



# Proposed Ward Boundary Review

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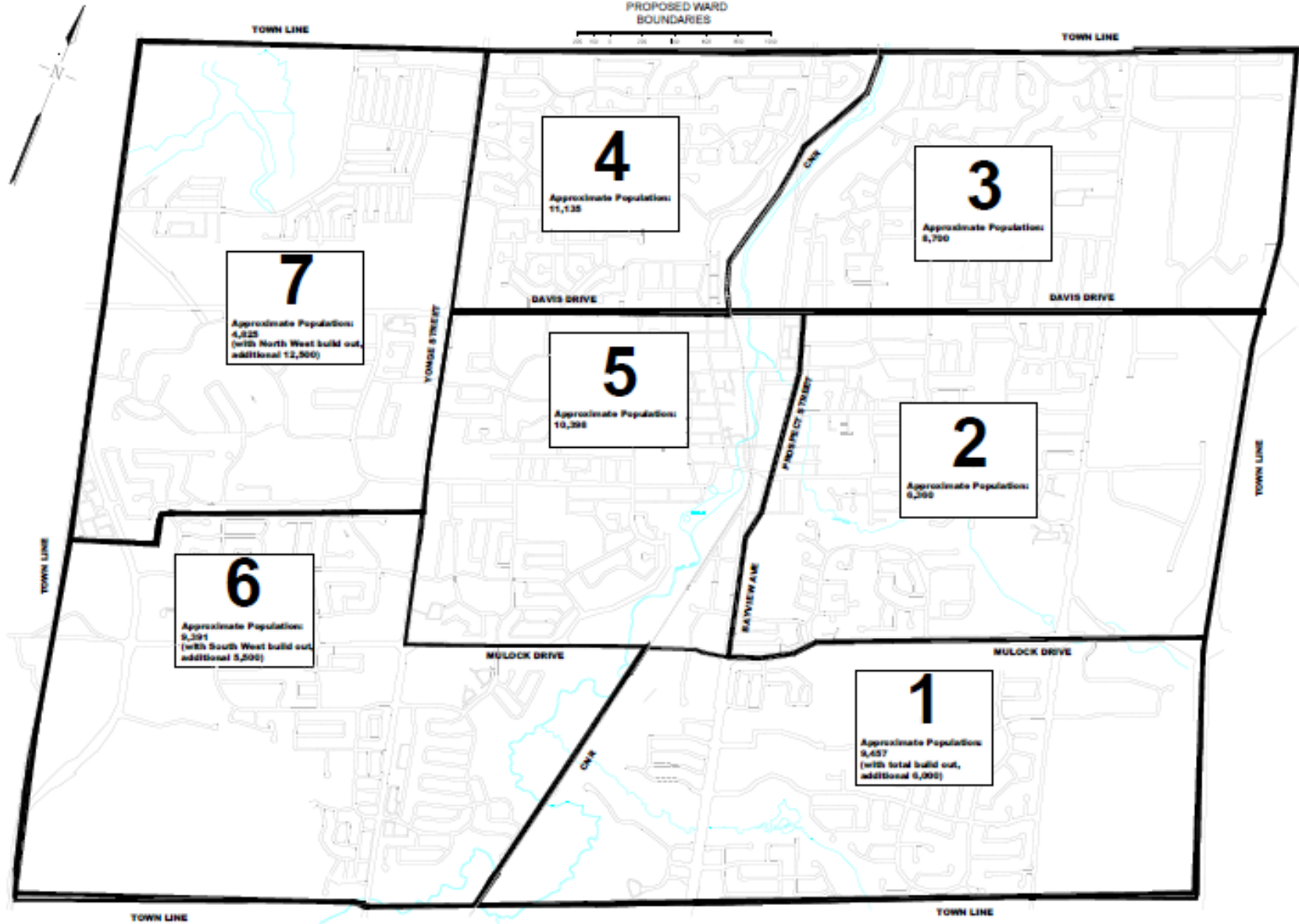
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# Outline

- Current Ward System
- Overview of Legislative Framework
- Factors to consider in a Ward Boundary Review
- Current and Projected Ward Populations
- Engaging a Consultant
- Timeline
- Questions

