

MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: February 20, 2020

Re: Council Composition Scenarios

At the February 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council directed the following four Council composition scenarios to be discussed at its February 27, 2020 Council meeting:

- **Option 1** - Remove one member representing City of Markham
- **Option 2** - Remove three members representing Town of Georgina, City of Markham and Town of Newmarket
- **Option 3** - Add one member representing City of Vaughan
- **Option 4** - Add five members representing Town of Aurora, Town of East Gwillimbury, Township of King, City of Vaughan and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

An interactive dashboard has been prepared to support Council in its decision-making

Staff have prepared an interactive dashboard to review any of the four scenarios, in addition to other scenarios that may be discussed by members of Regional Council on February 27, 2020.

Attachment 1 provides Regional Council with information (from the dashboard) related to each of the four recommended scenarios. This attachment is being provided to illustrate how additions and/or reductions of a Council member or members impacts resident representation and overall Council composition.

Bruce Macgregor
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment (1)

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The background of the slide is a photograph of the York Region Council Chambers. The building is a modern, curved structure with multiple levels of large glass windows. Two prominent, tall, cylindrical towers rise from the building, each featuring a large, round clock face. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

Council Composition Scenarios

FEBRUARY 27, 2020



ATTACHMENT 1

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Regional Council — 1970 Structure

Municipality	# of Members	Population	Population Per Member
Aurora	1	13,614	13,614
East Gwillimbury	1	9,359	9,359
Georgina	2	14,959	7,480
King	1	12,864	12,864
Markham	3	36,684	12,228
Newmarket	2	18,941	9,471
Richmond Hill	3	32,384	10,795
Vaughan	2	15,873	7,937
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1	11,262	11,262
Total	16	165,940	10,371

Current Council Composition — Today's Structure

Municipality	# of Members	Population (2018)	Population Per Member
Aurora	1	62,107	62,107
East Gwillimbury	1	31,677	31,677
Georgina	2	48,399	24,200
King	1	27,691	27,691
Markham	5	347,103	69,421
Newmarket	2	89,386	44,693
Richmond Hill	3	206,883	68,961
Vaughan	4	329,032	82,258
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1	49,078	49,078
Total	20	1,191,356	59,568

February 6 — Committee of the Whole Recommendations

February 6, 2020 (Committee of the Whole) – *Regional Council consider the following [Council composition] scenarios at its February 27 meeting:*

