City of Vaughan
Ward Boundary Review (WBR)

Council Update

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WHY A WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW?

To prepare Vaughan Council to make decisions on whether
to maintain the existing ward structure or
to adopt an alternative arrangement

Context

Town of Vaughan
established under provincial legislation (achieved City status 1991)

Current electoral structure established

Present Day

Projected Population Estimates

1972

2009

2020

2030

Population ~ 16,000[1]

Mayor
(elected at-large)
3 Local & Regional Councillors
(elected at-large)
5 Local Councillors
(1 per ward)

Population 305,000
(2016 census)
and estimated to be 340,000 in 2021 – an increase of almost 30%.

Population over 400,000

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What Can Council Do?

Ontario's *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes a lower-tier municipality to:

- change the size of the Council

- determine how Council (other than the Mayor) will be elected

- "divide or re-divide the municipality into wards or dissolve the existing wards"

No stipulated schedule, standardized process or established criteria exist for electoral reviews in Ontario

- Each municipality must set its own terms, parameters, guiding principles, etc.

- A review is typically framed by established procedures and principles applied in several Ontario municipalities and by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) and judicial rulings on representation

What Did We Hear In The First Round Of Engagement?

Public Engagement Overview

- Interviews with senior staff and members of council

- Four public online "town hall" sessions

- An engagement website with lots of materials to learn from.

- A survey collected preferences and extensive comments

Some High-level Perspectives

- Over 3000 people visited the site to learn more

- 585 people answered the key questions of the survey and 375 people left thoughtful explanations for their choices

- Majority of people were from Maple, Thornhill, and Woodbridge. People from all wards answered

Guiding Principles to Design Wards

A **ward-based** electoral system should address these core principles/guidelines:

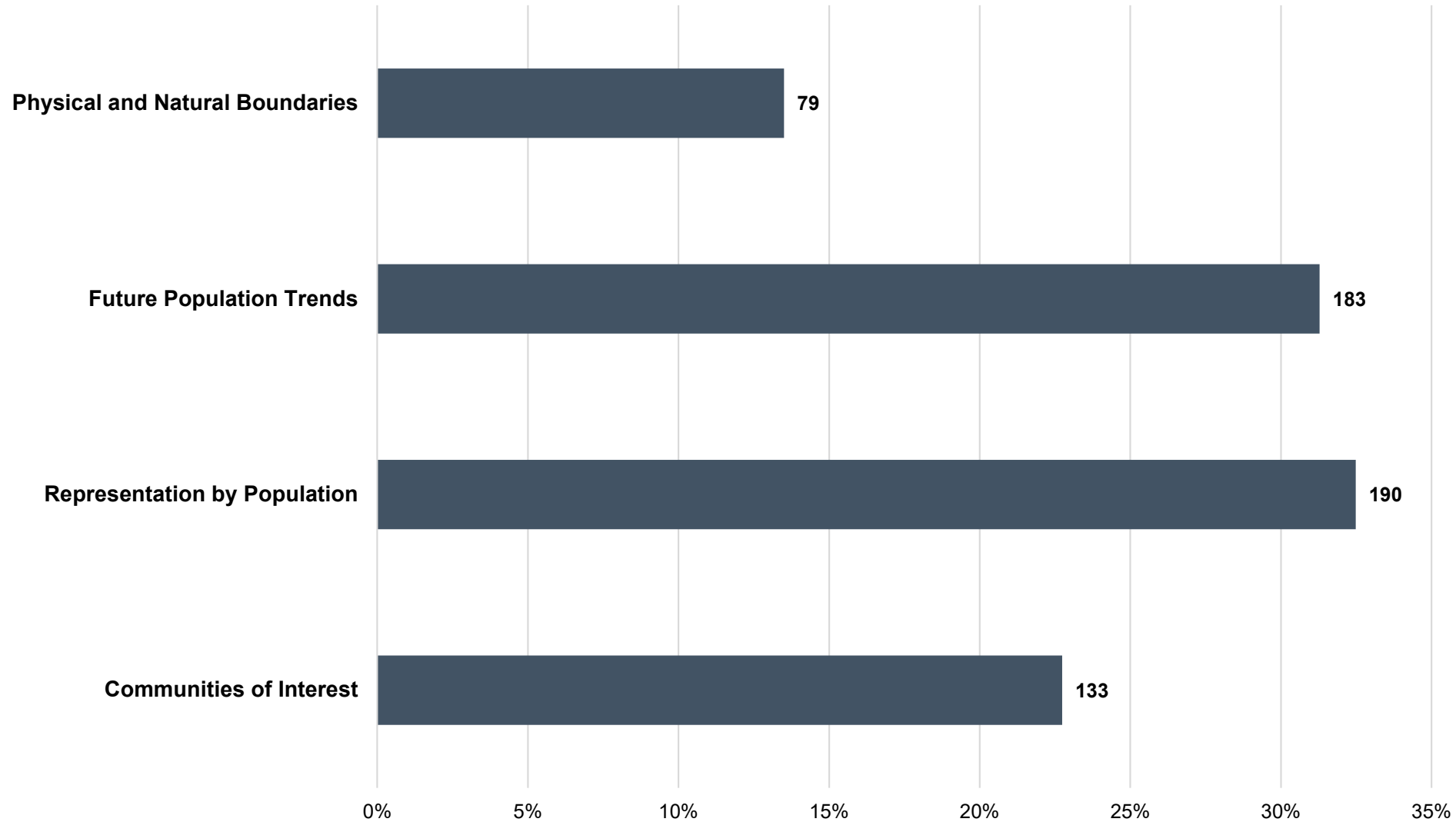| ➢	Representation by Population
➢	Future Population Trends
➢	Physical and Natural Boundaries
➢	Communities of Interest

Effective Representation

What Should an Alternative System Look Like?

