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REFERRED ITEM

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CW- APRIL 20, 2008

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 20, 2009

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

WARD CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

(Referred from the Council meeting of April 14, 2009, Item 19, Report No. 18)

Council, at its meeting of April 14, 2009, adopted the following:

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 20, 2009; and

That the following written submissions be referred for consideration with this matter on April 20, 2009:

- a) Regional Councillor Frustaglio, dated April 8, 2009 (Attachment 4);
- b) Mr. Bill Hogarth, Director of Education, York Region District School Board, 60 Wellington Street West, Box 40, Aurora, L4G 3H2, dated April 8, 2009 (Attachment 5);
- c) Mr. Jim Keenan, 9225 Jane Street, Maple, L6A 0J7, dated April 13, 2009 (Attachment 6);
- d) Ms. Deborah Schulte, dated April 14, 2009 (Attachment 7);
- e) Mr. Frank Greco, dated April 13, 2009 (Attachment 8);
- f) Ms. Erlinda Insigne, dated April 9, 2009 (Attachment 9); and
- g) Mr. Peter Badali, dated April 4, 2009 (Attachment 10).

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 31, 2009:

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of April 14, 2009;
- 2) That the following deputations be received:
 - a) Ms. Deb Schulte, 76 Mira Vista Place, Woodbridge, L4H 1K8;
 - b) Mr. Nick Pinto, 57 Mapes Avenue, Vaughan, L4L 8R4; and
 - c) Mr. Frank Greco, 10504 Islington Avenue, Box 772, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0; and
- 3) That the following written submissions be received:
 - a) Mr. Gino Ruffolo, 149 Fieldgate Drive, Vaughan, L6A 1K4, dated March 29, 2009;
 - b) Ms. Lucia Milani, 11333 Dufferin Street, P.O. Box 663, Maple, L6A 1S5, dated March 30, 2009; and
 - c) Mr. Ken Schwenger, Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association, P.O. Box 202, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0, dated March 30, 2009.

Report of the City Clerk, dated March 31, 2009

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That Council select either:
 - a. a five ward configuration, based on the 5 Ward "B" option; or
 - b. a six ward configuration, based on the Councillor Submission "2A" option

from the options set out in Appendix 'A' and "C" to this report for the purpose of conducting the 2010, 2014 and 2018 general municipal elections;

- 2) That the City Clerk and the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services/City Solicitor be directed to undertake all steps required to implement the selected ward boundary configuration, including appearances necessary for that purpose before the Ontario Municipal Board or a Court of law;
- 3) That the necessary by-law be passed, and statutory notice given; and
- 4) That this report be circulated to York Region School Boards, and The Regional Municipality of York.

Economic Impact

Direct costs associated with the Ward Boundary Review have to date been absorbed within the budgets of the City Clerk's Office and the Planning Department.

The cost of one additional Council office should Council adopt a six ward system will be between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for salaries, plus one time furniture/equipment costs and discretionary expenditures. Discretionary expenditure budgets are based on the size of the population served, and with a reallocation of budgets amongst wards, increases over present discretionary costs are not expected to be significant. Only one-twelfth of any additional costs will be incurred in 2010, with full-year impact not felt until 2011.

Communications Plan

Notice of the by-law, once adopted, will be given by publication in the City Page, and by posting on the City's web site.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to summarize input received at the public meeting held as part of the public consultation component of the Ward Boundary Review. This report also facilitates a decision by Council to adopt either a five ward or six ward configuration for the purpose of conducting the 2010, 2014 and 2018 general municipal elections.

This report quotes generously from previous reports on the Ward Boundary Review and so also serves to summarize the background information set out in those reports.

Background - Analysis and Options

Current Situation:

City of Vaughan Council currently is comprised of 5 local Councillors elected by ward, three Regional and Local Councillors elected at large, and one Mayor.

Responding to a need to address perceived growing population inequalities between the various wards, prior to the 2003 municipal election Council directed that a ward boundary review be conducted for implementation in the 2006 municipal election. Staff reported on the matter to a Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting on March 22, 2005, at which time, amongst other things, direction was given for a report to be brought forward addressing 5, 6 and 7 local ward configurations. This report was considered at a Special Committee of the Whole (Working Session) in April of 2005. In considering the necessity to equalize the ward populations, Council considered in detail a number of 5, 6 and 7 ward configurations for local representation and also reviewed the matter of regional representation. In examining various options, Council was

mindful of the cost of increasing the size of Council and the possibility that Council may eventually expand should the City of Vaughan gain an additional representative on Regional Council as a result of a then anticipated review of regional representation by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York. Council ultimately adopted a recommendation "That a five ward option that addresses the current inequality in ward population be considered as an interim measure for the 2006 election and that a review be undertaken prior to the 2009 election". That decision resulted in the Rutherford (north) limits of Wards 2 and 3 being shifted to Major Mackenzie Road, and the area bounded by Clark Avenue West, New Westminster Drive and Bathurst Street being added to Ward 5.

Since the last adjustment of the ward boundaries the City has continued to grow, predominantly in the new urban areas established in OPA #600. This has resulted in some wards growing in population disproportionately to other wards. In 2006, based on census data, Ward 1 had a population of approximately 58,000 people, while the smallest ward, Ward 5, had a population of approximately 36,700. This resulted in a variation of population from the average ward size of 22% more, and 23% less, respectively.

Population Forecasts

With the assistance of Planning Department staff, population projections have been applied to the existing 5 ward system for the next 3 elections. The results of the analysis show that the inequalities of the population distribution amongst the wards continues to grow. By 2018, if not reconfigured, Ward 1 is expected to have a population of approximately 117,200 people (85% above the average ward size in 2018), and Ward 5 will have a population of approximately 37,900 (40% below the average ward size in 2018). This analysis supports the need for evaluating new ward boundary options.

Members of Vaughan Council represent considerably more residents per Council member than those of comparable municipalities. When comparing the number of residents per local councillor Vaughan local councillors represent approximately 14,500 more residents on average, as compared to the municipalities set out at Table 1. It is noted that Council size has increased over the years by two regional councillors to reflect Vaughan's increasing population and size relative to other York Region municipalities.

Table 1

Municipality	2006 Census Population	No. of Wards	Council Size	No. of Local Councillors	No. of Regional Councillors	Ratio/ Local Councillor	Ratio/ Regional Councillor
VAUGHAN	238,866	5	9	5	3	1: 47,773	1: 79,622
Richmond Hill	162,704	6	9	6	2	1: 27,117	1: 81,352
Markham	261,573	8	13	8	4	1: 32,697	1: 65,393
Brampton	433,806	10	11	5	5	1: 86,761	1: 86,761
Mississauga	668,549	11	12	11	N/A	1: 60,777	N/A
Oakville	165,613	6	13	6	6	1: 27,602	1: 27,602
St. Catherines	131,989	6	13	12	N/A	1: 10,999	N/A
London	352,400	14	15	14	N/A	1: 25,171	N/A
Guelph	114,493	6	13	12	N/A	1: 9,541	N/A
Oshawa	141,590	7	11	3	7	1: 47,197	1: 20,227
Kingston	117,207	12	13	12	N/A	1: 9,767	N/A
Barrie	128,430	10	11	10	N/A	1: 12,843	N/A
AVERAGE						1: 33,187	1: 60,160

Ward Boundary Review Methodology

With the initial report to Committee of the Whole (Working Session) on September 9, 2008, staff submitted preliminary ward boundary options for 5, 6 and 7 ward configurations. Population based on the 2006 census was analyzed at the census dissemination level (roughly equivalent to the neighbourhood level except in sparsely populated areas) and then adjusted to project estimated populations for the next three elections. Proposed ward boundary options were created using the following criteria:

- No population variances greater than 15% based on the average populations between the wards
- The maintenance of distinct communities
- Acknowledgement of natural or built boundaries between communities
- Use of easily identifiable boundaries
- Recognition of communities of interest
- Accommodation of future growth

Population Projections

OPA #600 is the City's guide for development until 2026, and it established a number of new urban areas within the City, including the Vellore and Carrville Urban Villages. It is within these new urban areas where the majority of growth within the City is expected to occur. Using the population projections in OPA #600 for these new urban areas, along with consultation with Policy Planning Department and Engineering Department staff, population projections were developed for the city at each of the next 3 elections. These projections were applied to specific areas of the City where development is proposed so that growth within each ward could be estimated. This approach allowed an evaluation of population distribution amongst the wards at each election year.

The population estimates for the new urban areas for OPA #600 have been found to be very reliable. The new urban areas in OPA #600 that have already developed, such as the Woodbridge Expansion Area, have census populations that are very close to the population estimates in OPA #600. This allows for a high level of confidence in using the population estimates in OPA #600.

While the OPA #600 new urban areas are the source of the majority of growth in the City, they are not the only source. The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe requires that 40% of residential development shall occur within existing built areas by 2015. This, however, is a Region-wide requirement which means the actual target for Vaughan may be different than the 40% in the Growth Plan. The Region of York has not yet established the target for Vaughan's intensification and as a result cannot be accounted for in our population projections in this exercise. We have assumed that intensification will occur on a roughly equal basis across the City.

The population projections also only take into account major areas for development outlined in OPA #600. There will be some development outside of the OPA #600 new urban areas, such as the Kleinburg Golf Club redevelopment or individual condominium developments. These types of developments will have only a small impact on the population projections when looked at on a City-wide basis. Including these types of developments would lead to a level of detail in population forecasting that is not necessary for the purposes of determining ward boundaries. Each potential ward will see some of this type of development, whether it be new low-density subdivisions or high-density buildings, and it is assumed that this will be generally equally spread across the City and affecting no one ward more so than another.

While the City is undertaking an Official Plan review, any new development areas that may be established will not be substantially developed until after the 2018 election. OPA #600 has a

planning horizon of 2026, which is well beyond the election in 2018. There will be some impact on population projections as early as 2015, however no significant impact as a result of the OP review are anticipated for the next three elections.

It is important to understand that the population projections that are being completed are not intended to give detailed populations for a ward at an election date, but rather are to be used as a tool to evaluate the equitable distribution of population amongst the proposed wards as the City's population grows.

Public Consultation Component of the Ward Boundary Review

Survey

It was the view of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) on September 9, 2009 that rather than engaging in public consultations on the basis of ward options already created, it would be preferable to assess the importance of the ward boundary criteria to the citizens of the City of Vaughan. The Committee wanted to take an approach which ensured that the public consultation process was not prejudiced by the presentation of concrete options, and asked that a report on the consultation approach be presented.

At its meeting of November 24, 2009, by its adoption of Item 2 of Report No. 56 of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), Council adopted a revised timetable for the Ward Boundary Review Public Consultation Process. In accordance with the revised timetable a survey was released to the general public seeking perspectives on such things as the City's ward system, the need for an additional ward(s), and representation at Regional Council. In accordance with Council's direction, the relative ranking of the key ward boundary criteria was tested through several questions in the survey.

Survey Response:

Despite the Survey being widely advertised only a small proportion of potential respondents replied to it. A total of 93 responses were received.

Ward Boundary Review Criteria:

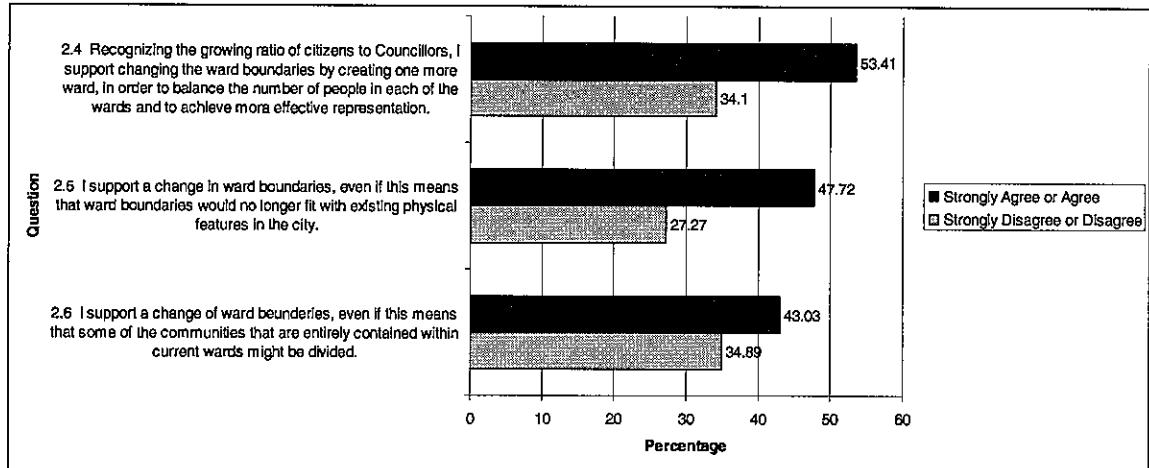
The survey showed that Representation by Population, followed closely by Physical Features and Boundaries, and then by Maintaining Communities and Neighbourhoods and Future Population Trends, was the order in which the ward boundary criteria were ranked by survey respondents.

Ward Size:

The survey revealed that the most popular response for ward size in the survey was a population of 40,000 for each local ward. Using simple arithmetic, a ward size of 40,000 in a total current population of just under 270,000 results in a ward configuration of between 6 and 7 wards. The creation of at least one more ward is also supported by the answers set out in the following chart in Figure 1:

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Figure 1



Regional Representation:

Survey results on the desirability of additional representation were clearly in favour of increasing Vaughan's membership on York Region Council. The response on the method of representation, whether by city-wide vote or on a ward (or ward combination) basis, showed no significant preference.

Public Meeting

The public meeting on March 9, 2009 was held in an 'open house' format, similar in nature to meetings held to confer with communities on infrastructure developments affecting neighbourhoods. In preparation for the meeting, staff printed large format maps of the ward boundary options prepared by staff and from those submitted by one member of Council. No members of the public, submitted options until after the meeting. In all 14 options were prepared for presentation and consideration (See Appendix 'A').

Each of the proposed ward maps were examined by Planning Department staff and labeled with the estimated ward populations at each of the next three elections. Omitted from the population projections were estimates for infilling, because of insufficient information upon which to base predictions.

Large format reference maps of the existing wards, street network and natural features of the City were also posted (See Appendix 'A')

Each ward map underwent a mathematical analysis of the population projections, each ward's variances from the average ward size, and the overall average deviation from average ward size. The resulting information was listed in a table on each map. Attendees at the meeting were advised that the lower the average deviation number, the better that map achieved balanced ward populations (however the caution was also given that though it is possible to achieve a low average deviation number, wide swings in population size that net themselves out (ie. +30%, -30%) could mask an unbalanced solution.

Approximately 20 members of the public attended the open house.

The meeting began with a welcome from the City Clerk, an introduction of the Members of Council in attendance, and a brief background on the Ward Boundary Review.

In laying the foundation for the review, the City Clerk:

- presented current ward boundaries and population
- identified the major established communities in the City (Kleinburg, Woodbridge, Maple, Concord, Thornhill)
- addressed the review criteria
- Showed slides setting out the major natural features of the City, and major roads and highways
- presented the table of population ratios from comparator municipalities.

The meeting proceeded to its second phase, with participants asked to discuss the map options with their neighbours, and to write comments directly on the maps. A table was also prepared so members of the community could create their own maps with the aid of acetates showing the road network, natural features, and existing ward boundaries. Though the majority of the room did as invited and discussed/commented on the maps presented, several in attendance expressed dissatisfaction with the meeting format in that:

- a consultant had not been hired to conduct the review (the review was conducted by the City Clerk's office with the aid of Planning staff)
- comments were not allowed from the floor with respect to opposition to any additional ward, regardless of configuration (such comments were directed to the committee of the whole meeting on March 31, 2009, at which this report is to be considered).

The comments made in respect of each of the options are set out at Appendix 'B'. (Personal information removed).

One member of the public submitted (and subsequently clarified) a map proposal based on the 5 Ward "B" option. The submission is identified as "Public Submission "1" and is set out at Appendix "C" to this report for easy reference.

Options Presented for Consideration:

Council is not bound to choose any of the options under consideration, or to undertake any changes in its ward boundaries. To facilitate Council's decision making, however, staff have identified two options, one each for a five ward system and a six ward system, for Council's consideration. Each of the options are respectful of the ward boundary review criteria, and are clearly the best options from the perspective of balancing ward populations over time. Each of the options, plus the variation on the 5 Ward "B" option submitted by a member of the public (Public Submission "1") are separately set out in Appendix "C". The versions set out in Appendix "C" are being presented in a manner which reflects the ward boundary lines that differ from the current ward configuration.

5 Ward "B" (and Public Submission "1" Variation)

Of all of the options prepared, this option best distributes the anticipated population at the 2018 election, though it does take the three elections to "grow" into balance. Initially, Wards 3 and 5 have populations over 20% greater or lower than the average ward population. By 2018, the variation from the average ward population is no greater than 4% for any ward.

The proposed wards respect man-made boundaries. Each of the wards uses a 400 series highway as one boundary. The disadvantage of the option is that it does not contain Maple within a single ward. Additionally, the Woodbridge Expansion Area is separated from the Woodbridge community by being placed in Ward 1. Ward 1 also includes Block 39 and additional new urban

areas, in addition to the Kleinburg community, which is located at the centre of this proposed ward.

Under this proposal, Wards 1 and 3 will experience the most growth. Vellore Urban Village 1 is located within the proposed Ward 1. When fully built out, this urban area will have an estimated population of 47,485 people, as outlined in OPA #600. Ward 3 contains approximately half of the Carrville Urban Village 2, being Blocks 11 and 12. The other half of this urban area is within the proposed Ward 4, and this area is almost built out. The result is that both the proposed Wards 1 and 3 start out with populations below the average, but with the continued development have populations very close to the average at the 2018 election.

After the Public meeting, staff received an additional proposed ward option from the public in the form of a variation of the 5 Ward "B" option (Public Submission "1"). Under the variation, initially 3 wards have populations that vary more than 15% from the average ward size, however by the 2018 election all of the proposed wards have a variation of no more than 11%. The wards respect man-made boundaries, such highways and arterial roads. A railway line, along the east side of Maple is used as a boundary as well. This proposal also combines Woodbridge into one ward, while having the benefit of containing the majority of Maple into one ward.

The 5 Ward "B" and Public Submission "1" proposals represent wholesale change from the existing wards. No existing ward remains the same, and very few of the boundaries remain intact.

