



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: John Kennedy, City Clerk

Meeting Date: September 25, 2017

Subject: Report CPCLK17-017
City of Peterborough Ward Boundary Review

Purpose

A report to recommend the adoption of changes to the current ward structure to ensure fair and equal representation between each of the wards in the City of Peterborough.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CPCLK17-017 dated September 25, 2017, of the City Clerk, as follows:

That a by-law be adopted to adjust the ward structure identified as Option A as the City of Peterborough's Ward Boundaries, effective on the date the by-law is passed.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation to alter the City's ward boundaries.

Background

The City of Peterborough contains five wards: Otonabee (Ward 1), Monaghan (Ward 2), Town (Ward 3), Ashburnham (Ward 4) and Northcrest (Ward 5). Over the years each of the wards has experienced population growth and boundary expansion due to development and annexation. Most recently, in 2013 Ashburnham (Ward 4) grew to include what was formerly known as the Cold Springs Settlement Area as a result of annexation. Prior to that, the City of Peterborough ward boundaries were last reviewed in 2010. At that time it was recommended that no changes to the existing ward structure be made. The current ward structure has been in place since 1985 (By-Law Number 1985-108: A By-Law To Authorize an Application to the Ontario Municipal Board to Re-divide The Wards in The City of Peterborough).

Two Councillors are elected per ward and the Mayor is elected at large. This governance model would not change as part of any of the proposed ward boundary changes.

Table 1 shows the change in population from census data. While elector growth has been steady overall, the population of Ward 3 (Town) from 2006 to 2016 has declined. The population of Ward 2 (Monaghan) has also continued to grow significantly, even though the rate has remained consistent.

Table 1 – Ward Population Count

	2006	2011	2016	Rate of Increase (%) from 2006 to 2016
Otonabee Ward 1	14305	14926	14995	5
Monaghan Ward 2	19309	20384	21316	9
Town Ward 3	12875	12569	12617	-2
Ashburnham Ward 4	14337	15307	15376	7
Northcrest Ward 5	14633	15512	16728	13
TOTALS	75459	78698	81032	7

*Census Data from Statistics Canada

Table 2 shows projected population counts for each ward by 2026 under their current structure. While the Official Plan is still pending, these projections are based on figures from the City's planning and building divisions. The figures include registered not built, draft approved, pending approval, intensification and other development potential and presume full occupancy for high, medium, and low density units. Development demand is also based on numbers provided by the province through their Places to Grow forecast. This table shows that the difference between the populations in Wards 2 (Monaghan) and 3 (Town) will continue to grow.

Table 2 – Ward Population Projections

	2026	Number of People Above or Below Average Ward Size	Percentage (%) Above or Below Average Ward Size
Otonabee Ward 1	16373	-2901	-15%
Monaghan Ward 2	26510	7236	38%
Town Ward 3	13669	-5605	-29%
Ashburnham Ward 4	19175	-99	-1%
Northcrest Ward 5	20645	1371	7%
TOTAL	96372		

Powers of the Municipal Act

In Ontario, the decision to undertake a ward boundary review is entirely at the discretion of each municipal council. Section 222 (1) of the **Municipal Act 2001** allows a municipality to divide, re-divide the municipality into wards, or to dissolve the existing wards. The decision of Council is to be enacted by by-law, and public notice of the passing of the by-law is required. The by-law may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board, by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, or any person or any agency, within the prescribed appeal process. For a change to ward boundaries to be effective for the 2018 election, it is required that the by-law come into force prior to December 31, 2017 (**Municipal Act, 2001 S.222(8)(a)**).

The Guiding Principles

In determining effective representation, Section 15 of the **Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, R.S.C. 1985** outlined that voter parity must be balanced with natural/physical boundaries and geographic communities of interest.

The Supreme Court decision of *The Attorney General for Saskatchewan versus R. Carter Q.C.*, known as the Carter decision, further defined the term “effective representation”, in relation to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The ruling determined that additional factors also needed to be taken into consideration, such as: capacity to represent, size and shape of wards, and population growth within wards.

Staff completed their review based on generally accepted principles that are regularly considered when defining or refining political boundaries, and in consideration of Ontario Municipal Board decisions on other municipalities’ ward boundary reviews as well as a Supreme Court of Canada decision. The principles are as follows:

Representation by Population: The number of people that a councillor represents should be relatively equal with other wards. Geography, population density, and other characteristics means this needs to be similar, but not necessarily the same. A variance within 25 per cent above or below the average ward population is generally recognized as acceptable.

Population and Electoral Trends: New ward boundaries need to maintain representation by population, accommodating growth and population shifts for at least 10 years.

Geographical Features: Physical features that provide clear, easy to understand boundaries. These could include natural boundaries such as topography, bodies of water, or artificially constructed boundaries such as major roadways or rail lines.

Community of Interests: Recognizes that people within a specific area, with shared interests should be kept together. These shared interests are developed over time and can include a variety of characteristic such as social, historical, economic, or demographic groupings.

Effectiveness of Representation: Effective representation is the overriding principle, but it is determined based on balancing the merits of all the other conditions.

Under these guiding principles election staff were responsible for:

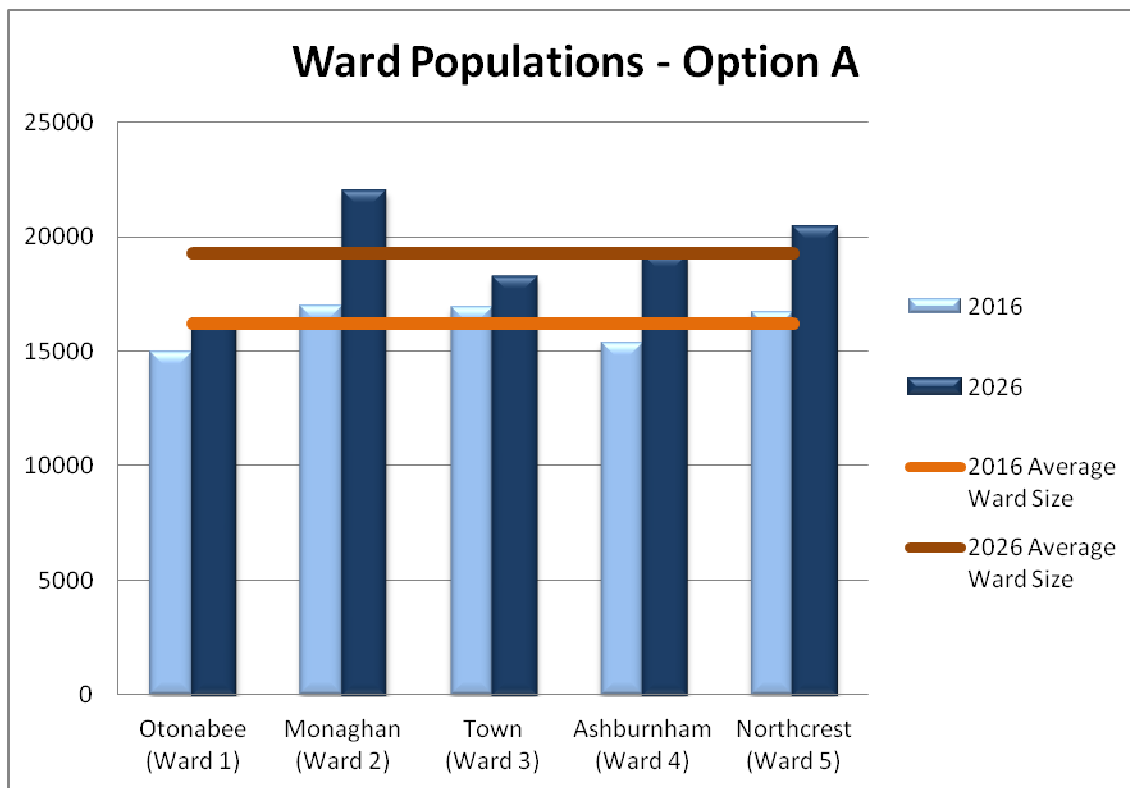
- a) Research
- b) Public Consultation
- c) Formulation of three Options; and
- d) Development of final report and recommendations

Ward Boundary Options

Three options were developed that are in keeping with the guiding principles presented above. A map of each of these options is attached to this report as Appendices B, C, and D. The following provides an overview of each of the three options.

