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City of Vaughan Ward Boundary Review (WBR)

Final Report, June 8 2021
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Project Summary



The study began in the Fall of 2020. Watson & Associates, in association with Dr. Robert Williams, Dr. Zachary Spicer and ICA Associates was the consultant team selected to conduct this review on behalf of the City.



Research/Information Gathering/Interviews with Council & Staff



Population Forecasting/Technical Analysis/Evaluation Of Existing Wards



Development Of Preliminary Ward Boundary Options



Public Engagement (i.e. surveys, information sessions, webpage)

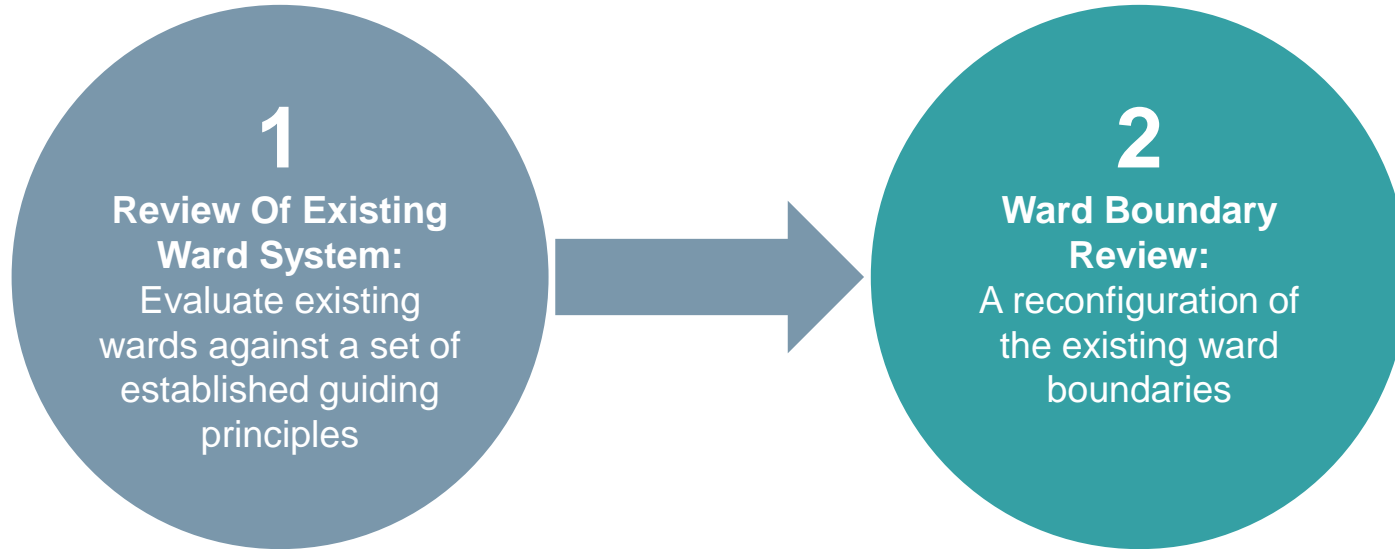


Reports (Discussion Paper, Interim Report, Final Report)



Council meeting

2 Phase Study



Public Engagement



A Comprehensive Public Engagement Strategy Was Employed

1. Dedicated public engagement webpage and platform: ~7,000 visits

2. Surveys: ~ 690 responses

3. Social media engagement: Close to 14,000 people reached

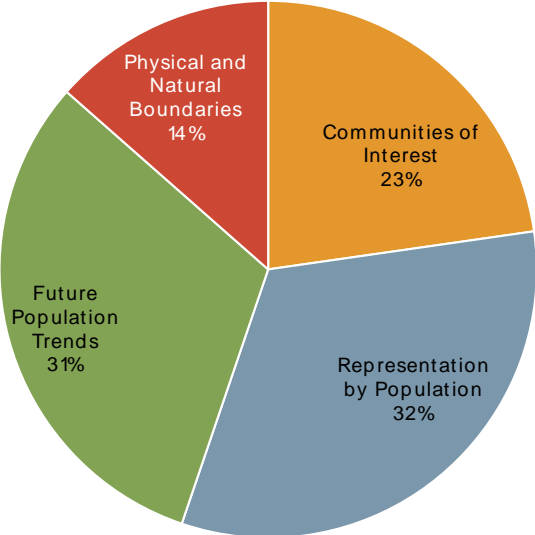
4. Public consultation sessions: Virtual Public Information Sessions (recordings of session on website)