# TOWN OF NEWMARKET

PROPOSED WARD  
BOUNDARIES

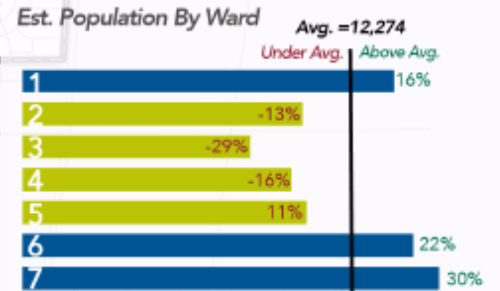
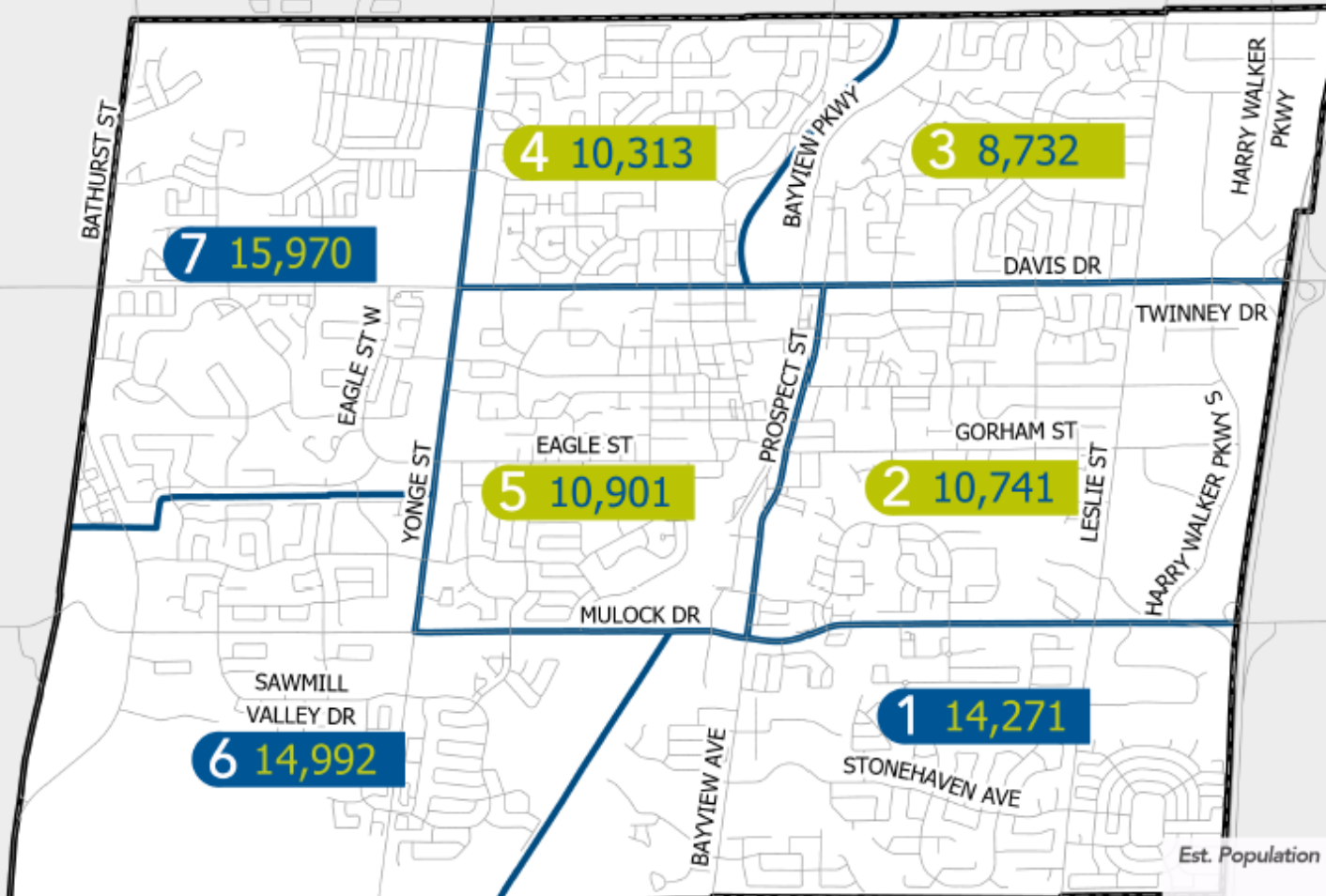


