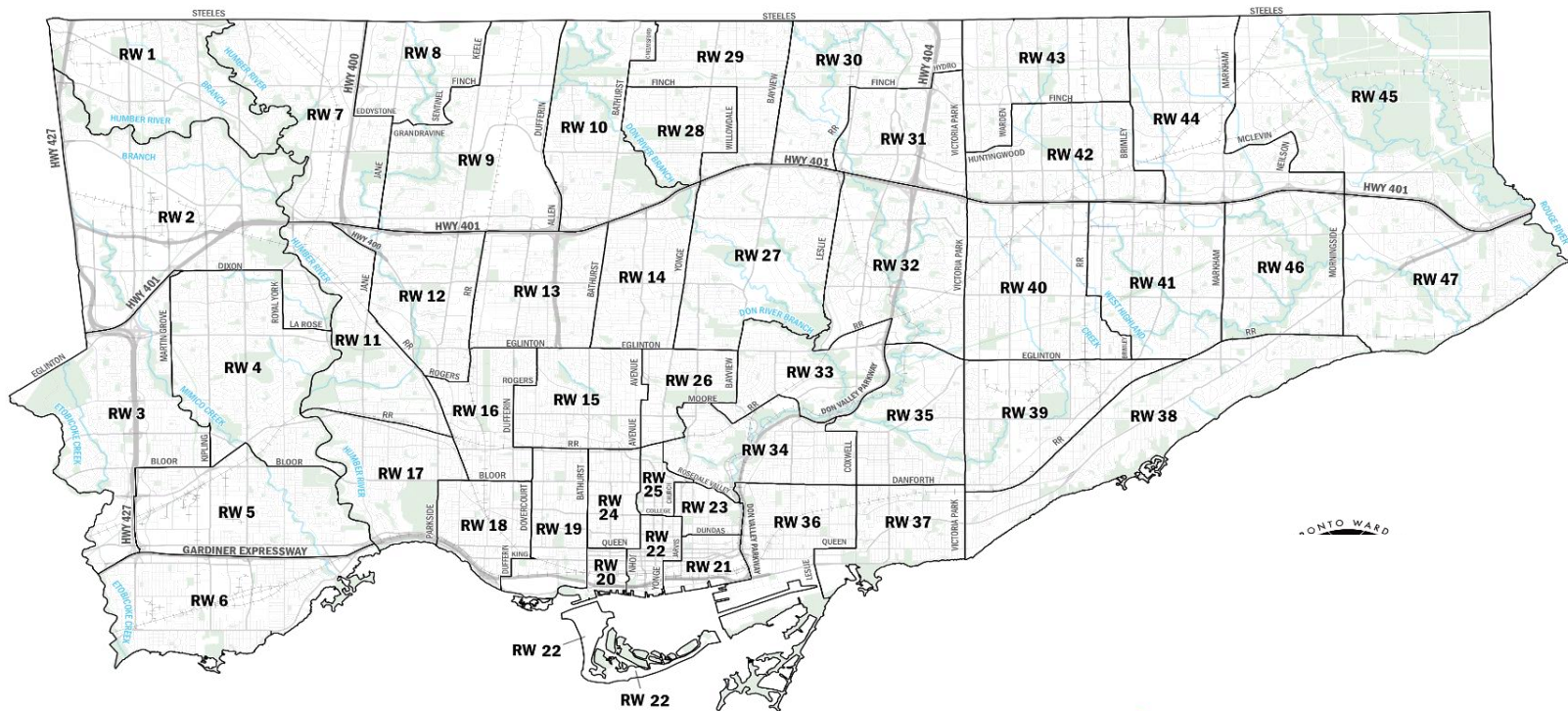
- Option 1 plus refinements result in recommended ward structure
- New ward structure different from Option 1

RECOMMENDED WARDS



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



NUMBER OF WARDS
47

AVERAGE WARD SIZE
61,000

POPULATION RANGE
51,850 - 70,150 (+/- 15%)

Achieving Effective Representation

- Voter parity
- Geographic communities of interest
- Coherent boundaries



Variances	Number of Wards	Recommended Wards Included
+/- 15% of average	44	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47
Below 15% of average	1	20
Over 15% of average	2	15 & 41

Communities of Interest

- Every effort made to keep geographic communities of interest together
- Not always possible, some too large
- Choices necessary- keeping one community together may result in dividing another community

Natural / physical boundaries

- Humber River
- Victoria Park Avenue
- Highway 401
- Downtown (as defined in the Official Plan)
- Generally - Eglinton Avenue
- Major roads

