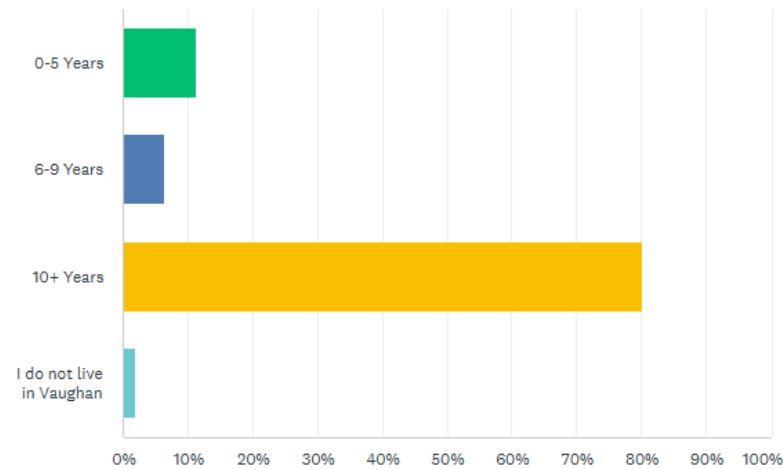**City of Vaughan**
Ward Boundary Review

Final Recommended Options to Council

June 18, 2025

What We Heard

How long have you lived in Vaughan?