Option 1 – *Remove one member representing City of Markham*

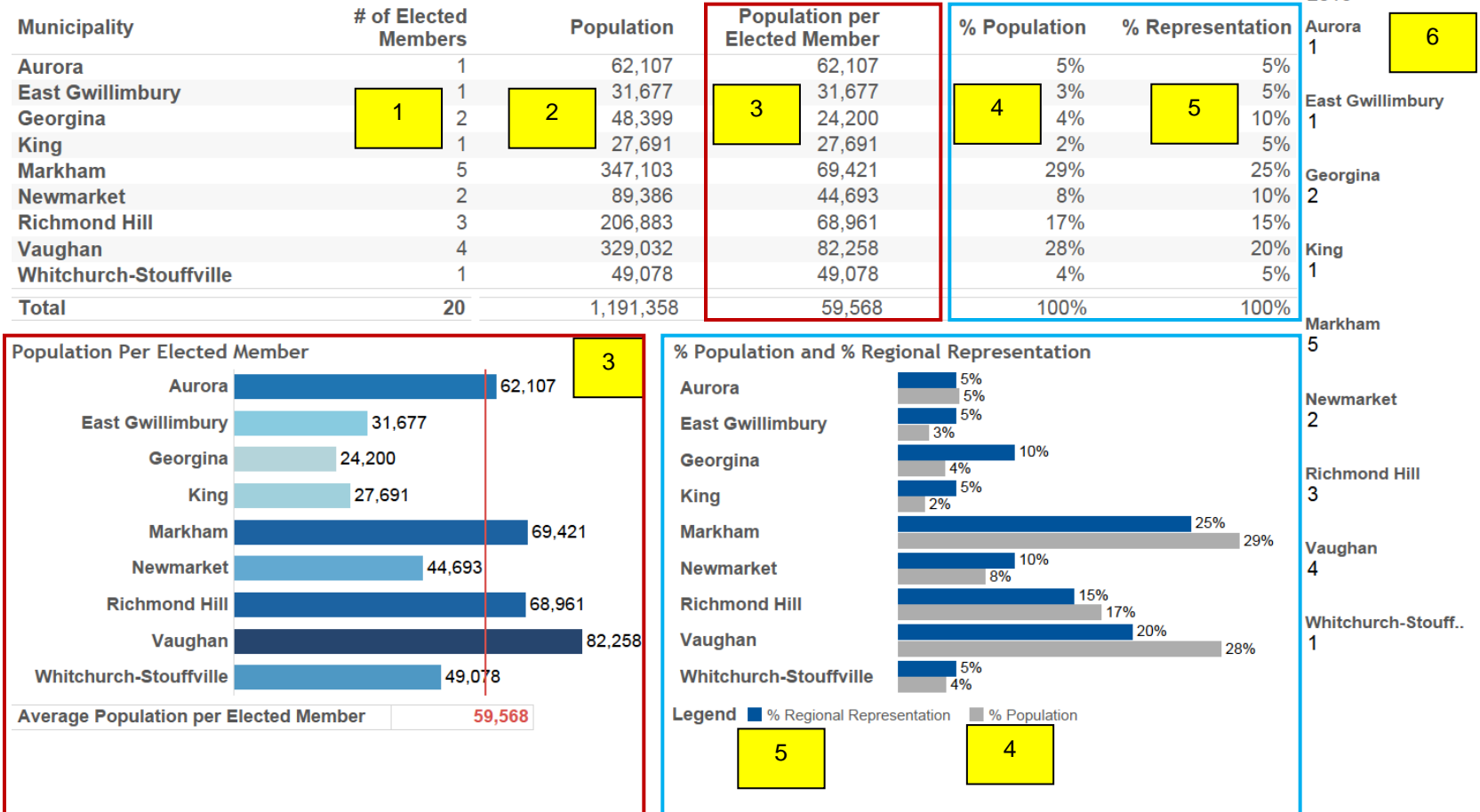
Option 2 – *Remove three members representing Town of Georgina, City of Markham and Town of Newmarket*

Option 3 – *Add one member representing City of Vaughan*

Option 4 – *Add five members representing Town of Aurora, Town of East Gwillimbury, Township of King, City of Vaughan and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville*

Interactive dashboard available to support Council decision-making

Structure of Regional Council - Representation by Population - Population Year 2018



How to read Council Composition Options (Legend)

- 1 **# of Elected Members** - is a count of Regional Council members by municipality. These figures will change as composition options are considered.

- 2 **Population** - represents the 2018 population for each municipality. These figures will not change as composition options are considered.

- 3 **Population per Elected Member** - reflects the number of residents served by each Regional Council member for each municipality and York Region as a whole. This value is derived by dividing population [2] by # of Elected Members [1]. These figures will change as composition options are considered.

This information is graphically depicted in the bottom left of the dashboard [3]. The red line refers to average population per elected member – this value is derived by dividing the total York Region population by the total number of elected members. The bar graphs and average will change as composition options are considered.

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- 4 **% Population** – reflects the percentage of residents served, by each municipality, against York Region's total population. This value is derived by dividing population, for each municipality [2], by the entire York Region population of 1,191,358 residents. For each option, these figures will change.

This information is graphically depicted in the bottom right of the dashboard [4] in the grey bars.

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- 5 **% Representation** - reflects municipal membership (expressed as a percentage) on York Regional Council. This value is derived by dividing municipal members [1] by the total number of Regional Councilors. These figures will change as composition options are considered. This information is graphically depicted in the bottom right of the dashboard [5] in the blue bars.