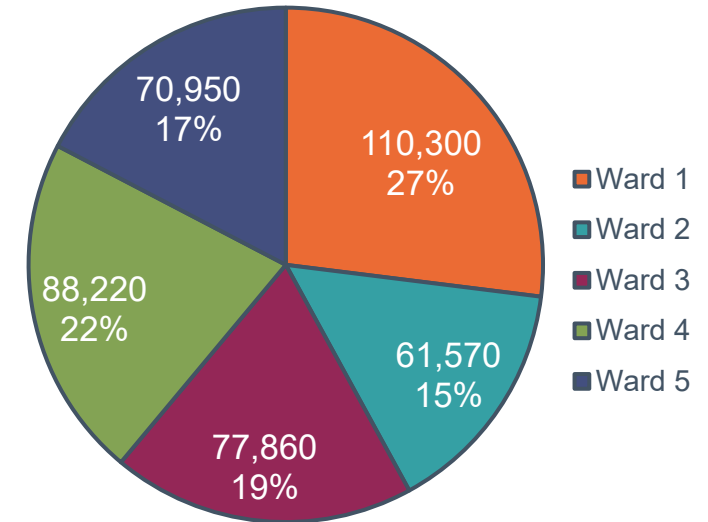| Category	Value
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Population Forecasts & Optimal Population Distribution

- Vaughan was the fastest growing municipality in Canada between 1996 and 2006 and significant future population growth is expected to continue (~70,000 over next decade).

- Population forecasts are based on and have been guided by Regional and Municipal targets and policy objectives along with a comprehensive review of supply.

- However, forecasts and settlement patterns may change and to recognize that, the Guiding Principles allow for a variance (+/- 25%) in the population distribution amongst wards.
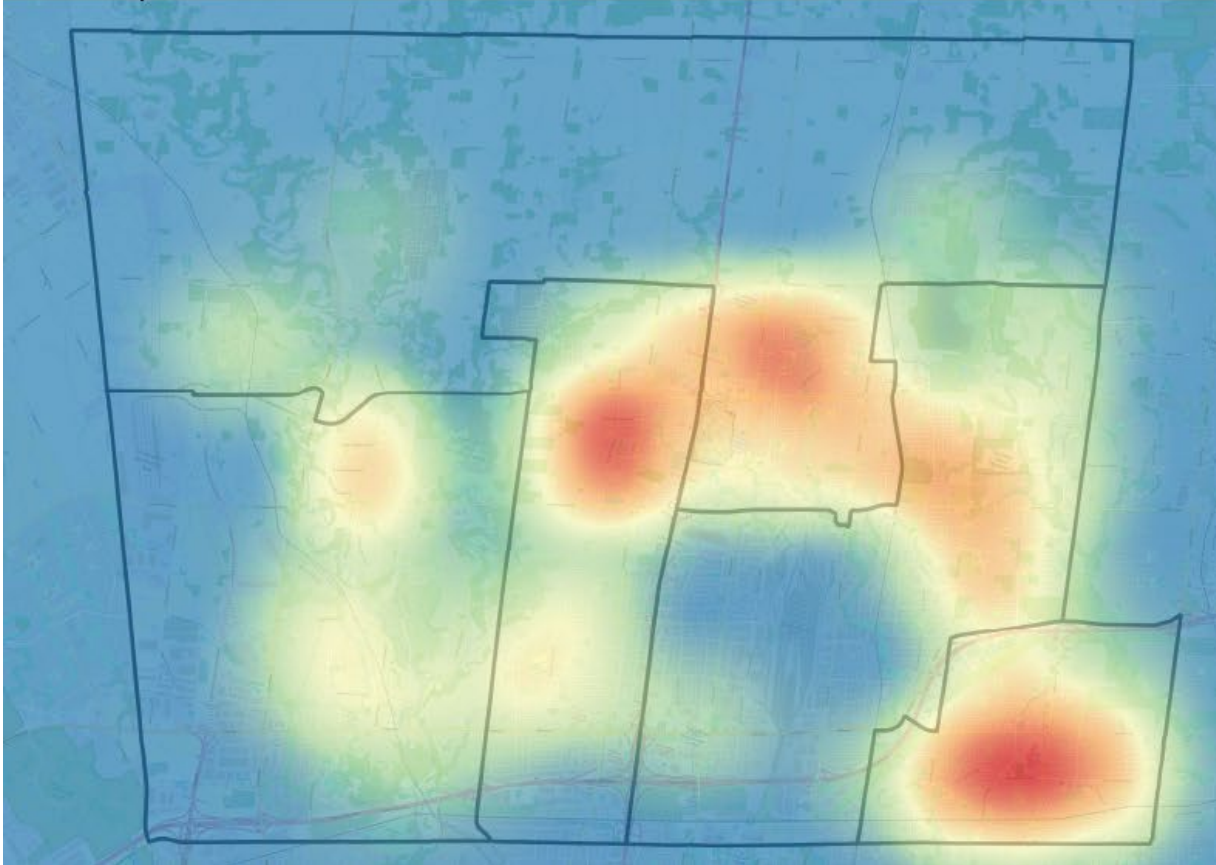
2030 Population Distribution

