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

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See how at ottawa.ca/wardboundary
Ask us at wardboundary@ottawa.ca
OVERVIEW

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• Questions??
• Six Options
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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
• 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
0WBR 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 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 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

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

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

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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 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
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
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• 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
THANK YOU!

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