

## **Consultant Team – Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020**

The Consultant Team for the Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020 includes three highly experienced professionals.

- **Ms. Beate Bowron FCIP, RPP (Beate Bowron Etcetera Inc.)** will be the Project Manager and will also be responsible for the public consultation component of the project.
- **Dr. Gary Davidson FCIP, RPP (The Davidson Group Inc.)** is a political scientist and the project's expert on effective representation. He will be responsible for generating ward boundary options and developing a recommended option(s) for Ottawa City Council.
- **Russell Mathew, RPP, Professional Land Economist (Hemson Consulting Ltd.)** is the project's lead demographer and expert in economic and demographic forecasting. He will be responsible for the population forecast models, population projections for the next four municipal elections and the GIS component of the project.

Hemson Consulting is among the most well-informed firms in the province concerning economic and demographic growth outlooks, employment area analysis, municipal comprehensive reviews, long-range planning and planning to conform to the Growth Plan. Russell Mathew is extremely familiar with the Ottawa area. Some relevant projects are listed below:

- Land Use Allocation – City of Ottawa
- Development Charge Study, Growth Forecast – City of Ottawa
- Employment Land Review – City of Ottawa

The Davidson Group and Beate Bowron Etcetera are leaders in preparing ward boundary reviews in Ontario. They first developed and applied their successful approach to reviewing ward boundaries during the 2005 City of Ottawa Ward Boundary Review. Since then, major clients of the firms have included the York Region District School Board, the City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board. More recently, the two firms have partnered with Hemson Consulting for the City of Vaughan Ward Boundary Review and for the Town of Aurora Electoral System Review.

All three principals for the Ottawa Ward Boundary Review have over 30 years' experience, are Registered Professional Planners in Ontario and have successfully defended their work before the Ontario Municipal Board (now Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) and the courts.