



Ward Boundary Review 2020



Round 2 - Feedback on the Options Public/Stakeholder Meetings September 2020

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Introduction

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OWBR 2020 Mandate



OWBR 2020 Mandate

- Review Ottawa's current ward system
- Engage the public, stakeholders and Members of Council in re-aligning Ottawa's wards
- Develop options for a new ward system that achieve effective representation
- Recommend a re-aligned ward system that lasts for three, possibly four, municipal elections

OWBR 2020 Mandate

What is Effective Representation?

- Geographic communities of interest
- Natural and physical boundaries
- Voter parity
- Ward history
- Geographic size/shape of a ward
- Capacity to represent
- Population growth

OWBR 2020 Approach



OWBR 2020 Approach

- Ottawa's three unique geographic areas:
 - Urban (inside the Greenbelt)
 - Suburban (outside the Greenbelt; inside the Urban Growth Boundary)
 - Rural (outside the Urban Growth Boundary)

OWBR 2020 Approach

- Ward system to last for multiple elections
 - 2022, 2026, 2030 – possibly 2034
 - Target year for voter parity: 2026
- Ottawa 2026 population: 1.15 million (approx.)
 - Population projections to accommodate growth
 - Allows voter parity testing for new wards

OWBR 2020 Approach

- Voter parity goal: +/- 10 to 15 per cent, except in special circumstances:
 - Rapidly growing suburban areas
 - Rural areas with small populations and limited growth

OWBR 2020 Process



OWBR 2020 Process – Round 1

- Round 1 of public consultation collected input on Ottawa's current ward system
- Extensive outreach - March 4 – April 3 - via:
 - Project website
 - Community newspaper ads; online and bus ads
 - Social media
 - Digital displays in libraries/posters in recreation centres
 - Direct e-mails to community associations, stakeholders and individuals who signed up for project updates
 - Information packages for Members of Council

OWBR 2020 Process – Round 1

- Public consultation vehicles:
 - Online survey
 - E-mail contact through EngageOttawa
 - Public meetings (9 planned, 2 held)
 - Interviews with all Members of Council
 - Due to COVID-19, stakeholders and the public were directed to the online survey

OWBR 2020 Process – Round 1

- Public consultation results:
 - 483 individuals and groups participated (a significant number during input phase)
 - Survey respondents came from all current wards
 - Round 1 public input informed Options design

OWBR 2020 Process – Round 2

Round 2 collects feedback on the Options (August 19 – September 25)

- Outreach as in Round 1
- Survey
- Stakeholder meetings (virtually)
- Public meetings (virtually)
- Interviews with Members of Council (virtually)

QUESTIONS ?????

Six Options



Options Report

- Report
- Appendix A – Options Workbook
 - Description of Options 1-5
 - Maps for Options 1-5
 - Maps showing current wards
 - Voter parity variance tables for Options 1-5
- Appendix B – Other Comments on Wards and Ward Boundaries

Supplementary Material

- Supplementary Report with Option 6 (as requested by Council)
- Document with map adjustments for Options 1-5 and Option 3 Variance Table
- Options 1-6 PDFs [use these](#)
- geoOttawa interactive maps [use these](#)
- Options Ranking Tool

Option 1 – 25 Wards

- 13 urban wards; 9 suburban wards; 3 rural wards
- Responds to Round 1 preference for 24 or 25 wards (a sizeable number suggested 26-31 or more)
- “Ottawa’s population growth requires more wards”
- Average 2026 ward population: 46,000