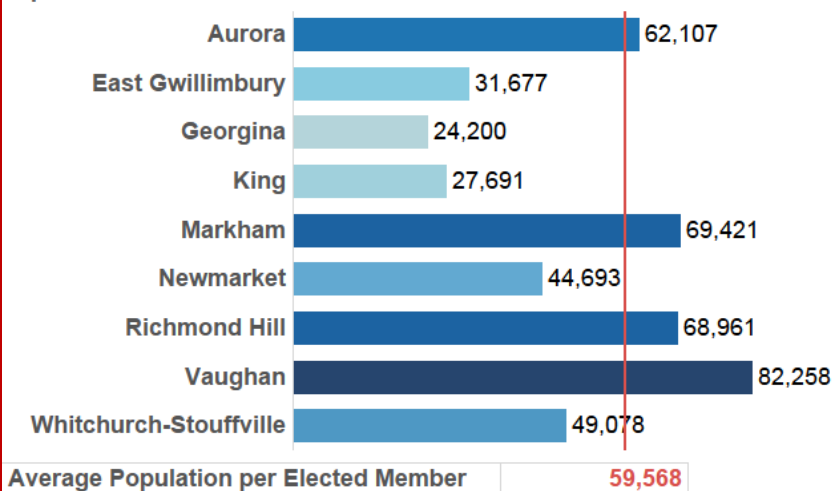
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- 6 This section is the interactive dashboard whereby Council members can be added or removed. Changes to this section will be reflected in columns and figures of the dashboard. The election year can also be altered between 2018, 2022 and 2026 to reflect projected population changes.

Current Council Composition — Status Quo (2018)

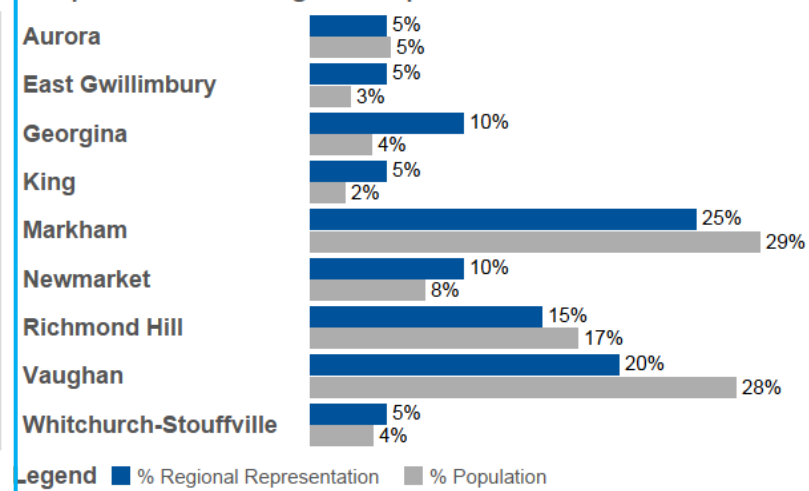
Structure of Regional Council - Representation by Population - Population Year 2018

Municipality	# of Elected Members	Population	Population per Elected Member	% Population	% Representation	Year 2018
Aurora	1	62,107	62,107	5%	5%	Aurora 1
East Gwillimbury	1	31,677	31,677	3%	5%	East Gwillimbury 1
Georgina	2	48,399	24,200	4%	10%	Georgina 2
King	1	27,691	27,691	2%	5%	King 1
Markham	5	347,103	69,421	29%	25%	Markham 5
Newmarket	2	89,386	44,693	8%	10%	Newmarket 2
Richmond Hill	3	206,883	68,961	17%	15%	Richmond Hill 3
Vaughan	4	329,032	82,258	28%	20%	Vaughan 4
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1	49,078	49,078	4%	5%	Whitchurch-Stouff.. 1
Total	20	1,191,358	59,568	100%	100%	