Option A

Option A extends Ward 3 (Town), north of Sherbrooke Street and south of Parkhill Road, west from Monaghan Road to Wallis Drive. This moves approximately 4307 people from Ward 2 (Monaghan) to Ward 3 (Town). In this option Otonabee, Ashburnham, and Northcrest wards remain unchanged. See Appendix B for a map of Option A.



Evaluation Summary

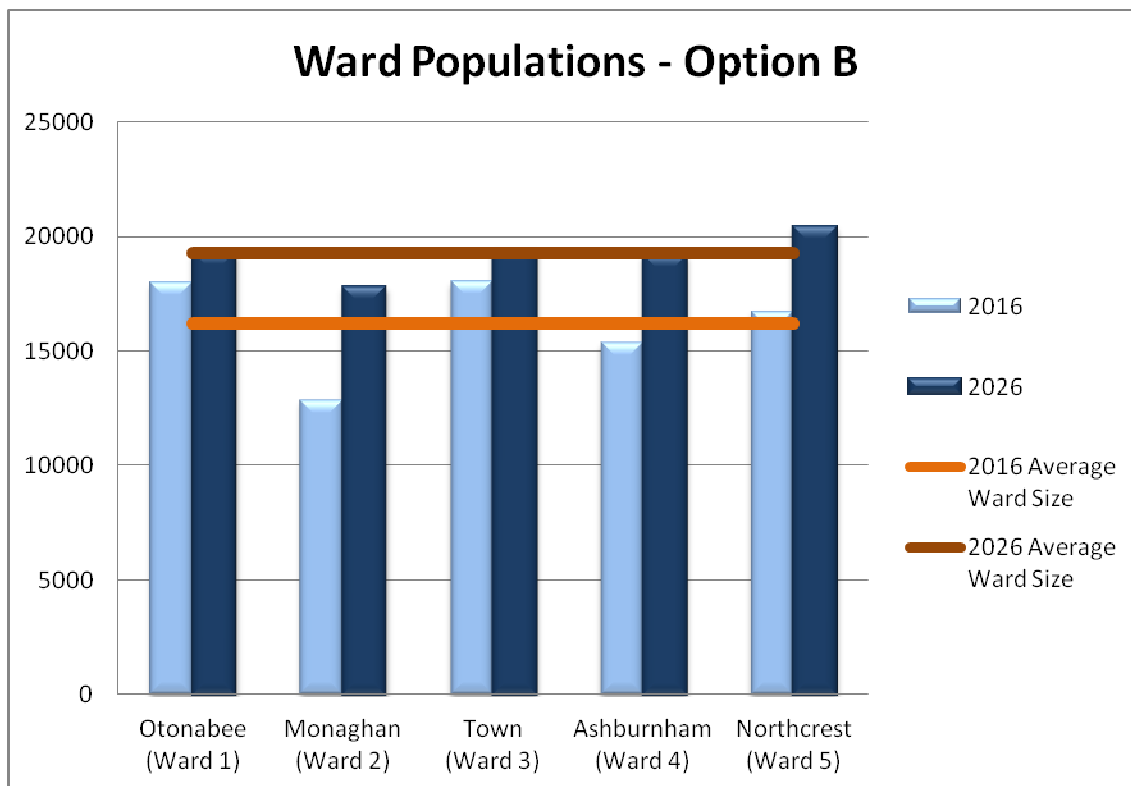
Principle	Evaluation	Comment
Representation by Population	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses issue of representation by population most effectively by moving people from the biggest ward to the smallest. Monaghan Ward would remain the largest ward, larger than the average by 803 people or 4.95% Otonabee Ward becomes smallest ward, smaller than the average by 1211 people or 7.47%
Population and Electoral Trends	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While it does fall within the 25% criteria, the difference between the most populated ward and the least populated ward is anticipated to be high with this option in 10 years.
Geographical Features	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smallest geographic change Not as clearly defined by major roadways as other options
Community of Interests	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a clear connection with the old west end and Town Ward. This option adds the hospital, two elementary and a secondary school to Town Ward
Effectiveness of Representation	Yes	

Option B

Option B extends Town Ward south to the Otonabee River, making the river its eastern and southern boarder. Parkhill Road would remain the northern boundary, but Monaghan Road would be Town Ward’s western extremity extending from Parkhill on the north to the Otonabee River on the south.

Otonabee Ward maintains its current boundaries on the south and west (being the city limits) however, Option B shifts the northern boundary from Lansdowne Street West to Sherbrooke Street.

Monaghan Ward maintains its boundaries on the north and west (being the city limits), and on the east with Wards 3 (Town) and 5 (Northcrest) but the new southern boundary changes to Sherbrooke Street. In this option, Ashburnham and Northcrest wards remain unchanged. See Appendix C for a map of Option B.

