

2011 Ward Boundary Review

Post 2010 General Municipal Election

Recommendation:

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That the requirement to conduct a ward boundary review after a General Municipal Election, as outlined in the Ward Boundary Policy C469A, be waived for the post 2010 General Municipal Election.

Report Summary

This information report responds to the Policy requirement for a ward boundary review. The 2009 municipal census information was used to establish the current ward boundaries, which meet the criteria established with the Ward Boundary Policy C469A.

Report

- On February 17, 2009, City Policy C469A, Ward Boundary Design Policy, was adopted as the policy for designing consistent ward boundaries for the City.
- Policy C469A outlines that in September, following each General Municipal Election, the Returning Officer will submit to Council a report which identifies:
 - the current population and eligible voters for each ward
 - the current variance of population and eligible voters for each ward

- potential ward boundary adjustments required before the next general municipal election
- The 2009 municipal census population data was used to establish the current 12 ward boundaries. As was reported in January of 2009, Administration anticipated that the 12 ward boundaries would be in place for the next three General Municipal elections.
- With no municipal census done in 2010 or 2011, the 2009 municipal Census data is the most current data available to analyze the ward boundaries.
- The City's door-to-door municipal census is based on neighbourhood areas and provides a more accurate neighbourhood population.
- The federal census is being conducted in 2011, with population results available in February 2012. The federal census data is reported by federal census tracts and not neighbourhood boundaries. The federal census data is estimated to fit the City's neighbourhood boundaries.
- Unless directed otherwise, Administration will not be presenting an up-to-date Ward Boundary Review.

Policy

- Bylaw 15142, the Ward Boundary and Council Composition Bylaw, complies with Ward Boundary Design Policy C469A.

Corporate Outcomes

The information contained in this report is consistent with Council's Strategic Vision in terms of its conditions of success, particularly with respect to

organizational capacity and sound management practices.

Justification of Recommendation

The most current census data available was used to create the City's current 12 ward boundaries, which came into effect on October 18, 2010. At this time, there is no new population-based data from which to review the City's ward boundaries, as required by Policy. Therefore, there is no up to date population data to allow for a ward boundary review to be completed at this time.