Option 1 25 Wards / Quartiers



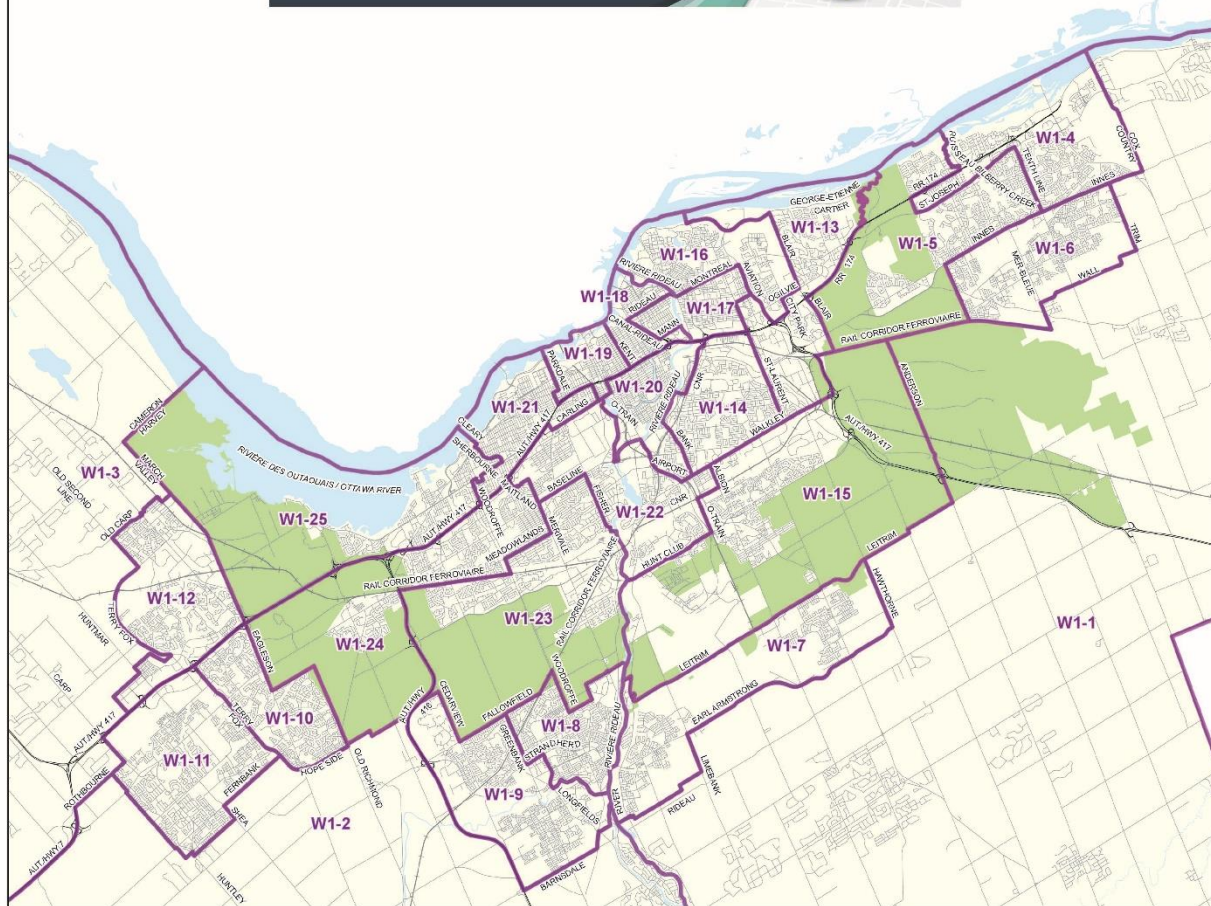
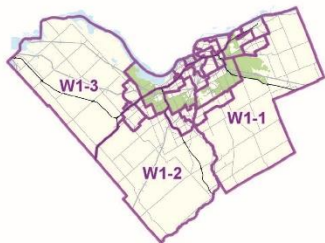
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Examen des limites de quartiers 2020



-  Wards / Quartiers
-  Greenbelt / Ceinture de verdure
-  Roads / Rues
-  Railway / Chemin de fer



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Option 2 – 24 Wards



- 12 urban wards; 9 suburban wards; 3 rural wards
- Responds to Round 1 preference for an additional ward
- “Ottawa’s population growth requires more wards”
- Average 2026 ward population: 47,900