Ward 1: 110,300 27%
Ward 2: 61,570 15%
Ward 3: 77,860 19%
Ward 4: 88,220 22%
Ward 5: 70,950 17%

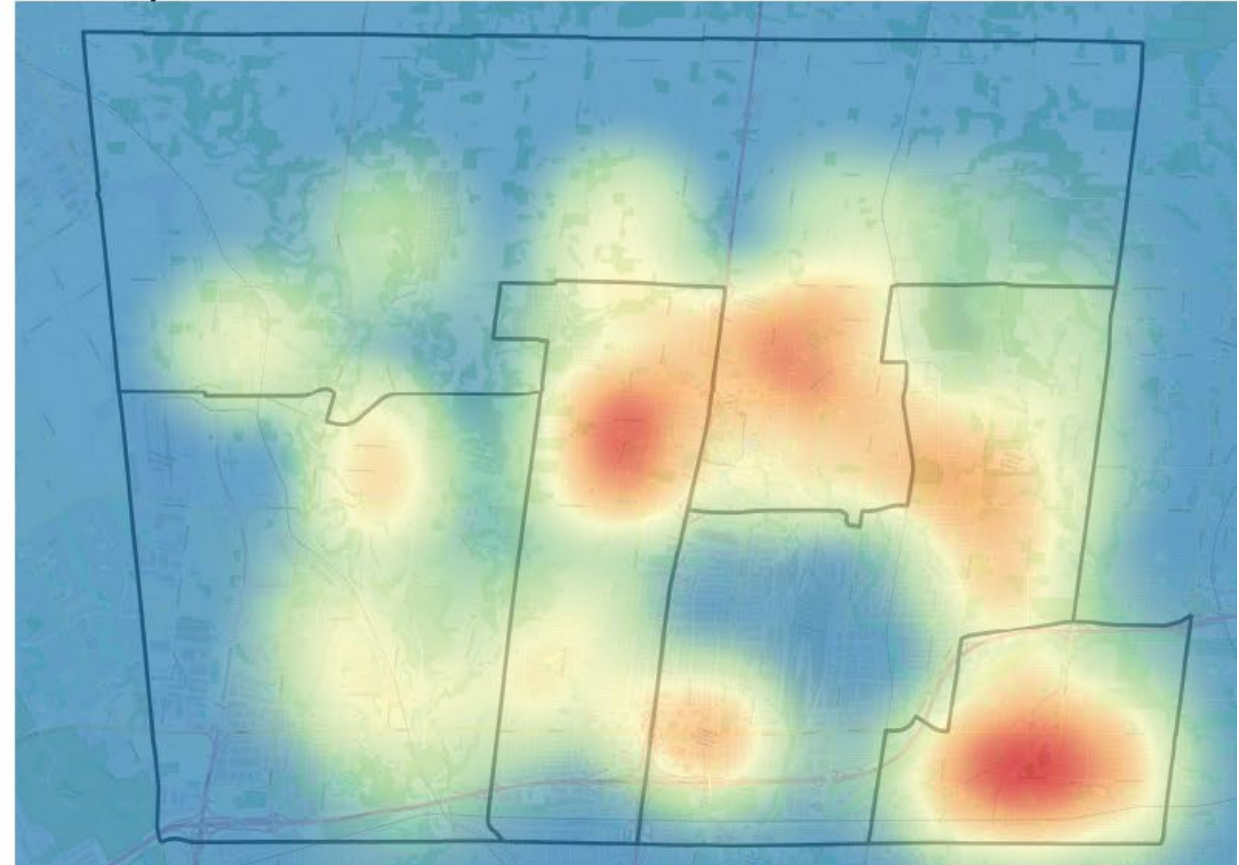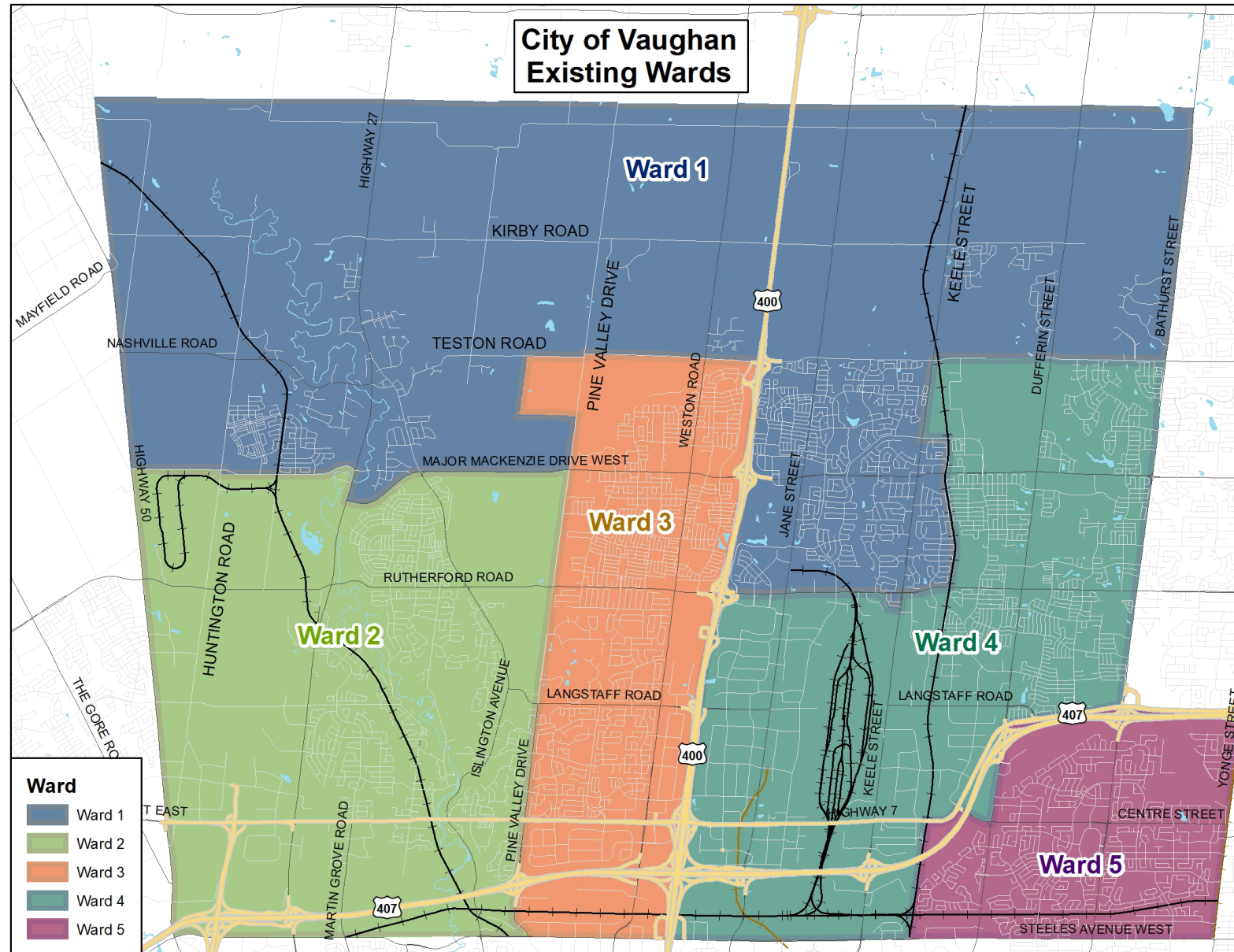| Symbol	Description	Variance	2021 Population Range	2030 Population Range
OR+	Outside Range - High	25%	85,013	102,225
O+	Above Optimal	5%	71,411	85,869
O	Optimal Population Range	-	68,010	81,780
O-	Below Optimal	-5%	64,610	77,691
OR-	Outside Range - Low	-25%	51,008	61,335

