



## PRESS RELEASE

# Toronto Ward Boundary Review Options Report Now Available

TORONTO, AUG 11, 2015 The Toronto Ward Boundary Review (TWBR) Options Report was released today. The Report outlines five options for new ward boundaries for Toronto. The design of the options incorporates the input received during round one of the TWBR's civic engagement and public consultation process. All of the options meet the required criteria for a new ward boundary system.

The purpose of the Report is to present options for new ward boundaries for the City of Toronto and receive feedback from residents, stakeholders and members of council.

### **There are two ways to provide feedback:**

1. Complete a survey: The survey can be completed online or in hard-copy format.
2. Attend a public meeting: 12 public meetings will take place across the city this fall, starting September 16.

The Options Report as well as information about the survey and the public meetings is available at [drawthelines.ca](http://drawthelines.ca).

The Options Report and survey are available in Farsi, Tamil, Urdu, Chinese (Simple), Chinese (Traditional), French, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, upon request.

Round two of the TWBR civic engagement and public consultation process is now underway. Feedback on the options will inform the Final Ward Boundary Review Report which will include a recommended option and be presented to the Executive Committee and City Council in May 2016.

### **About the Toronto Ward Boundary Review**

The Toronto Ward Boundary Review is looking at the size and shape of Toronto's wards in order to ensure that each person in Toronto is fairly represented at City Council. Toronto's significant growth has resulted in wards with populations above or below the current average of 61,000 with some wards 30 to 50 per cent above the average. The goal of the Review is to ensure that the population in every ward is similar in size throughout the city. The City of Toronto has oversight of the Toronto Ward Boundary Review. The study is being done by an independent team of consultants who are responsible for making sure the process is objective.

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