Option 2 24 Wards / Quartiers



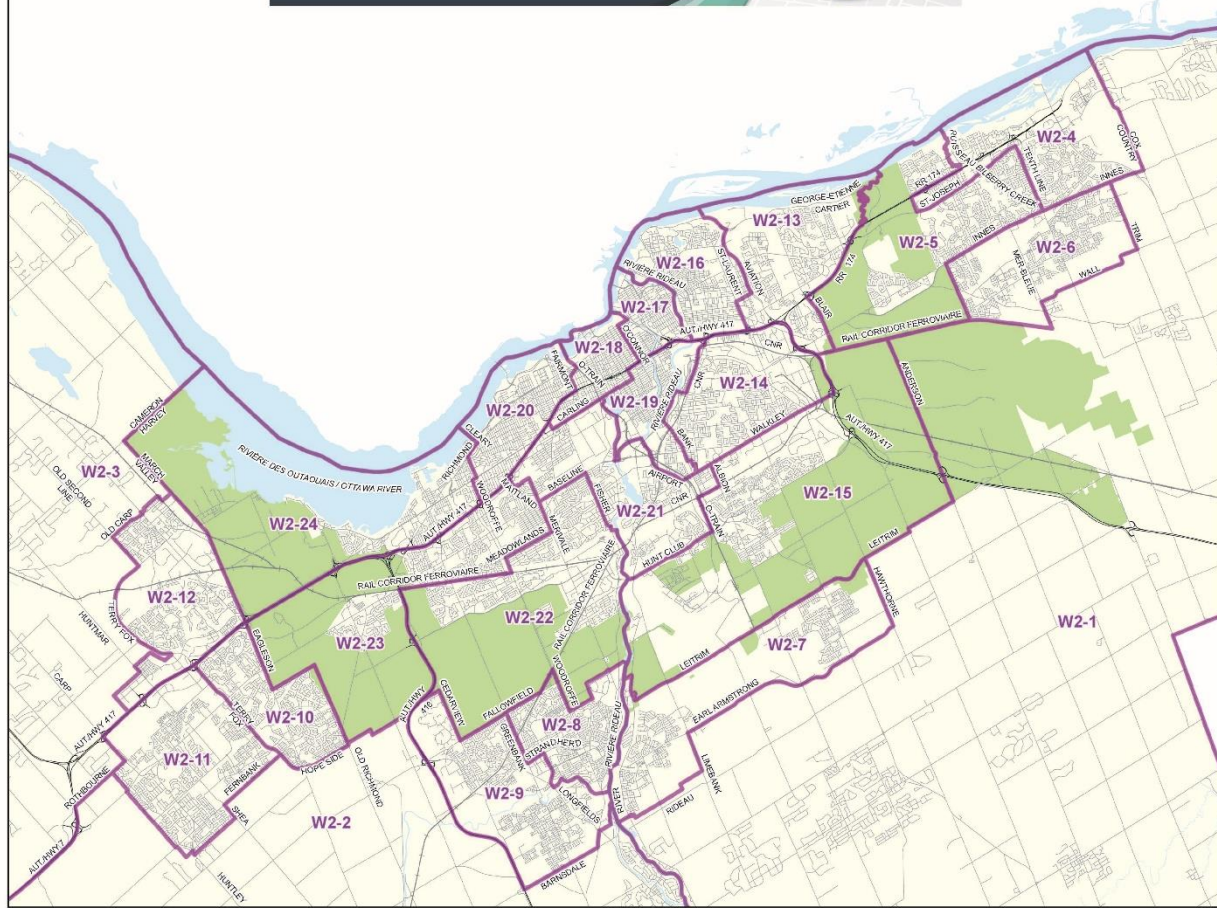
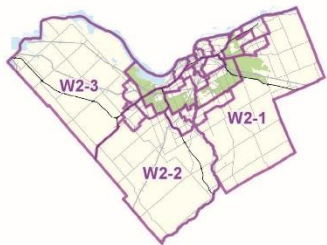
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Option 3 – 23 Wards




- 11 urban wards; 9 suburban wards; 3 rural wards
- Responds to Round 1 preference for maintaining current number of wards
- “Things seem to be working fine; Council size should not increase”
- Average 2026 ward population: 50,000
- Design of new wards starts in the west of urban area