Councillor Submission 2A

This option also achieves ward populations meeting the criterion by the third election. By 2018, no ward exceeds 15% variation from the average ward size.

The proposed wards in this option respect man-made boundaries, such as the 400 series highways and arterial roads. Wards 2 and 3 maintain the current boundaries of those wards. The proposed Ward 1 maintains much of its current boundaries, and Ward 5 sees some change in the form of additional residential areas.

The most significant departure from the current ward boundaries is the proposed Ward 1. This proposed ward encompasses Maple and could be referred to as the "Maple" ward.

This option generally respects community boundaries. Although Woodbridge is divided between two wards, this has been the situation for many years in Vaughan. The division is not inappropriate given the size of the community, and the natural divider presented by river valleys. Ward 5 contains more, but not all of the Thornhill community. Ward 4 encompasses the Concord area and newer areas north of Thornhill. Ward 6 contains Kleinburg, the rural areas of the city and the newly developing areas of Vellore Village and Carrville Village.

The proposed Ward 6 contains most of the new growth. This ward contains significant portions of both Vellore Urban Village 1 and Carrville Urban Village 2. These areas, for the most part, remain to be developed and this is reflected in the population projections. At the 2010 election it is estimated that this ward will be approximately half of the average ward size, but by 2018 it will be very nearly at the average ward size.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2020, particularly "Demonstrate Leadership and Promote Effective Governance."

Regional Implications

Implementation of any measures modifying the number or manner in which Vaughan councillors are appointed to Regional Council will require the approval of that body.

The election of representatives on York Region's School Boards will be affected by reconfiguration of Vaughan wards.

Conclusion

Council has long recognized that Vaughan's rapidly growing population creates increasing imbalance in ward populations over time. The current ward structure was put in place as an interim measure, it being recognized that a ward boundary review would be conducted prior to the 2010 general municipal election.

The Ward Boundary Review assessed a variety of ward options against key criteria – principal amongst which was the need to address the population imbalance by attempting to set ward boundaries so that each ward was within 15% of the average ward size by the end of the review period. Communities of interest, physical and natural boundaries, and the recognition of Vaughan's established communities were also important factors that were assessed in reviewing each of the options.

Two ward boundary options, one each for a five ward system and a six ward system, have been recommended as viable choices from all the options reviewed.

Should a by-law be passed adopting a new ward configuration for the City, notice of the by-law is to be given within 15 days. Within 45 days from the date the by-law is passed, any person may appeal the by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing a notice of appeal setting out the objections to the by-law and reasons in support of the objections.

Attachments

Appendix 'A' – Ward Boundary Options
 Appendix 'B' – Public Comments on Options
 Appendix 'C' – Options presented for Consideration
 Attachment 1 – Written Submission: G. Ruffolo
 Attachment 2 – Written Submission: L. Milani
 Attachment 3 – Written Submission: K. Schwenger, KARA
 Attachment 4 – Written Submission: Regional Councillor Frustaglio
 Attachment 5 – Written Submission: Mr. Bill Hogarth, Director of Education
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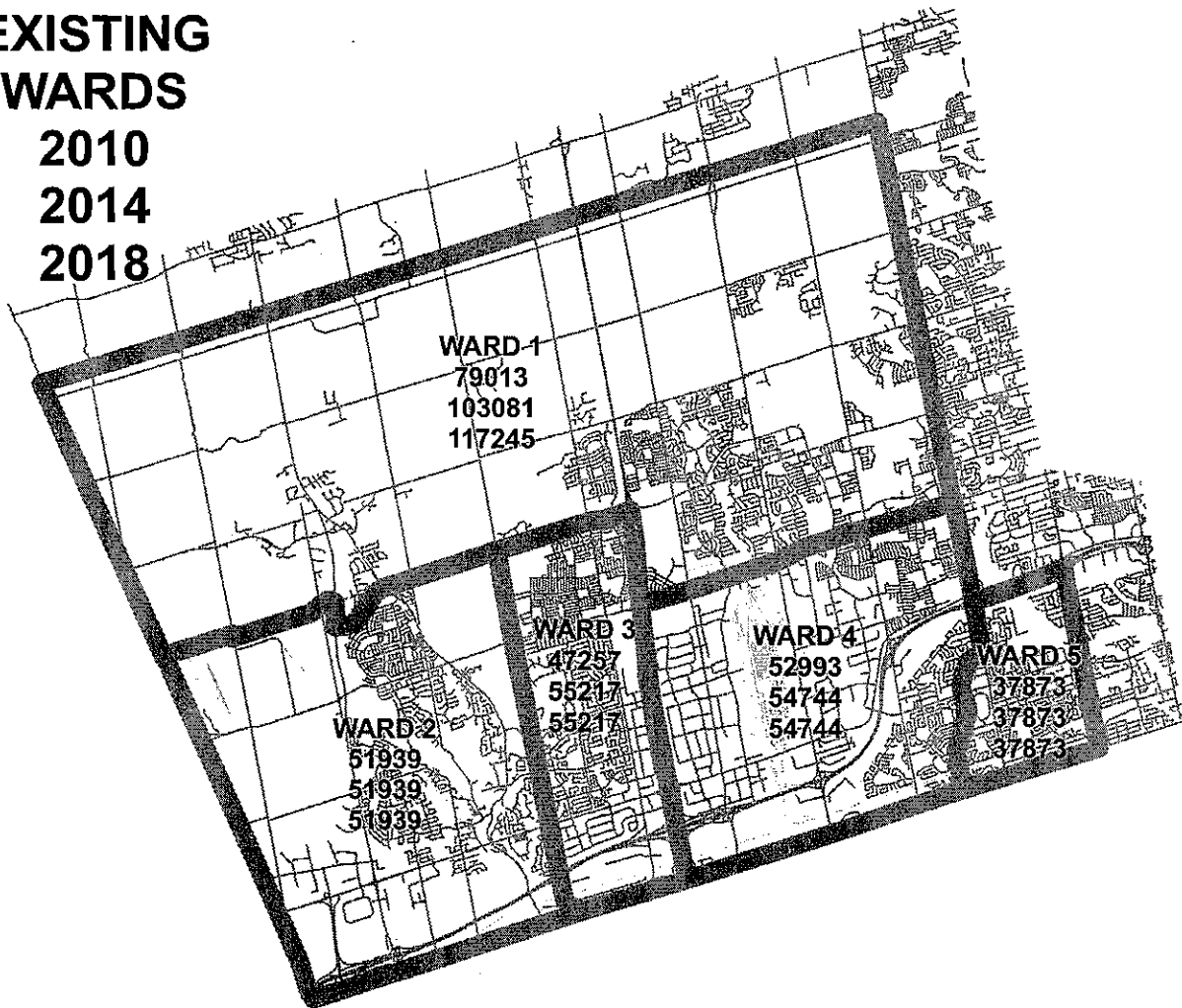
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EXISTING WARDS

2010

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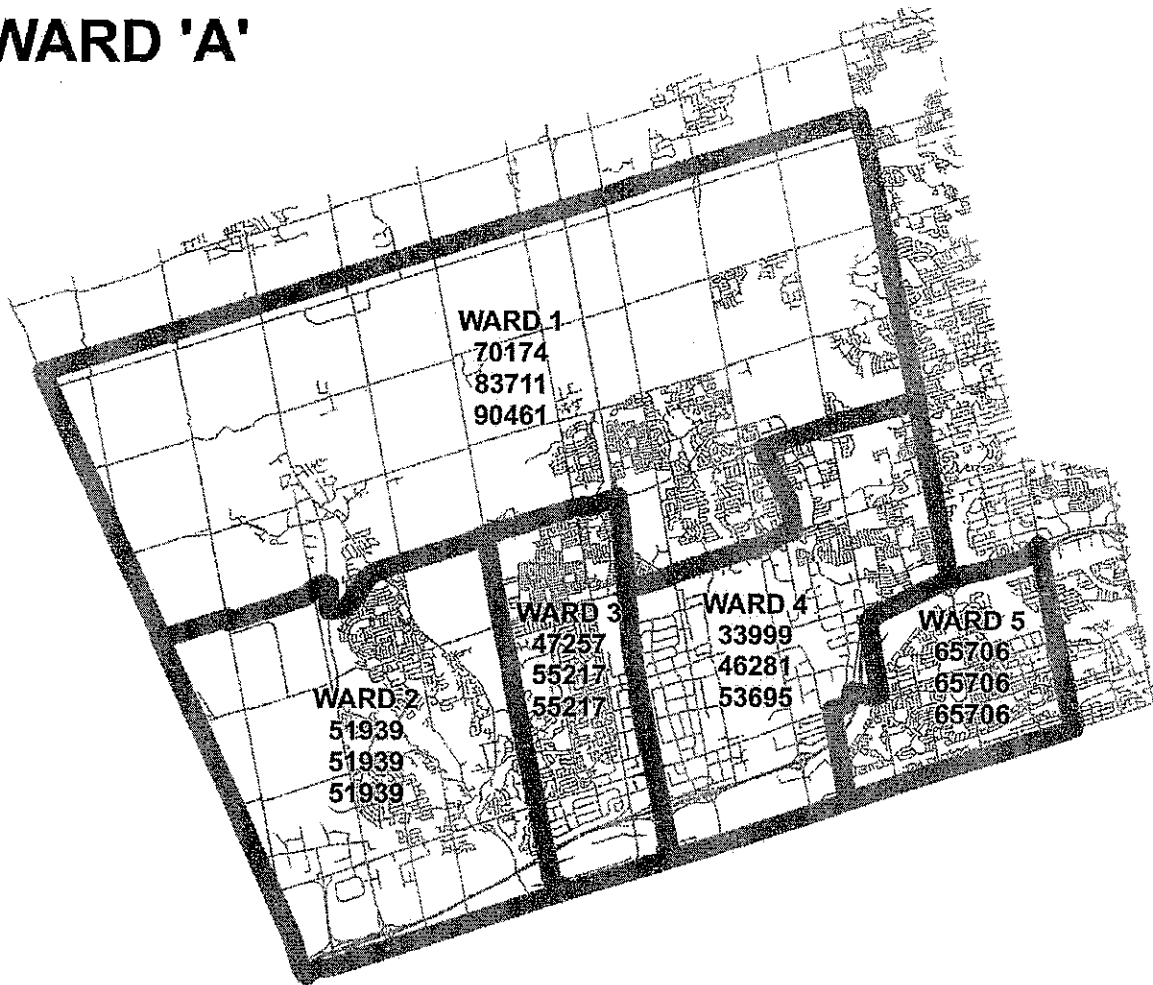
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EXISTING 5 WARDS						
Ward	2010		2014		2018	
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	79,013	47	103,081	70	117,245	85
2	51,939	-3	51,939	-14	51,939	-18
3	47,257	-12	55,217	-9	55,217	-13
4	52,993	-2	54,744	-10	54,744	-14
5	37,873	-30	37,873	-37	37,873	-40
Total Population	269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward per Ward	53,815		60,571		63,404	
Average Deviation from from Ward Avg. Population	10,079	19	17,004	28	21,537	34

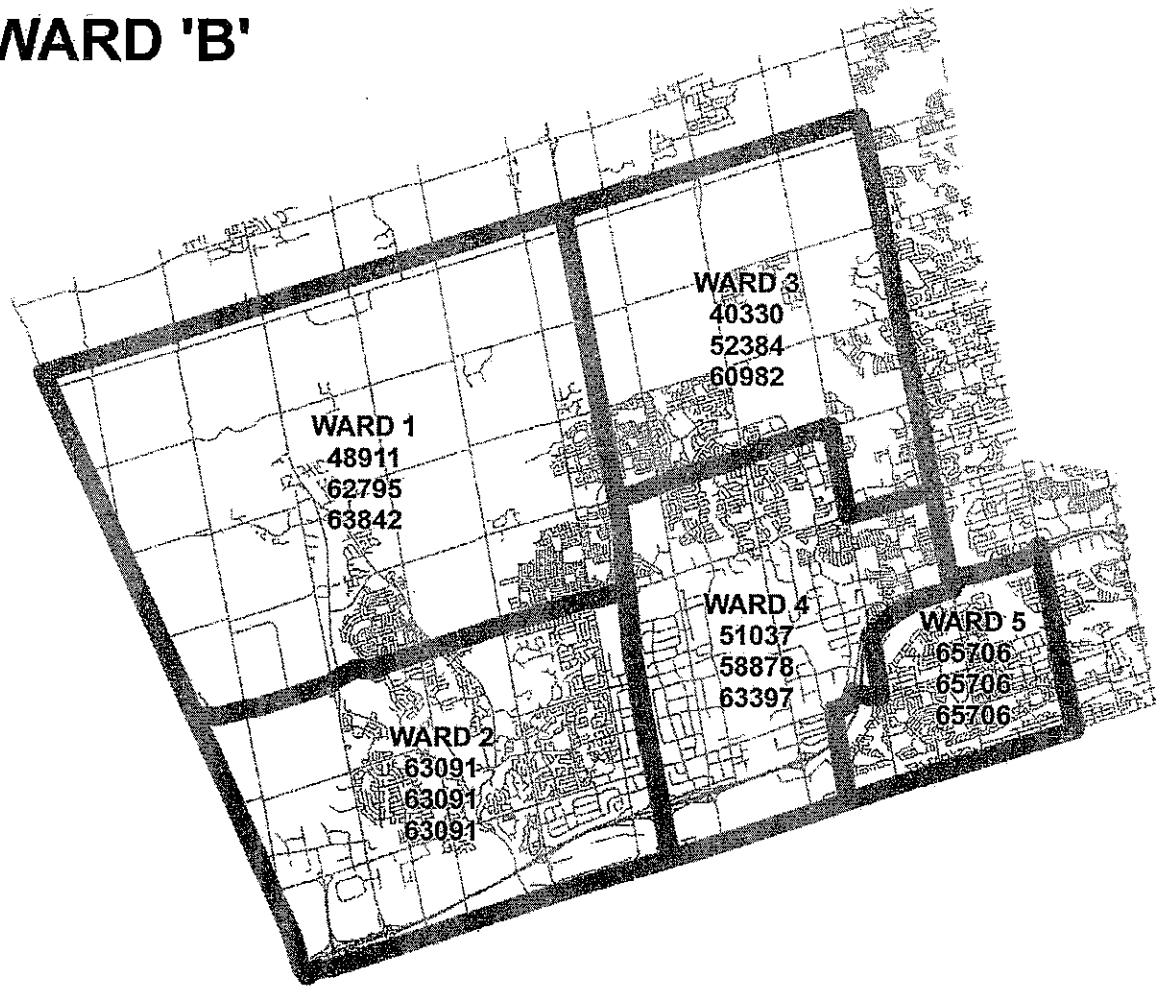
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5 WARD 'A'



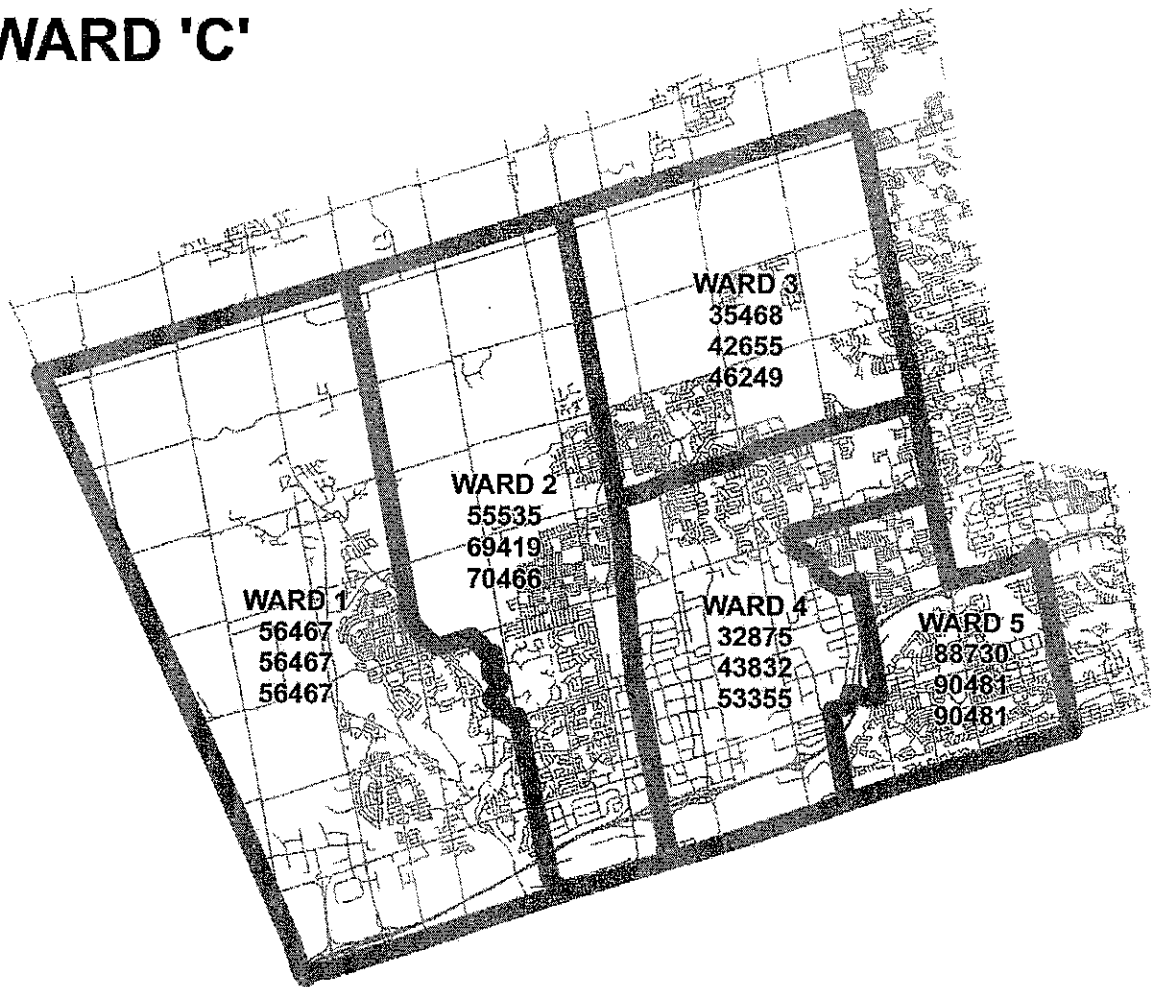
5 WARD - OPTION 'A'							
	2010			2014		2018	
Ward	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)		Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	70,174	30		83711	38	90461	43
2	51,939	-3		51939	-14	51939	-18
3	47,257	-12		55217	-9	55217	-13
4	33,999	-37		46281	-24	53695	-15
5	65,706	22		65706	8	65706	4
Total Population	269,075			302854		317018	
Average Population per Ward	53,815			60571		63404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	11,300	21		11310	19	11744	19

