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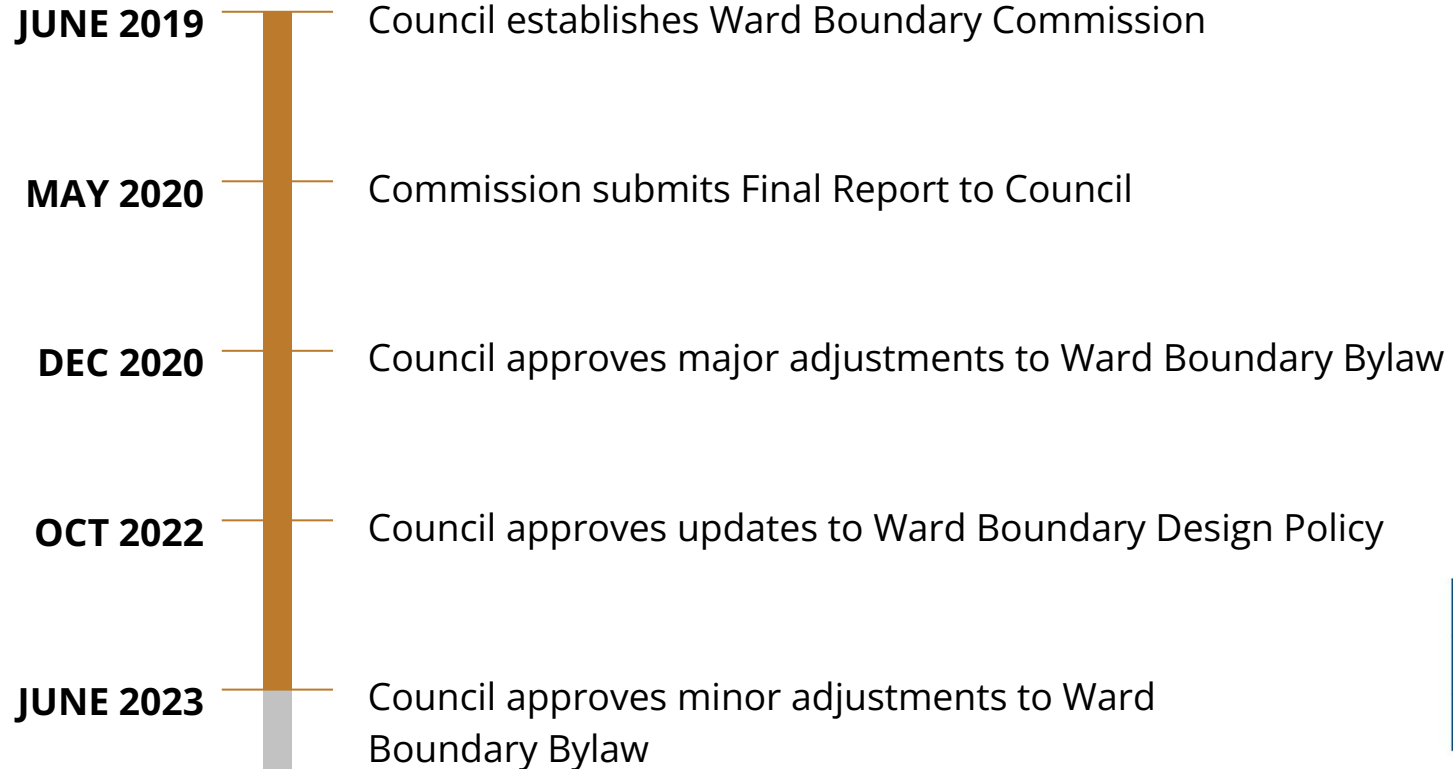
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## **Item 3.1 | Ward Boundary Design Criteria**

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*Council Services Committee  
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## Recent Ward Boundary Reviews and Council Decisions



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<b>JUNE 2019</b>	Council establishes Ward Boundary Commission
<b>MAY 2020</b>	Commission submits Final Report to Council
<b>DEC 2020</b>	Council approves major adjustments to Ward Boundary Bylaw
<b>OCT 2022</b>	Council approves updates to Ward Boundary Design Policy
<b>JUNE 2023</b>	Council approves minor adjustments to Ward Boundary Bylaw

## Ward Boundary Policy

**Policy C469B Ward Boundary Design** guides:

- the design of Edmonton's Municipal Ward boundaries through the application of criteria;
- the frequency and scope of Ward boundary reviews;
- when reviews are to be conducted by a Commission of residents

### **Guiding Principle | Maintain of Effective Representation**

Effective Representation refers to the *"balance of individual and group concerns."*

## Criteria Summary and Application

### Maintaining Effective Representation

**Voter Parity** is established by the requirement to ensure the population of Wards remains substantially equal.

**Shared interests** are reflected in criteria regarding Communities of Interest.

### Equity in Ward Boundary Design Policy

Guiding Principle reflects the balance of individual interests and group concerns.

Requirement to consider a mix of zones.

# Questions