Answered: 395   Skipped: 0

Which ward do you live in?
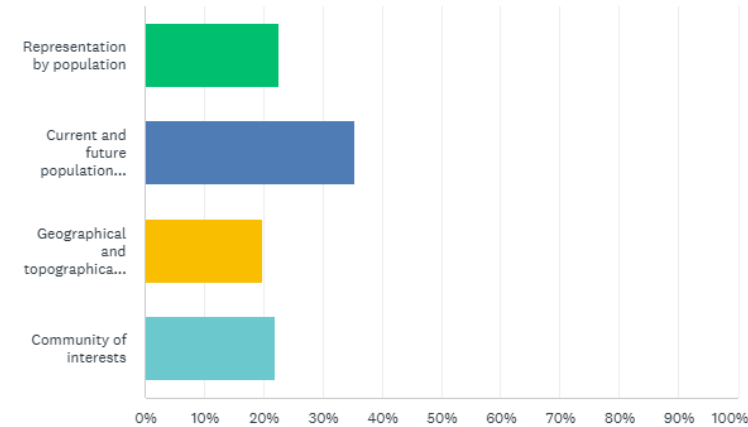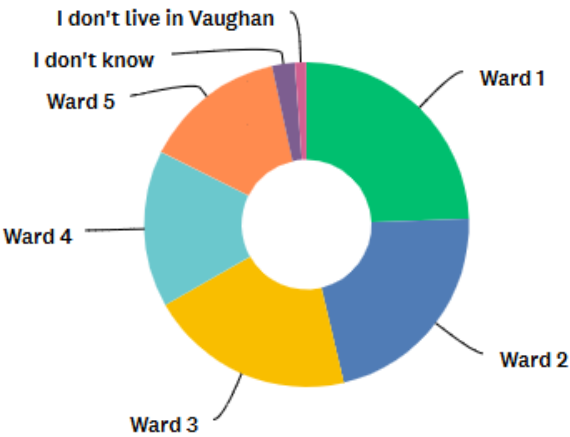
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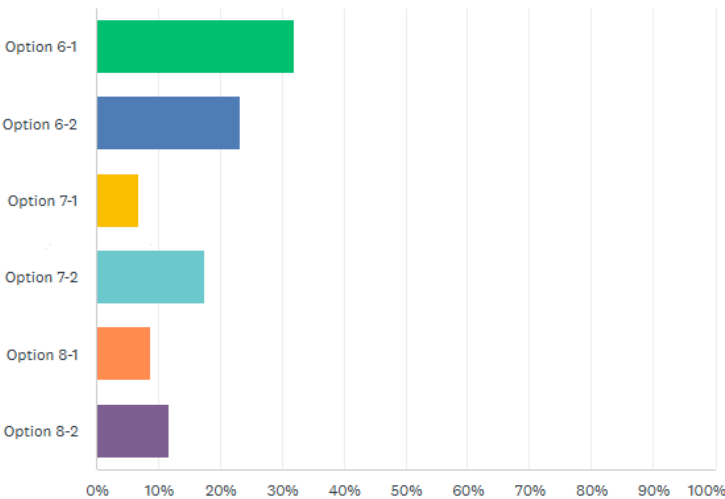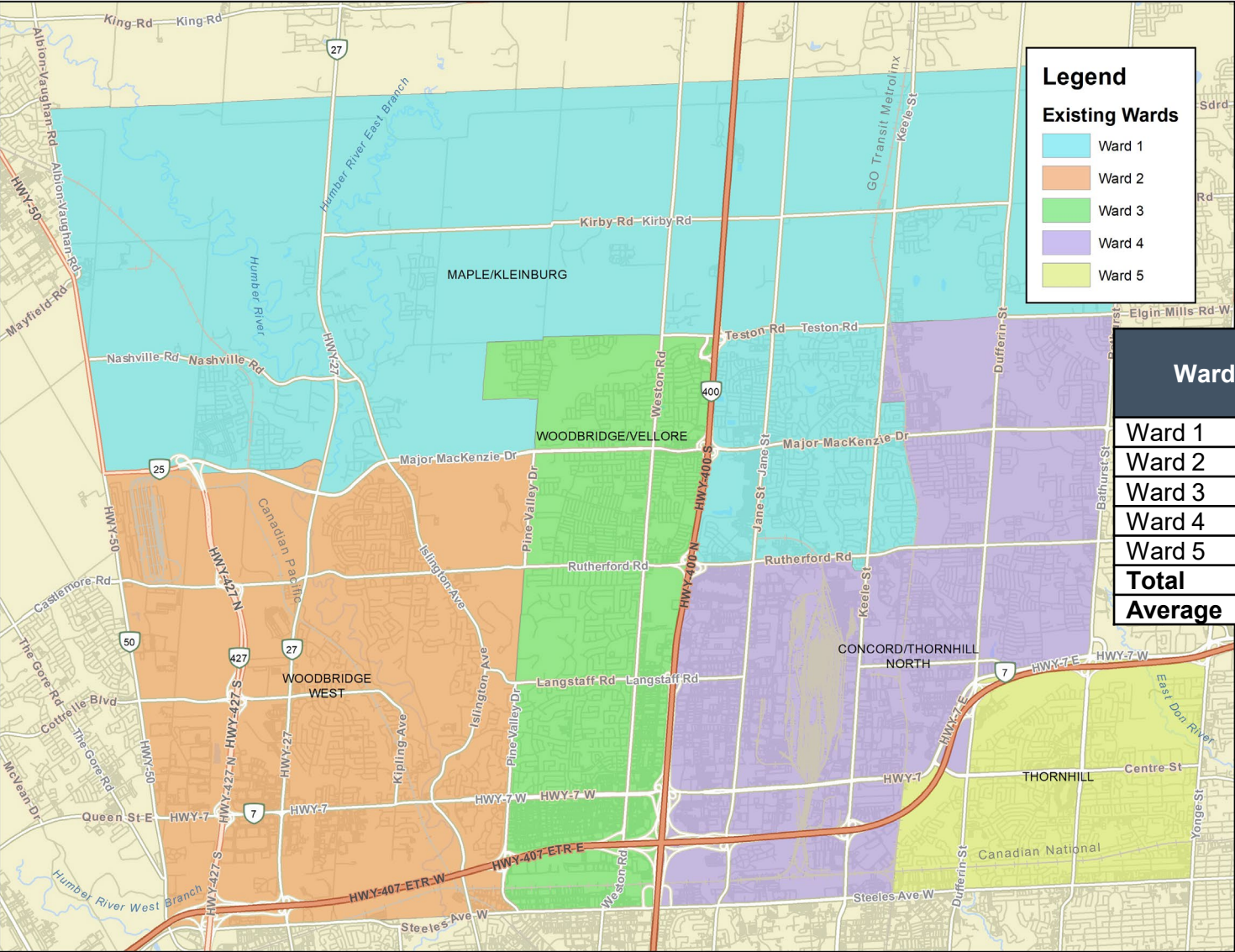
Answered: 141   Skipped: 76

Of all of the presented options, which is most preferred?