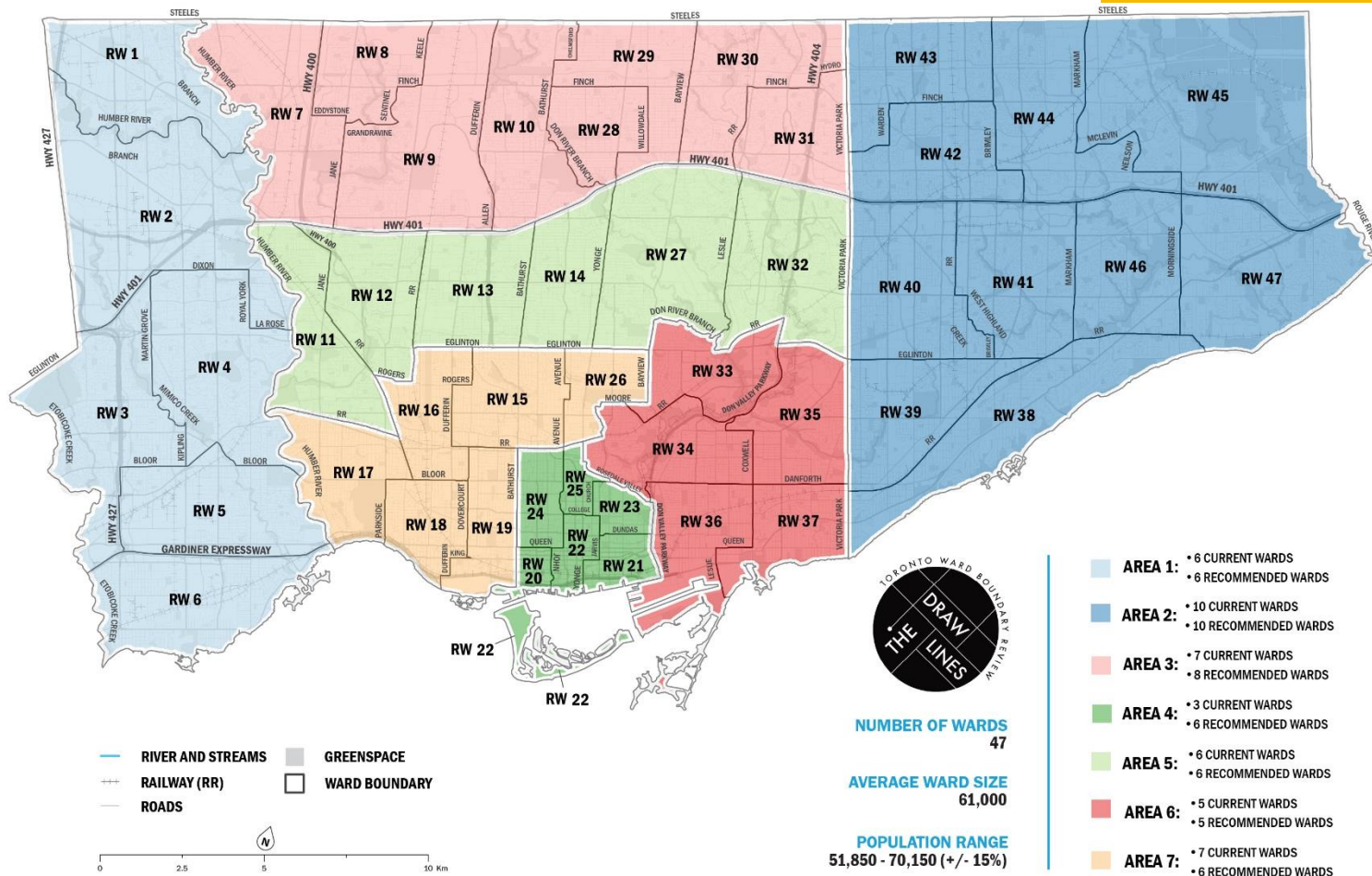
OVERVIEW OF CHANGES



New ward structure similar to/ different from Option 1

- Number of wards with no boundary changes reduced from 18 to 6 (Wards 1, 2, 6, 10, 11 & 35)
- Total number of wards remains at 47
- Average ward population stays at 61,000
- Target year remains at 2026

BOUNDARY CHANGES



Summary of Changes

1. One additional ward north of Hwy. 401 between Bathurst St. and Victoria Park Ave.
2. Three additional wards in Downtown
3. One less ward west of Downtown and south of Eglinton Ave.



CONCLUSION & NEXT STEPS



Conclusion

Recommended new ward structure

- Achieves effective representation
- Respects public & Council members' input
- Lasts till 2030



Next Steps

- TWBR Final Report at Executive Committee (May 24, 2016)
- Discussion of Final Report by City Council (Summer/Fall 2016)
- City Council decision (by end of 2016)
- Potential OMB Hearing (January – June 2017)
- Implementation of new wards (by end of 2017)



Next Steps

- Timeline is critical
- OMB Hearing probable
- 2017 needed to resolve any hearing and prepare for implementing new ward structure for 2018 municipal election



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