

TORONTO WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW Let Us Know What You Think #drawthelinesTO

December 2014 - January 2015

AGENDA

- Overview of TWBR
- Looking Ahead
- Discussion
- Next Steps



OVERVIEW OF THE TWBR



What is the TWBR about?

- Size and shape of Toronto's wards
- Current and future populations
- Effective representation
 - Voter parity
 - Geographic communities of interest
 - Natural and physical boundaries
 - Ward history
- Capacity to represent

TWBR process.

- Round One civic engagement and public consultation (input)
 - Interviews with members of Council
 - Interviews with stakeholder groups
 - Advisory panel
 - Public meetings we are here
 - Online survey we are here
- Options Report

TWBR process.

- Round Two civic engagement and public consultation (feedback on options)
 - Interviews with members of Council
 - Interviews with stakeholder groups
 - Advisory panel
 - Public meetings
 - Online survey
- Final Report with recommendations

Who is responsible?

- Independent team of consultants
- City Council makes final decision

What the TWBR in 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

LOOKING AHEAD

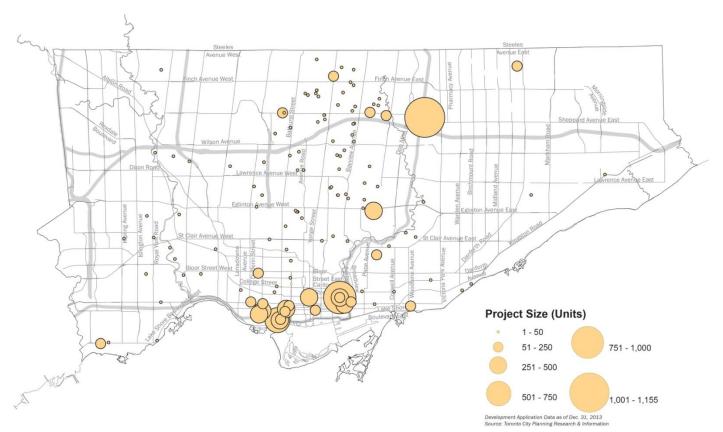


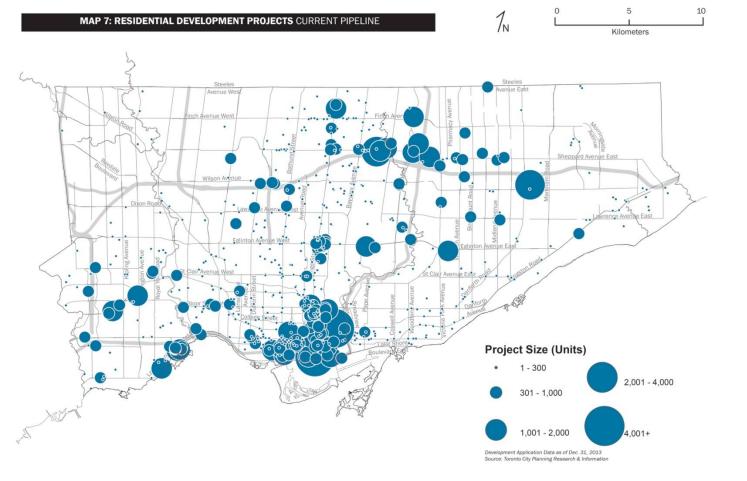
Projecting the future.

- Toronto growth
- Residential development completed
- In the 'pipeline'