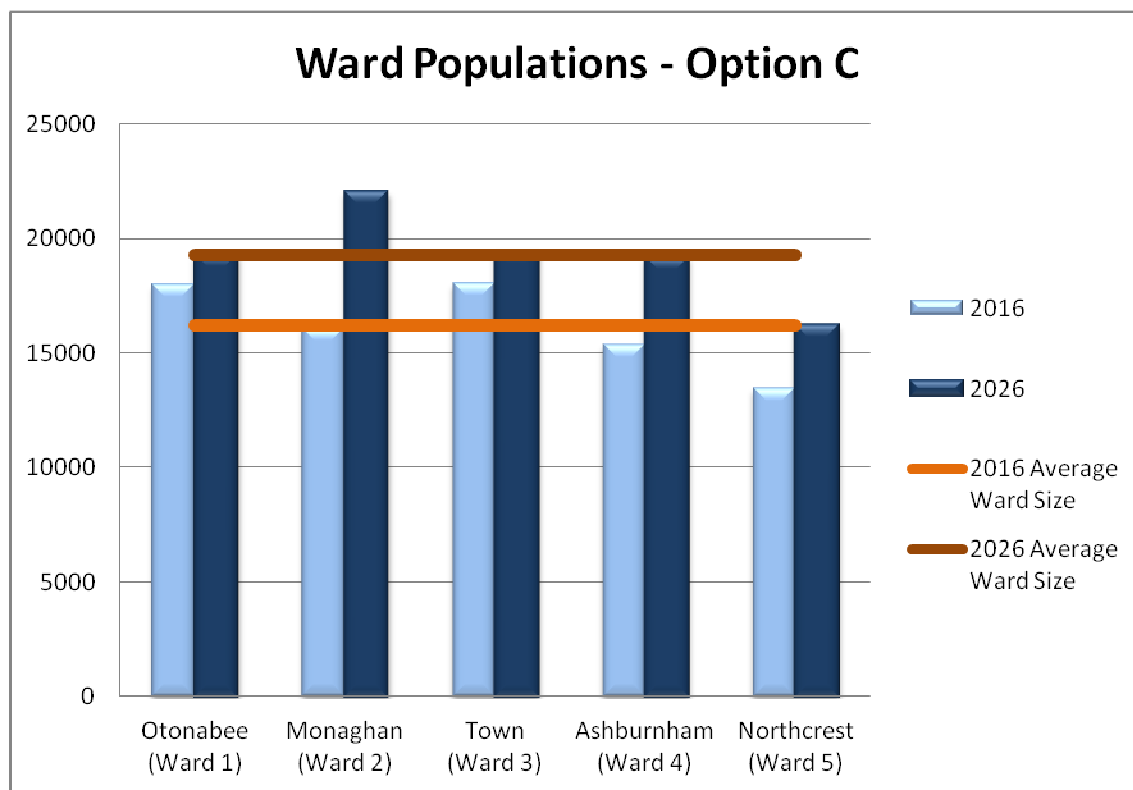


Principle	Evaluation	Comment
Representation by Population	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This option makes Monaghan ward the smallest ward, and town ward the largest in the short term.
Population and Electoral Trends	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This option best accounts for future growth in the city from expansion. Advantages of this option are realized in 10 years when the population difference between the highest and lowest wards is expected to be

		2638 electors or 13.69%.
Geographical Features	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical features such as main roadways and the river are very clear and easy to understand.
Community of Interests	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds an elementary school to Town Ward. Both branches of the Peterborough library become part of Town Ward.
Effectiveness of Representation	Yes	

Option C

This option keeps the changes made to Otonabee and Town wards from Option B, but extends Monaghan Ward into Northcrest to Chemong Road. The reason for this is to balance population numbers to be more equal than Option B in the short term. Ashburnham ward remains unchanged. See Appendix D for a map of Option C.



Principle	Evaluation	Comment
Representation by Population	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balances population in the short term more than Option B, but not as well as Option A.
Population and Electoral Trends	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balances population in the long term but not as well as Option B.

Geographical Features	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains clear physical and natural barriers. • By making the dividing line Chemong Road, the clarity of division between Ward 2 (Monaghan) and Ward 5 (Northcrest) is improved.
Community of Interests	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds an elementary school to Town Ward. • Both branches of the Peterborough library become part of Town Ward.
Effectiveness of Representation	Yes	

Public Consultation

Council approved Report CPCLK17-014 - City of Peterborough Ward Boundary Review on June 26, 2017 and directed staff to consult the public on possible ward boundary configurations.

Three formal public consultation sessions were held from July to September, 2017, with eight informal drop-in sessions in the main lobby of City Hall. Staff were also asked to present at a Ward meeting. Public consultation included a review of the project principles, the forecasting of future population growth, the evaluation of the existing ward structure, and overview of the options being presented.

Individuals attending the public consultation sessions provided valuable insight regarding the options presented. Sessions also gave residents an opportunity to provide comments to Staff, as well as through the completion of comment sheets. From these in-person sessions, staff received 26 comment cards in total.

An online survey was also available for residents to provide their feedback. Staff received 86 online responses. Staff also received four emails and a phone call in addition to formal feedback and these have been included in the comments section, Appendix E.

The public consultation sessions were advertized in local newspapers and were the subject of several stories covered by local media. Coverage included meeting dates, proposed options and where to give feedback, both in person and online.

Survey Results (Comment Cards)

The first question asked respondents what their preferred option was. Staff received 117 responses in total. Of those 50.93% favoured Option B compared to the next highest choice, Option A, that was preferred by 39.64% of respondents. That represents a difference of 11 participants.

Respondents were then asked about what was most important to them aesthetically when making their decision. They were encouraged to select all the choices in this question they felt appropriate for this question. People who completed the survey felt

most strongly about neighbourhoods (69 respondents), equal number of people per ward (61 respondents), and easy to understand boundaries (56 respondents). They were also given the opportunity to include freeform responses and those responses are included as part of Appendix E and have been captured as “Other Deciding Factors”.

Additional Comments

People were also asked to provide other written feedback, and those responses are provided in the Additional Comments of Appendix E. However, there were several reoccurring themes: Six people that identified themselves as being part of Ward 1 (Otonabee) expressed their concern over losing the section east of Monaghan to the Otonabee River to Ward 3 (Town); four people felt that ward boundaries should remain as they are; two people felt staff should wait to see what happens with the possible annexation of industrial land from Cavan-Monaghan; while six people believed that the change was timely to ensure fair and equal representation.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends adopting the ward structure identified as Option A due to the following:

- The amount of people who favoured Option B and Option A was very close;
- Based on feedback received from the written comments, those that identified themselves as being affected by the prospect of being moved from Monaghan (Ward 2) to Town (Ward 3), as outlined in Option A, were more positive, citing the natural connection between the two areas;
- Those identifying themselves as possibly moving from Otonabee (Ward 1) to Town (Ward 3) expressed concern over a loss of community and their connection to what has traditionally become the south end;
- Option A provides the most immediate and equitable distribution of population between wards in the short term;
- Option A respects the connection between what is known as the Old West End and Town Ward. (These last two points were identified as the top two deciding factors on how people ranked their decisions.)

Summary

Due to ward elector and population counts now and over the next 10 years, changes are needed to the existing ward structure. Option A is recommended, taking into consideration the guiding principles when defining or refining political boundaries and the feedback from the public during an extensive public consultation process.

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Appendix A – Map: Overview of Current Ward Structure