Answered: 103   Skipped: 292

Existing Wards

Ward	2025 Total Population	2025 Population Variance	2025 Optimal Range	2036 Total Population	2036 Population Variance	2036 Optimal Range
Ward 1	79,100	1.07	O+	114,600	1.27	OR+
Ward 2	61,000	0.82	O-	68,250	0.76	O-
Ward 3	73,750	1.00	O	79,050	0.88	O-
Ward 4	81,750	1.10	O+	106,950	1.19	O+
Ward 5	74,700	1.01	O	81,150	0.90	O-
Total	**370,300**	-	-	**450,000**	-	-
Average	**74,050**	-	-	**90,000**	-	-

Final Option 1
(Adjusted Preliminary Option 6-2)

Final Option 1

Legend

Final Option 1
- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
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- Ward 6

- All six wards within the acceptable population range in 2025 (±25%)
- Ward 3 grows into optimal parity and remaining Wards within of acceptable 25% population range in longer term
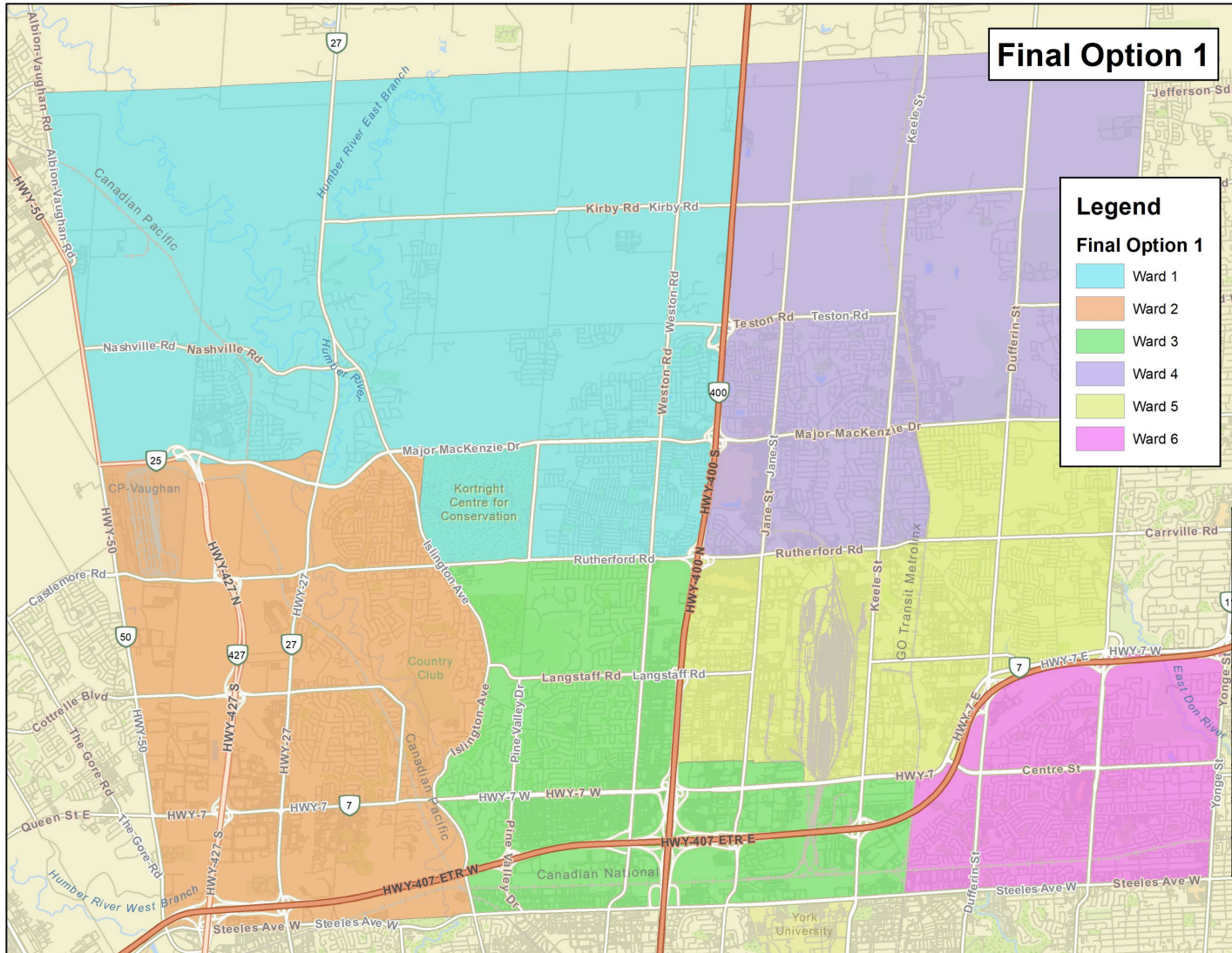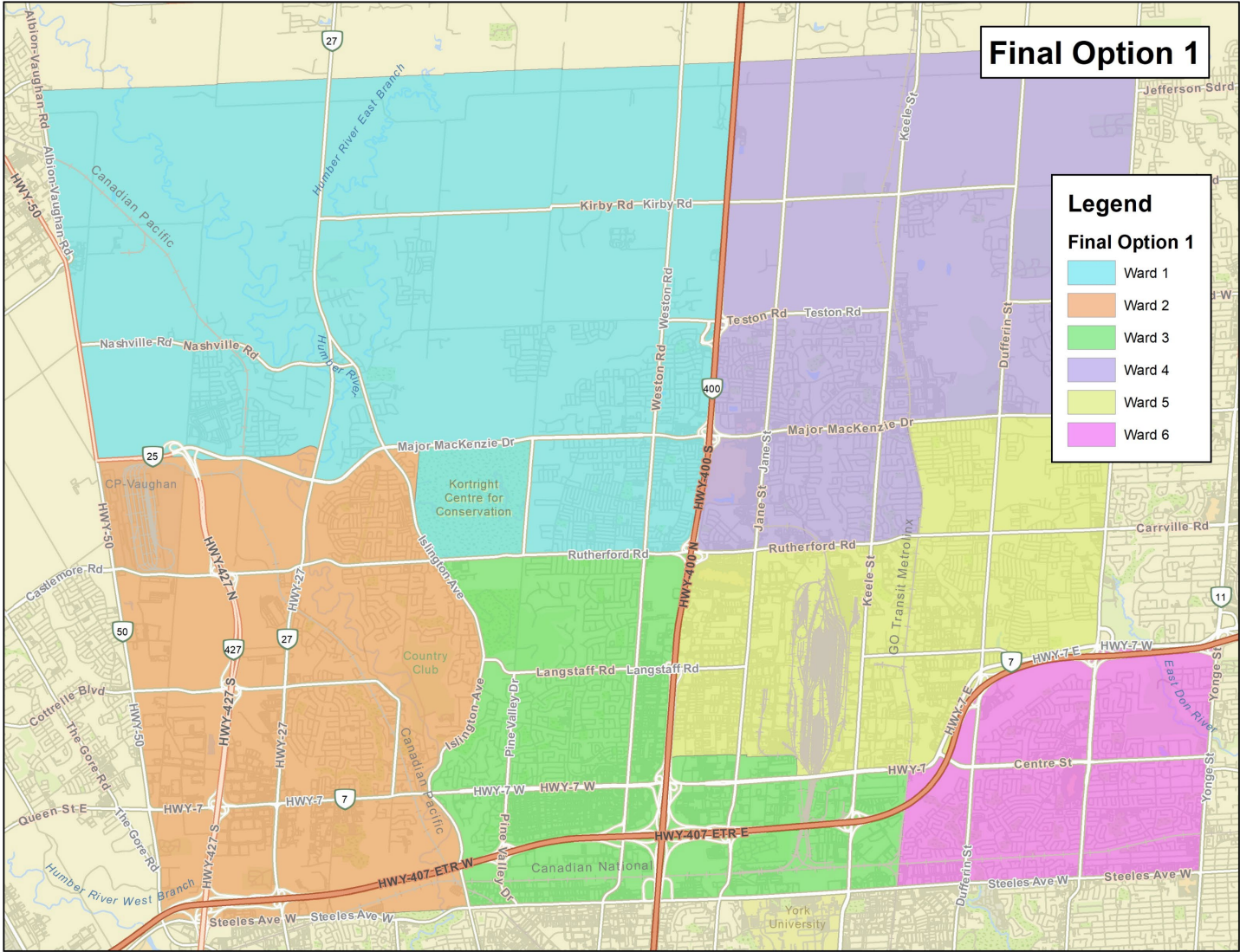- Highway 400 used as a dividing line between East and West aside from Ward 3 that crosses

