

Public Meeting



CLEARVIEW

Council Composition & Ward Boundary Review

June 28, 2021 | 6:30 pm

Where we started



CLEARVIEW 2021 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Township of Clearview Council is reviewing its composition and ward boundaries to understand if our wards and Council representation is effective, equitable and an accurate reflection of who lives here. This review will have a lasting impact on how you're represented at the municipal level, now and into the future. We need your help to answer some big questions about how you are represented.

- Clearview's ward boundaries were last reviewed in 2013
- Prior to the next municipal election in 2022, Council chose to review Clearview's ward boundaries in relation to the previous study prepared by Watson & Associates – Dr. Robert Williams dated September 20, 2013
- An integral part of this process is public engagement, giving residents the opportunity to share their thoughts on council composition and the electoral process

Public Engagement



To move forward, at Council's direction a survey was issued exploring the public's interest in a ward or at-large system and council composition. The following were options that were proposed in the survey:

- a) **5 ward option (7-member council)** 5 Councillors, Deputy Mayor, Mayor
- b) **5 members elected at large (5-member council)** 3 Councillors, Deputy Mayor, Mayor
- c) **7 members elected at large (7-member council)** 5 Councillors, Deputy Mayor, Mayor
- d) **Maintaining the current ward system (9-member council)** 7 Councillors, Deputy Mayor, Mayor
- e) No preference

Survey Highlights:

- 342 people participated in this survey
- Ward 5 had the most respondents
- 50% of respondents stated they were satisfied with the current council composition
- Over 76% of respondents prefer the ward system
- 3 vote difference between keeping current composition or reducing the size of council to 7



Public Engagement



From the survey results and Council report that was presented at the March 22, 2021, meeting, staff were directed to proceed forward with a Public Meeting on the following two options:

Option 1: A five (5) ward structure (7 member Council)
5 Councillors, a Deputy Mayor and Mayor

Option 2: Maintain the current ward structure (9 member Council)
7 Councillors, a Deputy Mayor and Mayor

These two options represent the preference of the public who participated in the survey

Option 1 – Five Ward Structure



7 Member Council
5 Councillors, Deputy Mayor and Mayor

What would change?