5. Interviews, direct community outreach, print ads, articles, and signage

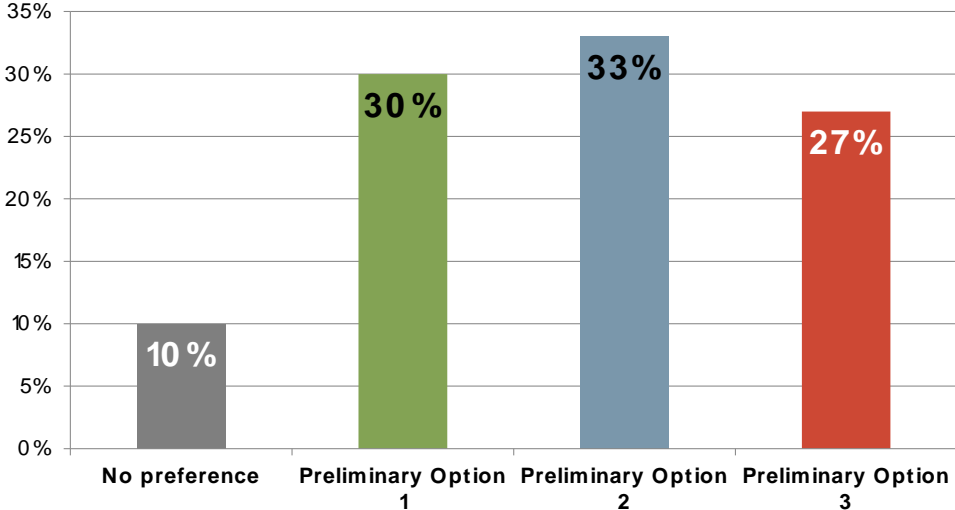
Feedback



Which principle do you believe should be given the highest priority as the consulting team assesses the ward boundaries in Vaughan?



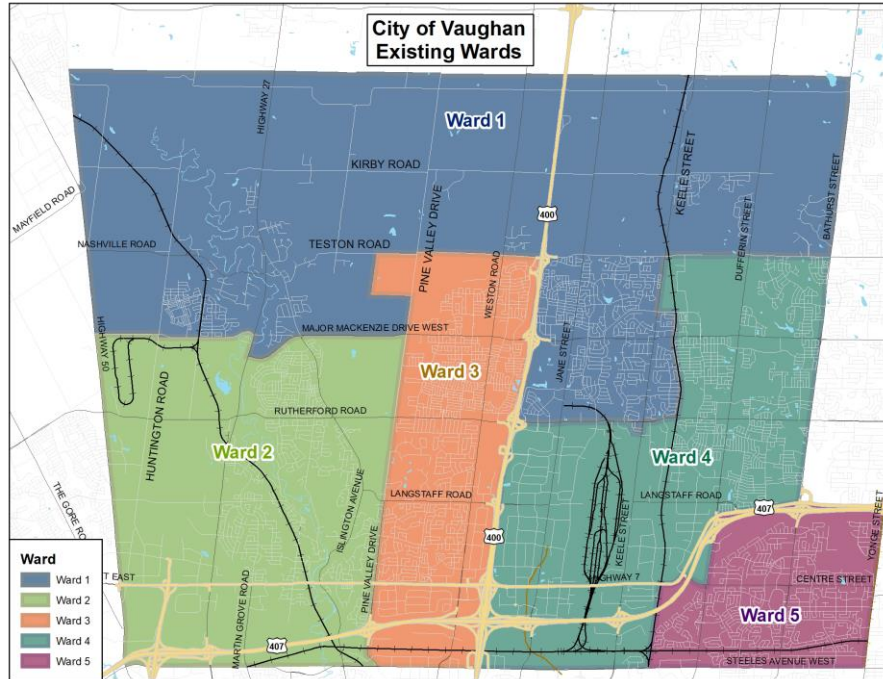
Which of the three Preliminary Options for wards do you prefer?





Existing System

Council is comprised of 9 members; The Mayor and three Regional Councillors, elected at-large, as well as 5 Local Councillors, elected in wards.



| Ward | 2021 Total Population | 2021 Population Variance | Optimal Range | 2030 Total Population | 2030 Population Variance | Optimal Range |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Existing Wards | | | | | | |
| Ward 1 | 77,420 | 1.14 | O+ | 110,300 | 1.35 | OR+ |
| Ward 2 | 56,200 | 0.83 | O- | 61,570 | 0.75 | O- |
| Ward 3 | 69,910 | 1.03 | O | 77,860 | 0.95 | O |
| Ward 4 | 67,850 | 1.00 | O | 88,220 | 1.08 | O+ |
| Ward 5 | 68,660 | 1.01 | O | 70,950 | 0.87 | O- |
| City-wide | 340,000 | | | 408,900 | | |
| Ward Average | 68,010 | | | 81,780 | | |