Population Per Elected Member



% Population and % Regional Representation

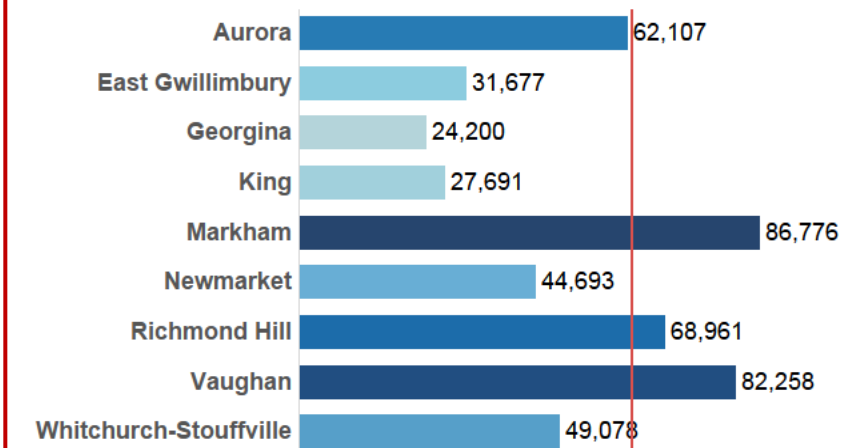


Option 1 — Remove one member representing City of Markham

Structure of Regional Council - Representation by Population - Population Year 2018

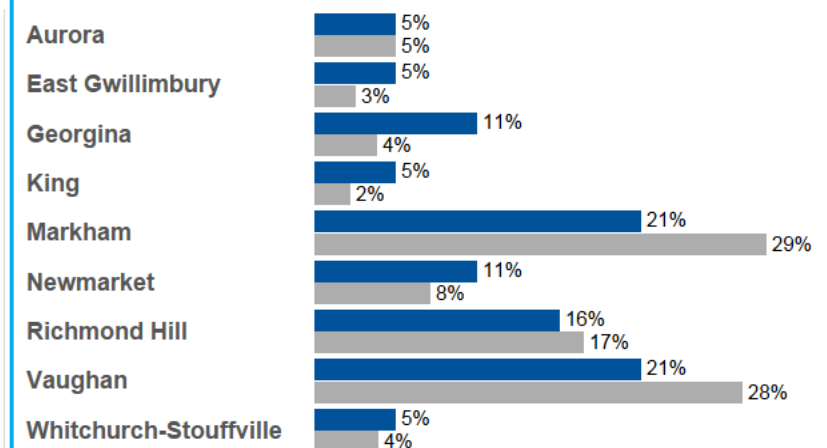
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Markham	4	347,103	86,776	29%	21%	Markham 4
Newmarket	2	89,386	44,693	8%	11%	Newmarket 2
Richmond Hill	3	206,883	68,961	17%	16%	Richmond Hill 3
Vaughan	4	329,032	82,258	28%	21%	Vaughan 4
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1	49,078	49,078	4%	5%	Whitchurch-Stouff. 1
Total	19	1,191,358	62,703	100%	100%	

Population Per Elected Member



Average Population per Elected Member **62,703**

% Population and % Regional Representation



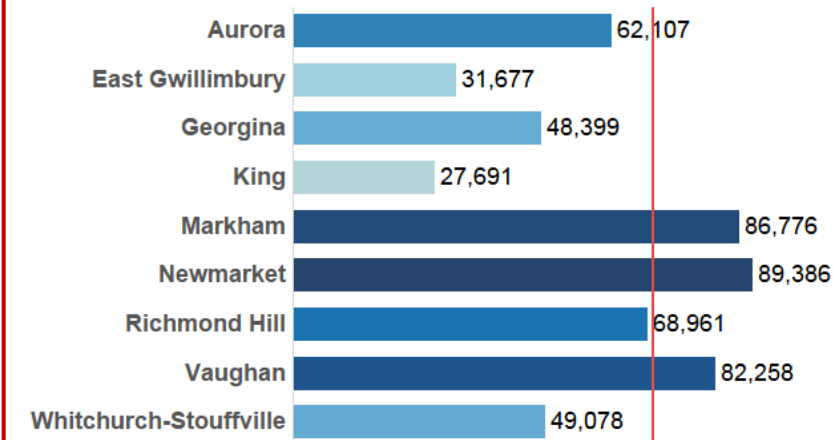
Legend ■ % Regional Representation ■ % Population

Option 2 — Remove three members representing Town of Georgina, City of Markham and Town of Newmarket

Structure of Regional Council - Representation by Population - Population Year 2018

