



Municipality of Clarington Ward Boundary Review

FINAL REPORT
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Project Summary



The study began in May of 2020. Watson & Associates in association with Dr. Robert Williams and Dr. Zachary Spicer was awarded the contract.



Research/Information Gathering/Interviews with Council & Staff



Population Forecasting/Technical Analysis/Evaluation Of Existing Wards



Development Of Preliminary Ward Boundary Options



Public Engagement (i.e. surveys, information sessions, webpage)

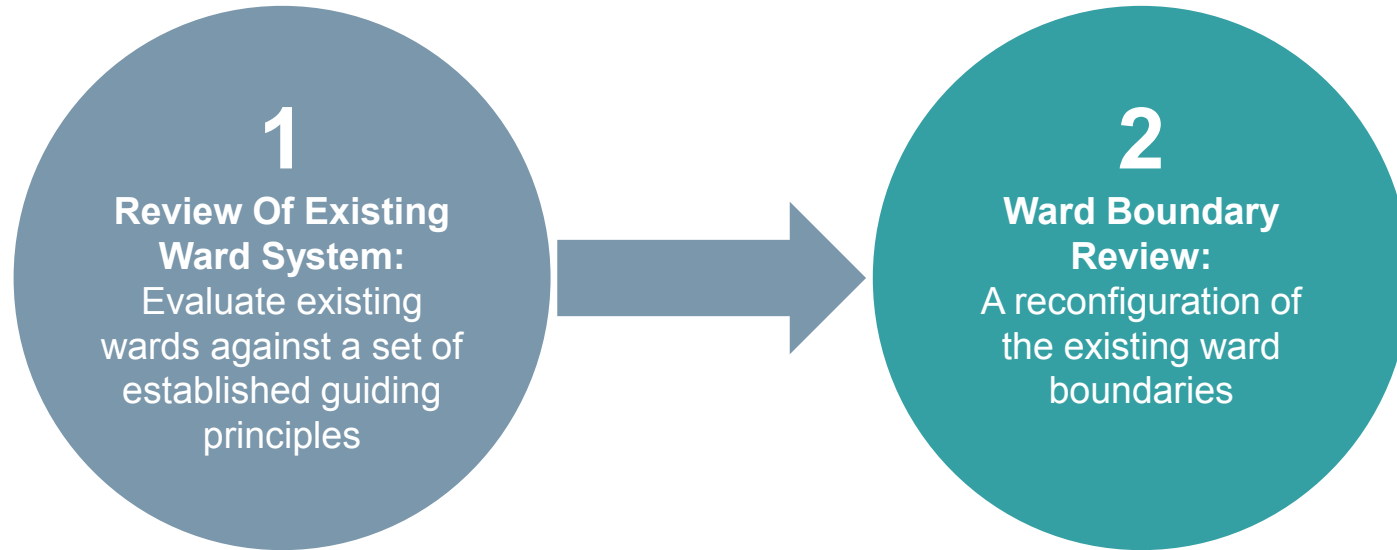


Reports (Discussion Paper, Interim Report, Final Report)