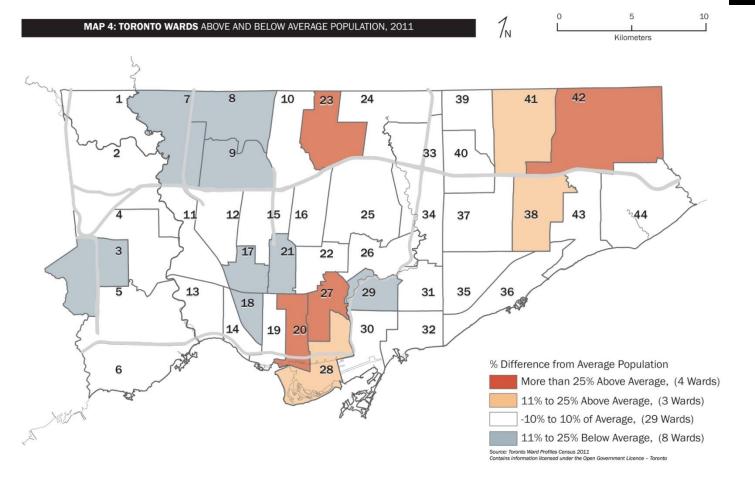


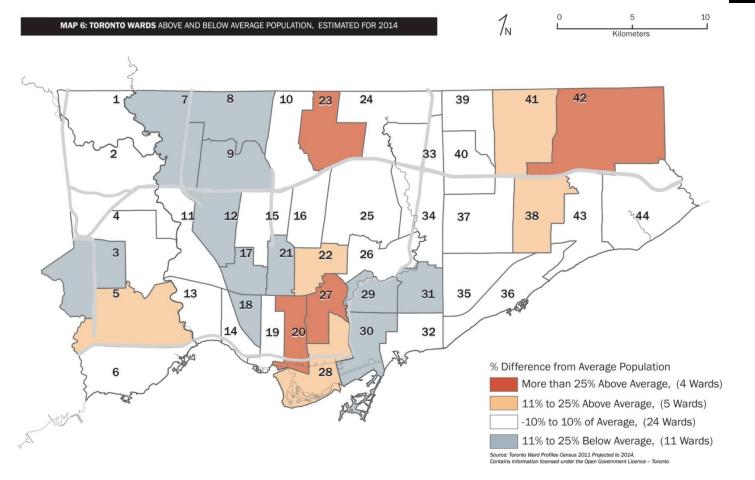


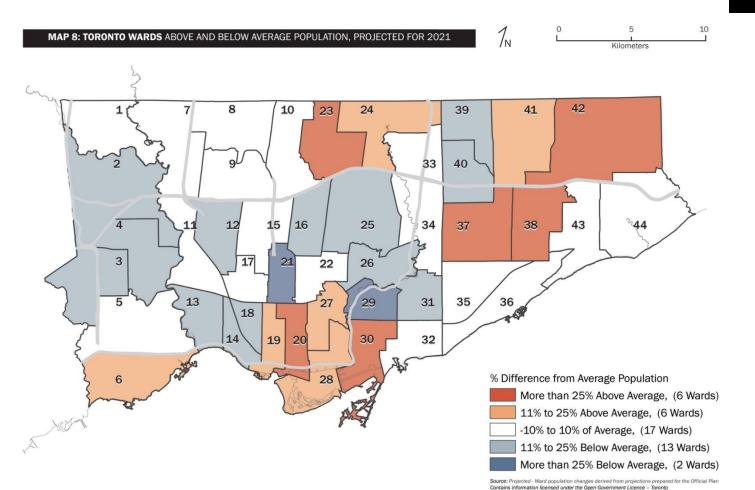


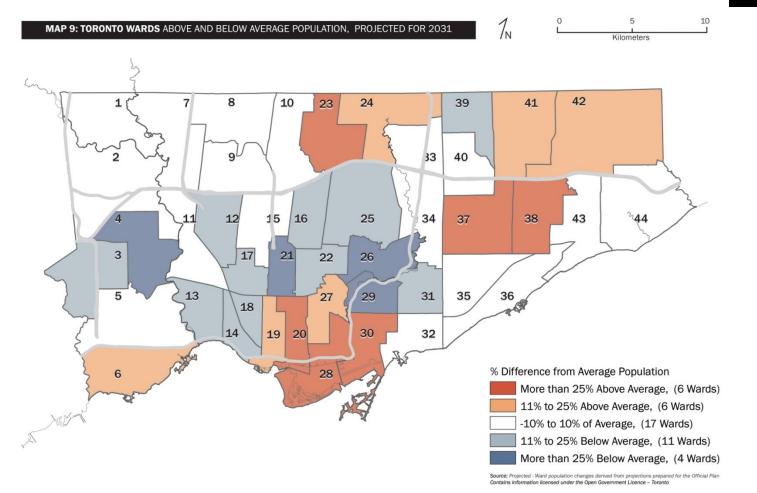
Effective representation.