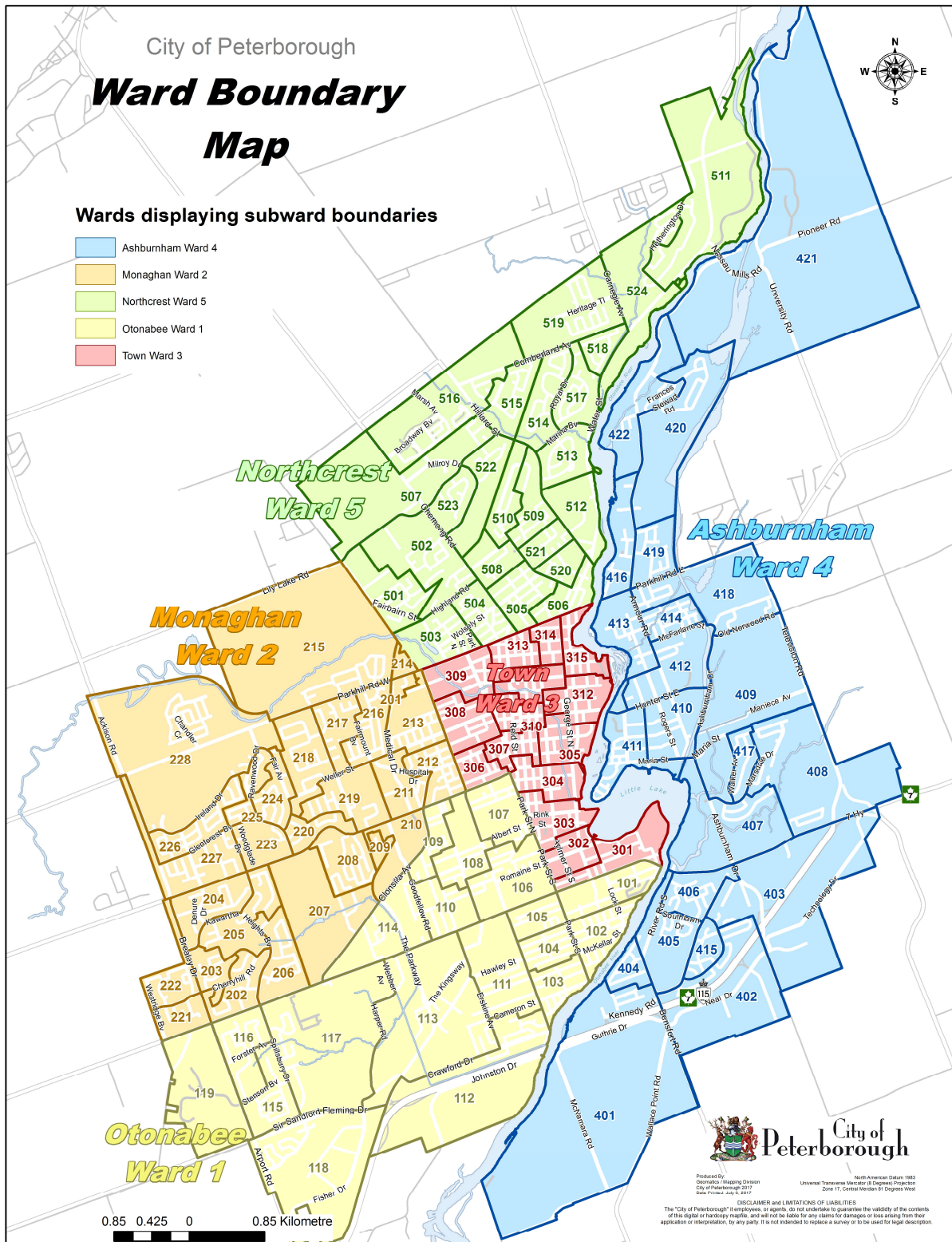
Appendix B – Map: Ward Boundary Map Option A

Appendix C – Map: Ward Boundary Map Option B

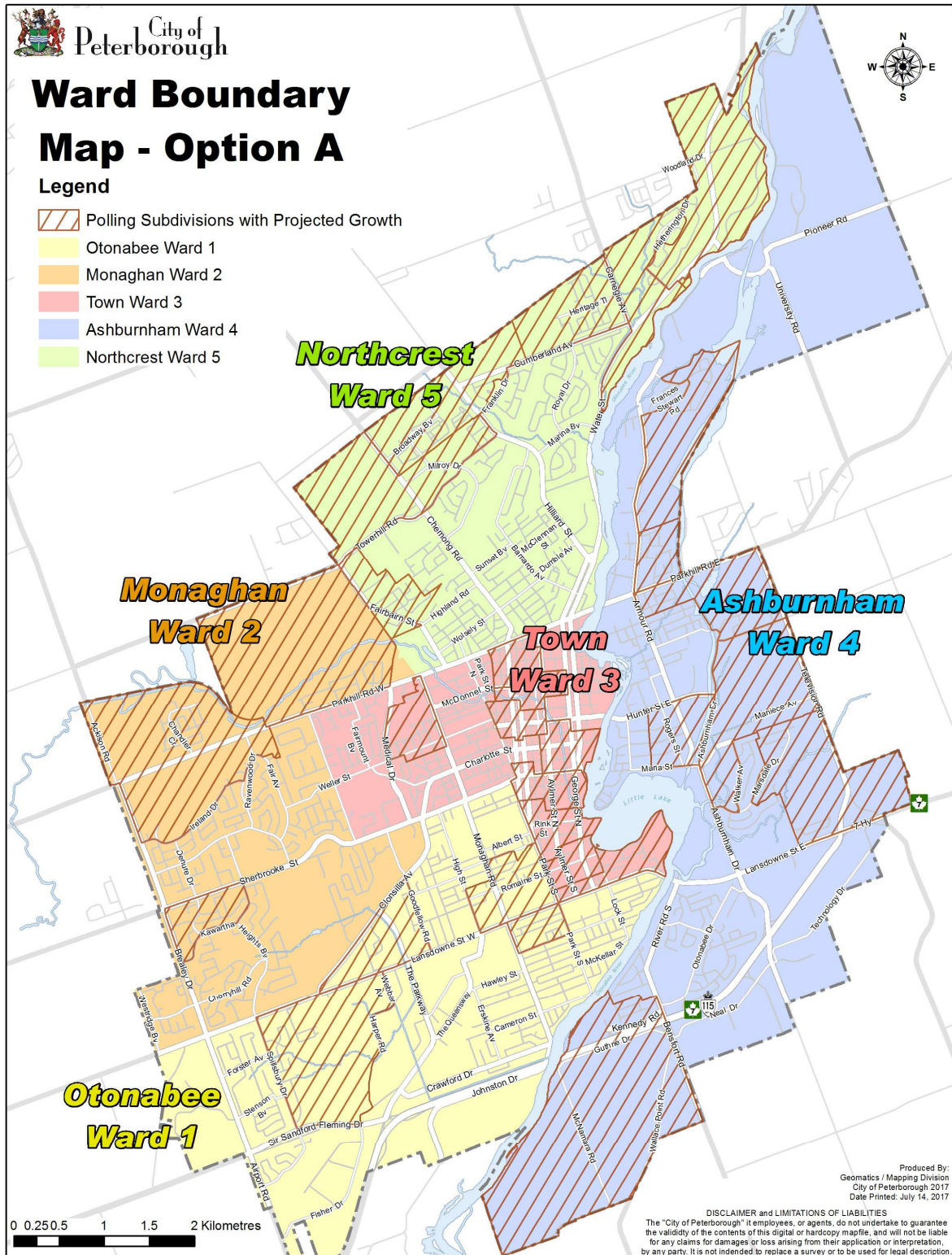
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Appendix E – Survey Results (Comment Cards)

