



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 1, 2017
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	City of Hamilton Ward Boundary Review – Final Consultant Report (Amended) (CL16009 (b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Rose Caterini, City Clerk x5409
SUBMITTED BY:	Rose Caterini, City Clerk
SIGNATURE:	

Council Direction:

At the October 27th, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting, the following direction was approved:

(1) Potential Alternative Model Options respecting the Hamilton Ward Boundary Review

- (a) That members of Hamilton City Council be requested to forward, to the City Clerk, who in turn will provide to Watson and Associates, in association with Dr. Robert Williams, Trust Learning Solutions and ICI Associates, any further suggestions that the Council members may have for alternative ward boundary model options no later than Friday, November **30**, 2016; and,
- (b) That Watson and Associates be directed to compile any additional ward boundary model options that may be provided by members of Council into a consolidated report, which is to also include the two (2) options currently listed in Appendix “A” to Report CL16009(a), respecting the City of Hamilton Ward Boundary Review – Final Consultant Report, and report back to a future General Issues Committee.

Information:

Consultants Watson and Associates in association with Dr. Robert J. Williams, Trust Learning Solutions and ICA Associates Inc., presented their Final Report dated October 11, 2016, to the General Issues Committee on October 27th, 2016. The Report provided an overview of the study and presented two ward boundary options for Committee’s consideration.

As directed by GIC, the Consultants have prepared a consolidated report, attached hereto as Appendix "A". This Final Report (Amended), dated January 16, 2017, presents three alternative Options for the Committee's consideration. The assessment of these options is presented in Chapter 5 (pages 27-46) of the attached Report.

Pursuant to the *Municipal Act* (MA), a ward boundary change requires a by-law to be passed by Council. The MA also provides for an appeal to the by-law which may be brought to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing.

Summary of Time Lines:

- The By-law establishing ward boundaries is passed by Council.
- Within 15 days of passage of the By-law, notice is given to the public specifying the last date for filing a notice of appeal.
- Within 45 days of the passage of the By-law, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, or any other person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) by filing a notice of appeal setting out objections to the By-law and reasons in support of the objections
- Within 15 days after last day for filing a notice of appeal, all appeals are forwarded to OMB.
- The OMB hears any appeals and makes an order affirming, amending or repealing the By-law.
- To be in effect for the 2018 municipal elections, the OMB decision must be made by December 31, 2017. In the past, the OMB has acted to ensure this deadline is met.