



Ward Boundaries

Date: January 27, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Pickles

Seconded By: Councillor Cook

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Pickering obtained the services of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. To undertake a review of the City's ward boundaries;

And Whereas, on August 30, 2021, Council adopted new ward boundaries which are set out in By-law 7875/21;

And Whereas, By-law 7875/21 was appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and although the appeal was withdrawn, the deadline for the new ward boundaries to take effect for the 2022 Municipal Election was not met in accordance with the requirements under the *Municipal Act*;

And Whereas, the new ward boundaries set out in By-law 7875/21 will take effect for the 2026 Municipal Election unless otherwise amended by the prescribed timelines set out in the *Municipal Act*;

And Whereas, several years have passed and intervening events, population growth patterns, and the population projections used in the Consultant's report to determine the proposed boundaries, should be reviewed to ascertain whether these boundaries are still relevant and equitable from an effective representation perspective;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the CAO:

1. That the City Clerk be directed to engage the services of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., to reconsider the findings in its Final Report titled "2020/2021 Ward Boundary Review, City of Pickering" dated June, 2021, based on available and updated population data, and to make recommendations on any appropriate adjustments to the ward boundaries set out in By-law 7875/21, and that such adjustments be consistent with applicable law and best practices;
2. That the Ward Boundary Review carried out by Watson & Associates include engaging in public consultation with suitable time allotted to effectively engage the

public through public information session, social media, website notice of boundary review, etc.;

3. That the costs associated with the review by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Shall not exceed \$35,000.00 plus applicable taxes, funded from Contingency Account 503500.11100; and,
4. That the City Clerk report back to Council with the Consultant's report and recommendations, no later than the end of Q2 2025, in order to consider any amendments to By-law 7875/21 in time for the adjusted ward boundaries to take effect for the 2026 Municipal Election.

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