Option 3 23 Wards / Quartiers



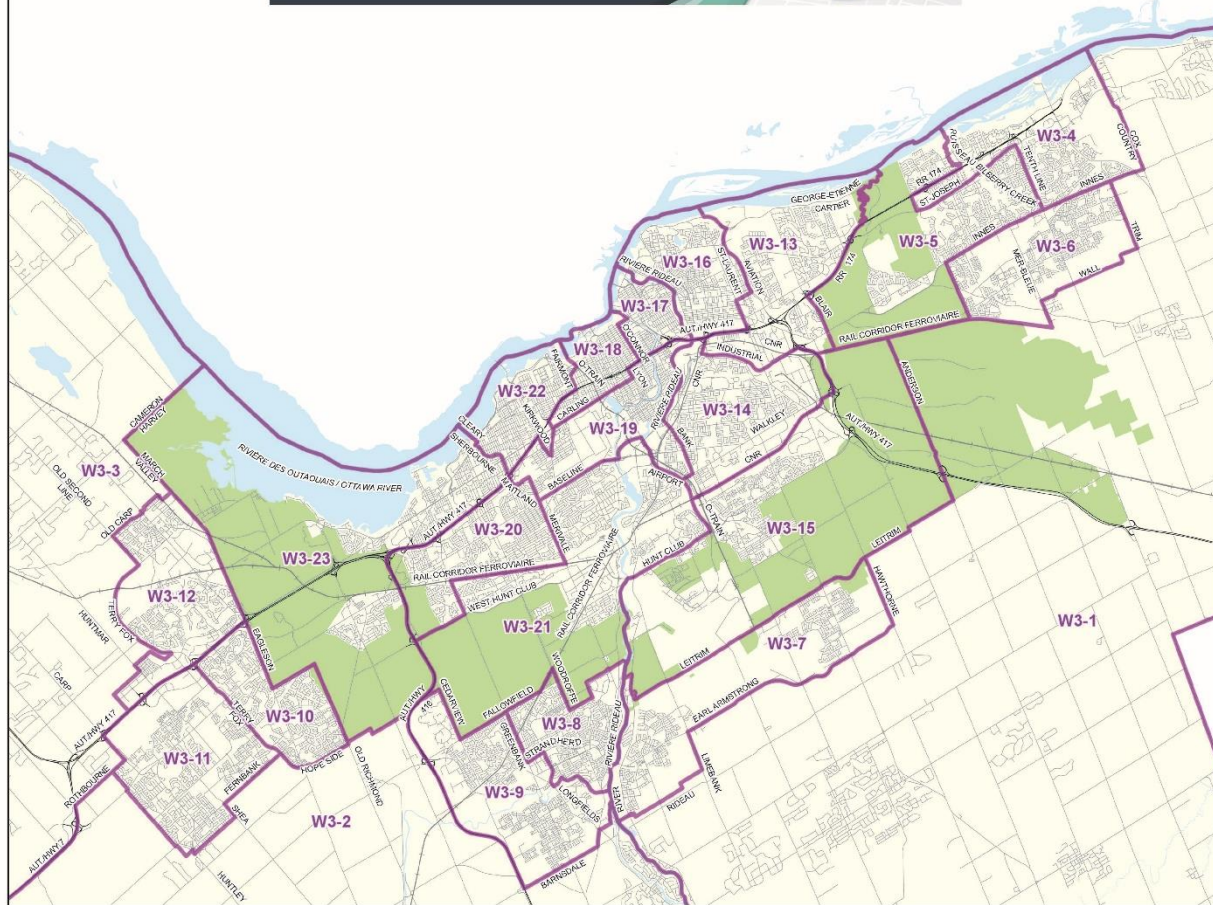
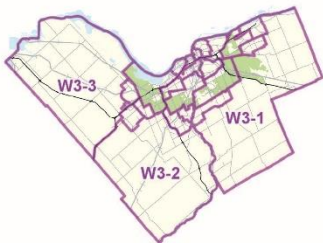
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Option 4 – 23 Wards

- 11 urban wards; 9 suburban wards; 3 rural wards
- Also responds to Round 1 preference for maintaining current number of wards
- “Things seem to be working fine; Council size should not increase”
- Average 2026 ward population: 50,000
- Design of new wards starts in the east of urban area