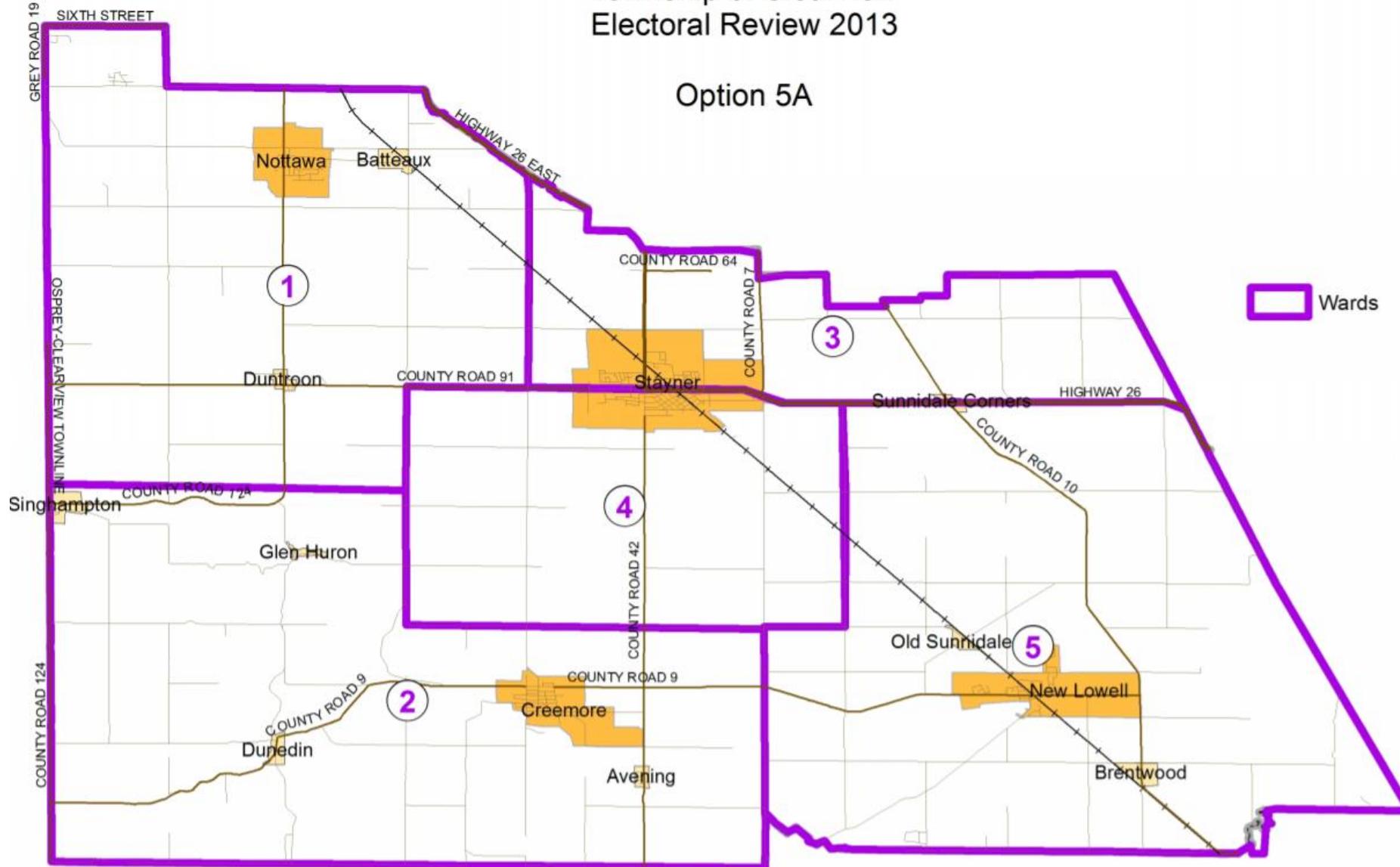
- Proposed Ward 1 would take some area to the south (Duntroon) that is currently seen in Ward 2
- Proposed Ward 2 would then take all the area that is currently seen in Ward 5 (Creemore)
- Proposed Ward 3 would increase geographically and take a portion of the Northeast corner of the Township currently seen in Ward 6
- Proposed Ward 4 would increase geographically going in the direction of both East and West
- Proposed Ward 5 would encompass all of the area currently seen in Ward 7, including the southern portion currently seen Ward 6, up to Sunnidale Corners
- **Essentially to reduce the ward size from 7 to 5 – Wards 5 and 6 are amalgamated with the bordering wards**

Option 1 – Five Ward Structure



Township of Clearview
Electoral Review 2013

Option 5A



Option 1 – Five Ward Structure



Schedule C – 5 ward options proposed during the 2013 Ward Boundary Review

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Population based on 2013 Watson Ward Boundary Review as a basis; added on by photo review to 2018; added the 2019-2020 subdivision permits; then based on local knowledge forecast to 2022 and into the future.

Assumptions:

1. Applied a 2.6 ppu (persons per unit) across the board for simplicity. This is a blend of Watsons aging population figures over time. We did not differential between ppu of different units such as a higher ppu for detached dwellings versus townhouses or apartments. We also rounded up from 0.5
2. Other than Windrose, I assumed the rural development to be equal among the wards and therefore did not add it in.

Watson 5A Ward Boundaries Population Forecasts

Ward	2013 Watson	2018 Planning	2020 Planning	2022 Planning	2026 Planning	2030 Planning
1	3645	3661	3682	3698	3744	4033
2	3545	3548	3613	3613	4125	4453
3	2605	2613	2902	3009	3602	4358
4	2890	2932	3096	3503	4591	5215
5	3095	3108	3118	3117	3118	3378
Total	15,780	15,862	16,411	16,940	19,180	21,437