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

5 WARD 'B'

5 WARD - OPTION 'B'							
Ward	2010			2014			2018
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)		Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	48911	-9		62795	4	63842	1
2	63091	17		63091	4	63091	0
3	40330	-25		52384	-14	60982	-4
4	51037	-5		58878	-3	63397	0
5	65706	22		65706	8	65706	4
Total Population	269075			302854		317018	
Average Population per Ward	53815			60571		63404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	8467	16		3952	7	1096	2

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

5 WARD 'C'

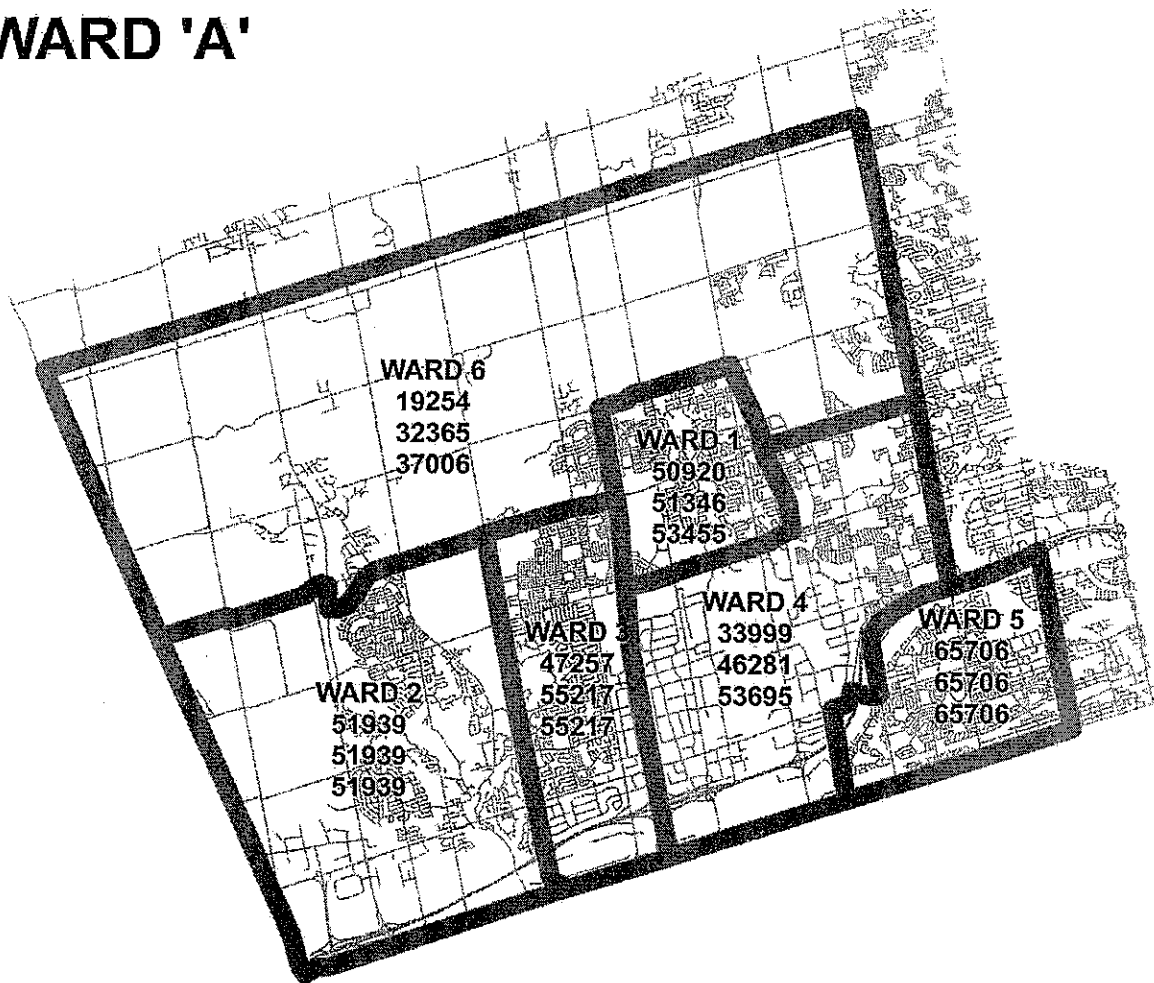
5 WARD - OPTION 'C'							
	2010			2014		2018	
Ward	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	
1	56467		5	56467	-7	56467	-11
2	55535		3	69419	15	70466	11
3	35468	-34		42655	-30	46249	-27
4	32875	-39		43832	-28	53355	-16
5	88730		65	90481	49	90481	43
Total Population	269075			302854		317018	
Average Population per Ward	53815			60571		63404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	15715	29		15503	26	13656	22

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

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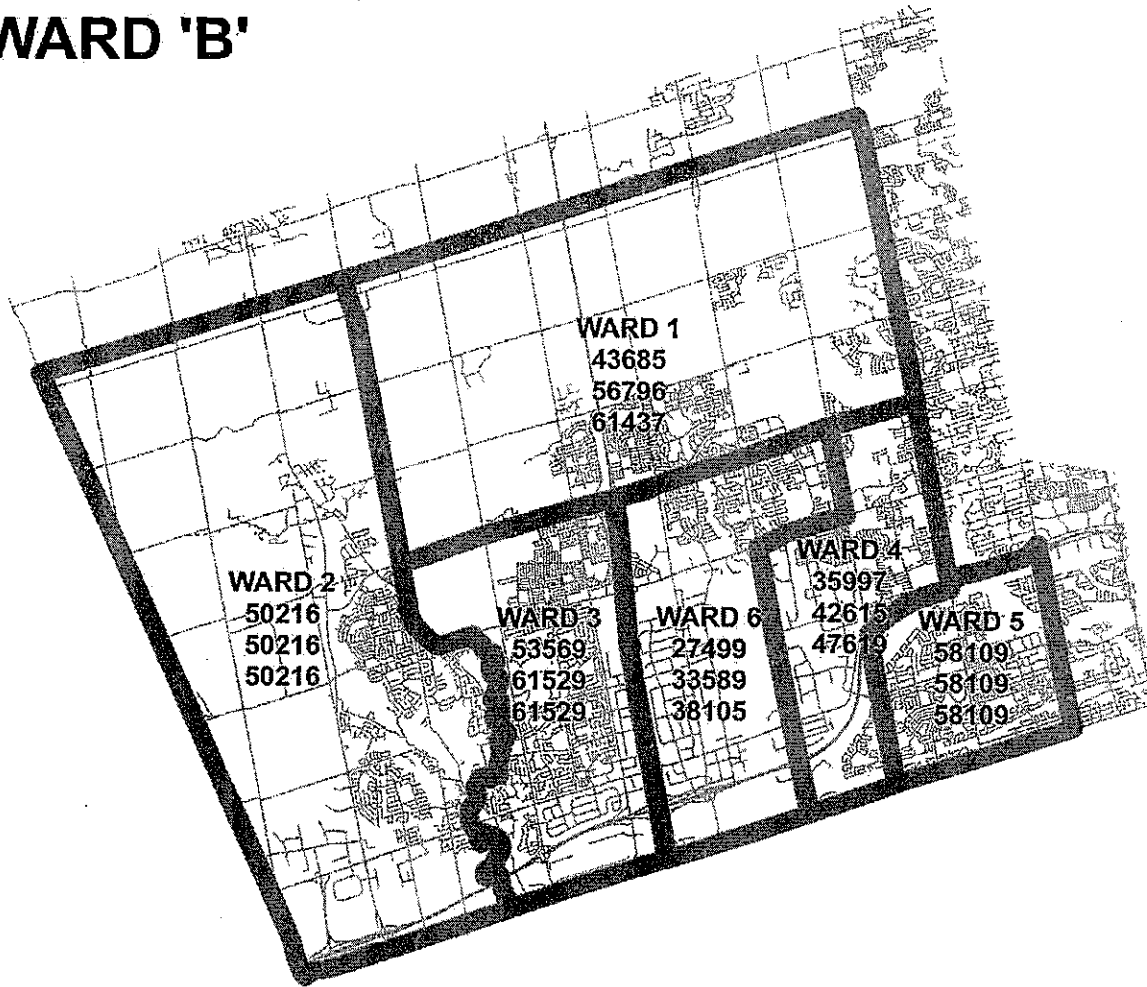
Appendix 'A'

6 WARD 'A'



6 WARD - OPTION 'A'						
Ward	2010			2014		
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)		Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	
1	50,920	14	51,346	2	53,455	1
2	51,939	16	51,939	3	51,939	-2
3	47,257	5	55,217	9	55,217	5
4	33,999	-24	46,281	-8	53,695	2
5	65,706	47	65,706	30	65,706	24
6	19,254	-57	32,365	-36	37,006	-30
Total Population	269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	44,846		50,476		52,836	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	12,146	27	7,435	15	5,576	11

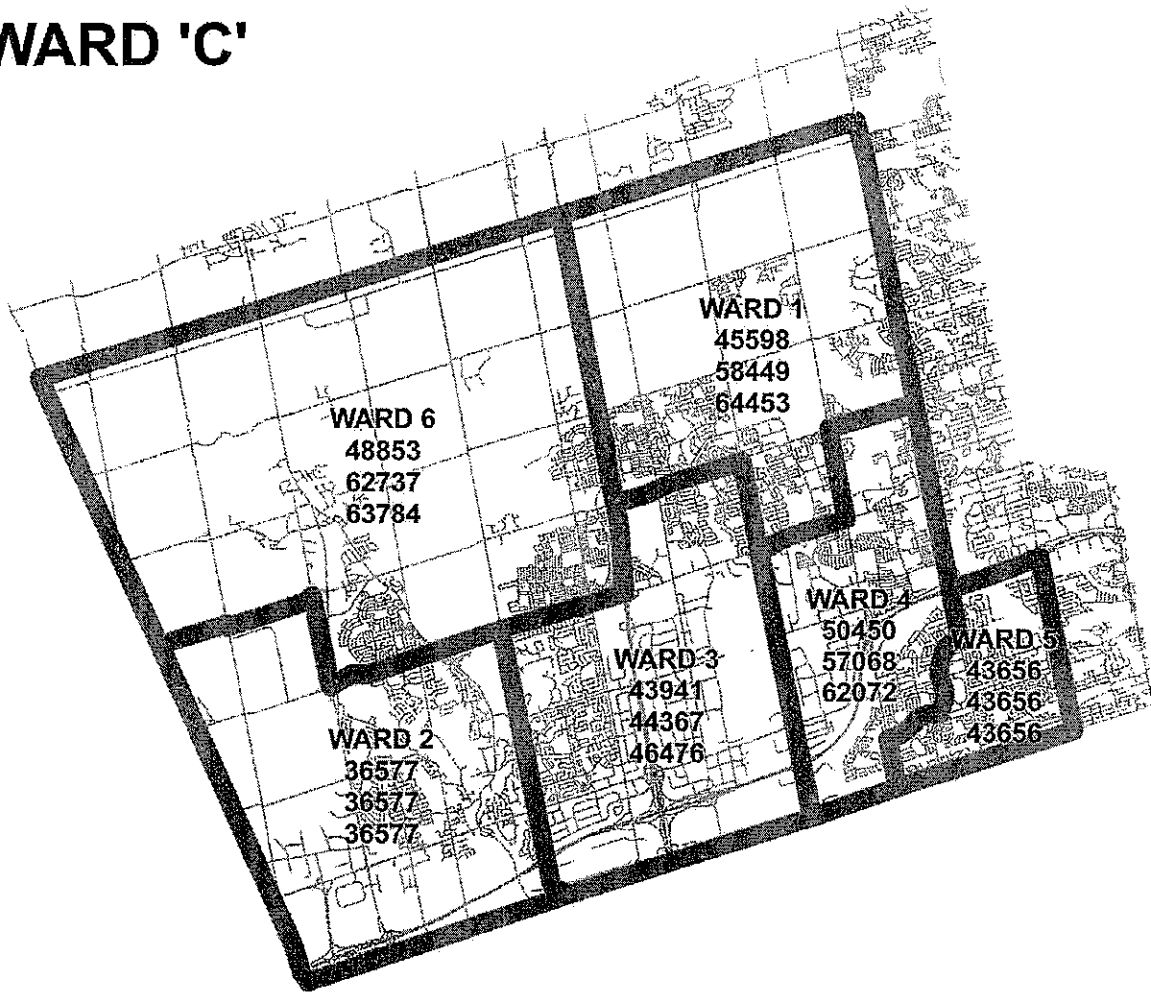
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6 WARD 'B'

6 WARD - OPTION 'B'							
	2010			2014			2018
	Ward	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
	1	43,685	-3	56,796	13	61,437	16
	2	50,216	12	50,216	-1	50,216	-5
	3	53,569	19	61,529	22	61,529	16
	4	35,997	-20	42,615	-16	47,619	-10
	5	58,109	30	58,109	15	58,109	10
	6	27,499	-39	33,589	-33	38,108	-28
Total Population		269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward		44,846		50,476		52,836	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population		9,119	20	8,336	17	7,522	14

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

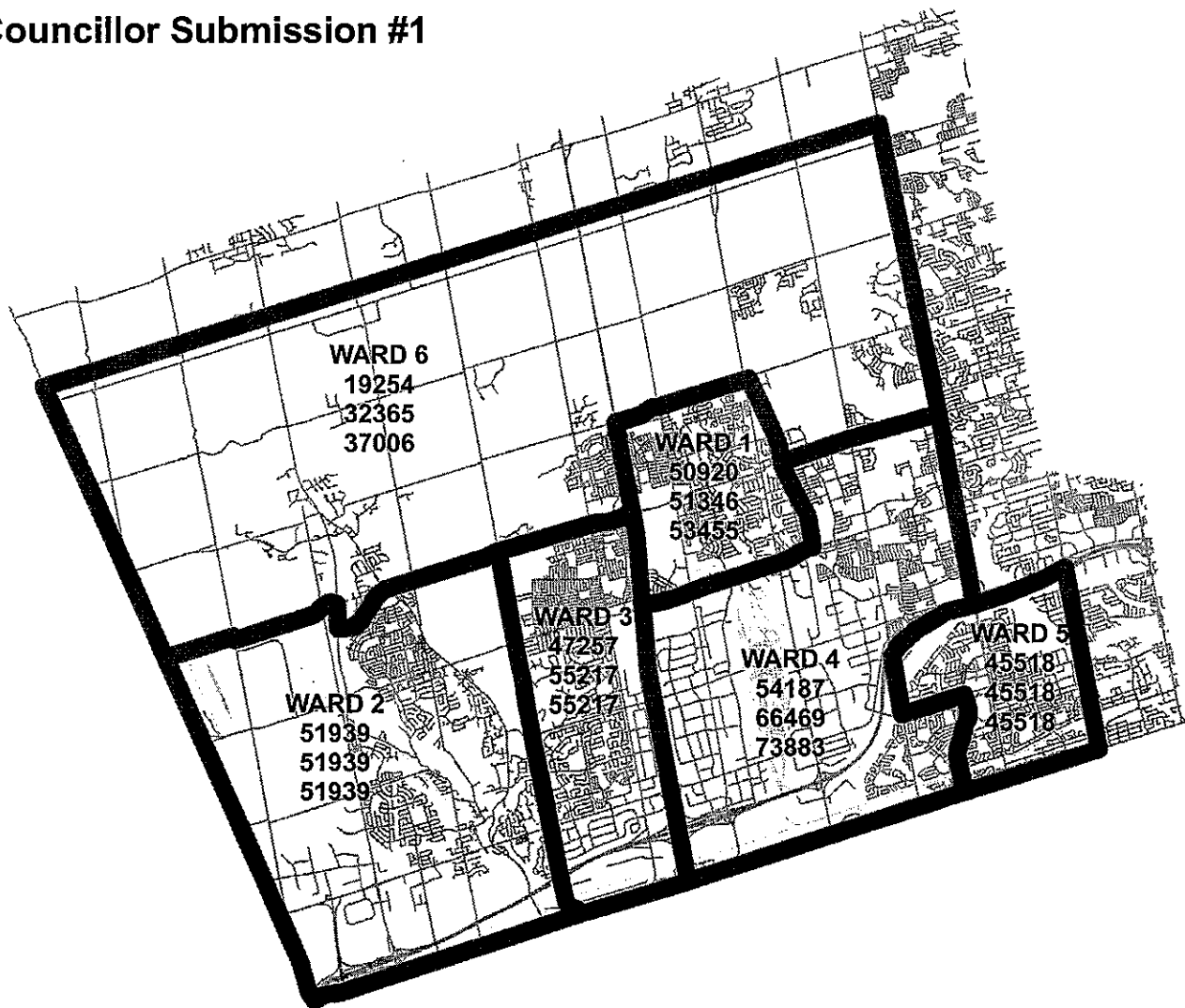
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6 WARD 'C'

6 WARD - OPTION 'C'						
Ward	2010		2014	2018	2010	2018
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)			Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	45,598		2	58,449	16	64,453
2	36,577	-18	36,577	-28	36,577	-31
3	43,941	-2	44,367	-12	46,476	-12
4	50,450	12	57,068	13	62,072	17
5	43,656	-3	43,656	-14	43,656	-17
6	48,853	9	62,737	24	63,784	21
Total Population	269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	44,846		50,476		52,836	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	3,455	8	8,942	18	10,600	20