2 Council meetings

2 Phase Study



Public Engagement



A Comprehensive Public Engagement Strategy Was Employed

1. Dedicated public engagement webpage and platform: Over 2,000 visits

2. Surveys: Over 300 responses

3. Social media engagement: 31,000+ Twitter impressions and ~59,000 Facebook impressions

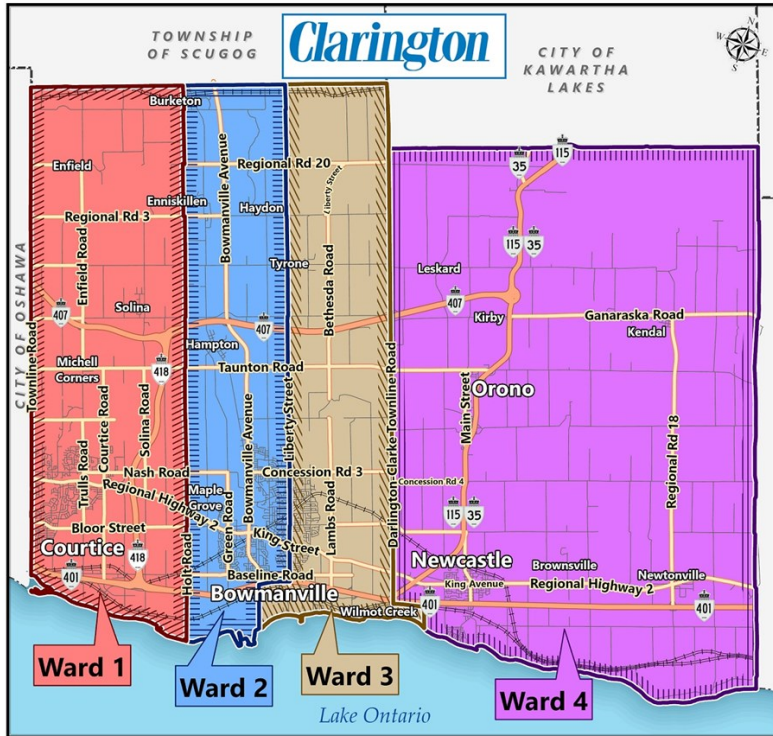
4. Public consultation sessions: 8 virtual sessions + 4 stakeholder specific sessions

5. Interviews, direct community outreach, newspaper ads

Existing System



Council is comprised of 7 members; The Mayor, 4 Local Councillors elected in 4 wards and 2 Regional Councillors representing 2 wards each



Existing Wards	Total Population 2020	Variance	Total Population 2030	Variance
Ward 1	32,029	125%	39,892	117%
Ward 2	33,698	131%	43,655	128%
Ward 3	19,894	77%	28,765	84%
Ward 4	17,279	67%	24,158	71%
Total	102,900		136,470	
Average	25,725		34,118	

Preliminary Options

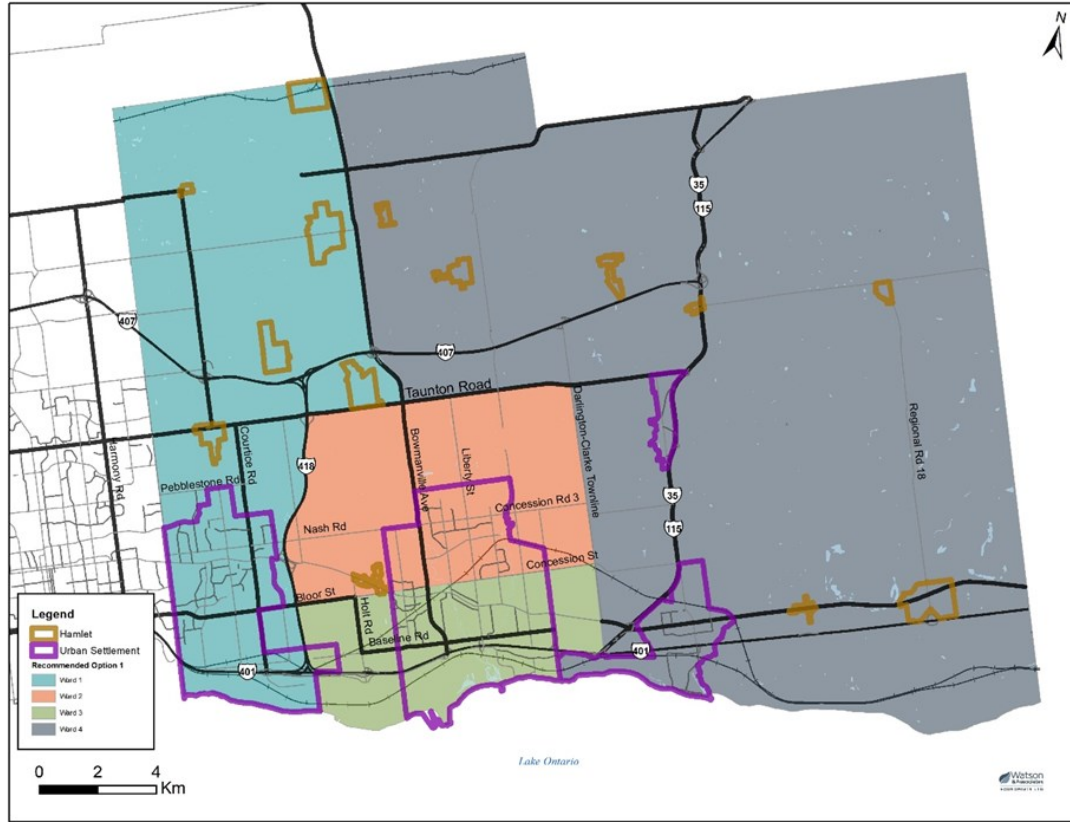


The consultant team developed a total of **4 preliminary ward boundary options** for consideration in the Interim Report. Additional options were also explored in the public consultation sessions.