Option 2 – Seven Ward Structure

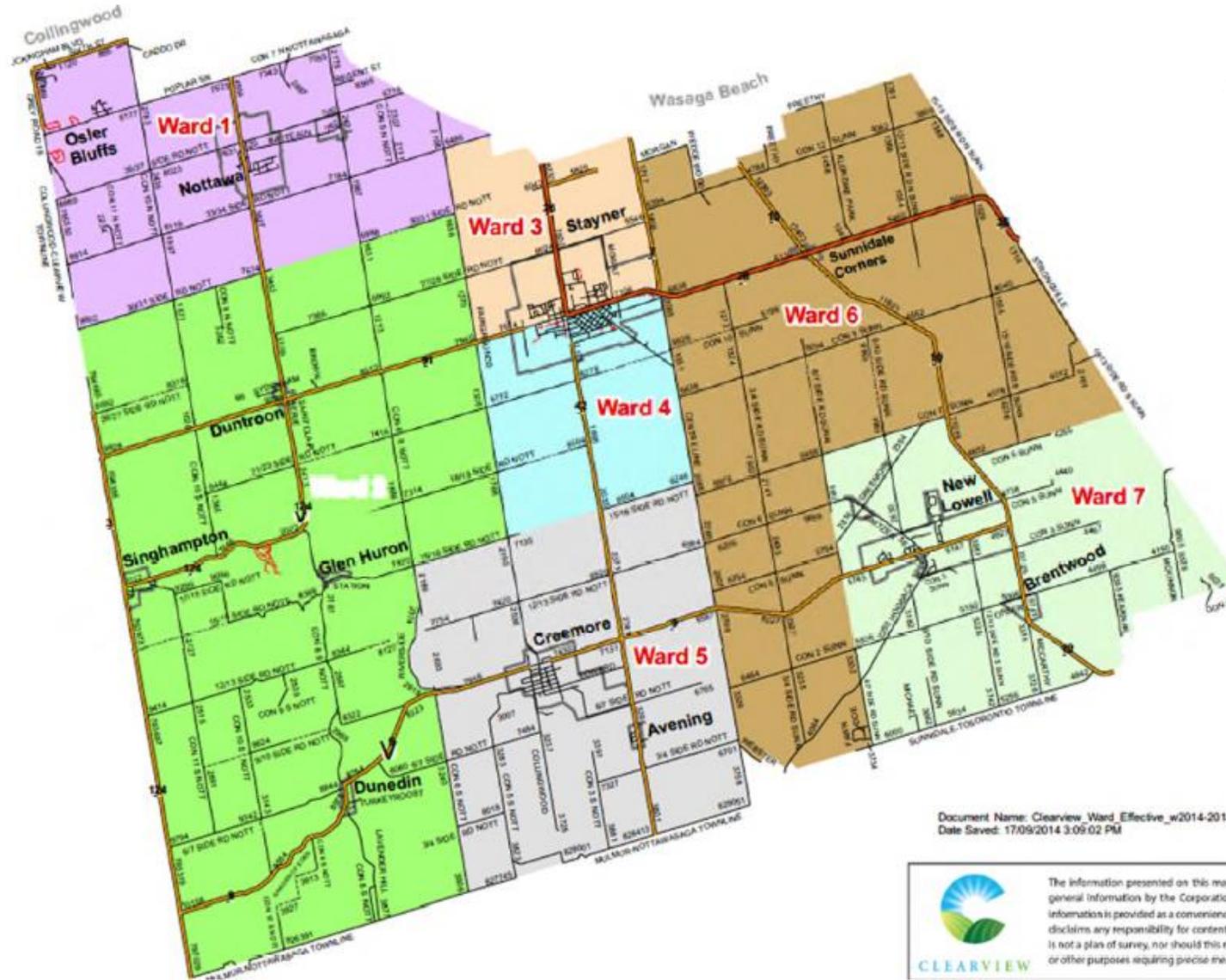


9 Member Council
7 Councillors, Deputy Mayor and Mayor

Background

- Since amalgamation in 1994, Clearview Township has consisted of 7 wards
- These wards were re-configured during the 2013 Ward Boundary Review to meet the expectations set out in the guiding principles, specifically Equality of Representation & Populations Trends
- An amended Option 7A from the Review was adopted under By-law 13-64 as the new ward boundaries. This amended version was based on requested modifications made at the October 7, 2013, Council meeting

Option 2 – Seven Ward Structure



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Population Distribution 2014 – 2022