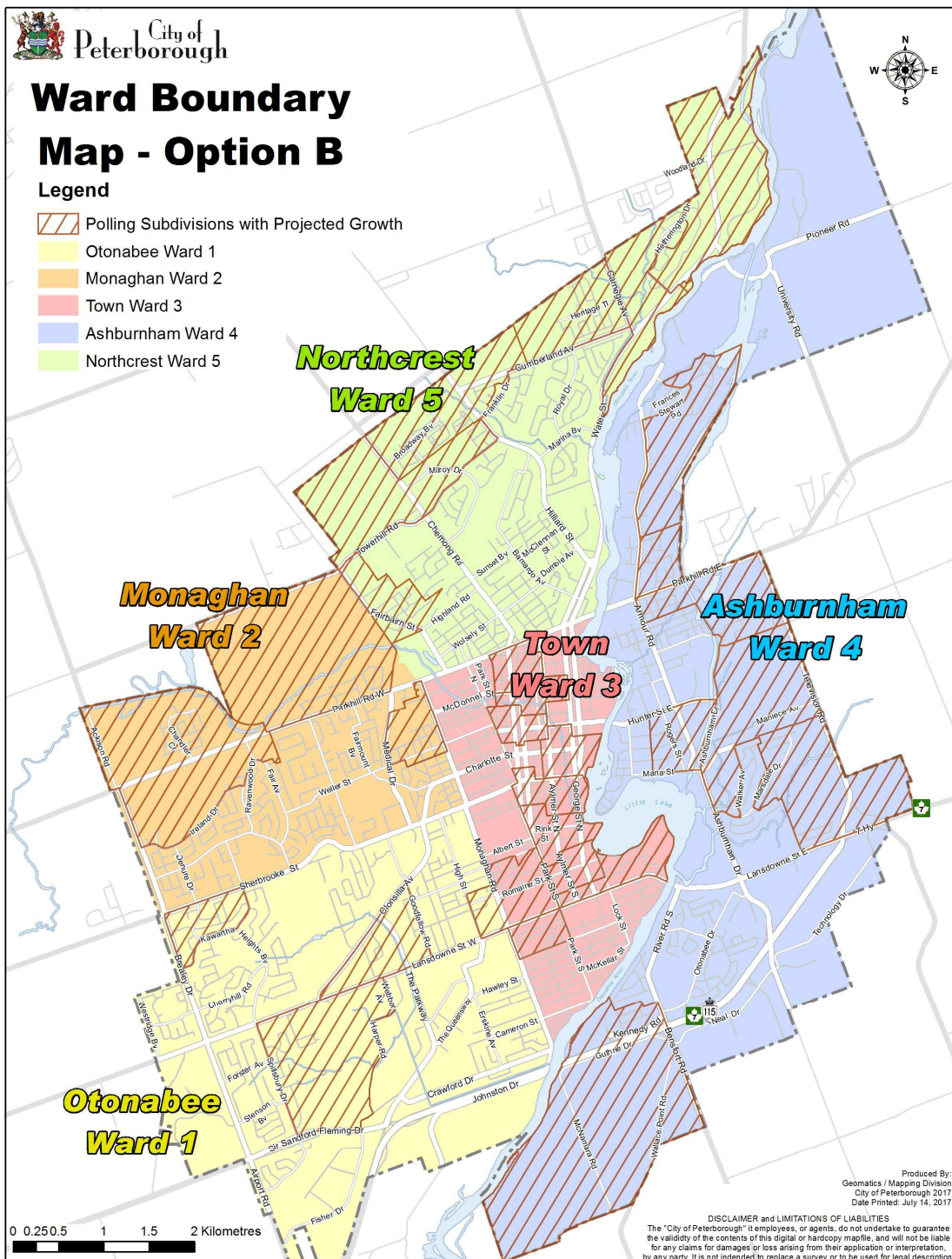
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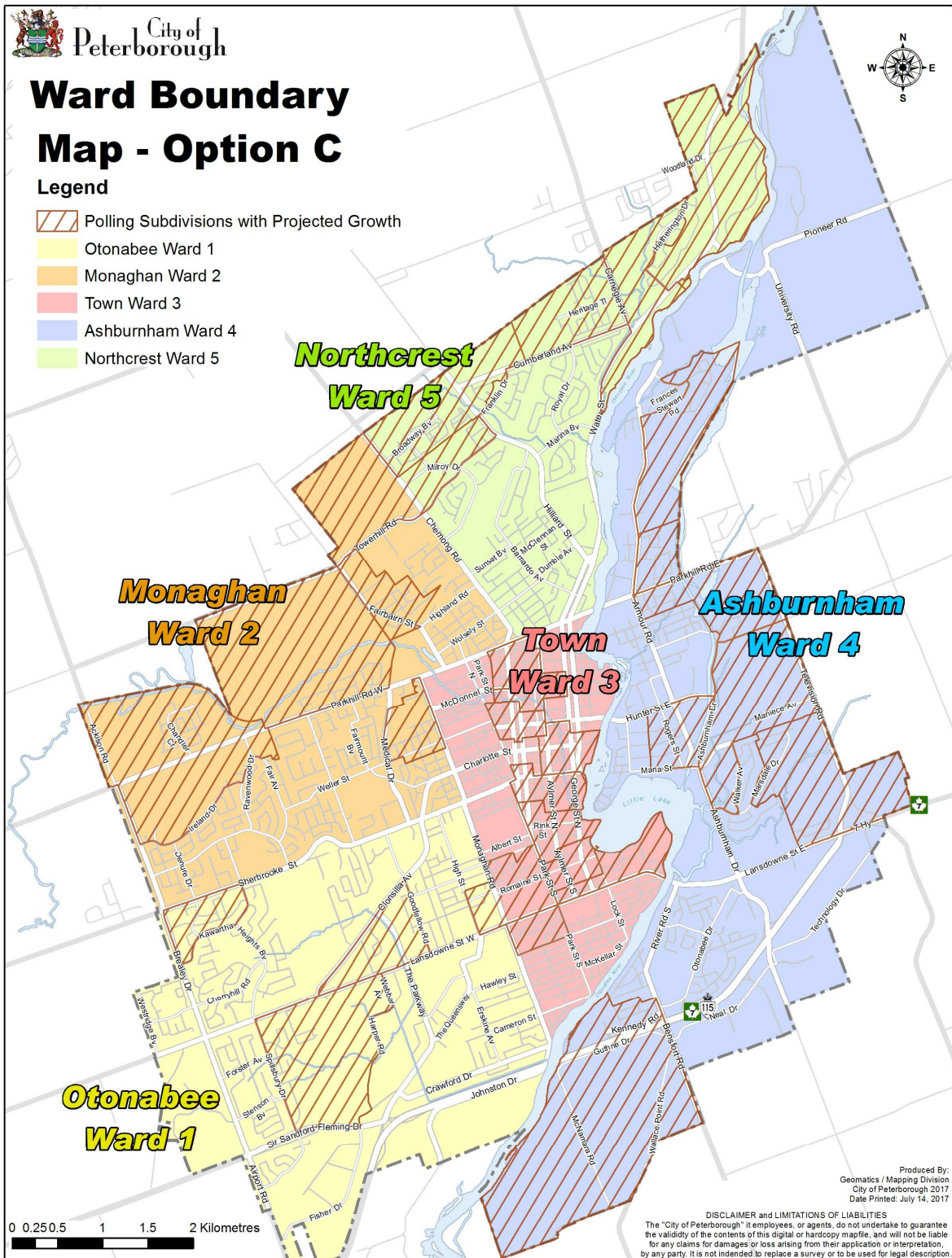
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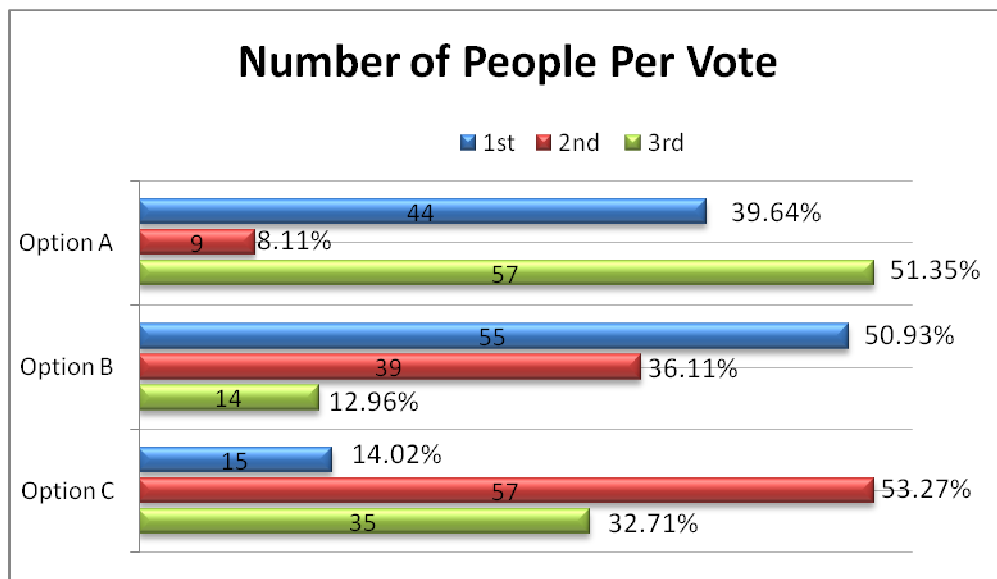
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Appendix E – Survey Results (Comment Cards)

Survey Results (Comment Cards)

Question 1 – Which map option do you prefer? Rank from 1 to 3; with 1 being your favourite choice.



