



## Township of Cavan Monaghan Ward Boundary Review (WBR)

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Final Report, June 2021  
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# Project Summary



The study began in the fall of 2020. Watson & Associates in association with Dr. Robert Williams was the consultant team selected to conduct this review on behalf of the Township.



Research/Information Gathering/Interviews with Council & Staff



Population Forecasting/Technical Analysis/Evaluation Of Existing Wards



Development Of Preliminary Ward Boundary Options



Public Engagement (i.e. surveys, information sessions, webpage)

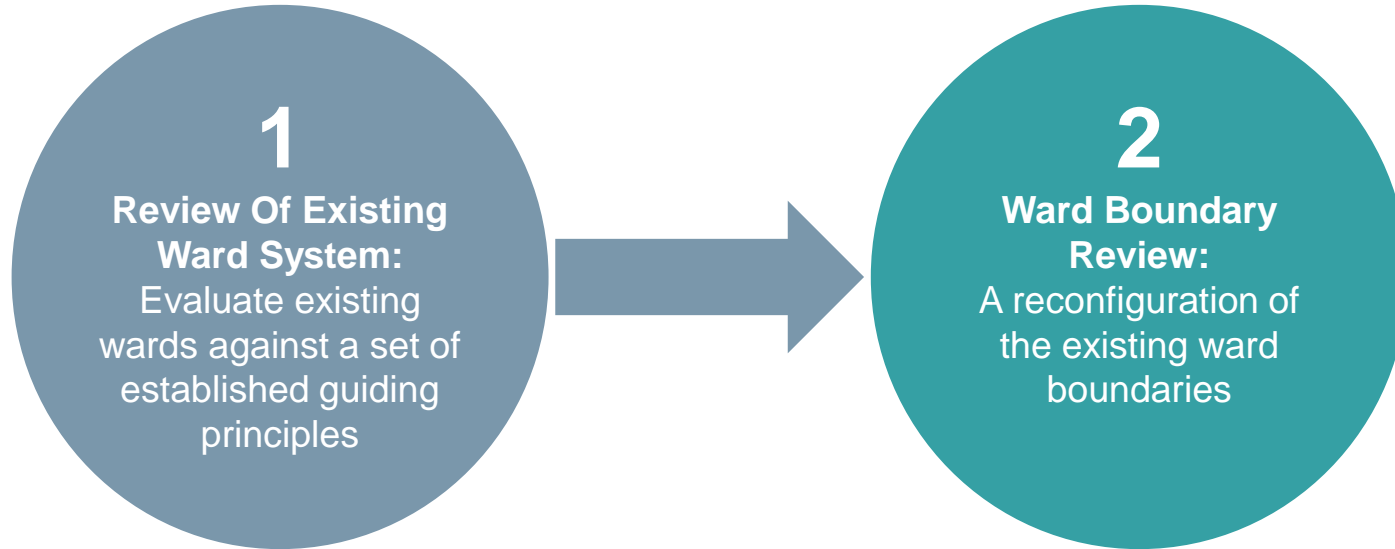


Reports (Discussion Paper, Interim Report, Final Report)



Council meeting

# 2 Phase Study



# Public Engagement



## A Comprehensive Public Engagement Strategy Was Employed

1. Surveys: 77 responses

2. Social media engagement: Over 5,000 people reached on Facebook and Twitter.

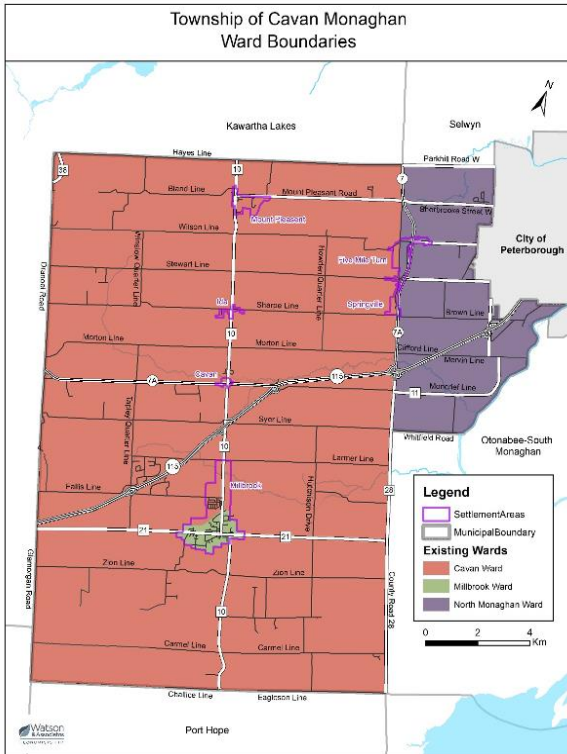
3. Public consultation sessions: Virtual Public Information Sessions (some were live streamed and recordings of sessions available on website)