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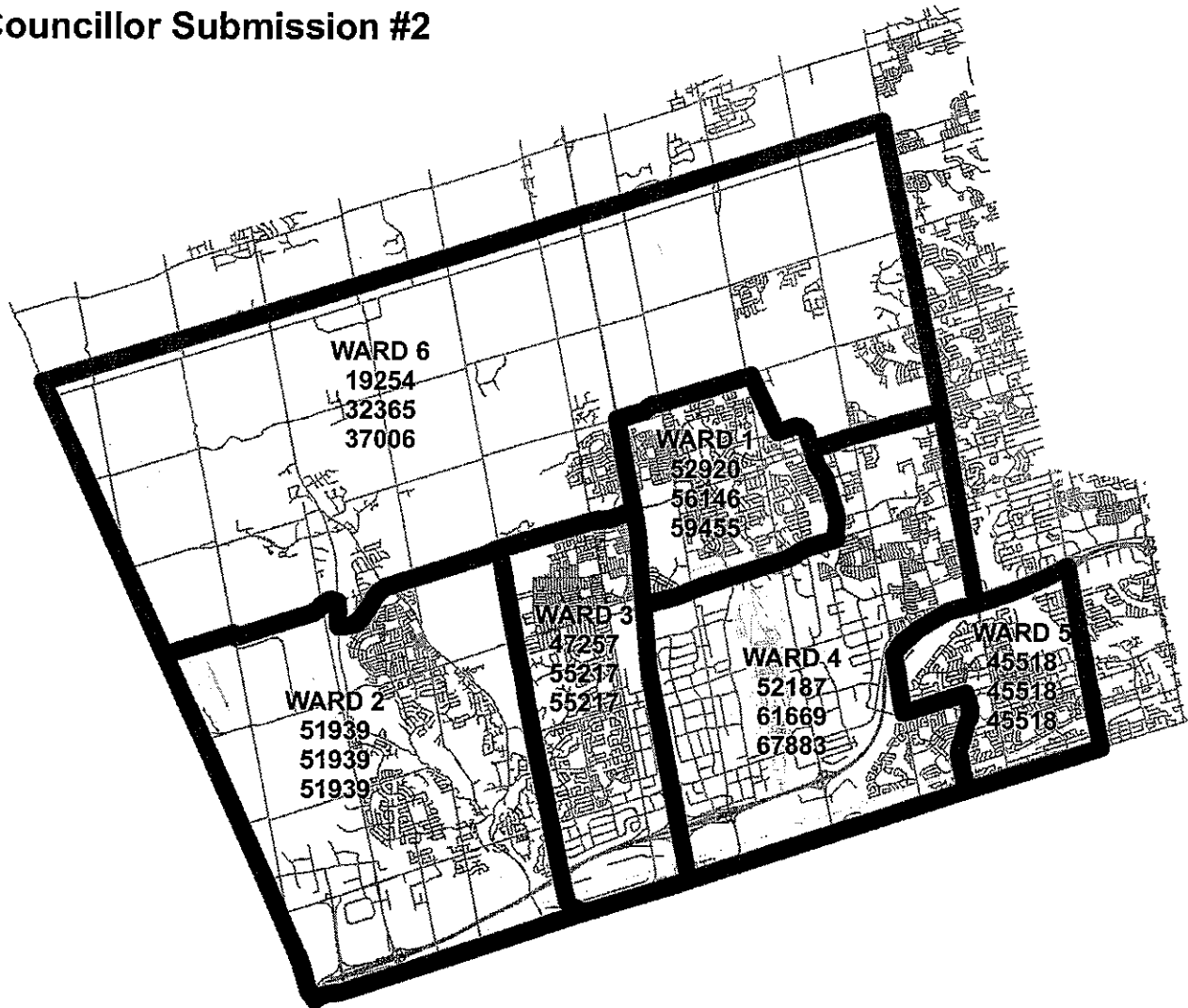
Councillor Submission #1



COUNCILLOR OPTION '1'						
Ward	2010		2014		2018	
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	50,920	14	51,346	2	53,455	1
2	51,939	16	51,939	3	51,939	-2
3	47,257	5	55,217	9	55,217	5
4	54,187	21	66,469	32	73,883	40
5	45,518	1	45,518	-10	45,518	-14
6	19,254	-57	32,365	-36	37,006	-30
Total Population	269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	44,846		50,476		52,836	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	8,531	19	7,689	15	8,015	15

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Councillor Submission #2

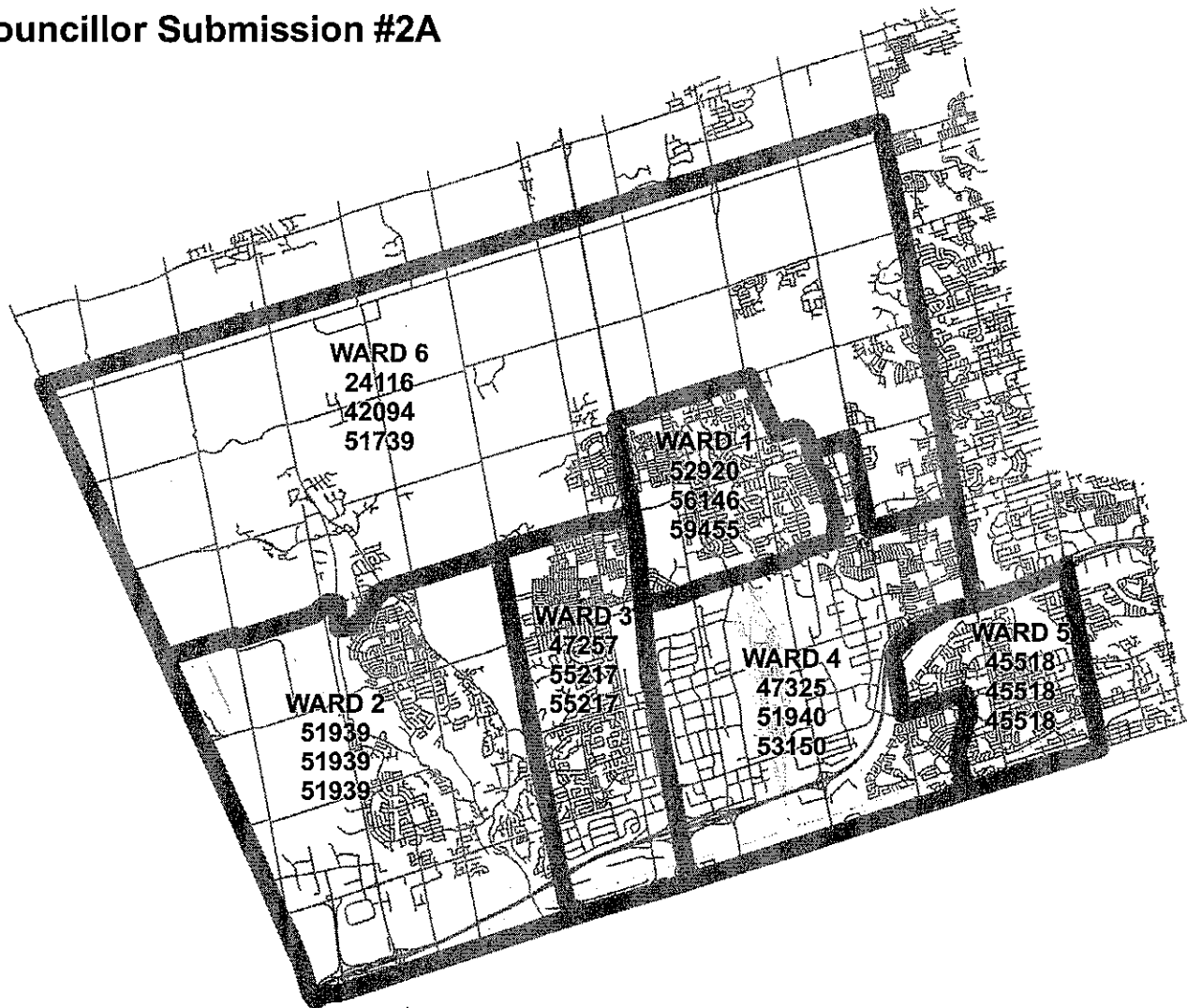


COUNCILLOR OPTION '2'							
	2010			2014		2018	
Ward	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)		Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	52,920	18		56,146	11	59,455	13
2	51,939	16		51,939	3	51,939	-2
3	47,257	5		55,217	9	55,217	5
4	52,187	16		61,669	22	67,883	28
5	45,518	1		45,518	-10	45,518	-14
6	19,254	-57		32,365	-36	37,006	-30
Total Population	269,075			302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	44,846			50,476		52,836	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	8,531	19		7,689	15	8,015	15

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

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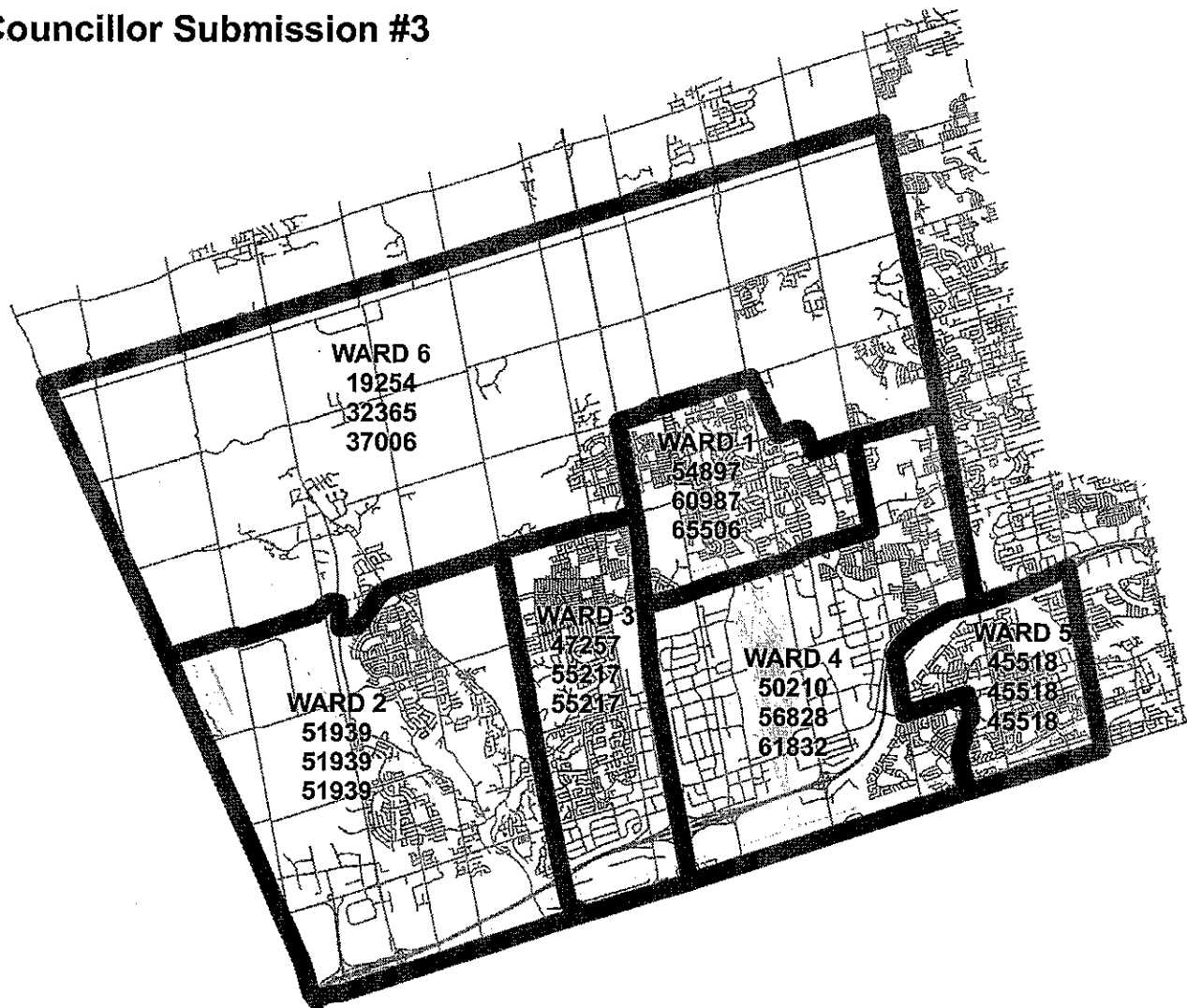
Councillor Submission #2A



COUNCILLOR OPTION '2A'						
Ward	2010			2014		
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)		Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	
1	52,920	18		56,146	11	59,455
2	51,939	16		51,939	3	51,939
3	47,257	5		55,217	9	55,217
4	47,325	6		51,940	3	53,150
5	45,518	1		45,518	-10	45,518
6	24,116	-46		42,094	-17	51,739
Total Population	269,075			302,854		317,018
Average Population per Ward	44,846			50,476		52,836
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	6,910	15		4,446	9	3,104

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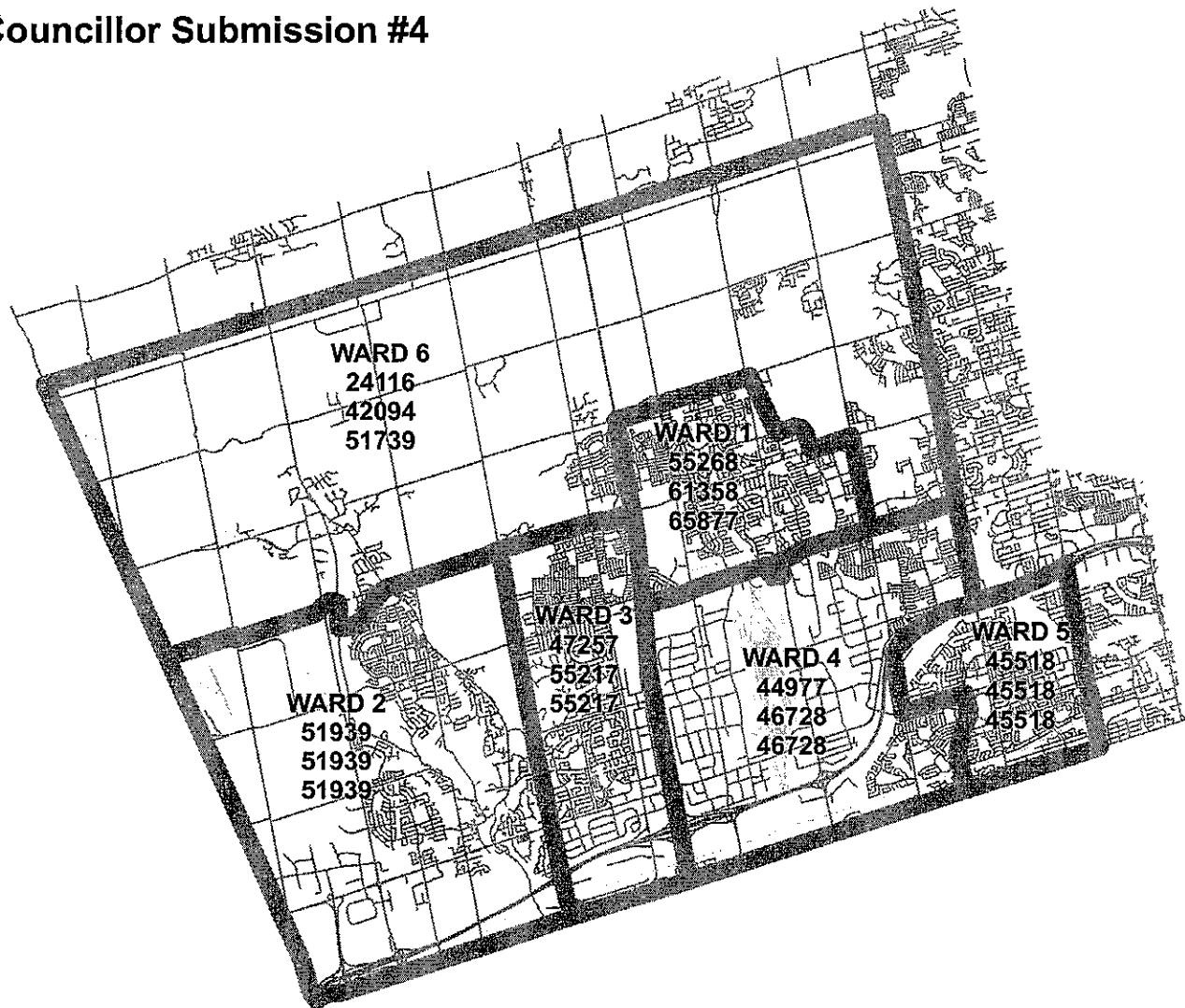
Councillor Submission #3



COUNCILLOR OPTION '3'						
Ward	2010		2014		2018	
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	54,897	22	60,987	21	65,506	24
2	51,939	16	51,939	3	51,939	-2
3	47,257	5	55,217	9	55,217	5
4	50,210	12	56,828	13	61,832	17
5	45,518	1	45,518	-10	45,518	-14
6	19,254	-57	32,365	-36	37,006	-30
Total Population	269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	44,846		50,476		52,836	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	8,531	19	7,689	15	8,015	15