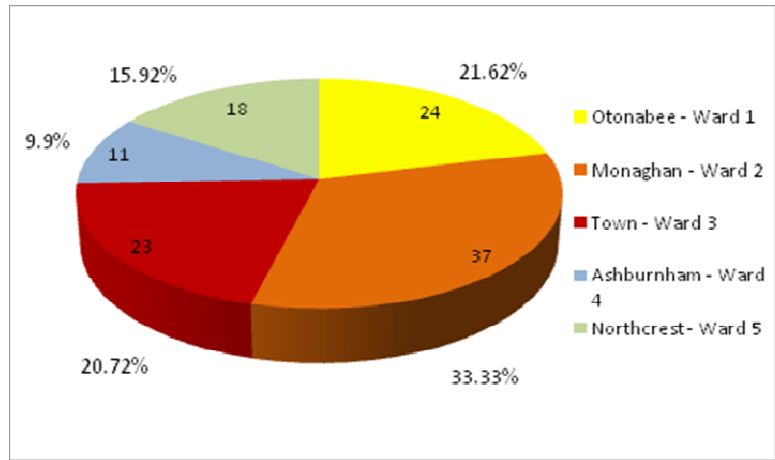
Question 2 – When ranking ward options, what deciding factors did you consider? What was important to you? Select all that apply.



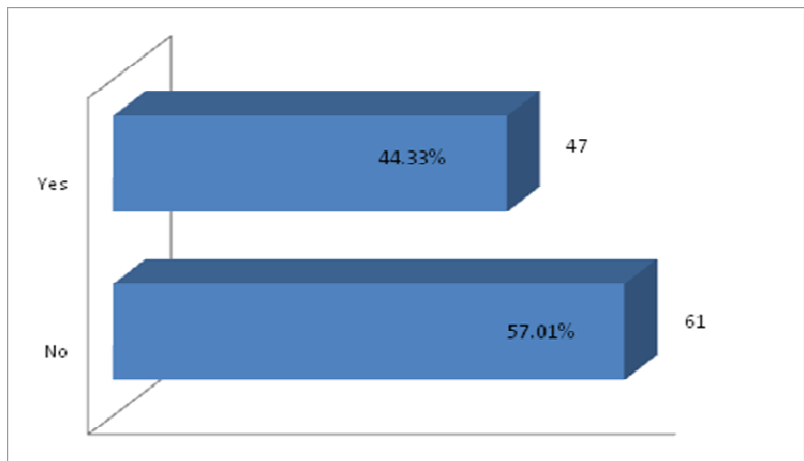
Question 3 – Other [factors]

Responses have been captured below as “Survey Comments”.

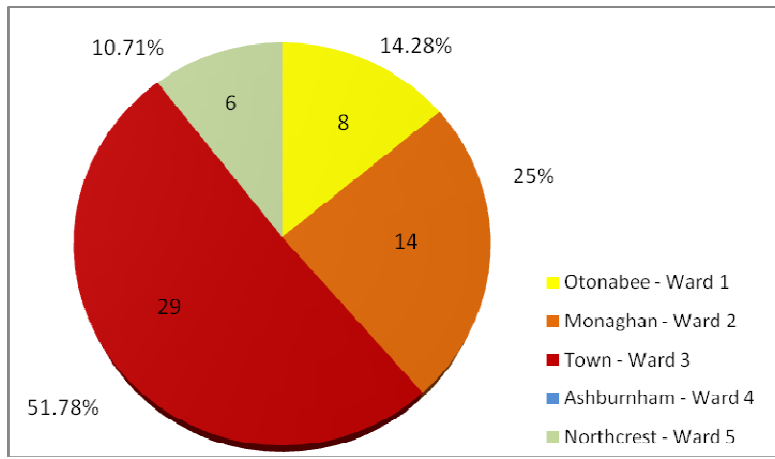
Question 4 – What ward are you currently an elector in?



Question 5 – Based on your number 1 map option selection, will your ward be affected by the changed? Yes or no.



Question 6 – If ‘Yes’, what ward would you now be an elector in?



Survey Comments

	Date Received	Online/ Comment Card	Other Deciding Factors (From Question 3)	Additional Comments (Written on the Back of the Form)
1.	14/07/2017	Online		
2.	17/07/2017	Online		
3.	17/07/2017	Comment Card (1st Public Meeting)		Well Presented
4.	17/07/2017	Comment Card (1st Public Meeting)	If it ain't broke don't fix it	
5.	18/07/2017	Online		
6.	18/07/2017	Online		I am glad to see a public consultation process for this. I am a voter in Monaghan ward but to be honest I would prefer seeing a change in overall electoral process. 1 councillor per ward with a couple elected at large. I have never seen the need for 2 councillors per ward. I feel that option 2 keeps a cleaner boundary as well as accomodating more of the south end which seems to get lost in Otonabee. I do have property on Lillian Street and there would be minimal impact on that area to become part of Town Ward. Congratulations on a clean accessible and easy to understand site for this!
7.	18/07/2017	Online		Growth is good and thank you for listening!
8.	18/07/2017	Online		
9.	18/07/2017	Online		Thank you for looking at this issue in advance of the election. Town Ward is not growing at the same rate as other parts of the City and it is important that the wards are similar sizes so no one area is over/under represented.
10.	18/07/2017	Online		I want to vote in Town ward, they have the best Councillors!
11.	18/07/2017	Online		
12.	18/07/2017	Online		
13.	18/07/2017	Online		
14.	18/07/2017	Online		
15.	18/07/2017	Online		
16.	18/07/2017	Online		I think it is critical to maintain appropriate representation for the distinct neighbourhoods of the City. Although I would much prefer to see no change to the boundary of Town ward, Option A best reflects a boundary of voters that are oriented to the downtown core of the City. In addition to the necessity of maintaining representation for central core residents who are more likely to use alternative transportation and shop in the downtown core, the south end of Peterborough its own strong identity, separate from the downtown. These voters are more likely to be oriented to use Lansdowne Street for their shopping and restaurant choices and may not have

				a strong connection to the downtown.
17.	19/07/2017	Online		
18.	19/07/2017	Online		
19.	19/07/2017	Online		I feel my neighbourhood has more in common with Town ward than with suburbanites on the west end.
20.	19/07/2017	Online		
21.	19/07/2017	Online		
22.	19/07/2017	Online		
23.	20/07/2017	Online		
24.	20/07/2017	Online		
25.	20/07/2017	Online	Options B and C reflect what I feel would be the accepted boundaries for Town Ward. Having Town Ward just West as in Option A is confusing. I'd actually like to see Monaghan Ward include the area up to Clonsilla Avenue.	
26.	20/07/2017	Comment Card (1st Ward Wednesday)		B seems to have the most balance however the Ashburnham ward seems really large and like the interests of different areas might to be hard to capture politically.
27.	20/07/2017	Comment Card (1st Ward Wednesday)		Any newly created "wards" need "new" people (fresh electors) to represent them. We need new faces on coucel and in wards.
28.	20/07/2017	Comment Card (1st Ward Wednesday)		All of Trent U should be in the same ward - I think Northcrest ward. I lived in Waterloo when all councillors were voted in at large and it was very effective there is less chance of having a very weak or wacky candidate making it to office. Also, the coucil worked better as a team. Social media has levelled the playing field for spending effectiveness. We could offer a rebate as well.
29.	20/07/2017	Comment Card (1st Ward Wednesday)	Wardless to account for city as a whole not area specific.	Prefer wardless
30.	20/07/2017	Comment Card (1st Ward Wednesday)		