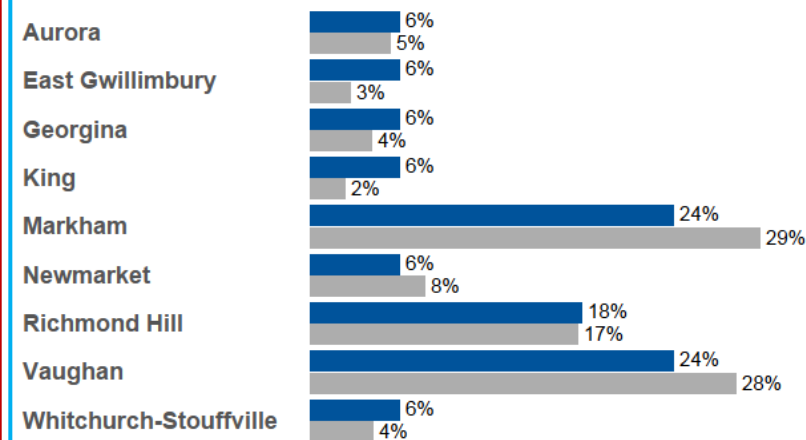
Municipality	# of Elected Members	Population	Population per Elected Member	% Population	% Representation	Year 2018
Aurora	1	62,107	62,107	5%	6%	Aurora 1
East Gwillimbury	1	31,677	31,677	3%	6%	East Gwillimbury 1
Georgina	1	48,399	48,399	4%	6%	Georgina 1 -1
King	1	27,691	27,691	2%	6%	King 1
Markham	4	347,103	86,776	29%	24%	Markham 4 -1
Newmarket	1	89,386	89,386	8%	6%	Newmarket 1 -1
Richmond Hill	3	206,883	68,961	17%	18%	Richmond Hill 3
Vaughan	4	329,032	82,258	28%	24%	Vaughan 4
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1	49,078	49,078	4%	6%	Whitchurch-Stouff.. 1
Total	17	1,191,358	70,080	100%	100%	

Population Per Elected Member



Average Population per Elected Member 70,080

% Population and % Regional Representation



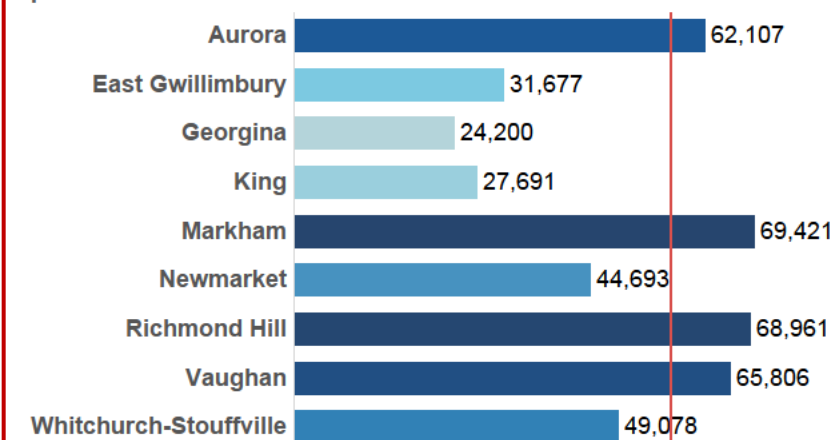
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Option 3 — Add one member representing City of Vaughan

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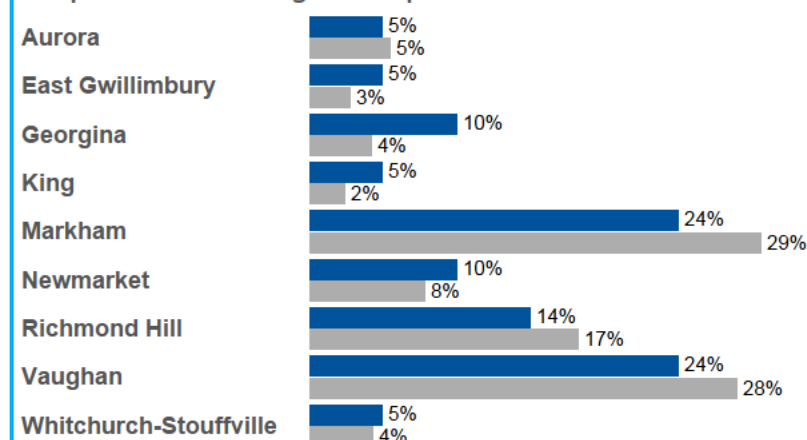
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Richmond Hill	3	206,883	68,961	17%	14%	Richmond Hill 3
Vaughan	5	329,032	65,806	28%	24%	Vaughan 5 +1
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1	49,078	49,078	4%	5%	Whitchurch-Stouffville 1
Total	21	1,191,358	56,731	100%	100%	