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Councillor Submission #4

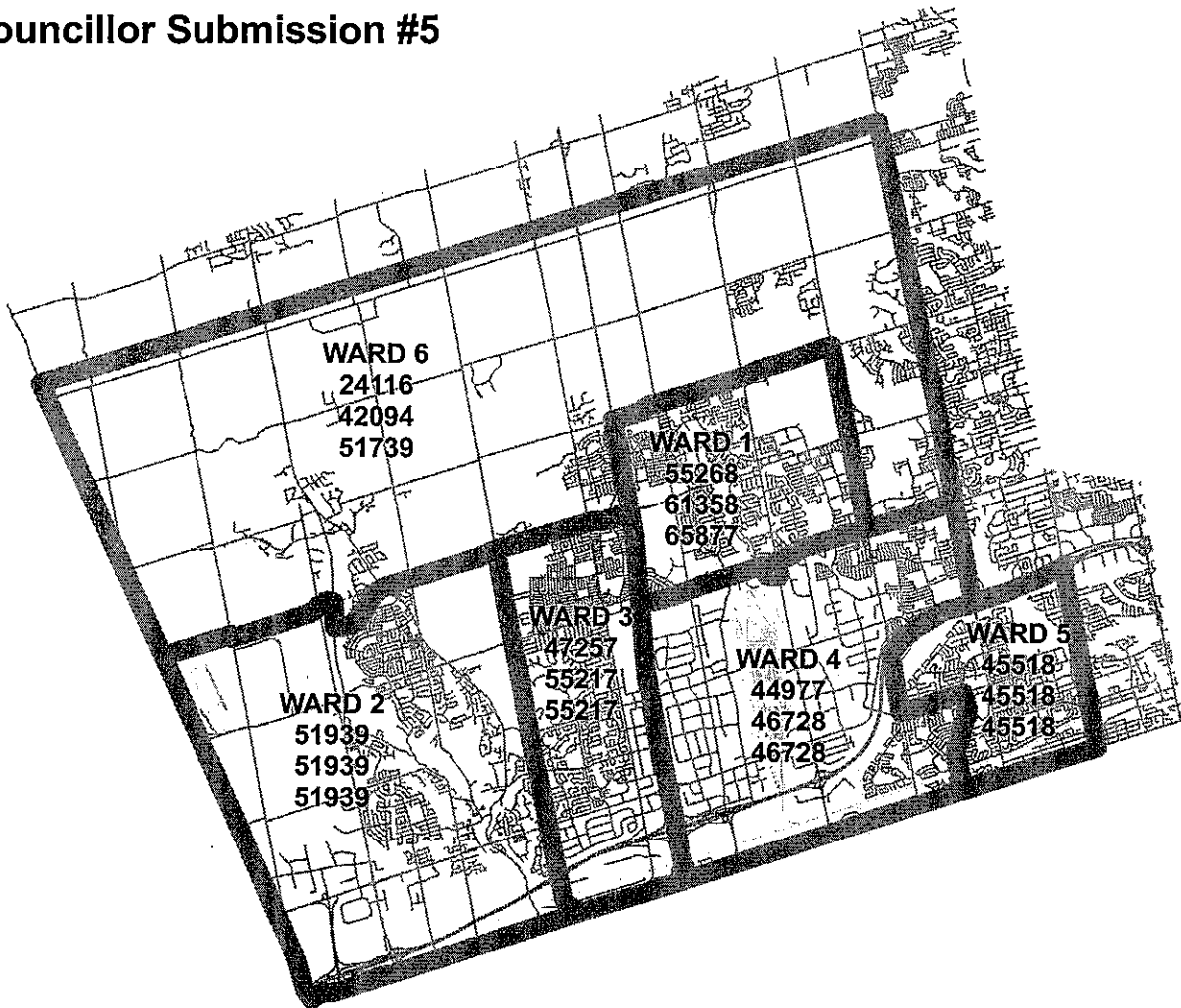


COUNCILLOR OPTION 4'							
Ward	2010			2014			2018
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)		Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	55,268	23		61,358	22	65,877	25
2	51,939	16		51,939	3	51,939	-2
3	47,257	5		55,217	9	55,217	5
4	44,977	0		46,728	-7	46,728	-12
5	45,518	1		45,518	-10	45,518	-14
6	24,116	-46		42,094	-17	51,739	-2
Total Population	269,075			302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	44,846			50,476		52,836	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	6,910	15		5,696	11	5,140	10

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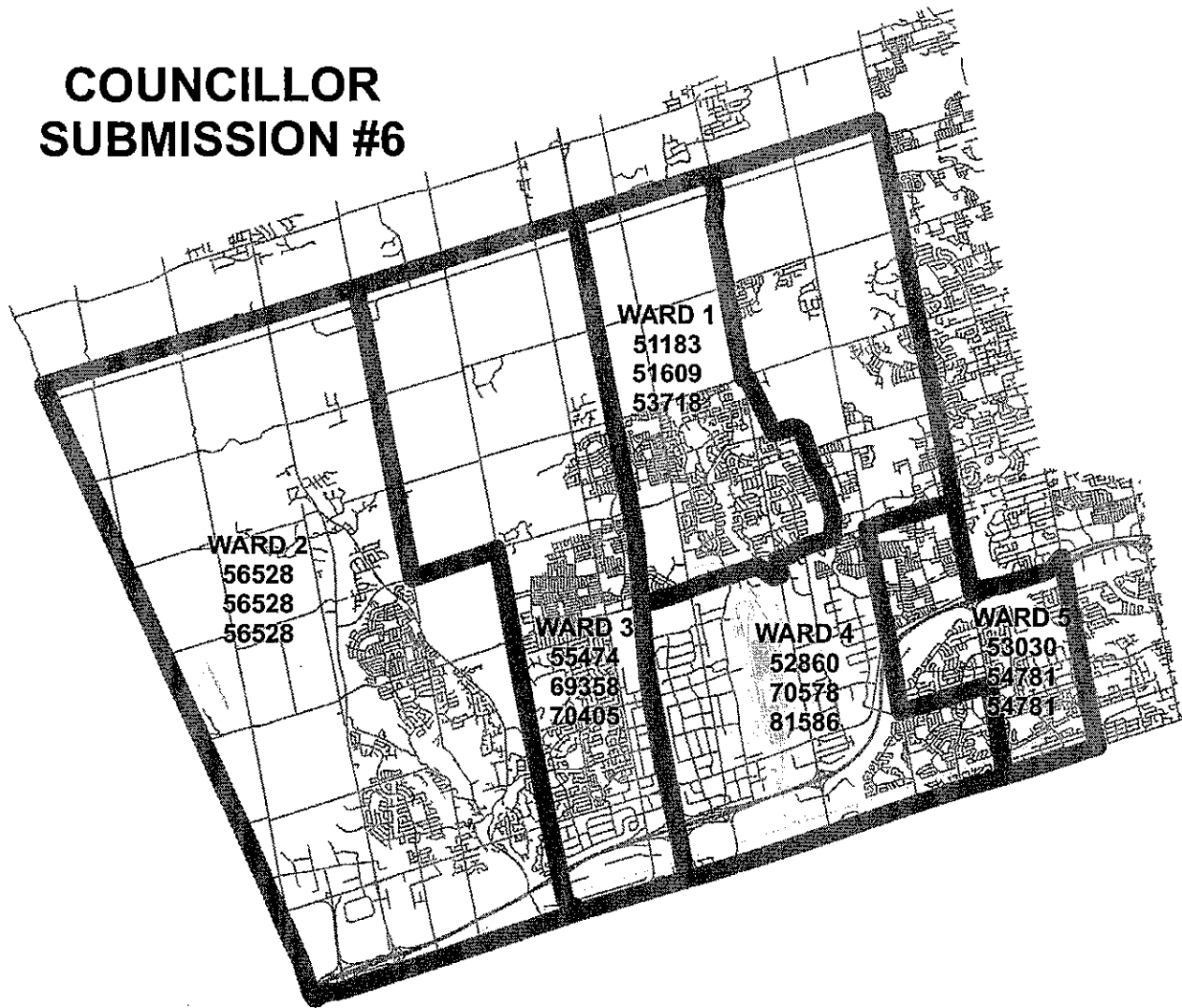
Councillor Submission #5



COUNCILLOR OPTION 5'							
	2010			2014		2018	
Ward	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)		Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	55,268	23		61,358	22	65,877	25
2	51,939	16		51,939	3	51,939	-2
3	47,257	5		55,217	9	55,217	5
4	44,977	0		46,728	-7	46,728	-12
5	45,518	1		45,518	-10	45,518	-14
6	24,116	-46		42,094	-17	51,739	-2
Total Population	269,075			302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	44,846			50,476		52,836	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	6,910	15		5,696	11	5,140	10

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COUNCILLOR SUBMISSION #6

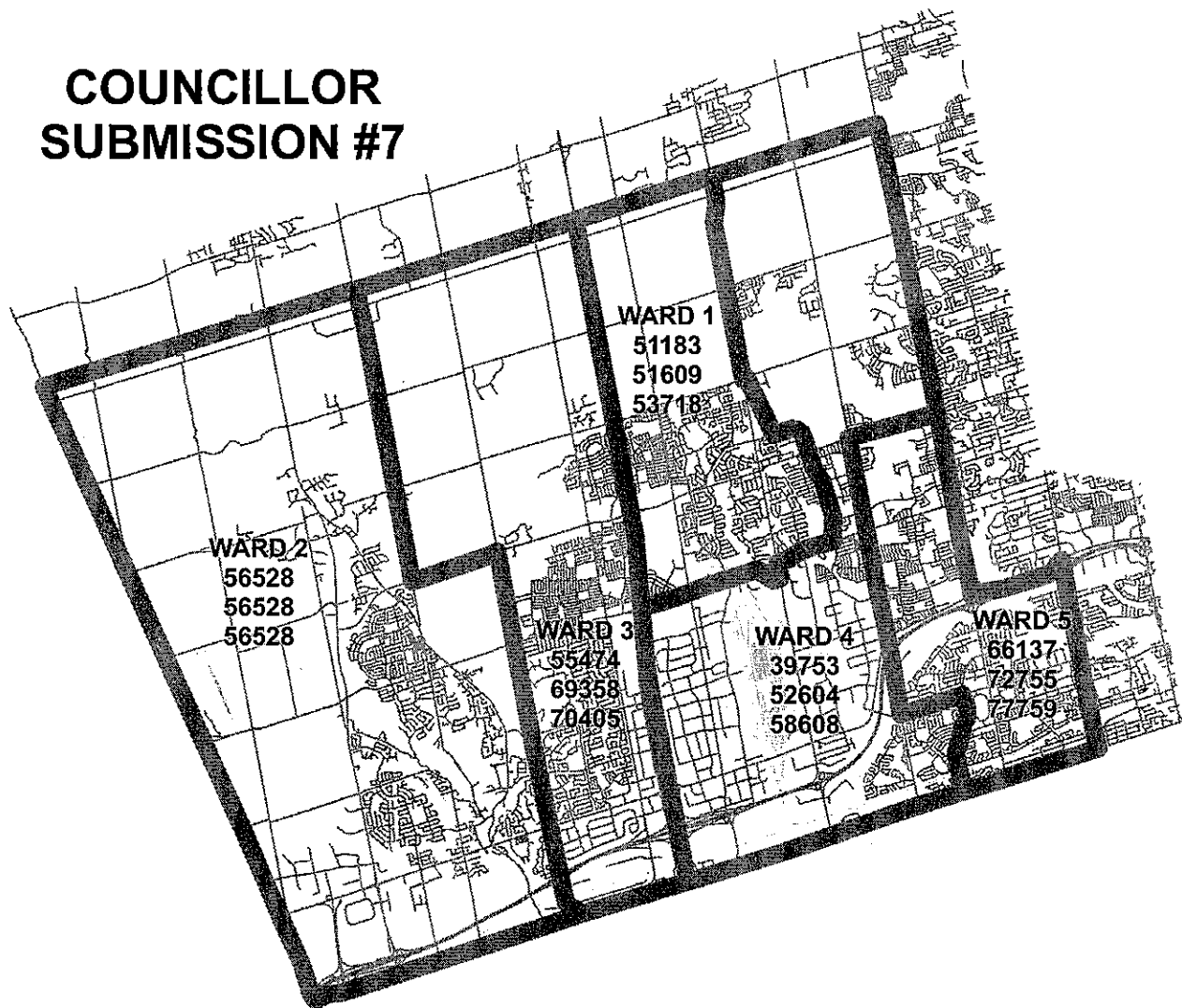


COUNCILLOR OPTION 6'						
	2010		2014		2018	
Ward	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	51,183	-5	51,609	-15	53,718	-15
2	56,528	5	56,528	-7	56,528	-11
3	55,474	3	69,358	15	70,405	11
4	52,860	-2	70,578	17	81,586	29
5	53,030	-1	54,781	-10	54,781	-14
Total Population	269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	53,815		60,571		63,404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	1,749	3	7,518	12	10,074	16

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

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COUNCILLOR SUBMISSION #7



COUNCILLOR OPTION 7'						
Ward	2010		2014		2018	
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	51,183	-5	51,609	-15	53,718	-15
2	56,528	5	56,528	-7	56,528	-11
3	55,474	3	69,358	15	70,405	11
4	39,753	-26	52,604	-13	58,608	-8
5	66,137	23	72,755	20	77,759	23
Total Population	269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	53,815		60,571		63,404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	6,678	12	8,389	14	8,543	13

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

Comments from the Ward Boundary Review Public Meeting of March 9, 2009**5 Ward "A"**

- No #400 is divider
- Not an even distribution of population
- Again unfair to Maple residents and reduced level of service
- Ward 1 too populous

5 Ward "B"

- Follows historical community boundaries
- 400/407 natural physical dividers
- Best equalization/population represented by #'s
- Save \$\$\$ ^^ \$25 OK
- On par with Mississauga + Hazel
- Cohesion in Thornhill boundary/community
- Bring back the hot and mild Woodbridge
- Follows intensification /development over time
- Even though there isn't much of an even distribution for 2010, etc.by 2018 you almost accomplish some means of even distribution of population throughout the wards
- Fair alternative to current 5 ward

5 Ward "C"

- * will hate this...better call him
- Inequitable distribution of residents per representative
- Ward 5 is too populous
- Ward 5 should not include Thornhill Woods
- Best of 3 choices geographically
- Not an even distribution of population

6 Ward "A"

- Best of the 6 ward options
- Like one quasi-rural ward
- Poor distribution of residents per ward

6 Ward "B"

- Don't like Glen Shields area as an isolated unit
- Best suited for Maple residents – fair split
- Ward 4 continue N to Teston through Bathurst & Dufferin

6 Ward "C"

- Distribution not equitable
- Creates Maple versus Woodbridge climate
- Or V = Keele & 7 Yonge & 7 Steeles

Councillor Submission #1

- Poor distribution of residents between Ward 6 and others

Councillor Submission #2

- Poor distribution of population – ward 6 too low

Councillor Submission #2A

- #2A is my 1st choice because it represents the best distribution of population
- #'s are best, like Ward 6 being equal, like Maple as Ward 2
- Best for even representation
- No as #400 is divider and divides Maple

Councillor Submission #3

- Poor distribution of population

Councillor Submission #4

- No way for Ward 6

Councillor Submission #5

- No - #400 is divider Yes otherwise
- Good division of Ward
- Why protect Maple?

Councillor Submission #6

- The extension of Ward 4 is ridiculous
- Ward 4 would create animosity trying to meet needs of urban Concord rural Maple
- Better call * (KARA). He spent his life building berms to keep Woodbridge out!!

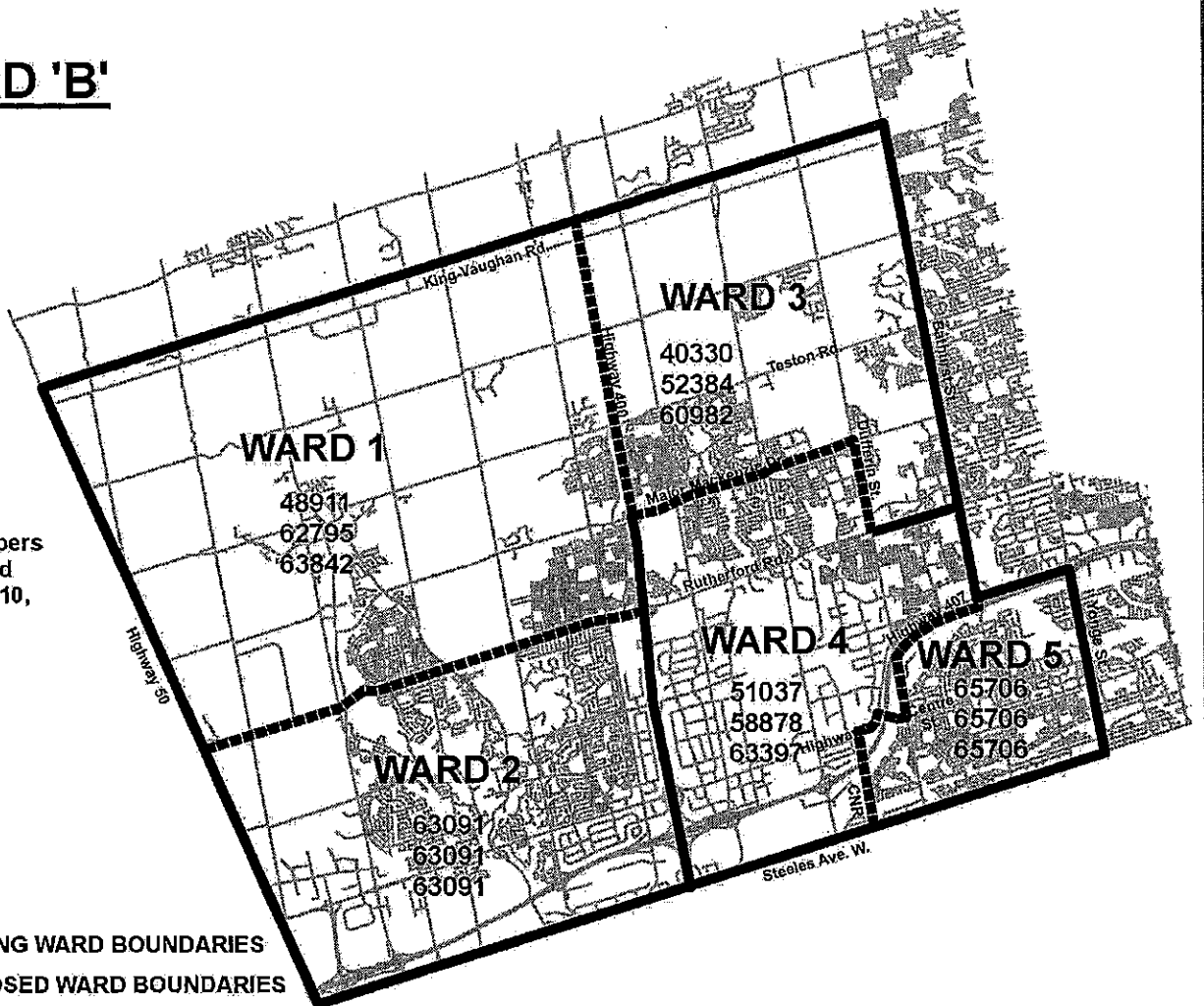
Councillor Submission #7

- Northern extension of Ward 4 is ridiculous
- Do not like the N-S extension of Ward 2 & 3
- Why is this submission not available on the web?
- Again – issues in conflict with needs of Concord versus needs of Maple

