

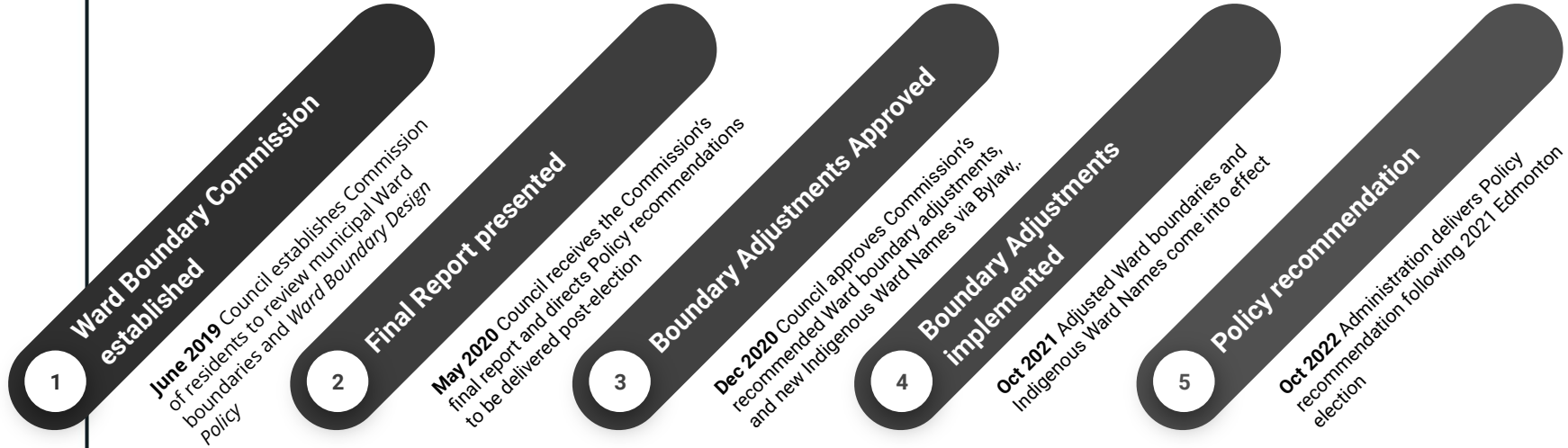
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# Ward Boundary Design Policy Review

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# Background



# Recommended Policy | Overview

*Policy C469B* provides values based strategic direction and establishes fundamental operational parameters regarding scope, frequency and process for Ward boundary reviews.

## **Policy Statement**

Articulates the purpose of the Policy - *Effective Representation* as the core principle

## **Guiding Principles**

Prioritizes the creation of conditions conducive to effective representation

Establishes the Ward boundary review process as the mechanism to evaluate and maintain the integrity of Ward boundaries

## **Process**

Restructures general process to:

- Establish a criteria based approach to determine review scope;
- Guide the delegation of authority to conduct review;
- Establish stakeholder consultation and public engagement standards

## **Criteria and Considerations**

Establishes the measures used to design Ward boundaries and provides direction on their application

## **Definitions**

Provides an expanded and refined set of definitions that align with corporate terminology

# Analysis and Adaptations

Internal and external engagement to assess:

- legislative and operational viability of recommendations;
- the potential implications for the stakeholders identified in *Policy C469A*

## Adaptations

Commission Recommendation	Final Recommendation	Rationale
Apply Commission's definition of <i>Effective Representation</i>	Apply the related Supreme Court definition	The Supreme Court ruling remains the most comprehensive and most recent definition
Tired population variance thresholds for Wards based on pace of population growth	Retain a single population variance threshold	Deemed not to be operationally viable in the absence of corporate definitions of 'fast' and 'slow' growth.  A single variance of 25% is consistent with both the current policy and that of comparable jurisdictions.
School Catchment areas used as an example of a Community of Interest	Reference removed	School board feedback indicate that school catchment areas do not necessarily reflect common values or interest

# Questions

*Thank you*

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