

MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

To / Destinataire Mayor Watson and Members of Council

From / Expéditeur M. Rick O'Connor
City Clerk

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Subject / Objet Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020 – Date: September 2, 2021
Outcome of Appeals

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that in a written decision released earlier today, the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) made an order amending the ward boundaries contained in the City of Ottawa’s Ward Boundary [By-law No. 2021-3](#) (the “By-law”) to include the specific ward boundary modifications approved by Council on April 14, 2021. The OLT further dismissed the balance of the appeals. A copy of the Tribunal’s decision is attached as Document 1.

Ontario Land Tribunal’s Decision

As Members are aware, the Old Ottawa East Community Association and the Overbrook Community Association filed notices of appeal following Council’s enactment of By-law No. 2021-3 on January 27, 2021. Thereafter, on April 14, 2021, Council approved Motion No. 51/5, directing Legal Services to seek specific boundary modifications from the Tribunal, as a potential settlement to the appeals.

Following a hearing on July 12, 2021, the OLT made a written order today amending the By-law to include the specific ward boundary modifications set out in Motion No. 51/5 (attached). The OLT did not order any other changes to the By-law and the balance of the appeals was dismissed.

Maps for the affected wards, being the current wards 12, 13 and 17, are set out within Document 1 as Appendix A, Appendix B and Appendix C.

Next Steps

The new ward boundaries established by the amended By-law will be in effect for the 2022 Municipal Elections. The Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020 website (ottawa.ca/wardboundary) will be updated in the coming days to reflect the amended By-law and maps.

A report regarding the implementation of the new ward boundaries is to be considered by the Finance and Economic Development Committee and Council in the fall of 2021. As the new ward boundary structure includes an additional ward, the forthcoming report will include matters such as the naming/numbering of wards, the administration of the Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Funds Policy, and the Temporary Traffic Calming Measures Program.

Members wishing to raise any proposals for specific ward name changes (for existing or new wards) for inclusion in this report should contact the City Clerk **no later than Friday, September 10, 2021.**

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