* personal information removed

5 WARD 'B'

Population Numbers
Within Each Ward
Projected For 2010,
2014 And 2018
Elections



5 WARD - OPTION 'B'						
Ward	2010		2014		2018	
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	48911	-9	62795	4	63842	1
2	63091	17	63091	4	63091	0
3	40330	-25	52384	-14	60982	-4
4	51037	-5	58878	-3	63397	0
5	65706	22	65706	8	65706	4
Total Population	269075		302854		317018	
Average Population per Ward	53815		60571		63404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	8467	16	3952	7	1096	2

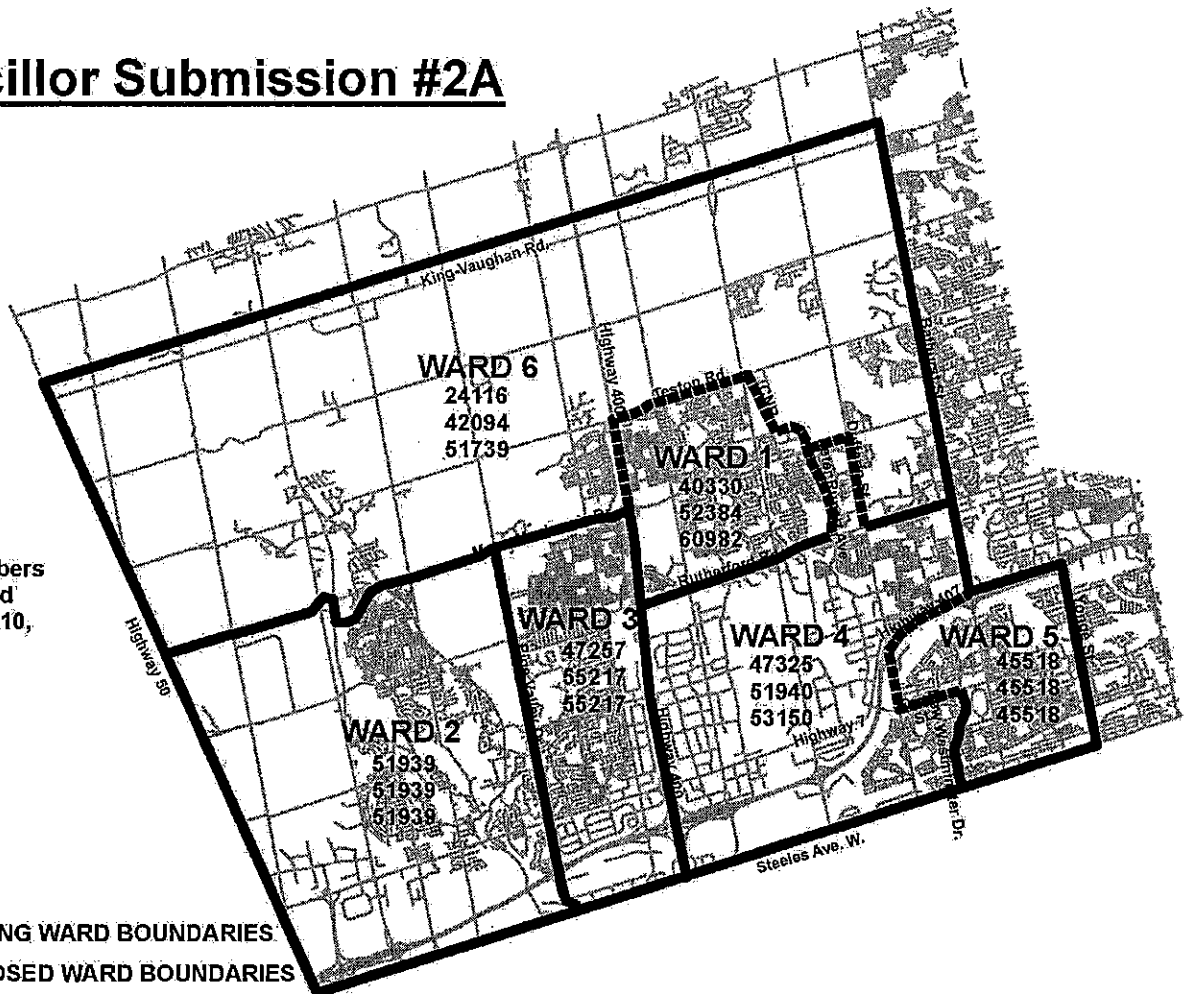
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Councillor Submission #2A

Population Numbers
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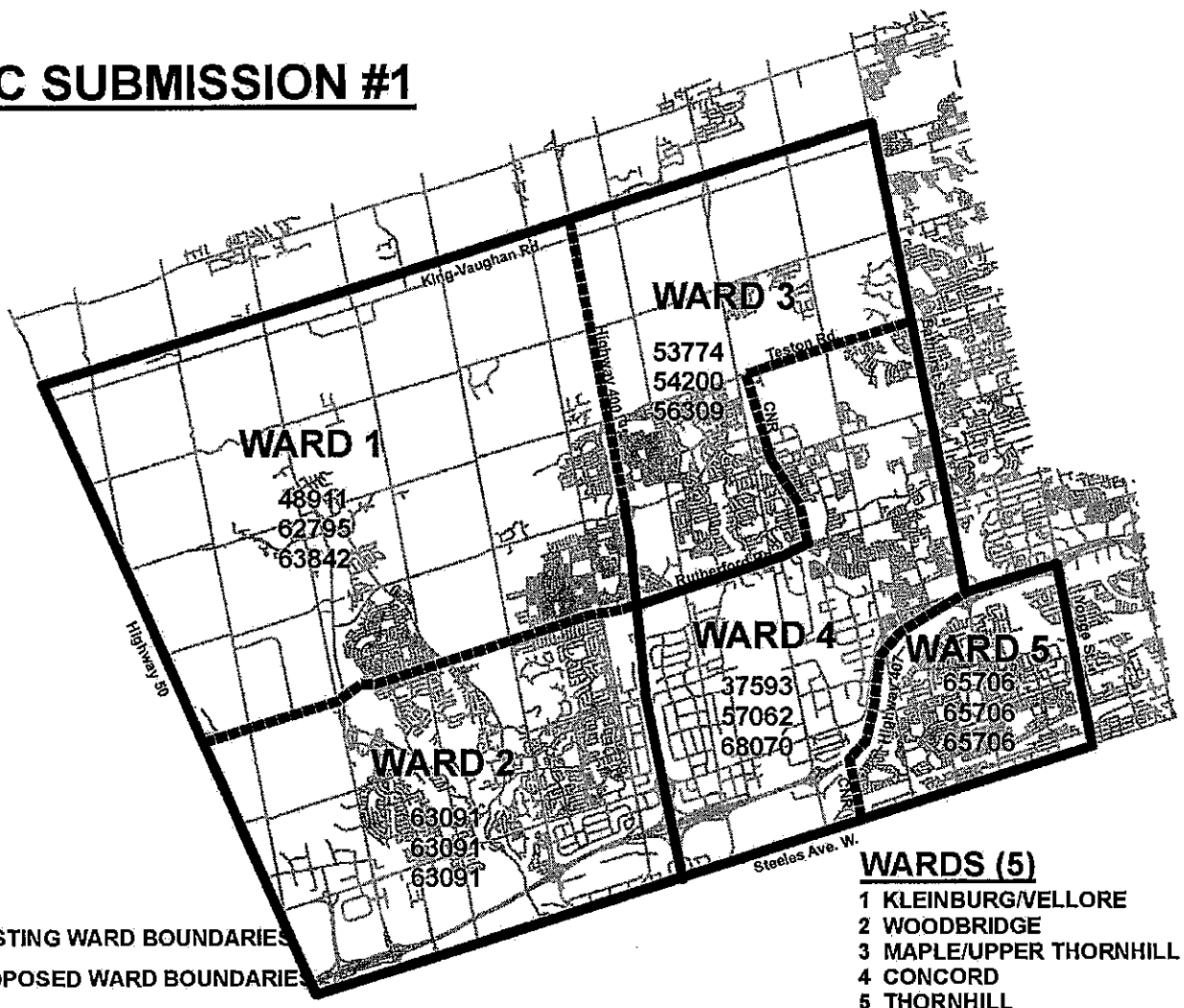
———— EXISTING WARD BOUNDARIES
 ===== PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

**COUNCILLOR OPTION '2A'**

	2010			2014			2018		
	Ward	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
	1	52,920	18	56,146	11	59,455	13		
	2	51,939	16	51,939	3	51,939	-2		
	3	47,257	5	55,217	9	55,217	5		
	4	47,325	6	51,940	3	53,150	1		
	5	45,518	1	45,518	-10	45,518	-14		
	6	24,116	-46	42,094	-17	51,739	-2		
Total Population		269,075		302,854		317,018			
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Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population		6,910	15	4,446	9	3,104	6		

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PUBLIC SUBMISSION #1

5 Ward 'B' Amended (Greco)						
Ward	2010			2014		
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)		Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	
1	48,911	-9	62,795	4	63,842	1
2	63,091	17	63,091	4	63,091	0
3	53,774	0	54,200	-11	56,309	-11
4	37,593	-30	57,062	-6	68,070	7
5	65,706	22	65,706	8	65,706	4
Total Population	269,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	53,815		60,571		63,404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	8,467	16	3,952	7	2,963	5

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

ITEM # 19
ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION
C W - March 31/09

ATTACHMENT 1

Gino Ruffolo
149 Fieldgate Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1K4

March 29, 2009

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To: Mayor and Members of Council
City of Vaughan
2141 Major MacKenzie Dr.
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Re: **Written Deputation – Ward Boundary Review – March 31, 2009**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am respectfully asking Council to receive this written submission regarding the Ward Boundary Review Item No. 19 on the Committee of the Whole agenda for March 31, 2009.

Vaughan Council has an obligation in this time of economic uncertainty to be fiscally responsible. Selecting a 6 Ward realignment is not in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of Vaughan, as it would cost well over \$200,000 per year in salaries and perks. What is needed now from our elected officials is responsible spending and only if absolutely necessary. Fair Ward realignment can be achieved without increasing representation.

The current representation of a Mayor, three Regional Councillor and five Ward councillors is sufficient now and for the foreseeable future.

To handle any future population increases, Council should consider going back to the previous schedule which included more meetings in a year. Reduce the amount of time off taken in the summer, at Christmas, at Easter and March Break. Council should consider foregoing the summer hiatus completely and schedule some meetings during the months of July and August.

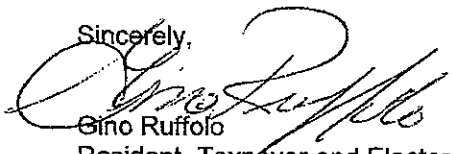
Residents do not get a summer hiatus from paying taxes why does Council get a summer hiatus. Most residents do not get four weeks away from work at Christmas, or a whole week off at Easter and March Break. Why does Council?

These are some of the items that should be looked at prior to considering increasing the number of elected officials in our municipality.

In closing, it is my suggestion as a taxpayer and resident of the City of Vaughan, that Council select the 5 Ward "A" or 5 Ward "B" option as well as to go back to the Council and Committee of the Whole meeting rotation of last year.

Council should lead by example at this time of economic unrest and uncertainty. We all need to tighten our belts and work harder, which includes our elected officials, which are funded by the rest of us.

Sincerely,


Gino Ruffolo
Resident, Taxpayer and Elector
City of Vaughan

ATTACHMENT 2

Bonsignore, Connie**From:** Lucia Milani [lucia.milani@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2009 2:40 PM**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca**Subject:** Committee of the Whole, March 31, Report #18, Item # 19 – Ward Boundary Review

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Dear Clerk,

Committee of the Whole, March 31, Report #18, Item # 19 – Ward Boundary Review

Please include this email for Council and Committee consideration on the above noted item.

I am writing to express my concerns with the above noted report. I have reviewed the recommendations and findings and have the following comments:

I believe that an additional councilor to Vaughan council is not the most fiscally responsible decision in such a time of economic hardship. Why drive operating costs up over \$350,000.00 annually unnecessarily? Council operates as effectively and efficiently as it possibly could with the current 5 ward system. Adding more councilors will only serve to increase bureaucracy, unwarranted taxpayer costs and general interference with commerce. These, amongst other reasons, persuade me to determine that an additional councilor is not needed.

With respect to the realignment of the ward boundaries, redistribution may be necessary to equalize the representation of the population. Geographic boundaries such as roads, streams, rail and such are a more effective and appropriate method of aligning the ward boundaries.

None of the options given throughout the report, in my opinion, are appropriate in a 5 Ward system. A modified "5 Ward A" option where Ward 4's *entire* northern boundary becomes Major Mackenzie is the most equitable. This should balance population more appropriately throughout the next 3 elections while also giving clear, consistent and recognizable delineations to the ward boundaries rather than trying to carve out "Old Maple" from newer Maple. This also closely represents the current boundaries which will help in reducing disruption and confusion during the next election.

Gerrymandering is of the utmost concern. While I have not completed the analysis to determine if this is true in this case, any carving out of "Old Maple" would seem to point towards such a motivation.

Please circulate me on any council decisions on this item.

Yours Truly,
Lucia Milani

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Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers Association

ATTACHMENT 3

P.O. Box 202, Kleinburg, Ontario, L0J 1C0

Email: kara@kara-inc.ca Website: www.kara-inc.ca

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ITEM # 19

ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

CW - Mar 31/09

City of Vaughan
Clerks Department

March 30, 2009

Dear Mayor, Members of Council, City of Vaughan Staff,

Re: Ward Boundary Review

Please accept these comments from our Association with respect to the Ward Boundary Review that has been recently undertaken by City Staff.

KARA's primary concern regarding the above matter is that our residents are well-served by our local government. We are unsure that the case has been made that Ward boundary changes are warranted or will in fact promote net improvement in the effectiveness, efficiency, excellence, or economy of service to residents and their interests across Vaughan.

Our Association has a number of concerns with respect to both the process the City has undertaken and the proposals suggested in the Ward Boundary Review:

- (1) The need for such a boundary review is not clear. What are the driving forces behind the desire for the review and in fact increasing the wards, or shifting the boundaries? Is variance in ward populations a sufficient reason to change boundaries or add boundaries at this time?
- (2) Ideally, the need for such a change would be to enhance effective local representation for the citizens of Vaughan and that the terms of reference for the review would express how such proposed changes would address in very clear terms how Vaughan taxpayers would see improved representation through the various options proposed. This has not occurred.
- (3) The public input process that the City has carried out is not likely to provide statistical validation for proceeding in any direction. The online survey with 93 respondents is statistically insignificant and no valid aggregate data can be extrapolated from the responses. The same is true of the poorly attended public information meetings. The City would have gained much clearer insight from a statistically significant poll undertaken by a professional polling company.
- (4) Boundary maps in the review were inadequate for public consultation with no street names, little detail, and no comparison with existing ward boundaries. They were very difficult to read and assess.
- (5) The associated costs in the staff report with respect to the addition of a ward councillor are likely understated.

At this point in time, KARA would prefer to see our existing ward boundaries unchanged. We believe that Kleinburg, Nashville and Area share similar concerns to Maple and northern Vaughan communities. We maintain that Ward boundaries should preserve and avoid fragmenting traditionally rural and historical neighbourhoods and communities of interest within the City.

In these recessionary economic times with the possibility of it lasting a protracted period and the financial pain that Vaughan citizens will no doubt have to endure, cost containment and fiscal restraint are the order of the day. Increasing the size of our local government as is contemplated in the six (6) ward option is not prudent or acceptable. We therefore reject any option for a boundary reconfiguration that would increase the size of Vaughan Council.

Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association

2933 Box 202, Kleinburg, Ontario, L0J 1C0
Email: kara@kara-inc.ca Website: www.kara-inc.ca

In conclusion, KARA would request that Council defer making a decision on Ward boundaries on Mar. 31 and rather have it be an election issue in 2010. If Council decides instead to proceed, then our perspective is, and only as a lesser of evils, that the staff recommended 5 Ward 'B' ward alignment would be preferred. We trust you will do what is truly in the best interests of the citizens of Vaughan in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Schwenger
KARA President

Bonsignore, Connie

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From: Kara-Inc [kara@kara-inc.ca]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Cc: ianhmitchell@hotmail.com
Subject: Ward Boundary Review Comments

Attachments: KARACity of VaughanBoundaryletterMarch302009.pdf



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Dear Mr. Abrams

Please accept the attached letter as KARA's official comments to City Council and City Staff on the Ward Boundary Review to be tabled at Committee of the Whole tomorrow.

Please advise if you will be able to forward this document to City Council and appropriate City Staff.

With thanks.

Anna Bortolus

KARA Communications Committee

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ATTACHMENT 4

Memorandum

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

COPY: Jeffrey Abrams, City Clerk

FROM: Regional Councilor/Acting Mayor Joyce Frustaglio

DATE: April 8, 2009

RE: Committee of the Whole, March 31, 2009, Item 19
(Ward Boundary Review / Ward Configuration Options)

As I indicated was my intention prior to my motion to defer the above-captioned item to the Council meeting of April 14, 2009, I have now had an opportunity to consult with more of my constituents, and as a result I intend to move the following recommendation at that meeting:

1. ***That Council maintain the present total of five wards, with boundaries adjusted as indicated on the attached map labeled '5D'; and***
2. ***That Council permit the hearing of any deputations with respect to this motion at its meeting of April 14, 2009***

I am also asking the Clerk to post this memorandum to the City's website, as additional information for consideration by Council next week, and I thank him for his assistance in respect of the population figures shown below and the attached map.

Background

As recently as 1991, there were only three wards in the City of Vaughan, and five ward Councillors: one elected in Ward 1 (Maple, Kleinburg and Nashville), two elected in Ward 2 (Woodbridge), and two elected in Ward 3 (Concord and Thornhill). Then, prior to the 1994 municipal election, Wards 2 and 3 were divided, creating more or less the present five-ward configuration, with only slight changes over the intervening years, most recently prior to the 2006 election.

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During the 2003-2006 term, Council gave consideration to three options in regards to wards: (1) maintaining five wards, (2) creating six wards, or (3) creating seven wards, the latter options being intended to address the growth in population in the years since 1994. After some debate, it was decided that a change in the number of wards was not in order, and that any further consideration of the matter should be deferred to the 2006-2010 term.