Option 4

23 Wards / Quartiers



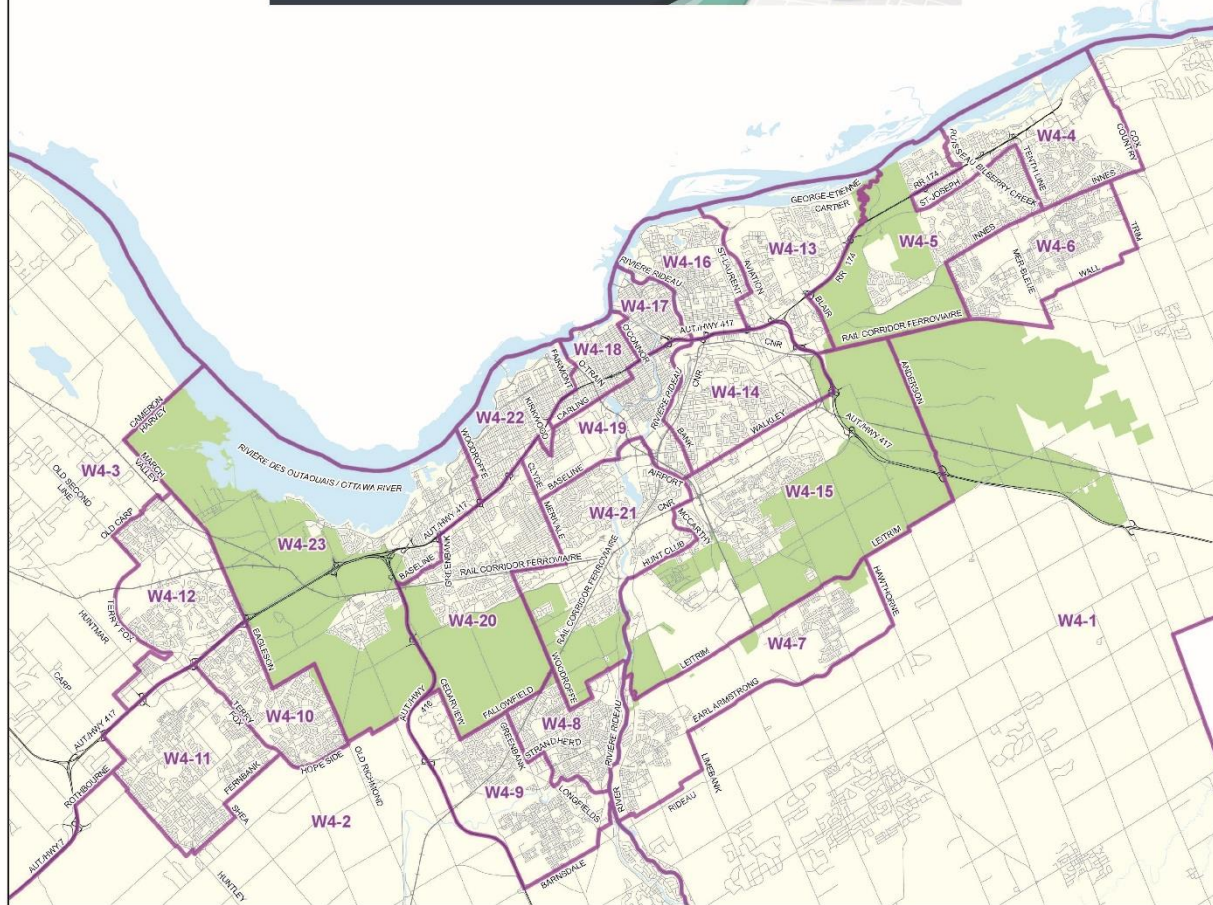
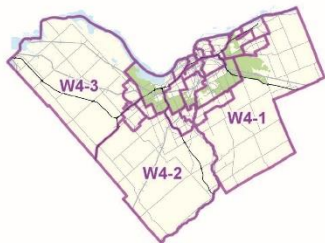
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Option 5 – 17 Wards


- 9 urban wards; 6 suburban wards; 2 rural wards
- Responds to Round One preference for 20 wards or fewer
- “Wards should be larger; less government”
- Average 2026 ward population: 67,600

Option 5 17 Wards / Quartiers



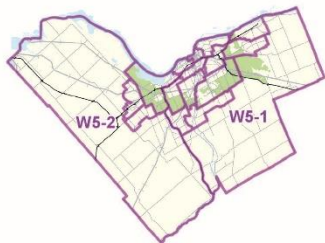
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Option 6 – 24 Wards

- 12 urban wards; 9 suburban wards; 3 rural wards
- Responds to Council's request for:
 - Focus on the current wards with highest populations
 - Protect rural and other communities of interest
 - Maintain communities of interest in the urban area
 - Consider Council's wish to maintain the current number of wards
- Average 2026 ward population: 47,900