- One element is voter parity or representation by population
- Variances in ward populations as the city grows
- Plus or minus 10% is ideal, but can accept higher variances, up to 25%







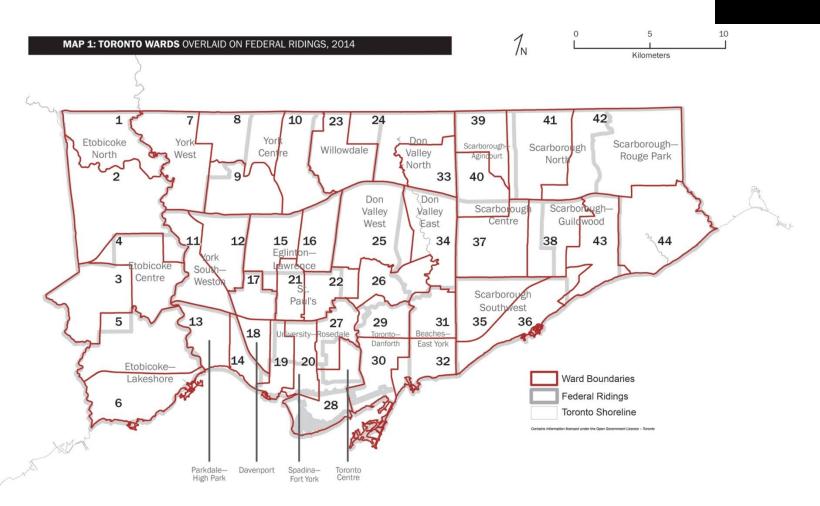


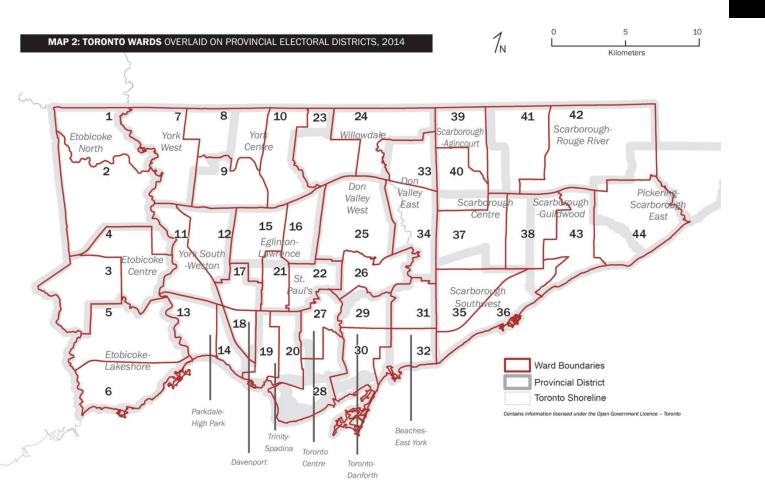
Effective representation.

- In addition to voter parity TWBR also has to consider:
 - Geographic communities of interest
 - Natural and physical boundaries
 - Ward history
 - Capacity to represent

Toronto's wards.

- In relation to federal riding boundaries
- In relation to provincial riding boundaries





DISCUSSION



Your ward.

 Do you have any concerns related to the current boundaries of your ward?

Communities of interest.

Communities of interest are neighbourhoods or specific ethno-cultural groups that live in the same area.

 Do the boundaries of your Ward divide any communities of interest?

Ward population.

Current Toronto wards range in population between approximately 45,000 and 94,000.

 What do you think the population of a Toronto ward should be, so that a Councillor can effectively represent the ward?

Number of wards.

By 2031 Toronto's population is expected to grow to 3.2 million people.

 In your opinion, what should be the total number of wards for Toronto to achieve good representation?

Federal and provincial ridings.

 Is there value for Toronto's ward boundaries to be similar to the boundaries of provincial or federal ridings?

Other comments.

 Do you have any other comments regarding Toronto's ward boundaries?

NEXT STEPS



- Public meetings until mid January
- On-line survey open until January 21
- Report on Round One
- Options Report
- Round Two public engagement to get feedback on options for Toronto's wards - May to November
- Final report to Executive Committee and Council May 2016



THANK YOU

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