The preliminary options considered a variety of factors such as;

- ✓ Guiding principles, Best Practices, Case Law
- ✓ Community feedback/engagement
 - Option C received the highest aggregate score with 30% ranking it 1st. Option B was close behind, ranking 2nd in aggregate score but also had 30% ranking it as the first choice.

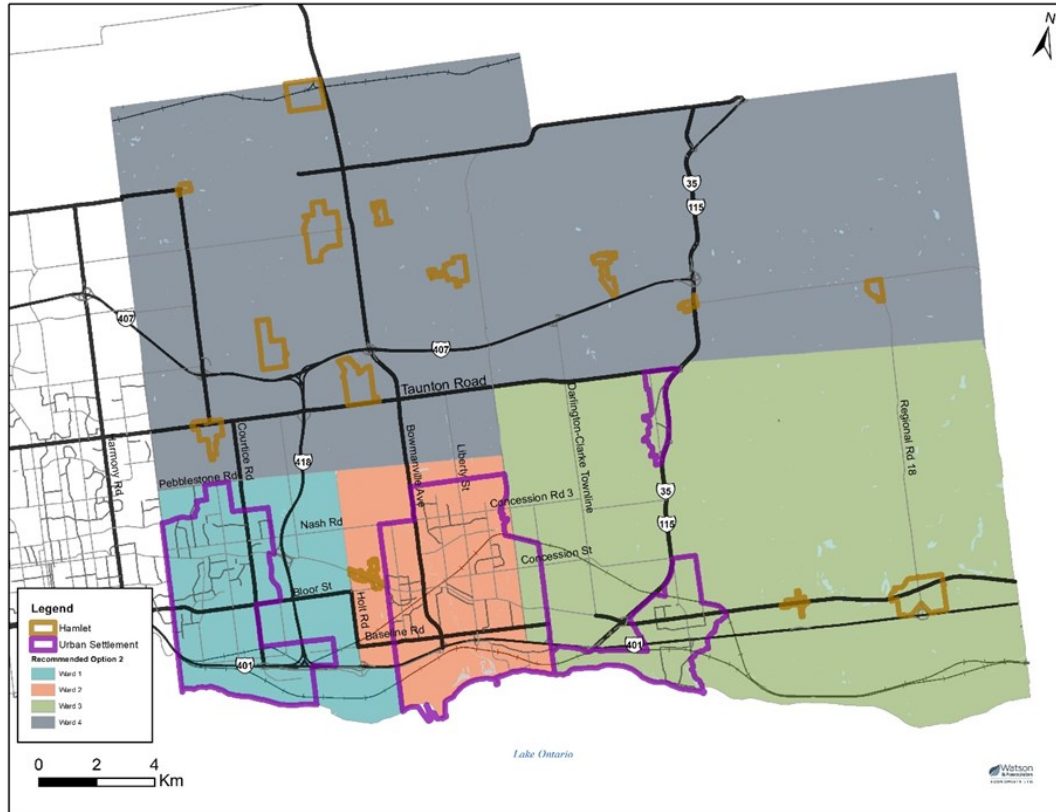
Recommended Options



Option A

Ward #	Total Population 2020	Variance	Total Population 2030	Variance
Ward 1	33,350	130%	41,530	122%
Ward 2	26,630	104%	36,530	107%
Ward 3	22,370	87%	29,820	87%
Ward 4	20,560	80%	28,590	84%
Total	102,900		136,470	
Average	25,725		34,120	