Existing & Projected Population Settlement

City of Vaughan
2021 Population Distribution

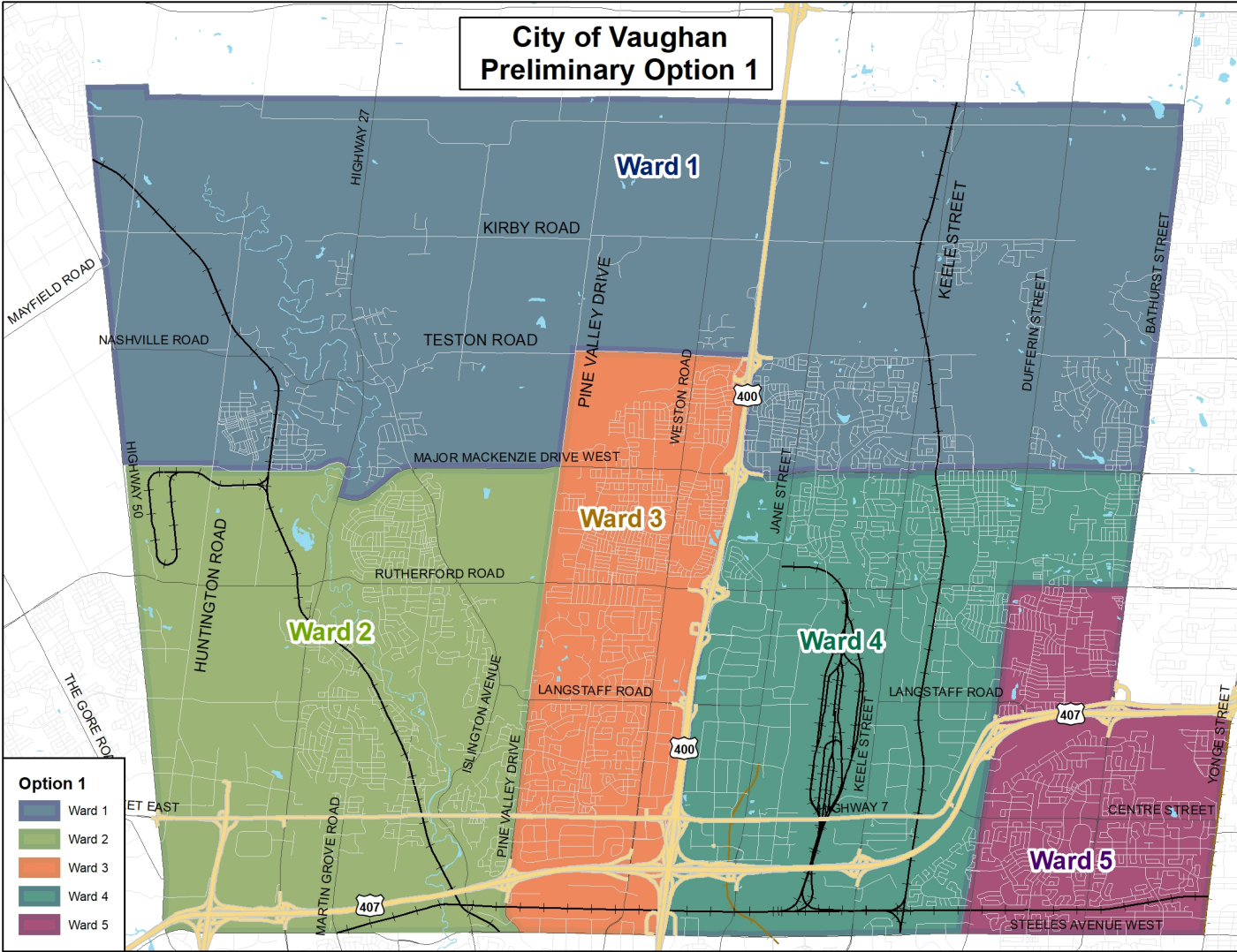City of Vaughan
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Existing Ward Map