31.	20/07/2017	Online	School boundaries. What makes sense for where people in those areas shop and go to school, roadways, etc.	
32.	21/07/2017	Online		
33.	22/07/2017	Online		
34.	26/07/2017	Online		
35.	26/07/2017	Online		
36.	26/07/2017	Online		
37.	26/07/2017	Comment Card (2nd Ward Wednesday)		
38.	27/07/2017	Online		Thank you for making this process public. Will the results of this survey be public?
39.	29/07/2017	Online		
40.	31/07/2017	Online		I do not rank choices b and c as 2,3 but had to provide input to continue poll. I do not think they are good choices and prefer to vote only for 1st choice. The methodology used can skew results. Town naturally aligns near West end and depicted in A, not South end as depicted in B,C.
41.	31/07/2017	Online		
42.	01/08/2017	Comment Card (returned to City Hall)	Since I don't mind in Town Ward I could easily make the transition. My only other option would be to keep wards the same.	If the city does make changes to our ward system it is hoped that every four years there will be a study done to determine outcome. Please don't wait ten years to evaluate outcomes. What is predicted for ten years from now may not be what actually happens e.g actual growth population in the downtown area may be more than what is currently anticipated. Predicted subdivision may not happen within a ten year period.
43.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)		Leave south of Lansdowne as is. NOT part of Town Ward.
44.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)		I would like Otonabee Ward left as it is. It is the southend, and all areas below Lansdowne Street should stay in Otonabee. Town Ward to me is the downtown area and they have their own issues. My issues are in the southend which is in Otonabee Ward.
45.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)		
46.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)		
47.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)		Using personal business items should not be used at these venues.

		Meeting)		
48.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)	Option D: Not using river as boundary	Change up colour of Ashburnham to better define the river boundary.
49.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)		There should be a balance of our wards. Option B would be the best because it will give Town Ward more of an advantage. We need a balance. Also, the politicians should not vote on this. It is unethical and unfair.
50.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)		
51.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)	Plus Town going south of Sherbrooke - along Clonsilla then south on Goodfellow to Lansdowne	Town should be extended on Hunter St. East to Rogers to include commercial fronting on Hunter in Town Ward & the DBIA.
52.	08/08/2017	Comment Card (Otonabee Meeting)	Lansdowne is a natural boundary	We in the south end have no connection or relationship with the downtown area.
53.	09/08/2017	Comment Card (Ward Wednesday)		
54.	09/08/2017	Online		I would also like the City to consider introducing the ranked ballot. It can be done even with two members per ward using the Single Transferable vote. Two good examples are the Australian Senate and the Dail (Lower House of the Parliament of the Republic of Ireland). Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.
55.	17/08/2017	Online		
56.	17/08/2017	Online		
57.	22/08/2017	Online		Why not wait until the annexation issues gets sorted out? I think this is a complete waste of time. The city is in process of annexing lands from the Cavan-North Monaghan to the west and south. When this finally happens the the city will have thousands of new residents and this map will have to re drawn yet again. The vast majority of city residents do not care about municipal politics.
58.	22/08/2017	Online		
59.	23/08/2017	Online		I think that this review is timely and essential to reflect the changing demographics of the city. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.
60.	23/08/2017	Online		

61.	24/08/2017	Email to Ryan		None of the proposed options changes the number of wards in the city. To me this is a meaningful change that needs to be a part of the review. I have lived in Peterborough since 1978. At the time there were about 60,000. We are now a city of more than 80,000 people. Peterborough's growth has been slow and steady but it is clear we've reached a point both population wise, and with a change in the geographic character of different parts of the city, that increased representation is needed. Why is the creation of at least one new ward not being considered?
62.	24/08/2017	Comment Card (2nd Public Meeting)		
63.	24/08/2017	Online		
64.	25/08/2017	Online		
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72.	25/08/2017	Online		
73.	25/08/2017	Online		
74.	27/08/2017	Online		
75.	28/08/2017	Email to Ryan		I appreciate that you are taking on the task of balancing the ward numbers for balance of these numbers/ work load and equal representation as our City grows. I also believe that there has to be respect to traditional neighborhoods and even school zones - although I know this does not effect trustees. You will understand this connection in my next paragraph. I believe that along the Otonabee River, below Lansdowne Street, is part of the traditional " south end" and should remain in the "Otonabee Ward". This south end does not align or relate to Town Ward. To take away these residents does not add to the Otonabee Ward numbers. To expand the Otonabee Ward numbers, I would propose another option of adding the section of Ashburnham Ward that is also along the Otonabee River south of Lansdowne Street. I'm not sure of the exact numbers here but it makes social sense in that these residents are very much connected to the neighbours on the other side of the river. Specifically with respect to schools. The children in these sections go to the same intermediate schools and high schools. Mainly Kenner & Holy Cross. The families, children and parents, are intertwined socially and often, economically similar. I note that other options have sections of Monaghan

				<p>Ward joining Otonabee. This may seem logical now but, when the annexation with Cavan Monaghan happens, this will not be as logical as adding part of Ashburnham. When CM becomes part of Peterborough, there will be a big residential jump for Monaghan. The biggest number immediately but much, much more as the residential development quickly develops in what would be the Monaghan Ward. It does not make sense to take a chunk out of the middle of Monaghan Ward knowing how the boundary will change and this potential chunk will now be in the middle of an expanded area. Otonabee Ward will also grow in land size but it is mostly industrial, hazard and airport. There will not be a great increase in residential numbers in this potential new section of Otonabee Ward. Adding these arguments to the report may be tricky because of the ongoing negotiations with the township but it should be considered. Even to the point of shelving this process until next term and an agreement has been finalized with the Township and County. Based on the numbers you have, I support Option A leaving Otonabee untouched. Please accept my comments as a citizen who has lived in the south end of Peterborough since I was two years old.</p>
76.	28/08/2017	Online		
77.	30/08/2017	Ward Wednesday		Lived in Otonabee for 60 years and it is easy for shopping and getting around. Need parking to get to North end of City. Glad to see the Casino in South End - employment and entertainment.
78.	04/09/2017	Online		
79.	07/09/2017	Online		
80.	07/09/2017	Comment Card (3rd Public Meeting)		
81.	07/09/2017	Comment Card (3rd Public Meeting)		I like the idea of clean boundaries with a lean towards leveling of forecasted populations.
82.	07/09/2017	Comment Card (3rd Public Meeting)		
83.	07/09/2017	Comment Card (3rd Public Meeting)		
84.	08/09/2017	Online	I believe we have a ward boundary system that promotes unfairness toward the electorate. Right now the city is biased toward the suburbs. In most cases the votes on contentious issues favors the view from the	I believe we have a problem that goes beyond the ward boundaries. It is the bias of the council being set up to favor the suburbs over city core. From what I can see the growth plans for the city will just continue to entrench the interests of the suburbs over the urban core. What we really need is a system that gives the core a stronger voice in those issues that impact the core.