Ward	2025 Total Population	2025 Population Variance	2025 Optimal Range	2036 Total Population	2036 Population Variance	2036 Optimal Range
Ward 1	69,128	1.12	O+	87,723	1.17	O+
Ward 2	51,374	0.83	O-	57,828	0.77	O-
Ward 3	56,714	0.92	O-	72,065	0.96	O
Ward 4	69,286	1.12	O+	91,756	1.22	O+
Ward 5	49,118	0.80	O-	59,498	0.79	O-
Ward 6	74,694	1.21	O+	81,134	1.08	O+
Total	**370,300**	-	-	**450,000**	-	-
Average	**61,700**	-	-	**75,000**	-	-

Final Option 1
(Adjusted Preliminary Option 6-2)

Final Option 1

Legend

Final Option 1
- Ward 1
- Ward 2
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Principle	Does the Ward Structure Meet the Respective Principle?	Comment
Representation by Population	**Largely Successful**	All wards are within the acceptable range of variation, but with sizable disparities between certain wards. The population difference between the largest and smallest is approximately 20,000 people.
Future Population Trends	**Largely Successful**	All wards are within the acceptable range of variation (±25%) but sizable disparities forecast between the largest and smallest wards: close to 34,000 people.
Communities of Interest	**Yes**	Most communities comfortably contained in single wards.
Geographic Representation	**Yes**	Most boundary lines follow identifiable markers.
Effective Representation	**Largely Successful**	This option provides for good population parity and comfortably contains most communities of interest and uses recognizable boundary markers but is held back from fully achieving effective representation by sizable population disparities between wards.

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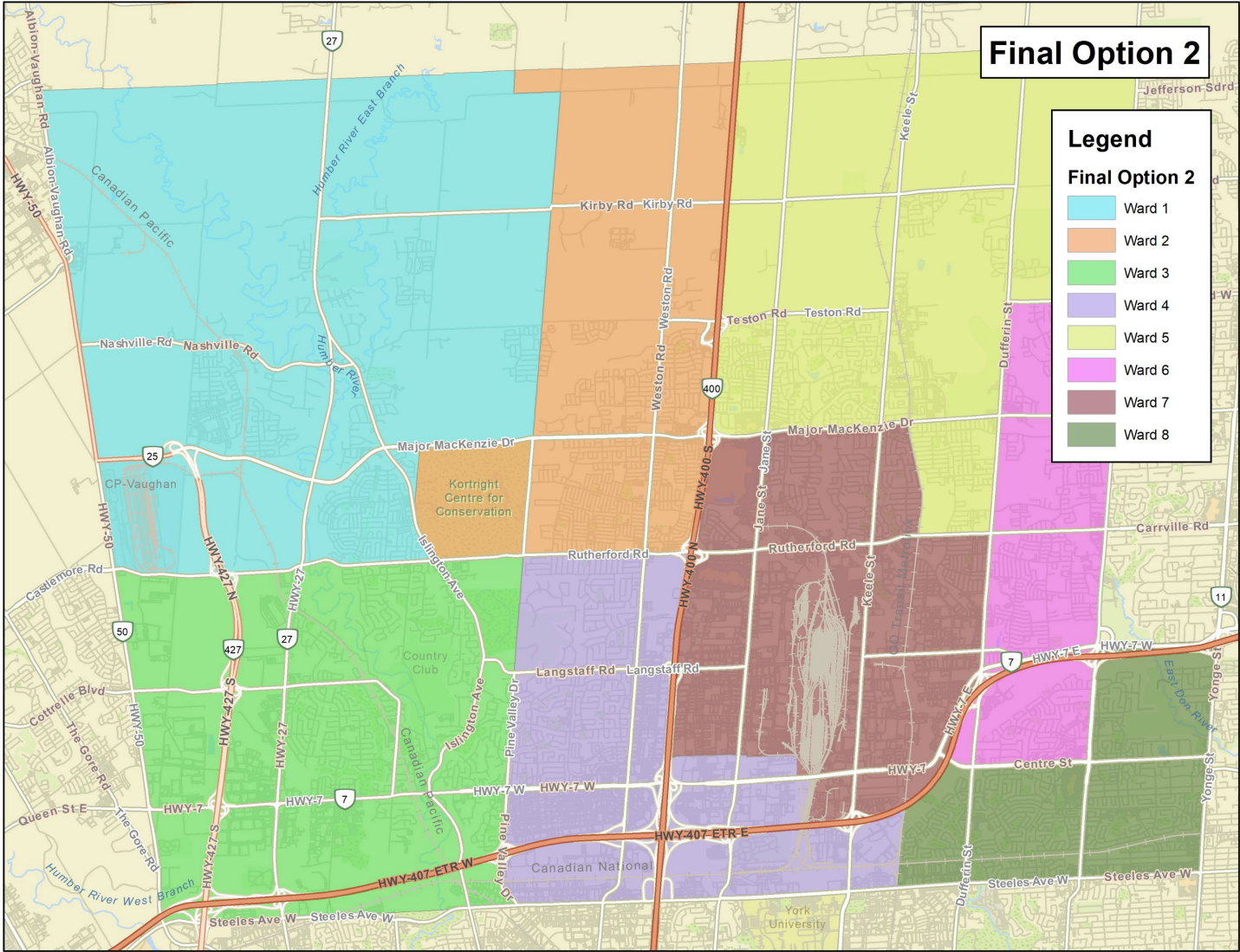## (Adjusted Preliminary Option 8-2)