City of Vaughan Existing Wards

Preliminary Option 1

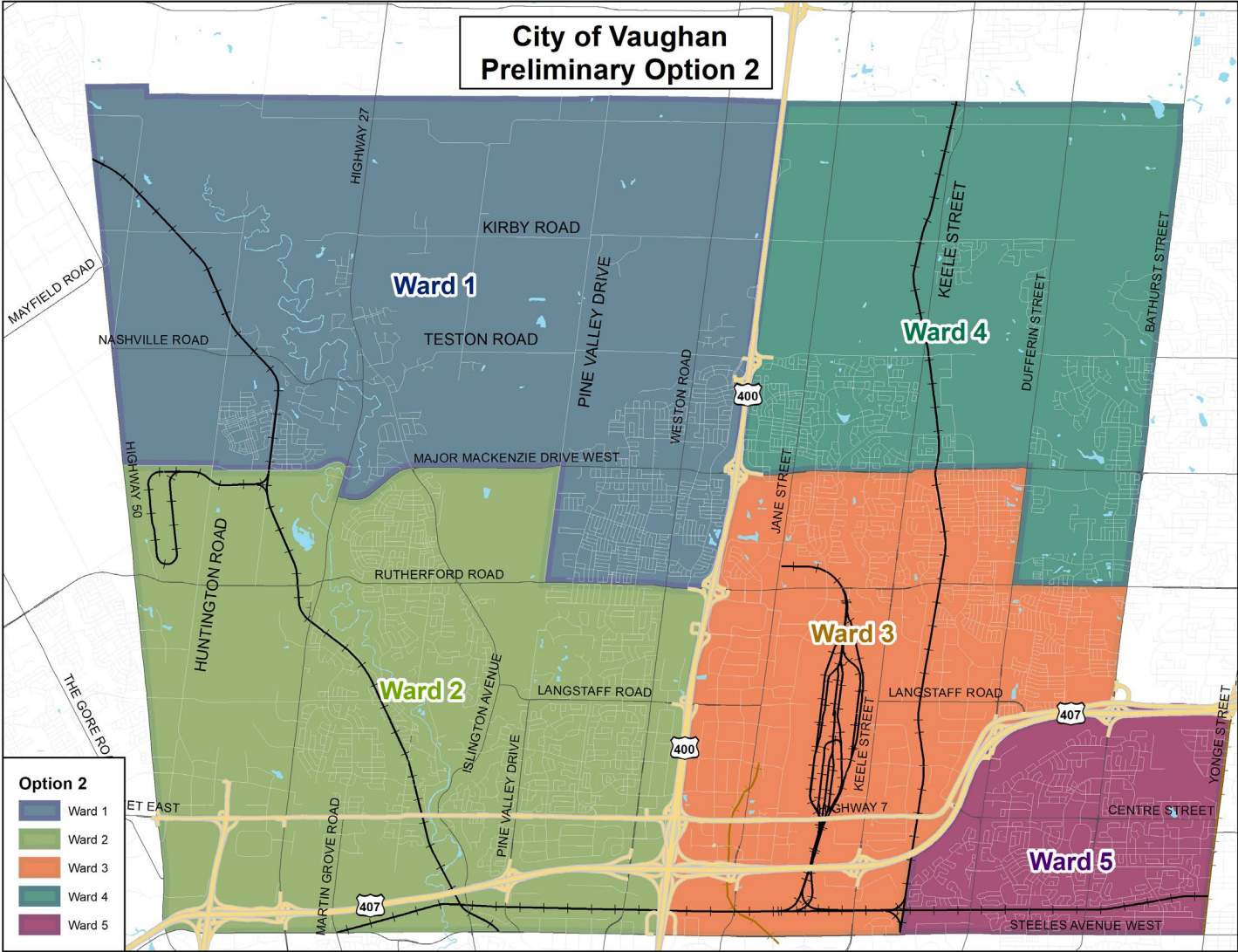## Focus: Minimal change

City of Vaughan
Preliminary Option 1

Ward	2021 Total Population	2021 Population Variance	Optimal Range	2030 Total Population	2030 Population Variance	Optimal Range
			Preliminary Option 1			
Ward 1	65,470	0.96	O	101,250	1.24	O+
Ward 2	56,200	0.83	O-	61,570	0.75	O-
Ward 3	69,740	1.03	O	75,160	0.92	O-
Ward 4	67,340	0.99	O	87,130	1.07	O+
Ward 5	81,280	1.20	O+	83,770	1.02	O
City-wide	340,000			408,900		
Ward Average	68,010			81,780		

Source: Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. 2021.