As part of that initiative, the present Council directed the Clerk to conduct a public consultation process, to determine whether the present number of wards should be maintained, or increased to six, and in either case, how the boundaries of the wards might be realigned. To guide this process, specific factors were to be taken into account, more or less in the following order.

1. No population variances greater than 15% based on the average population between the wards
2. The maintenance of distinct communities
3. Acknowledgement of natural or built boundaries between communities
4. Use of easily identifiable boundaries
5. Recognition of communities of interest
6. Accommodation of future growth

In my view, the public's preference is for the retention of five wards, with boundaries adjusted in light of the aforementioned criteria---perhaps not surprising in light of the downturn in the economy and the consequent added burden of an additional Councillor on the City's budget. Nevertheless, in response to Council's direction, the Clerk provided to Council the option of approving five wards (proposal '5B') or six (proposal '2A').

As was clear from the several deputations received at the recent Committee of the Whole meeting the preference for retaining five wards remains strong with the public. The only question that remains to be settled is the re-configured boundaries of the five wards.

Option 5B

This proposal has much to recommend it, achieving as it does the goal of balanced populations across the wards by 2018, and providing easily identifiable built boundaries (e.g., only major roadways---Highway 400, Rutherford Road, Major Mackenzie Drive, Dufferin Street, and Highway 7---serve as boundaries). Population figures used in developing this option included existing census counts and projections for the future in blocks already approved for development.

It does not, however, acknowledge what is for purposes of this discussion the most significant natural feature in the City of Vaughan---the portion of the Greenbelt running north to south, that includes the Boyd Conservation Area, itself bisected by the east branch of the Humber River Valley. This tract of open space has been the primary determinant of the pattern of Vaughan's growth west of Highway 400 for nearly thirty years, dividing Woodbridge into western and eastern sections beginning at Langstaff Road between Islington Avenue and Pine Valley Drive and continuing northward to the King-Vaughan Line, some ten kilometers or six miles away.

As an alternative to acknowledging this natural boundary, and using it as a base for the division of west-end wards, Option 5B splits the west half of Vaughan (i.e., the larger "half" as it includes all of the City west of Highway 400) into two wards separated by Major Mackenzie Drive. Option 5B thereby flies in the face of another important criterion in the process of reconfiguring ward boundaries: recognition of communities of interest. By making Major Mackenzie Drive the divider of the west half of the City, 5B separates the Woodbridge Expansion Area (also known as "Sonoma Heights") from Woodbridge itself!

5B fails to recognize communities of interest in several other instances. While the size of Woodbridge necessitates its division into at least two wards, that need not be the case with Maple, which 5B divides, again along Major Mackenzie Drive, into two wards.

Carrville Village, an important node for future development centred around the intersection of Rutherford Road and Dufferin Street, will fall into two wards, according to 5B, with the northeast quadrant of the intersection in one ward, and the northeast and southern quadrants in another.

Lastly, Concord, which has maintained its distinction from Thornhill ever since the former Ward 3 was divided into Wards 4 and 5 fifteen years ago, will now be absorbed in an expanded Ward 5.

Taken as a whole, these deficiencies suggest another option may make more sense. To that end, and as an alternative to option 5B, I propose a wholly new alignment, which while it is not perfect in terms of factors to be considered in any ward boundary realignment (and no option offered to date has reflected perfectly all of the factors noted above), I believe it addresses most of the problems with option 5B, without creating significant new ones. I have labeled this option 5D

Option 5D

This option is shown on the attached map, with the boundaries described below in detail. In terms of the factors to be considered in reconfiguring ward boundaries according to this option, I offer the following information:

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No population variances greater than 15% based on the average population between the wards

This population information in this table, supplied the Clerks Department, confirms that according to Option 5D the average deviation in the next three elections will be 3%, 9%, and 6%, well below the maximum of 15%.

5 'D'	2010	2010	2014	2014	2018	2018
<i>Ward</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Variation from average (%)</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Variation from average (%)</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Variation from average (%)</i>
1	53,183	-1	56,609	-7	79,000	9
2	56,528	5	56,528	-7	66,000	-9
3	55,474	3	69,358	15	70,405	-2
4	50,615	-6	65,333	8	75,341	4
5	53,275	-1	55,026	-9	70,000	-3
Total	269,075		302,854		360,746	
Avg	53,815		60,571		72,149	
Av Dev	1,749	3	5,420	9	4,017	6

The maintenance of distinct communities

- the Woodbridge Expansion Area will not be separated from the rest of Woodbridge
- all of Carrville Village will be contained in the same ward
- Concord will be contained in a ward separate from Thornhill
- the community of Maple will be in one ward, demarcated from Carrville Village

Acknowledgement of natural or built boundaries between communities

As indicated previously and as shown on the attached map, option 5D pays attention to natural boundaries (such as the north-south greenbelt) and built boundaries (such as Highway 400 and 7). The boundary between Wards 4 and 5 may be viewed as problematic, but given the actual and projected population growth in this relatively small corner of the City, I view it is unavoidable.

Use of easily identifiable boundaries

Whether or not there are clearly identifiable dividers within the City----such as the north-south Greenbelt, the actual boundaries of each ward are easily identifiable, be they a 400-series highway, a regional road, the proposed Avondale Park and the former Keele Valley Landfill Site, or a mid-block collector such as New Westminster Drive (presently a ward divider), or Thornhill Woods Drive, or Peter Rupert Avenue.

Recognition of communities of interest

See above

Accommodation of future growth

Option 5D is based on reasonable assumptions that over and above planned growth areas, some sort of development will take place in Nashville, Kleinburg, north Maple, and along Yonge Street, in this last case due to enhancements to VIVA service and/or the extension of the Yonge Street subway to Richmond Hill.

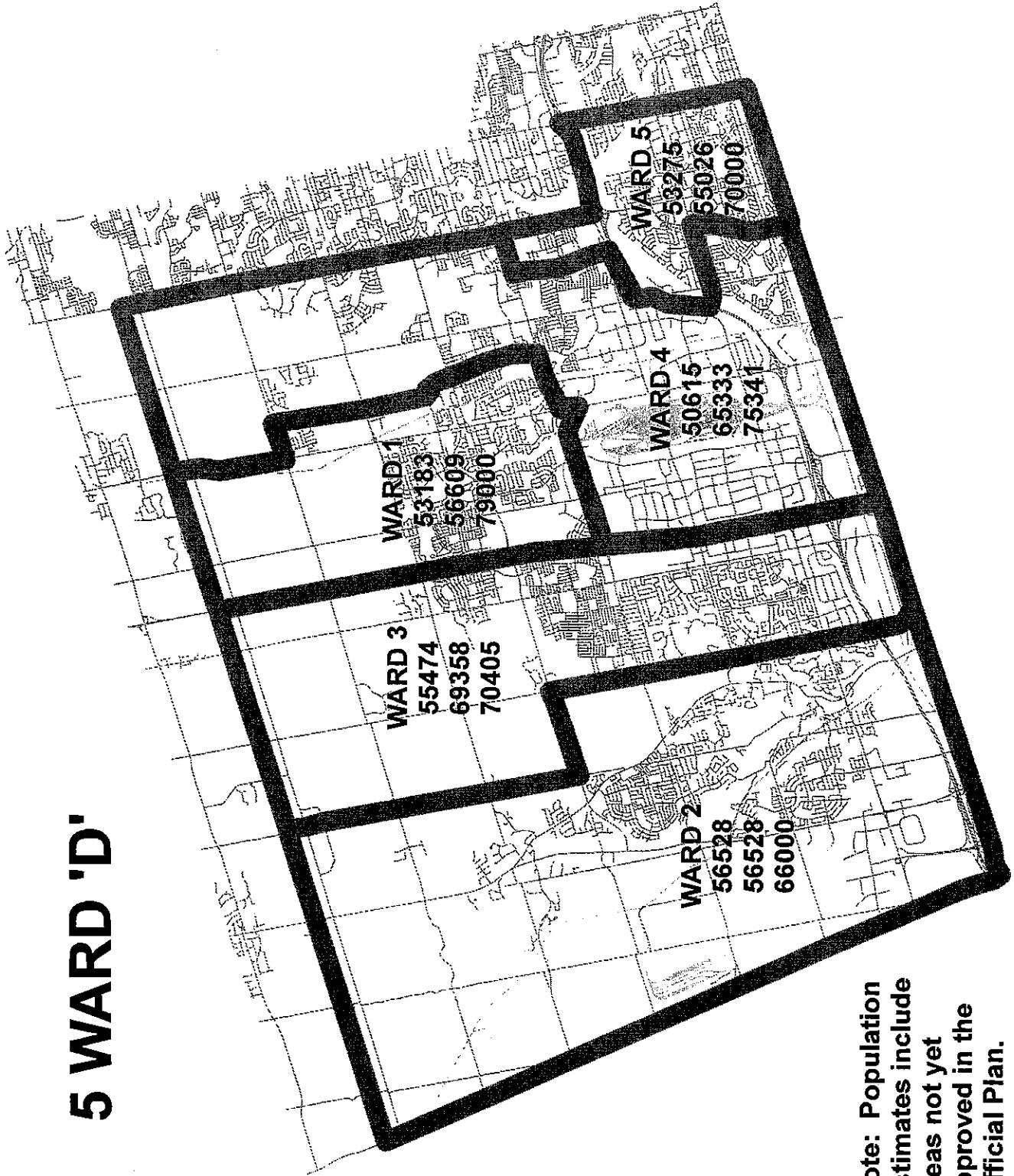
Conclusion

Option 5D addresses a number of the shortcomings of Option 5B, by better reflecting the original criteria set in anticipation of reconfiguring the boundaries of the existing five wards, to reflect planned and anticipated growth across the City over the next nine years.



Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor/Acting Mayor

5 WARD 'D'



Note: Population estimates include areas not yet approved in the Official Plan.

Attachment #2**Option 5D Boundaries**

(Subject to Clerk's office technical review for insertion in Ward Boundary By-Law)

Ward 1: From Highway 400, east along Rutherford Road to a point approximately 500 m west of Keele Street, thence along the branch of the Don River to a point on Keele Street approximately 500 m south of Rutherford Road, north to Rutherford Road, east Peter Rupert Avenue, north to Major Mackenzie Drive, thence along a line running north from Major Mackenzie Drive through Blocks 19 and 20 midway between Keele and Dufferin Streets, to Kirby Road, west to Keele Street, north to the city limits, west to Highway 400 and south to Rutherford Road.

Ward 2: From Highway 50, east along Steeles Avenue West to Pine Valley Drive, north to Major Mackenzie Drive, west to the unopened portion of the Kipling Avenue road allowance (approximately 500 m east of Islington Avenue), north along the unopened and opened portions of the allowance to the city limits, west along the city limit to Highway 50 and south to Steeles Avenue.

Ward 3: From Pine Valley Drive, east along Steeles Avenue West to Highway 400, north to the city limit, west to Kipling Avenue, south along Kipling Avenue and the unopened portion of the Kipling Avenue road allowance, to Major Mackenzie Drive, east to Pine Valley Drive, and south to Steeles Avenue West.

Ward 4: From Highway 400, east along Steeles Avenue West to New Westminster Drive, north to Centre Street, west to Regional Road 7, north and east to Thornhill Woods Drive, north to Rutherford Road, east to Bathurst Street, north to the city limits, west to Keele Street, south to Kirby Road, east to the midpoint between Keele and Dufferin Streets, thence along a line running from Kirby Road through Blocks 19 and 20 midway between Keele and Dufferin Streets to Major Mackenzie Drive and thence south along Peter Rupert Avenue to Rutherford Road, then west to Keele Street, south approximately 500 m, thence along the branch of the Don River to a point approximately 500 m west of Keele Street, and west along Rutherford Road to Highway 400.

Ward 5: From New Westminster Drive, east along Steeles Avenue West to Yonge Street, north Regional Road 7, west to Bathurst Street, north to Rutherford Road, west to Thornhill Woods Drive, south to Regional Road 7, west and south to Centre Street, east to New Westminster Drive, and south to Steeles Avenue West.



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ATTACHMENT 5

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April 8, 2008

Jeffrey Abrams, Clerk
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Abrams:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 2, 2009 regarding the Vaughan Ward Boundary Review. As indicated in my letter dated December 16, 2008 (Appendix A), the York Region District School Board appreciates the opportunity to provide input into this review and concurs with the need to realign the ward boundaries to ensure a fair and equitable system of local government for Vaughan's growing population.

The Board is interested in the number of schools allocated between Vaughan's two publicly elected trustees. Based on the criteria Vaughan Council has identified to consider the realignment of ward boundaries, the Board supports Public Submission #1, page 19.29 of the March 31st Committee of the Whole agenda (Appendix B). This configuration is closely aligned to the Board's original submission (Appendix C). It is the only option that corrects a significant imbalance in school distribution between the two publicly elected Vaughan trustees. It protects Vaughan's historic communities and neighbourhoods and ensures that each of Vaughan's trustees will be responsible for approximately 21 school communities by 2014.

I would respectfully request that this correspondence, including the communication dated December 16, 2008 be placed before Vaughan Council for consideration at its April 14th Council meeting.

Thank you for your assistance. For further information, please contact Manager, Trustee Services, Lori Barnes at 416-969-7170 extension 2263 or via e-mail at lori.barnes@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

Sincerely,

Bill Hogarth
Director of Education

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December 16, 2008

Jeffrey Abrams, Clerk
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Dear Mr. Abrams:

Thank you for your letter of November 28th regarding the Vaughan Ward Boundary Review Public Consultation Process and Review Timetable. The Board appreciates the opportunity to provide input into this review and concurs with the need to realign the ward boundaries to ensure a fair and equitable system of local government.

Vaughan trustees and planning staff agree with the ward boundary criteria you have proposed; consideration of representation by population, protection of communities of interest and neighbourhoods, present and future population trends and physical features such as natural boundaries.

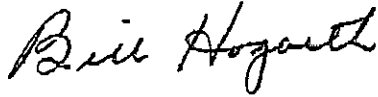
When new ward boundaries are created, it is important to the Board that there continues to be an equitable distribution of the total number of schools for each of our two Vaughan trustees. Over the next decade, the Board expects to add new schools to the Carrville and Vellore communities. If the current ward boundaries remain in place, there will eventually be an imbalance in the number of schools per trustee. We are requesting that you give consideration to the distribution of the number of schools allocated between trustees in the new ward alignments as part of your criteria.

Based on our planning data, one option would be to add the area bounded by Bathurst Street in the east, Keele Street in the west, Teston Road in the north and Rutherford Road in the south (currently Ward 1) to Ward 4. This would address the imbalance in school population until 2018 in a satisfactory way. Another alternative would be to introduce a new sixth ward bounded by Bathurst Street in the east, Keele Street in the west, Rutherford Road in the south and King-Vaughan Road in the north (reducing the size of the current Ward 1). These two options are shown on the attached maps.

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We look forward to meeting with you when specific ward boundary options are available. For further information, please contact Manager, Trustee Services, Lori Barnes at 416-969-7170 extension 2263 or via e-mail at lori.barnes@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