Population Per Elected Member



Average Population per Elected Member **56,731**

% Population and % Regional Representation



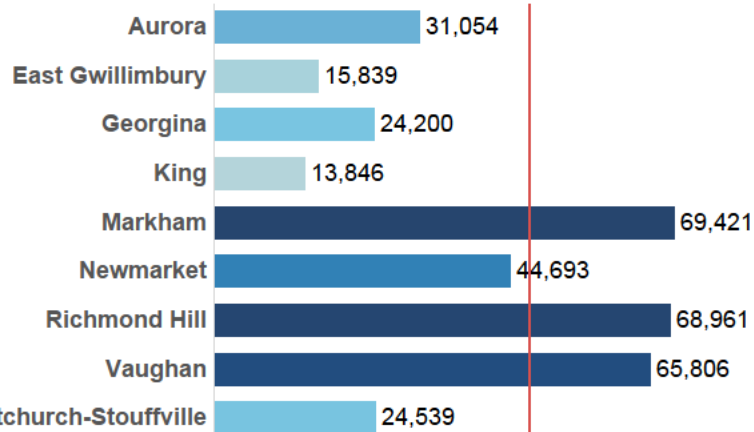
Legend ■ % Regional Representation ■ % Population

Option 4 — Add five members representing Town of Aurora, Town of East Gwillimbury, Township of King, City of Vaughan and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Structure of Regional Council - Representation by Population - Population Year 2018

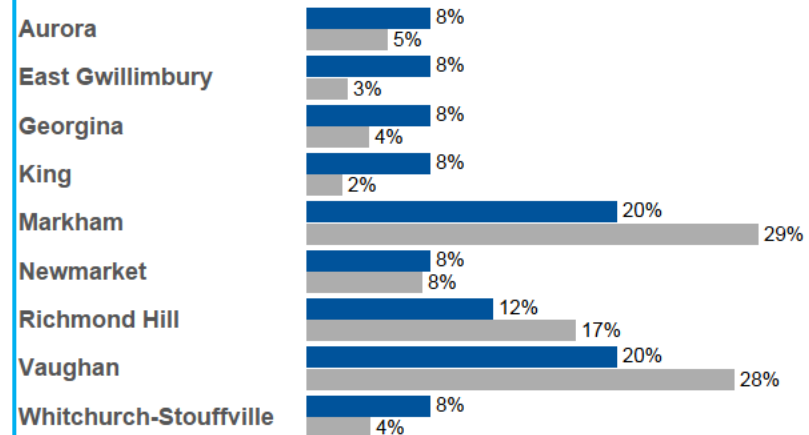
Municipality	# of Elected Members	Population	Population per Elected Member	% Population	% Representation	Year 2018
Aurora	2	62,107	31,054	5%	8%	Aurora 2 +1
East Gwillimbury	2	31,677	15,839	3%	8%	East Gwillimbury 2 +1
Georgina	2	48,399	24,200	4%	8%	Georgina 2
King	2	27,691	13,846	2%	8%	King 2 +1
Markham	5	347,103	69,421	29%	20%	Markham 5
Newmarket	2	89,386	44,693	8%	8%	Newmarket 2
Richmond Hill	3	206,883	68,961	17%	12%	Richmond Hill 3
Vaughan	5	329,032	65,806	28%	20%	Vaughan 5 +1
Whitchurch-Stouffville	2	49,078	24,539	4%	8%	Whitchurch-Stouffville 2 +1
Total	25	1,191,358	47,654	100%	100%	

Population Per Elected Member



Average Population per Elected Member **47,654**

% Population and % Regional Representation



Legend ■ % Regional Representation ■ % Population