Note: Numbers have been rounded

Preliminary Option 2

Focus: Population parity, north split into 2 wards

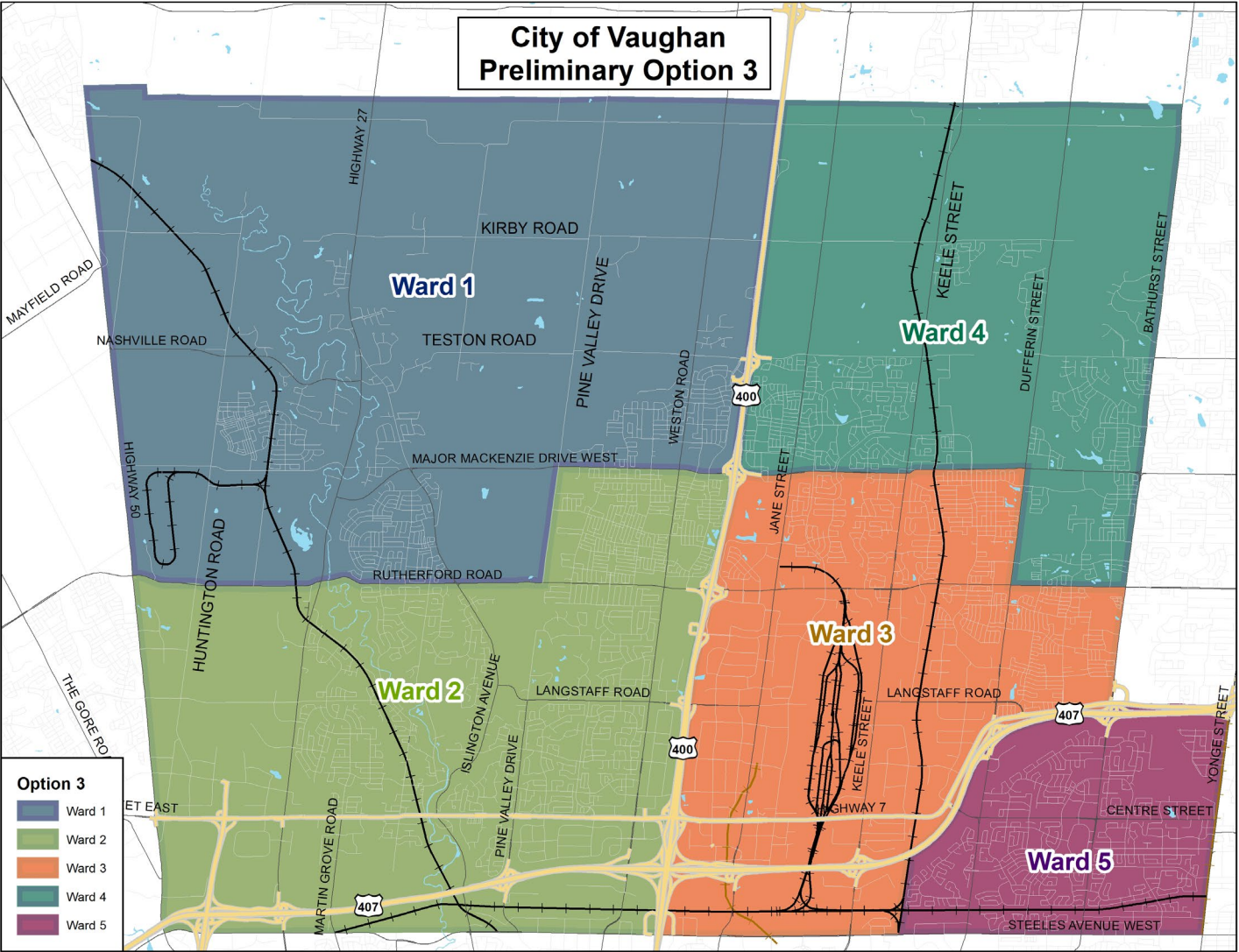| Ward	2021 Total Population	2021 Population Variance	Optimal Range	2030 Total Population	2030 Population Variance	Optimal Range
Preliminary Option 2						
Ward 1	62,140	0.91	O-	91,590	1.12	O+