Population¹ by Ward - Option 7A (for Bylaw)

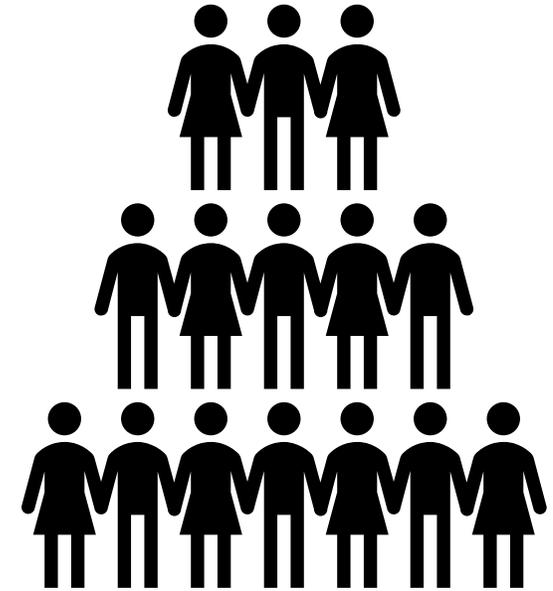
WARD_NO	Year					
	2014 Estimate		2018 Forecast		2022 Forecast	
	Population	Variance	Population	Variance	Population	Variance
1	2,835	125%	2,825	121%	2,815	114%
2	2,545	113%	2,565	110%	2,565	104%
3	2,210	98%	2,415	103%	3,035	123%
4	2,545	113%	2,795	119%	2,865	116%
5	2,130	94%	2,305	99%	2,685	108%
6	1,355	60%	1,315	56%	1,280	52%
7	2,195	97%	2,150	92%	2,090	84%
Total	15,815		16,375		17,335	
Average	2,259		2,339		2,476	

Source: Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Ward Boundary Review Principles ✓

There are 6 Guiding Principles contained within the Watson & Associates Electoral Review report to consider when achieving an effective and equitable system of representation:

- 1) **Representation by Population/Equality of Representation**
- 2) **Population and Electoral Trends**
- 3) **Means of Communication and Accessibility**
- 4) **Geographic and Topographical Features**
- 5) **Community or Diversity of Interests**
- 6) **Effective Representation**



Other Considerations



When developing or reconfiguring Wards also think of the following:

- Are the proposed Wards plausible as a means to provide effective representation?
- Are they drawn in such a way that representatives can readily play the role expected of them?
- Does the design offer effective and fair representation conducive to good government?

Key component of 2013 Review was representation by population and accommodation for future growth. It's important to consider optimal size:

- In 2013, calculated the optimal size for a standard ward by dividing the estimated total population of the municipality by the number of wards. 25% over or under is the tolerable outer limit
- This is based on best practice and is aligned with the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act that requires provincial boundary commissioners to stay within a variance of 25%

Simcoe Municipalities



Summary of Council Compositions with Ward Systems

Municipality	Population	# of Wards	# of Council Members
Township of Springwater	19,059	5	7
Township of Essa	21,083	3	5
Town of Innisfil	41,230	7	9
Town of New Tecumseth	41,439	8	10
Township of Oro-Medonte	21,036	5	7
Township of Ramara	9,488	5	7
Township of Severn	13,477	5	7
Township of Tay	10,033	3	7
Township of Adjala Tosorontio	10,975	5	7
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	35,325	7	9
Town of Midland	16,864	3	9

Next Steps



Options Report – Final Decision

- An options report will be provided to Council at the July 12th meeting for the two selections outlined during this Public Session

Remain with Current 7 Ward Structure

- If Council chooses to remain with current ward structure (9 member Council) no changes need to be made as we move into the 2022 Election

Decision to Adopt 5 Ward Structure

- If Council chooses to adopt the 5 ward structure (7 member Council) a by-law will be presented to Council for the boundary realignments
- Once the by-law is passed, the public has 45-days to file a notice of appeal to the municipality which will be heard at LPAT
- If no appeals received, the new boundary realignments will be provided to MPAC by January 1, 2022 and the new 5 ward structure will be in place for the 2022 Election