			suburbs in a 6-4 vote on council. Ward 3, it should be given special status to remain as it is despite any population disparity. Additionally I see the new projects in Ward 4 as a means of diluting the voice of this ward.	
85.	08/09/2017	Online		Option C keeps the commercial area tied together and it has more commonality. Moving some of the Northcrest area to the south takes into consideration the growth experienced in the Northcrest Ward.
86.	08/09/2017	Online	Should be based on how people describe it..West, North, South & East. Not on Wards as people don't connect with this or identify with the Ward System.	Personally, I just think the City is being lazy! They just want to change the boundaries because that is just the easiest thing to do. What the City really needs is a "new Ward!" It needs to get rid of the 2 Councilor system and create a new Ward! One that is reflective of the growth in the West-End. The West End of the City does not get the attention it deserves!
87.	08/09/2017	Online		
88.	08/09/2017	Online		To me, it makes more sence to have the wards even. The monies would be more evenly spent.
89.	08/09/2017	Online		
90.	08/09/2017	Online		Question 5 seems ambigious. I am already in Town ward. Town ward will be affected by the changes.
91.	08/09/2017	Online		
92.	08/09/2017	Online		
93.	08/09/2017	Online	Socioeconomic status of the wards. If you join two areas that were not previously which have very different average socioeconomic statues it will be difficult for appropriate decisions to be made in these areas. You would have two groups with vastly different views, needs, and personal resources. It would not work well.	Please remember to keep in mind the socioeconomic status of different regions. Grouping high end homes with downtown or other impoverished areas would cause for huge divide in the ward; with one side having high income and the other having low income with highly differing needs.
94.	08/09/2017	Online		
95.	08/09/2017	Online		
96.	08/09/2017	Online		Option B maintains the current neighbourhoods and over time will result in the most equitable representation.
97.	08/09/2017	Online		
98.	08/09/2017	Online		
99.	08/09/2017	Online		
100.	08/09/2017	Online	Common use of services and geography by people in the the Ward. Common sphere of concerns, and mental map of the their neighborhood.	
101.	08/09/2017	Online		

102.	08/09/2017	Online	Demographic commonality. Grouping neighbourhoods who would have more similar experiences/views/desires together.	Town Ward is only expected to grow, therefore who new is in my ward will change, but who I vote fore won't. I think that including voters from too far west will lose the downtown focus/interest of Town Ward. I think residents just south of Lansdowne have a greater interest/activity in the downtown that those in the "new West end". Good luck!
103.	08/09/2017	Online	The concerns of Monaghan are in no way similar to those of Town Ward and I don't thin, councillors from that part of the city can adequately represent the concerns of suburban areas such as Monaghan. Besides, I wouldn't want to lose my current councillors assuming they are running in the next election.	Instead of redrawing ward maps, why not leave them as they are and increase the number of councillors per ward and leave the Town Ward numbers as they are now? In other words, have true rep by pop as we have at the senior levels of government.
104.	08/09/2017	Online		
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106.	08/09/2017	Online		
107.	08/09/2017	Online		
108.	08/09/2017	Phone call to Ryan		
109.	08/09/2017	Online	I feel the south end where I own my home (near braidwood) has different interests than that of spillsbury & Sir Sanford area. I feel that downtown is closer proximity wise and affects us more.	No.
110.	08/09/2017	Online	Socio-economic diversity, age diversity.	I have no qualms with changing wards, my biggest consideration is getting adequate representation for all walks of life. An important consideration is ensuring adequate representation and engagement for less vocal / engaged portion of the population (typically younger and lower on the socio-economic ladder). Option A adds more low income households to Otonabee ward, whereas B and C lump the vast majority of our low income/wage population into Town Ward -- while this provides a strong mandate for one ward, it doesn't serve to spread out these voices across more Councillors. Using information from http://communitymappingtool.pathwaystoeducation.ca/?_ga=2.57840674.961781151.1504882001-1943505016.1504882001 based on CMA (not a clean match to the Wards, but close enough)
111.	08/09/2017	Online	Option B offers a good balance of population per ward plus it is not convoluted in the boundaries.	
112.	08/09/2017	Online	When the predominant characteristic of a ward	Advocacy for recreational services and travel in all wards can be facilitated by ward boundaries.

			overshadows consideration for other areas in the ward it is not optimal. Neighbourhoods surrounding major community centers and employers such as the hospital, Trent and Fleming should be contained in specific wards.	
113.	08/09/2017	Online		I feel that the area I live in (We are north of Landsdowne St. in the GE area) would fit better in Town Ward. In Otonabee Ward we are caught between the needs of the South End and College Park.
114.	08/09/2017	Online		This process is long over due. The ward numbers are quite unbalanced, change is necessary to help right this. I have a concern about how this will be voted on however. In the past we have all witnessed when it comes down to a vote our current council listens to what the citizens have to say, what they want and then do what serves certain members. I hope I am proven wrong.
115.	08/09/2017	Online		This survey should be telling us what the populations are within each option map.
116.	08/09/2017	Email to Ryan		I think Ashburnham stretches into what I consider part of Northcrest ward. The configuration seems odd and I'm not sure how they relate.
117.	10/09/2017	Email to John		<p>1. I am concerned about the continuity of data and the ability to analyze changes over time with shifting Ward boundaries. It is important to be able to compare demographics and geography over time in the various wards, for historical and future projection as well as current and near-term City service analysis purposes. Thus, I would encourage you to align ward boundaries with existing census areas in order that those using such data can make the necessary corrections for analytical purposes.</p> <p>2. There does not yet seem to be completed City projections for the growth and location of growth in areas around the city. I understand that Planning Staff are part way through their analysis, but this has not yet emerged into a full public discussion nor into a strategy for the new Official Plan, approved by the province. This is fundamentally a question of where and when growth in population should occur; even the City's advisory committee on the Official Plan has yet to see such an analysis. Thus, I would take the projections provided in the Ward Boundary review to be preliminary at best, and quite likely to change once the Official Plan and its directions are more fully developed and discussed, and possibly revised by approval authorities (i.e. Council and the Province). I would be interested in knowing how the Ward Boundary Review projections were derived, and how they reflect the current Official Plan's structure (Schedule A1), which outlines intensification corridors along certain major roads (which for some do not show growth on the Review's projection maps). This may well have important implications for Town Ward's population numbers as intensification and</p>

				<p>higher densities will come increasingly into play in the centre of the City, as required in the Growth Plan.3. I have concerns about the reconfiguration of the south end. Some of the suggestions for changing ward boundaries (e.g. Options B and C) will disconnect the ward from its traditional links to industry centres and much of the Otonabee river.4. It may be useful to consider ward boundaries that more readily fall into ecologically relevant areas, such as sub-watersheds. The Ashburnham Ward already does so, being east of the River, and the dividing line between Northcrest and Monaghan wards might be better defined largely by Jackson Creek, west of Fairbairn (although this might disrupt census areas, too). The Otonabee Ward may well better configure to the Harper and Byersville Creeks subwatershed, with some additions.5. The survey asked for input on various options. My preference would be a hybrid between options A and B. Option A's extension of Town Ward west does not seem to fully recognize the population increase required in the downtown. Option C would split the Ward and Council direction for determining the future of Chemong Road, a key transportation and intensification corridor in our City. It is certainly a challenge to reconcile a number of these considerations, and I wish you and your team well as you work your way through the possibilities! Thank you for your work on this and the opportunity to provide my comments.</p>
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