Ward 2	80,340	1.18	O+	86,670	1.06	O+
Ward 3	69,480	1.02	O	89,070	1.09	O+
Ward 4	59,410	0.87	O-	70,620	0.86	O-
Ward 5	68,660	1.01	O	70,950	0.87	O-
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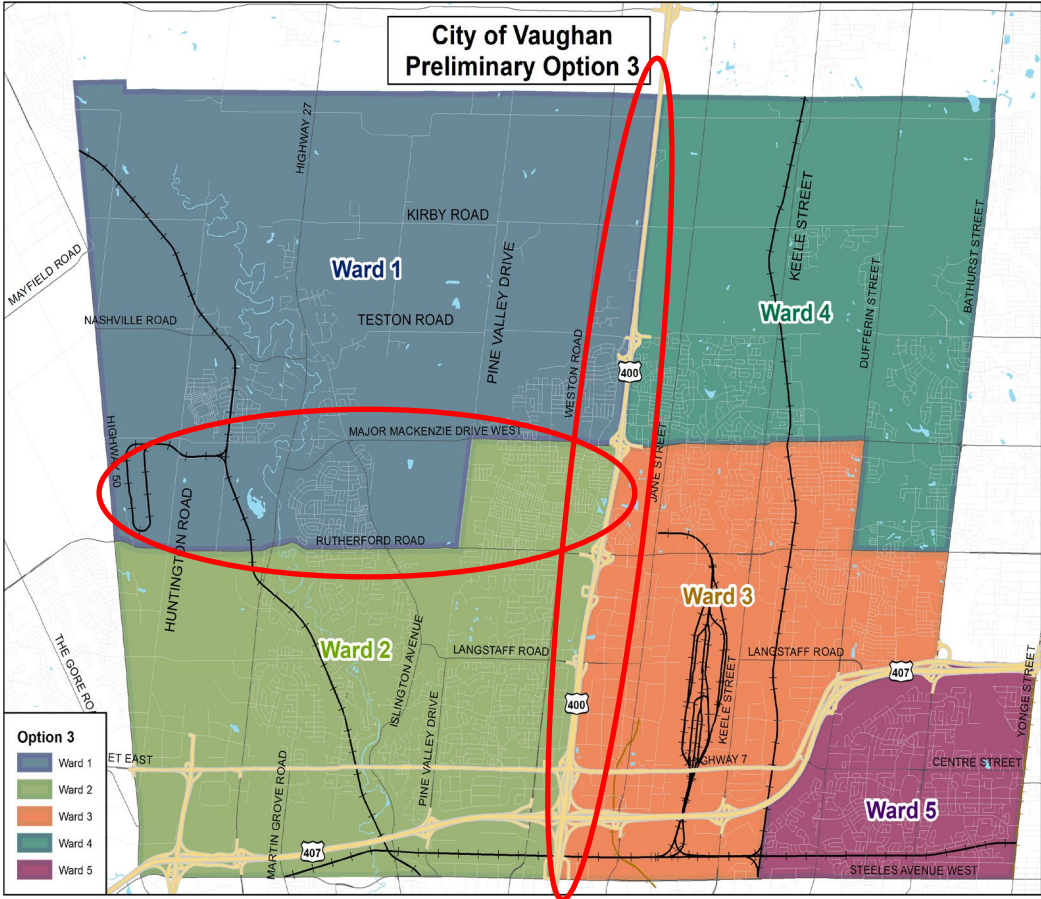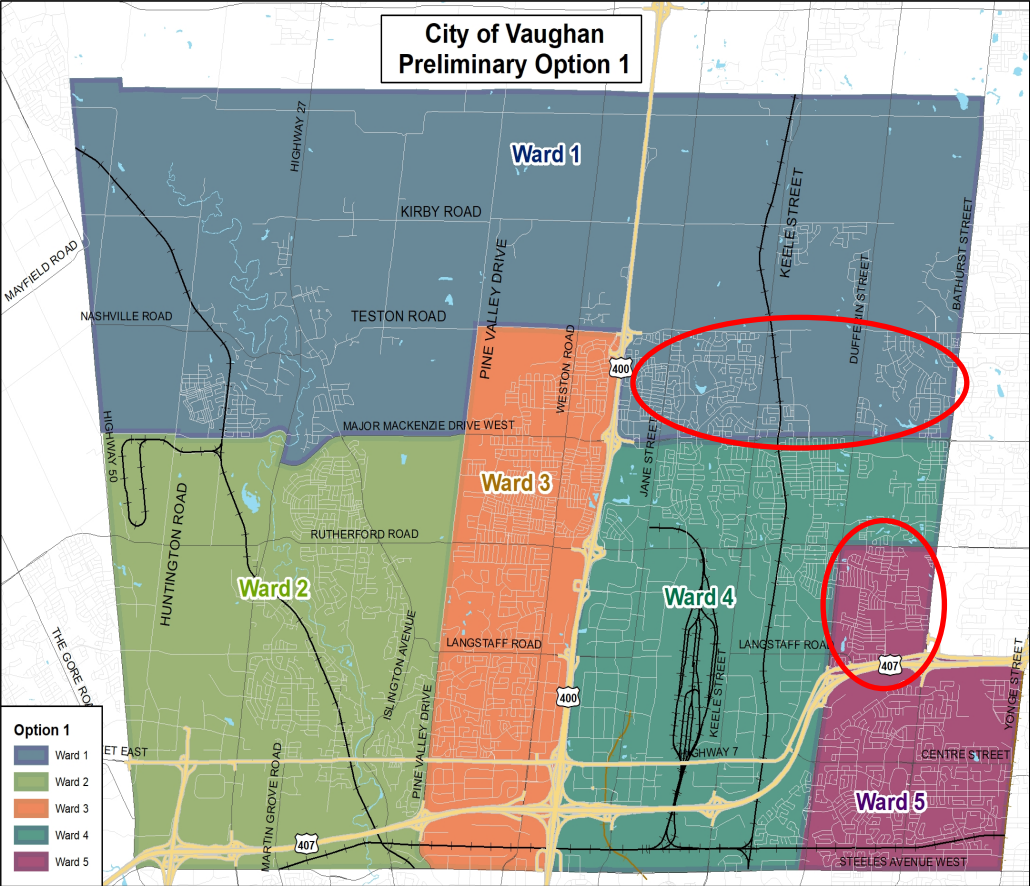
Focus: Growth into parity and community connections