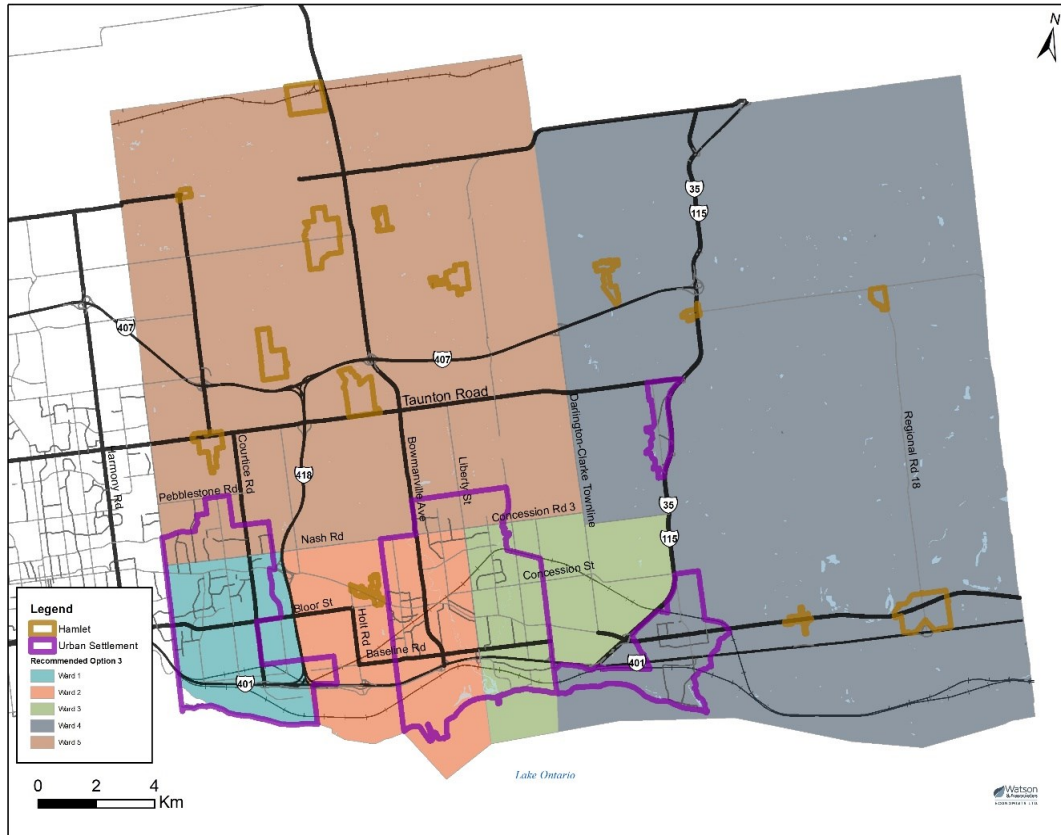
Recommended Options



Option B

Ward #	Total Population 2020	Variance	Total Population 2030	Variance
Ward 1	29,640	115%	37,210	109%
Ward 2	47,170	183%	60,960	179%
Ward 3	17,480	68%	28,740	84%
Ward 4	8,610	33%	9,570	28%
Total	102,900		136,470	
Average	25,725		34,120	

Recommended Options



Option C

Ward #	Total Population 2020	Variance	Total Population 2030	Variance
Ward 1	20,120	98%	26,830	98%
Ward 2	27,960	136%	36,420	133%
Ward 3	16,920	82%	24,380	89%
Ward 4	18,420	90%	26,300	96%
Ward 5	19,480	95%	22,540	83%
Total	102,900		136,470	
Average	20,580		27,294	

Evaluation Summary Of Options



- Option A: 4-ward system with emphasis on population parity. It preserves some communities of interest but allows for a balanced population between wards.
- Option B: 4-ward system with emphasis on preservation of communities of interest. This option has a distinct northern, rural ward as well as distinct wards for Courtice, Newcastle and Bowmanville. Population parity is not achieved.
- Option C: 5-ward system that attempts to strike a balance between communities of interest and population parity.

Next Steps



- Council can:
 - Choose one of the recommended options;
 - Can ask for changes or revisions to a recommended option;
 - Take no action
- Should Council choose to implement new ward boundaries, they would have to pass a new bylaw.
- Any action respecting ward boundary reconfigurations (including taking no action) could be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal. A new bylaw can be appealed up to 45 days after passage.

Questions?