# Legislative Framework

- Municipal Act, 2001
  - Divide or re-divide wards
  - Must provide public notice
  - Council decision may be appealed to LPAT
  - A by-law establishing new boundaries must be in force by January 1, 2022
  - If Council does not pass a by-law Electors may use a petition to request a change, and if Council does not pass a by-law, an application may be made to the LPAT

# Factors to Consider in a Ward Boundary Review

1. Voter parity;
2. Protecting communities and neighbourhoods of interest;
3. Respecting physical features or natural barriers as boundaries;
4. Reviewing existing and proposed developments for future population growth projections; and,
5. Ward history



Estimated Population =

$$2016 \text{ Census Population} + \left( \begin{matrix} \# \text{ of New Residential Unit} \\ \times \\ \# \text{ of Persons Per Unit} \end{matrix} \right)$$

derived from Statistics Canada's 2016 Population by Dissemination Area. In situations where a DA crosses over 2 or more wards, population is distributed based on the proportion of address points found in the respective wards

Building Occupancies issued between Jan 2017 - Sept 2019

based on York Region Long Range Planning's Guidelines for Determining Population & Employment Targets, Newmarket PPU Estimate by House Type (July 2018 Version)

# Projected Ward Populations

Ward	Estimated Total Population (May 2019)	Deviation from Avg Pop (%) 2019	Estimated Population by 2022*	Deviation from average population 2022	Estimated population by 2026	Deviation from Average Population 2026
1	14,271	16%	14,271	10%	14,271	7%
2	10,741	-12%	10,941	-17%	11,214	-18%
3	8,732	-29%	8,732	-47%	8,732	-52%
4	10,313	-16%	10,722	-20%	11,085	-20%
5	10,901	-11%	11,427	-12%	12,339	-8%
6	14,992	22%	15,485	17%	15,485	14%
7	15,970	30%	18,402	30%	19,793	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,921</b>		<b>89,980</b>		<b>92,920</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>12,274</b>		<b>12,854</b>		<b>13,274</b>	

- Used current development applications for projected numbers.
- Staff have not heard any concerns from Members of Council or the public in relation to the current structure.

# Consultant to Conduct Review

The consultant would be responsible for:

- Undertaking a ward boundary review that will withstand legal scrutiny & possible LPAT appeals;
- Developing a public engagement strategy;
- Undertaking research to inform the ward boundary review process;
- Developing ward boundary options.
- Consultation with other municipal comparators undertaking similar ward or governance reviews
- Approximately \$100,000 to complete a comprehensive ward boundary review



# Municipal Comparison Cost Review

Municipality	Scope	Cost
Aurora (ongoing)	From at-large to possible wards	\$60,000 Does not include LPAT contingency
Guelph (ongoing)	Governance review and ward boundary review combined	\$150,000
Ajax (completed in 2017)	Ward boundary review	\$30 – \$50,000 Staff completed part of the review internally.



# Draft Timeline & Next Steps

Task	Date
<b>Report to Council</b>	January 13, 2019
RFP evaluation and contract	January 2020
Public consultation on current ward boundaries (Round I)	April - June 2020
Inform Council of new ward boundary options for public consultation	July 2020
Public consultation on new ward boundary options (Round II)	August – September 2020
<b>Final report to Council with recommendations</b>	November 2020
<b>Enacting by-law</b>	November 2020
Give notice to the public that the bylaw has passed.	November 2020
45-day Appeal Period ends	December 2020
Last day for notice(s) of appeals to be received	December 2020
Notice(s) of appeal to be forwarded to the LPAT by the Town	January 2021
Expected LPAT decision (within ~6 – 10 months)	July 2021 – November 2021

# Recommendations

1. That Staff be directed to retain an independent consultant to conduct a ward boundary review; and,
2. That Council approve this expenditure to a maximum of \$100,000, and the use of Reserve Funds to offset the costs.

# Questions and Discussion