Preliminary Options

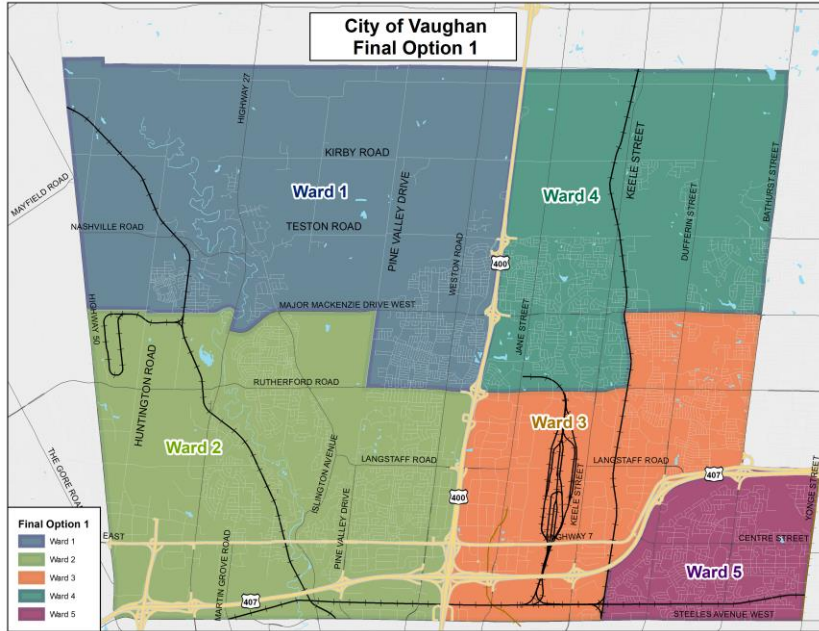


The consultant team developed a total of **3 preliminary ward boundary options** for consideration in the Interim Options Report.

The preliminary options considered a variety of factors such as;

- ✓ Guiding principles, Best Practices, Case Law
- ✓ Community feedback/engagement
 - Option 2 was selected as the preferred option by approximately 33% of survey respondents, followed by Option 1 at 30%, and Option 3 at 27%.

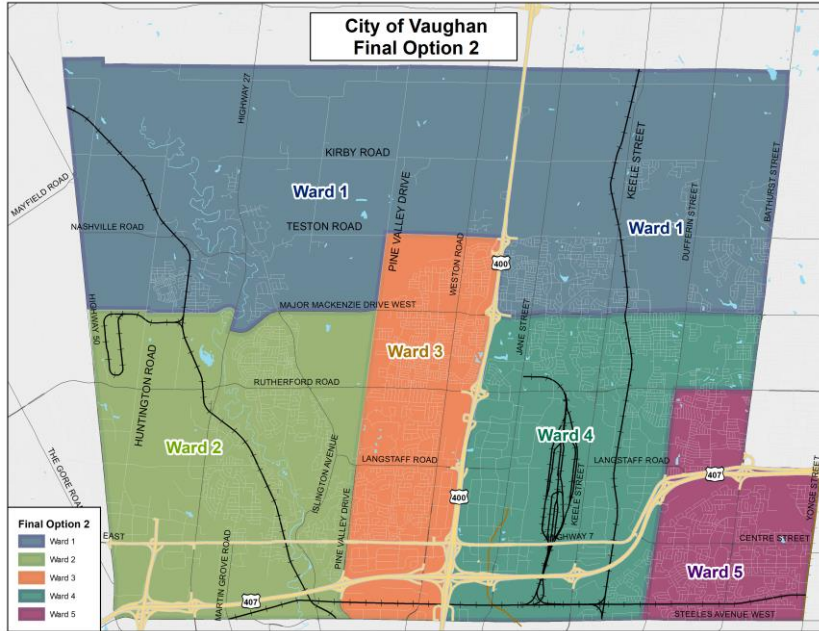
Recommended Option 1



OPTION 1 (Based on Preliminary Option 2)

| Ward | 2021 Total Population | 2021 Population Variance | Optimal Range | 2030 Total Population | 2030 Population Variance | Optimal Range |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 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 | 56,520 | 0.83 | O | 75,940 | 0.93 | O+ |
| Ward 4 | 72,380 | 1.06 | O- | 83,750 | 1.02 | O- |
| Ward 5 | 68,660 | 1.01 | O | 70,950 | 0.87 | O- |
| City-wide | 340,040 | - | - | 408,900 | - | - |
| Ward Average | 68,006 | - | - | 81,780 | - | - |

Recommended Option 2



OPTION 2 (Based on Preliminary Option 1)

| Ward | 2021 Total Population | 2021 Population Variance | Optimal Range | 2030 Total Population | 2030 Population Variance | Optimal Range |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 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 | 340,040 | - | - | 408,900 | - | - |
| Ward Average | 68,006 | - | - | 81,780 | - | - |

Evaluation Summary Of Options



Option 1:

This option provides good population parity for the 2022 election and beyond while protecting significant communities of interest and has clear and identifiable boundaries. This option meets all the guiding principles.

Option 2:

This is a minimal change option that addresses some of the immediate ward issues identified. Meets most of the guiding principles while providing some familiarity to residents with the existing system. Population disparities between the largest and smallest ward are significant when incorporating projected populations to 2030.

Next Steps



- Council can
 - Choose one of the recommended options;
 - Ask for changes or revisions to a recommended option;
 - Take no action
- Should Council choose to implement new ward boundaries, it would have to pass a bylaw.
- Any action respecting ward boundary reconfigurations (including taking no action, albeit with limitations) could be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal. A new bylaw can be appealed up to 45 days after passage.

Questions?