City of Vaughan
Preliminary Option 3

Ward	2021 Total Population	2021 Population Variance	Optimal Range	2030 Total Population	2030 Population Variance	Optimal Range
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Ward 1	47,180	0.69	OR-	76,430	0.93	O-
Ward 2	95,300	1.40	OR+	101,830	1.25	O+
Ward 3	69,480	1.02	O	89,070	1.09	O+
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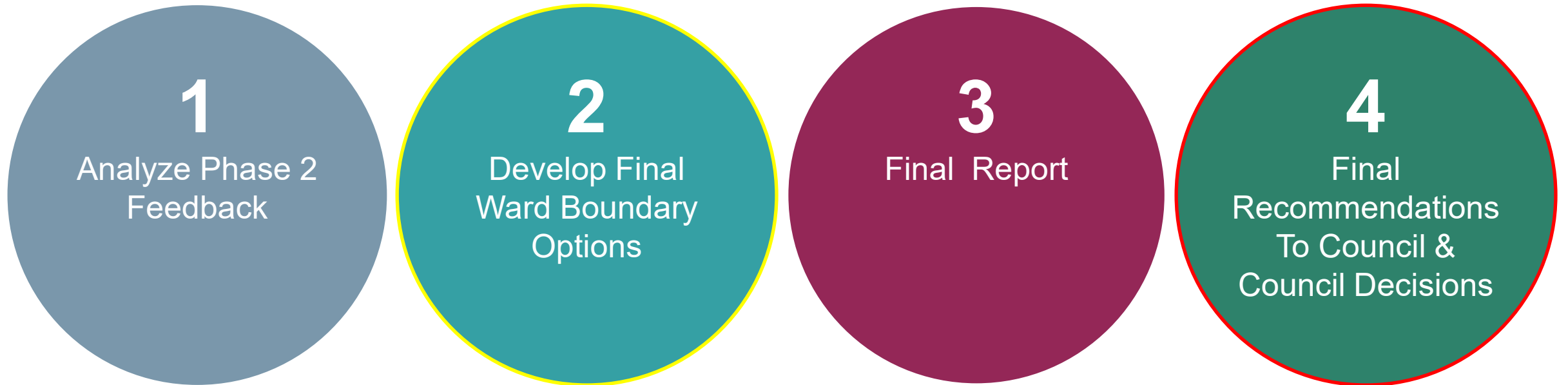Source: Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. 2021.

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Things To Think About

What are important considerations?

Next Steps

March/April 2021	May 2021	May/June 2021	June 2021

1 Analyze Phase 2 Feedback

2 Develop Final Ward Boundary Options

3 Final Report

4 Final Recommendations To Council & Council Decisions

We Are Here

Questions?