Option 6 24 Wards / Quartiers



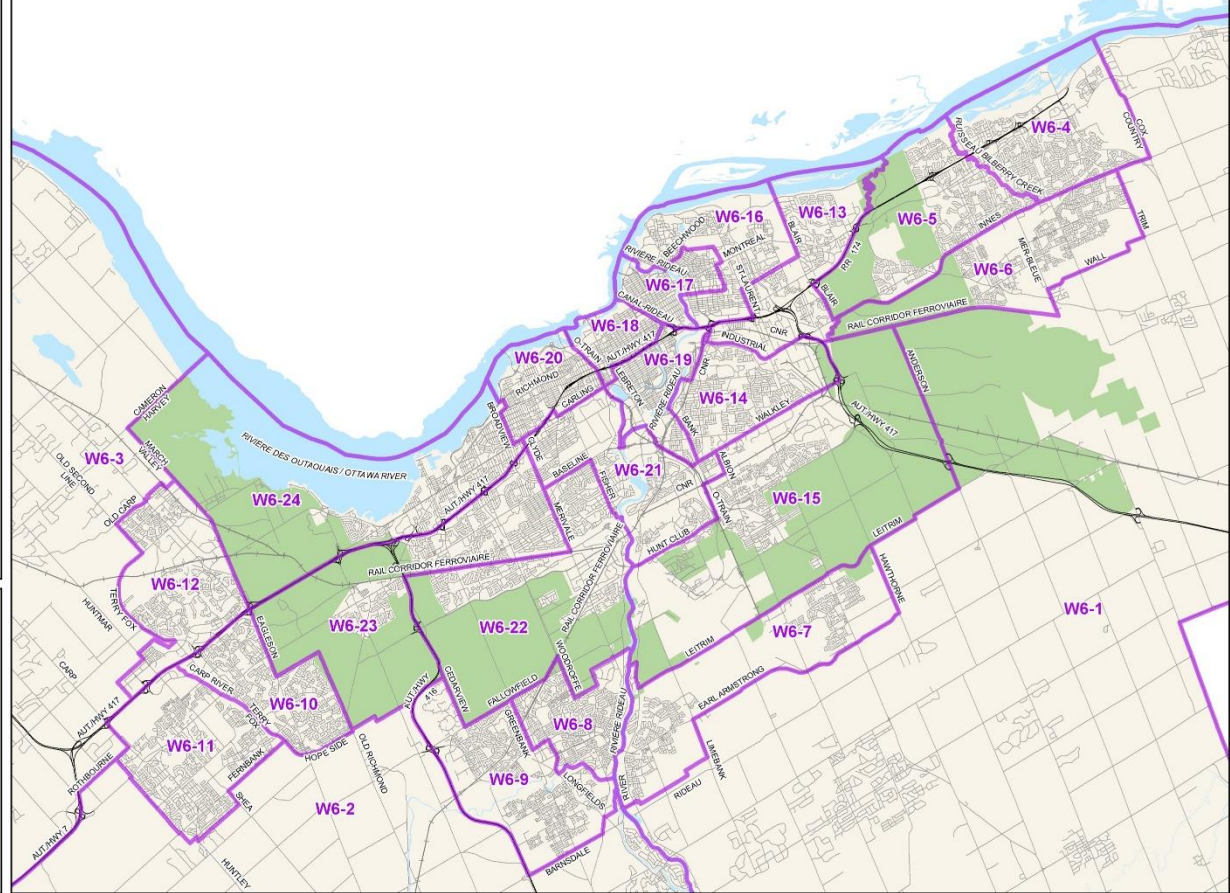
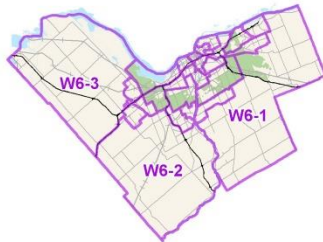
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DISCUSSION

- We will not rank the Options during these meetings; rankings will be done individually via the survey
- Questions/Comments on the six Options???
- Boundary improvements to the six Options???

NEXT STEPS



Next Steps

- Please fill out the survey at ottawa.ca/wardboundary and Engage.Ottawa.ca
- Tell your neighbours and friends
- Round 2 analysis – October/November 2020
- Final Report with recommendation for re-aligned ward system for 2022 Municipal Elections scheduled for FEDCO and Council in December 2020



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