- Four of eight wards within optimal range for 2025, Ward 8 outside of the acceptable range, and remaining three wards within 25% acceptable range of variance
- Ward 6 grows into parity for 2036, Ward 7 grows outside of the acceptable range, and remaining six wards within 25% range of variance

Ward	2025 Total Population	2025 Population Variance	2025 Optimal Range	2036 Total Population	2036 Population Variance	2036 Optimal Range
Ward 1	39,575	0.85	O-	46,254	0.82	O-
Ward 2	45,340	0.98	O	59,376	1.06	O+
Ward 3	45,195	0.98	O	50,341	0.89	O-
Ward 4	46,271	1.00	O	60,363	1.07	O+
Ward 5	46,559	1.01	O	68,745	1.22	O+
Ward 6	51,743	1.12	O+	58,702	1.04	O
Ward 7	35,141	0.76	O-	39,899	0.71	OR-
Ward 8	60,490	1.31	OR+	66,323	1.18	O+
Total	370,300	-	-	450,000	-	-
Average	46,300	-	-	56,250	-	-

Final Option 2
(Adjusted Preliminary Option 8-2)

Final Option 2

Legend

Final Option 2

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- Ward 7
- Ward 8

Principle	Does the Ward Structure Meet the Respective Principle?	Comment
Representation by Population	**Largely Successful**	Only one ward is outside the acceptable range of variation; four are within the optimal range.
Future Population Trends	**Partially Successful**	One ward is outside the acceptable range of variation; one is within the optimal range.
Communities of Interest	**Yes**	All wards are reasonable groupings of communities.
Geographic Representation	**Yes**	All wards use a recognizable configuration.
Effective Representation	**Largely Successful**	This option largely provides for effective representation through a combination of clear and recognizable boundary markers, protecting communities of interest and providing for reasonable population parity.

Council's Authority & Next Steps

Ontario's *Municipal Act, 2001* is silent on essential features of the municipal system of representation. The *Act* merely authorizes a lower-tier municipality:

- to determine the "composition of council" (that is, the size of council);

- to determine how Council (other than the Mayor) will be elected ("by general vote or wards* or by any combination of general vote and wards") [s. 217];

- to divide or re-divide the municipality into wards or to dissolve the existing wards" through a by-law of Council [s. 222]

Council can:
- Choose one of the recommended options;
- Ask for changes or revisions to the recommended options (or choose one of the other options and ask for changes to it);
- Adopt a by-law to dissolve the wards;
- Take no action.

Should Council choose to implement new ward boundaries, it would have to pass a by-law. Notice of the by-law would have to be provided.

Any action respecting ward boundary reconfigurations (including taking no action, albeit with limitations) could be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). A new by-law can be appealed up to 45 days after passage.

Questions?