Sincerely,



Bill Hogarth
Director of Education

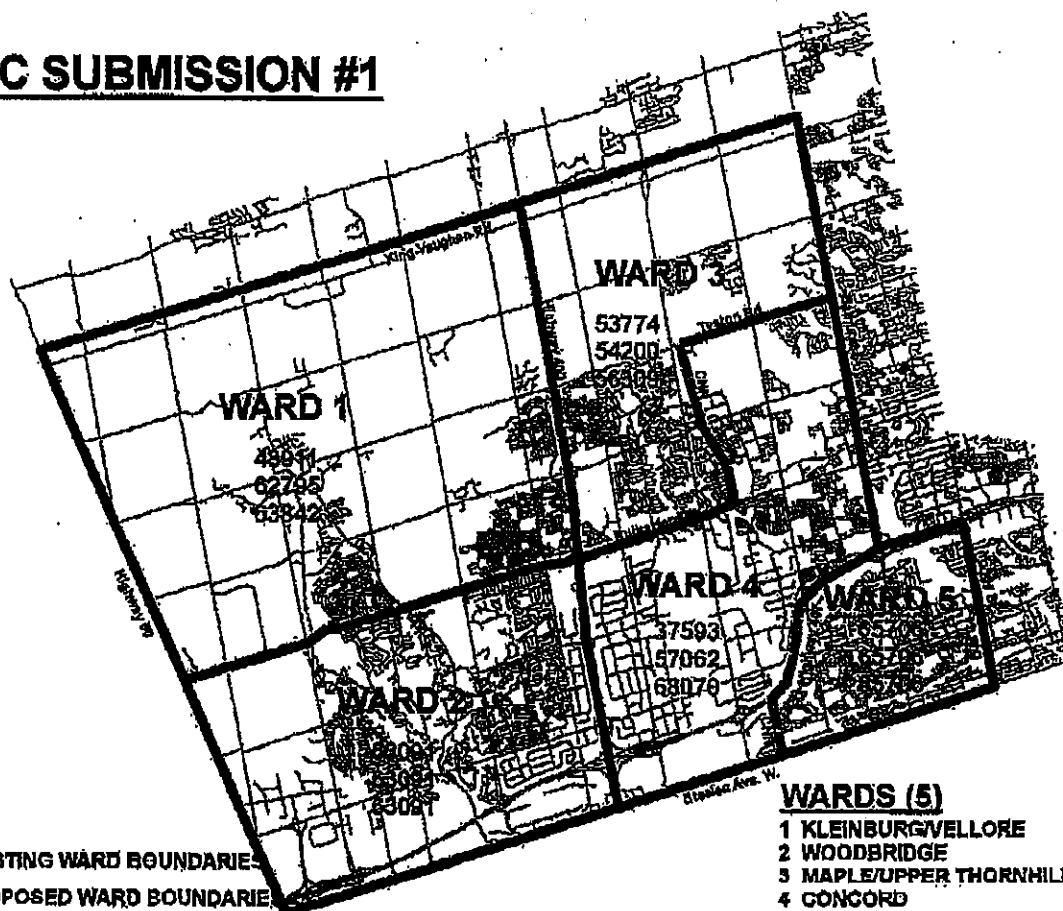
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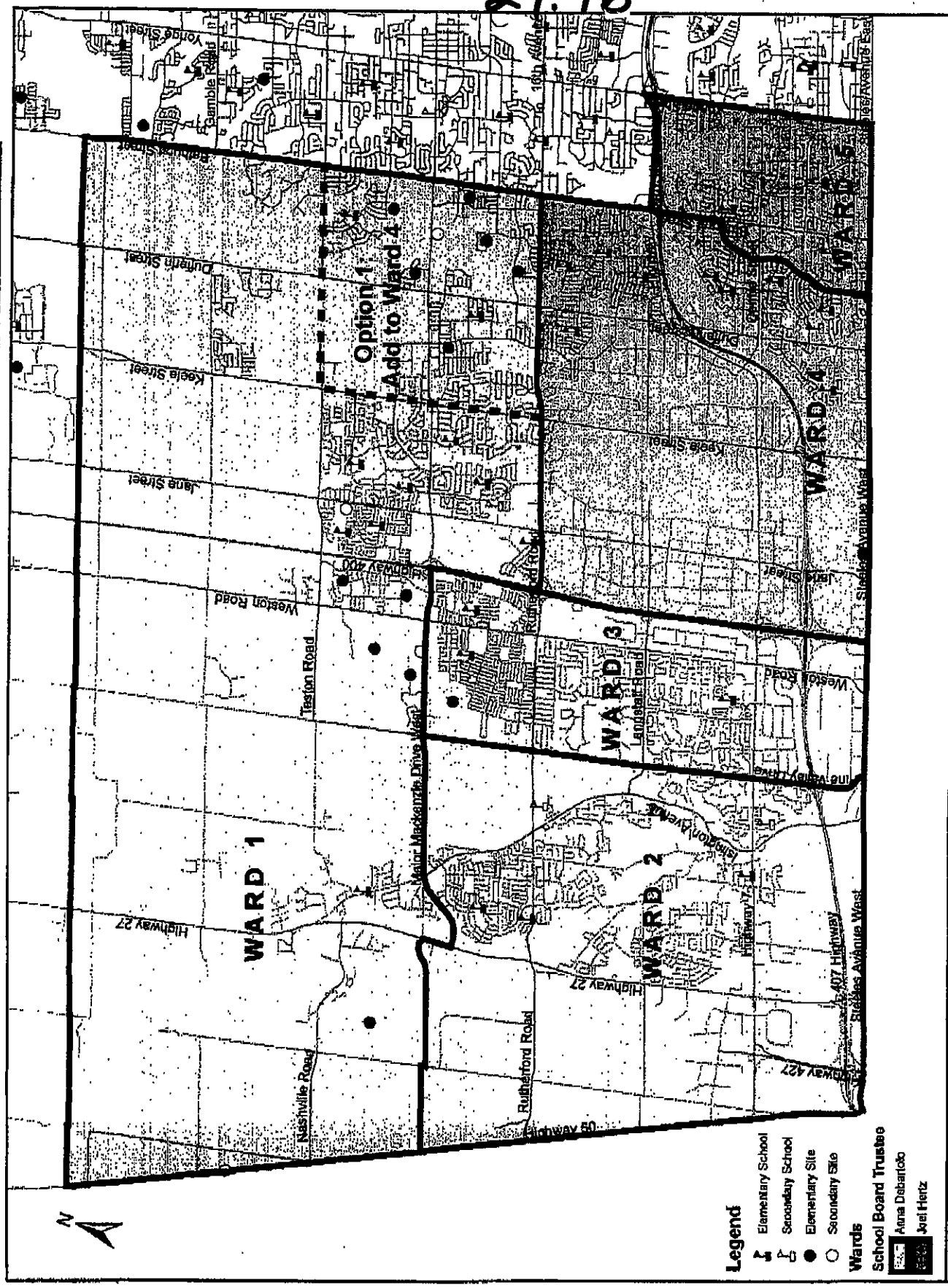
PUBLIC SUBMISSION #1

Public Submission #1						
Ward	2010		2014		2018	
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	48,911	-9	62,785	4	63,842	1
2	63,081	17	63,091	4	63,091	0
3	53,774	0	54,200	-11	58,309	-11
4	37,593	-30	57,082	-8	68,070	7
5	65,706	22	65,706	8	65,706	4
Total Population	289,075		302,854		317,018	
Average Population per Ward	53,815		60,571		63,404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population	8,467	16	3,952	7	2,963	5

NOTE: Population projections on map are for the 2010, 2014 and 2018 elections.

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York Region District School Board - Options for City of Vaughan Boundary Review



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Magnifico, Rose**ATTACHMENT 6**

From: Jim Keenan [revkeenan@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 5:56 PM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Subject: Ward Boundary Changes motion
Attachments: Jiang Qing - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Dear Mr. Abrams,

My name is Rev. Jim Keenan and I am a resident of Vaughan living at 9225 Jane St in Maple and pastor of New Hope United Church in Concord. My phone number is 905-738-6446(w) and 905-751-5335(c).

I submit the written deputation below for the April 14, Vaughan City Council Meeting in response to Acting Deputy Mayor Joyce Frustaglio's request for deputations on her upcoming motion on ward boundary changes.

At the end of my deputation is a copy of an email that I refer to in my deputation.

I will also be reading this deputation into the record at the council meeting in person tomorrow afternoon.

Thank you for your service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

RE:

Deputation Regarding Committee of the Whole (March 31, 2009) report on Ward Boundary Changes.

The 5 D option proposed by Acting Mayor Joyce Frustaglio, so far as can be judged from the first appearance, meets the six criteria laid out when beginning the ward boundary study as outlined on page 2 of her memorandum to the City Clerk dated April 9, 2009.

Ward boundary changes are by nature extremely political. At the same time the administration and delivery of services to residents should always be given paramount consideration.

In my opinion there are a number of key political and administrative and management factors that this proposal does not take into account.

1. Residents see themselves well served by local government, according to all surveys that have been conducted in recent years. In all the discussions on boundary changes there has been no evidence given that the changes proposed are going to improve anything. In other words, the need for a boundary change(s) has not been made clear. The main purpose of local government is the provision of local services. The present system seems to be doing that quite well. So the question begged here if it is working, why fix it? I don't think that question has been sufficiently explored from the fundamental starting point of assessing the appropriateness of ward boundaries in terms of the provision of services.
2. In a time of economic downturn fiscal responsibility dictates not increasing the cost factor to taxpayers with respect to City Council. The estimated costs of these changes do not appear to have been reported to the public.

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3. Public input that has been received has been sparse and gives the City no statistical basis to act on boundary changes, given that all indicators tell us citizens are satisfied with services and the experience of living in the City of Vaughan.
4. There has been no clear analysis of how the changes would better serve the community of interests of the communities involved. For example no statistics have been published as to the number of calls to councillors for comparison sake.
5. On the other hand, a basic principle of ward representation (balance) is not being adhered to particularly when the current size of Ward 1 is compared with Ward 5.
6. The workload of the councilor has changed and will continue to change in an area such as Ward 1 which differs quite radically from traditional trouble shooting duties. The issues and concerns raised by an established community such as Kleinburg and the 'Old Maple' areas must be addressed at the same time deal with the demands of newly settled and future planned neighbourhoods seeking parks and schools, crossing guards and community centres and recreational services. In addition, there is and will be a large number of planning applications continually occurring and dealt with in a growing Ward.
7. Leaving it as is till after 2010 will mean the Ward 1 Councillor who is elected in the municipal election that year could well be serving over 100,000 people till next election in 2014.
8. At the same time, both Kleinburg and Maple have a common thrust into the future – maintaining countryside with an urban edge. Strategically it makes sense to maintain this as one ward to ensure maximum effective local input in planning to deal with encroaching development pressures.
9. To do this with one councilor would require additional administrative support from the Clerk's office, given the magnitude of the workload in this ward for the foreseeable future. This would mean extra expense, but would be much cheaper than an additional councilor and the cost of realigning the wards.
10. The local role played formally and informally, present and future, by of the regional councillor with the increased population of Vaughan has not been explored adequately.

Based on these facts, I would recommend to Council that

* they defer this report to staff to do a staff study with appropriate public participation to come back with a recommendation(s) based on analysis of actual facts which include the points above to be received and voted on by Council by the end of October 2009, which would give a full year for political adjustments to be made by all interested parties before the 2010 election if there is any ward realignment.

I ask this study be done as a staff report to Council because of the current poisoned atmosphere that exists with respect to the tenor of public debate on this issue. An example of this is an email sent out late last week by community activist Nick Pinto to sundry individuals and the media, which was forwarded to me, and that I understand was also copied to members of council. (copy below this deputation in this email).

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I confirmed with Mr. Pinto by email this past Saturday that the the email was indeed referring to the memorandum recommending the 5 D option by Acting Mayor Joyce Frustaglio which was posted on the City's web site this past Friday.

It is unfortunate that once again those seeking election in 2010 will use this forum to gain and stir public voters. I am very disappointed with the language and analogy that Mr. Pinto is using. This is not what public service is about. How will this bring people to work together collaboratively?

One may have issues with current council members which one has a right to express. But where in this email are the integrity and character attributes that this community deserves?

That this noxious missal was sent to various media and to Council by a prominent community activist I believe is representative of the inability and/or unwillingness of many of those who position themselves as critics of the present council to do any constructive critiquing or the positing of alternative policies. Do we not get involved in the politics to help find a way to live well together and make this the best community it can be? How can a email such as this heighten the caliber of public debate or build up the humanizing capacities of this City?

This is why I am requesting you to defer this matter to staff to recommend the options. Given the low number of the general public that have participated in this debate thus far, and given the bottom dweller level of debate being perpetrated by so called community activists, this matter needs to be left to city staff, at least in the formulation of recommendations.

Secondly, I would like to publicly express my opinion that the kind of nasty and inane comment contained in the email attached to this deputation continues the disconnect in Vaughan between satisfaction in living in Vaughan versus the negative image of the political process which militates against active engaged citizen involvement.

I respectfully and humbly ask you, as Vaughan City Council to give my recommendations serious consideration. I am making this deputation as citizen and a pastor who seeks competence, compassion and connection in local politics. Thank you.

Rev. Jim Keenan

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nick Pinto** <npinto@rogers.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 9, 2009 at 9:39 PM

Subject: Look familiar?

To: Carrie Liddy <carrie.liddy@sympatico.ca>, deborahschulte <deborahschulte@rogers.com>, Donofrio Developments <paul.donofrio@rogers.com>, frank.greco@sympatico.ca, Gino Ruffolo <gino.ruffolo@rogers.com>, Teresa Cipollone <teresacipollone@hotmail.com>, elviracaria@aol.com, tracekent@yahoo.com, henryhawk.hawk@gmail.com, berniegreen@rogers.com, ellen@mantella.ca, cgrech@yrmg.com, frank@vennerieng.com, "Carmine T. Iacono" <carmineiacono.ctilaw@bellnet.ca>, chris_a_halliday@hotmail.com

Cc: Alan Shefman <alan.shefman@vaughan.ca>, frank@vennerieng.com, Gino Rosati <gino.rosati@vaughan.ca>, Joyce Frustaglio <joyce.frustaglio@vaughan.ca>, Mario Ferri <mario.ferri@vaughan.ca>, Peter Meffe <peter.meffe@vaughan.ca>, Sandra Racco <sandra.racco@vaughan.ca>

On Tuesday Vaughan will officially became a republic.

It will be known as the People's Republic of Vaughan

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It's new and uncontested leader will be someone that will
follow in the steps of the late comrade Jiang Quing.

For those of you not familiar with the name I have attached
a document/biography of comrade Jiang Quing.

Comrade Jiang Quing was born March 14/1914

She died May 14/1991

So it is befitting that the founding date of April 14/2009 was chosen to
declare the birth of the People's Republic of Vaughan.

It is here by decreed that the "Gang of Four" will be increased to

It is here by decreed that all the women of the Republic MUST conform their
looks to those of comrade Jiang Quing.

Non compliance will result in them being order to move elsewhere in Ontario
where the capitalistic pig idea of liberty still exists.

Please comrades bow and pass this on.

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ATTACHMENT 7

Magnifico, Rose

From: Abrams, Jeffrey
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 10:30 AM
To: Magnifico, Rose
Cc: Fernandes, Sybil; Coles, Todd; Chiarelli, Joseph
Subject: FW: Ward Boundary Review

Additional Additional Information

From: Deborah Schulte [mailto:deborahschulte@rogers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 10:26 AM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Cc: Kim Champion; Carella, Tony; Meffe, Peter; Ferri, Mario; Jackson, Linda; Frustaglio, Joyce; Rosati, Gino; DiVona, Bernie; Racco, Sandra; Shefman, Alan
Subject: Re: Ward Boundary Review

Dear Mr. Abrams,

Thank-you very much for your e-mail indicating there was new information provided by Councillor Frustaglio for the upcoming Council meeting today. I appreciate getting this information as you are aware that I am very interested in this issue and have spent quite a lot of personal time attending your Open House, the Committee of the Whole meeting and writing several letters to Council discussing the pros and cons of several of the scenarios.

I was very disappointed to see, at the very last minute, a new scenario put on the table, just as the City was breaking for Easter Holidays. I have only just opened my e-mail from being away and have not had time, as I am sure is the case for many, to properly digest the new proposal.

I think it would be very undemocratic to allow this to be voted on without proper time for the communities and affected organizations input e.g. School Boards. If this scenario is voted on at Council today it will be a slap in the face to staff and to the all the community participants. It is also inappropriate given the extensive consultation period for this exercise, that a new scenario to be put on the table at the last minute. There was ample time and opportunity for the Councillors to put their suggestions forward and to be reviewed at the Open House on March 9th. It is not appropriate for this to come forward at this time.

Either Council should delay the decision and the consultation process needs to be started over or they vote on the information provided by staff and the public at the last Committee meeting.

Deb

----- Original Message -----

From: Abrams, Jeffrey
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 5:03 PM
Subject: Ward Boundary Review

Please note that a memorandum from Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio which will be circulated as Additional Information related to Item 19, Report No. 18 of the Committee of the Whole (Ward Boundary Review - Ward Configuration Options) has been posted to the Ward Boundary Review website (the link will appear at the top of the page):

http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/newscentre/projects/ward_boundary_review.cfm

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ATTACHMENT 8

Magnifico, Rose

From: frank.greco@sympatico.ca
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 12:59 PM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Cc: Coles, Todd
Subject: Ward Boundary Review

Dear Mr. Abrams;

RE: Ward Boundary Review

Thank you for your e-mail sent to me last Thursday regarding the added information to the Ward Boundary Review matter coming before Vaughan Council on April 14, 2009. As you may appreciate, the new plan brought forward for consideration is certainly "last minute" in nature and was not part of any previous report or discussion, both at a staff level or in public. Therefore, I would respectfully submit that not enough time has been given to the public to review and reply to this plan, if Vaughan Council thinks that they can make a decision on April 14, 2009.

I believe that not giving proper notice and time to reply from the public would be a serious mistake and the subject of review for any OMB appeal.

I also believe that it should be your role, as City Clerk and the legal department's role to give proper advice on the nature of this timing of any new information, considering the very short time to consider the new plan brought forward on Thursday. A Council decision to approve this very last minute plan will seriously diminish the credibility of the Ward Boundary Review process, in my opinion.

I therefore, ask that you and legal staff request that this item be differed to the next Council meeting in May before any decision is made on the new plan.

Yours truly,

Frank Greco t: 905-893-2427 fax: 905-893-3087

E-mail: frank.greco@sympatico.ca

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Magnifico, Rose

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Chiarelli, Joseph
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 9:51 AM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Subject: FW: Ward Boundary Review Update

As requested

JC

From: Baer, Liz
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 9:31 AM
To: Chiarelli, Joseph; Coles, Todd
Subject: FW: Ward Boundary Review Update

From: ERLINDA INSIGNE [mailto:einsig0277@rogers.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 10:54 PM
To: Corporate Communications
Subject: Re: Ward Boundary Review Update

Hello,

So the 5 Wards will remain as is?

I have read Regional Councillor Frustaglio's memorandum but I still believe that Vaughan should have at Wards given the rapid population growth particularly in Ward 1.

I looked at Markham which has less population than Vaughan, it has 4 Regional Councillors, and 8 Council representing 8 Wards. How would you rationalize this with Vaughan?

erlinda insigne

--- On Thu, 4/9/09, City of Vaughan <corpcomm@vaughan.ca> wrote:

From: City of Vaughan <corpcomm@vaughan.ca>
Subject: Ward Boundary Review Update
To: einsig0277@rogers.com
Received: Thursday, April 9, 2009, 8:40 PM

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Magnifico, Rose

ATTACHMENT 10

From: Abrams, Jeffrey
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2009 7:48 PM
To: Magnifico, Rose
Cc: Bonsignore, Connie
Subject: Fw: Vaughan Wards Re-structure Options

Importance: High

Additional information for council

----- Original Message -----

From: Peter Badali <peter.badali@rogers.com>
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Cc: Jackson, Linda; Frustaglio, Joyce; Ferri, Mario; Rosati, Gino; Meffe, Peter; Shefman, Alan; Racco, Sandra; DiVona, Bernie; Carella, Tony
Sent: Sat Apr 04 17:35:23 2009
Subject: Vaughan Wards Re-structure Options

Mr. Abrams,

I would like to provide a comment on the Ward Re-structure Proposal that is before Council.

I do not know why Vaughan always has to play the poor cousin of the family; both Richmond Hill and Markham have more councillors per capita than Vaughan and yet I hear about "rumblings" about this very fact. All York Region cities and communities are in a high-growth stage; more so than Toronto, Brampton and Mississauga. We still have "much more city to develop" than our neighbours to the west and to the south. We need more work to develop these cities properly. We need more input from our ratepayers and stakeholders. We need more time to get it right! We need more councillors who can spend that time with the ratepayers.

That is why I am very upset when I hear that the proposal to add a ward to our city has not been approved yet and there is talk of it not being approved.

Why?

We need a City Council who can give the very best service to the ratepayers of this city and that includes your time.

I personally favour the 6 ward proposal of Option A.

Being a long time resident of Maple - I feel that this proposal best keeps the communities within our city together.

We want to build cities by building communities!

We need Six Wards to best serve our city and the communities.

Richmond Hill and Markham understand the needs of the communities.

I hope that the City of Vaughan Councillors will do what is best for our city.

Thank you.

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