4. Interviews, radio ads, and direct outreach to members of the community.

# Existing System



Council is comprised of 5 members; the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (both elected at-large) and 3 Local Councillors, elected in 3 wards.



Ward	2021 Population <sup>[1]</sup>	Variance	Optimal Range	2030 Population <sup>[1]</sup>	Variance	Optimal Range
Cavan Ward	7,230	2.10	OR+	8,680	2.22	OR+
Millbrook Ward	1,810	0.53	OR-	1,800	0.46	OR-
North Monaghan Ward	1,270	0.37	OR-	1,250	0.32	OR-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,310</b>	-	-	<b>11,730</b>	-	-
<b>Average</b>	<b>3,437</b>	-	-	<b>3,910</b>	-	-

# Preliminary Options

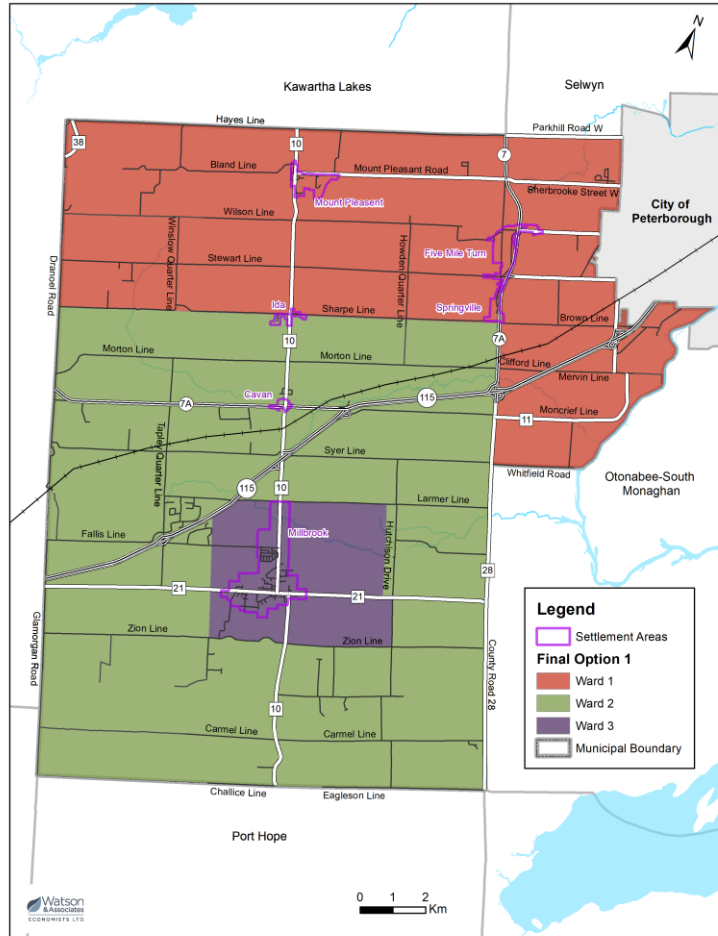


The consultant team developed a total of **4 preliminary ward boundary options** for consideration in the Interim Options Report.

The preliminary options considered a variety of factors such as;

- ✓ Guiding principles, Best Practices, Case Law
- ✓ Community feedback/engagement
  - Option 4 was selected by approximately 46% of the residents of Caledon as most preferred.
    - 43% of respondents selected “None of the above”

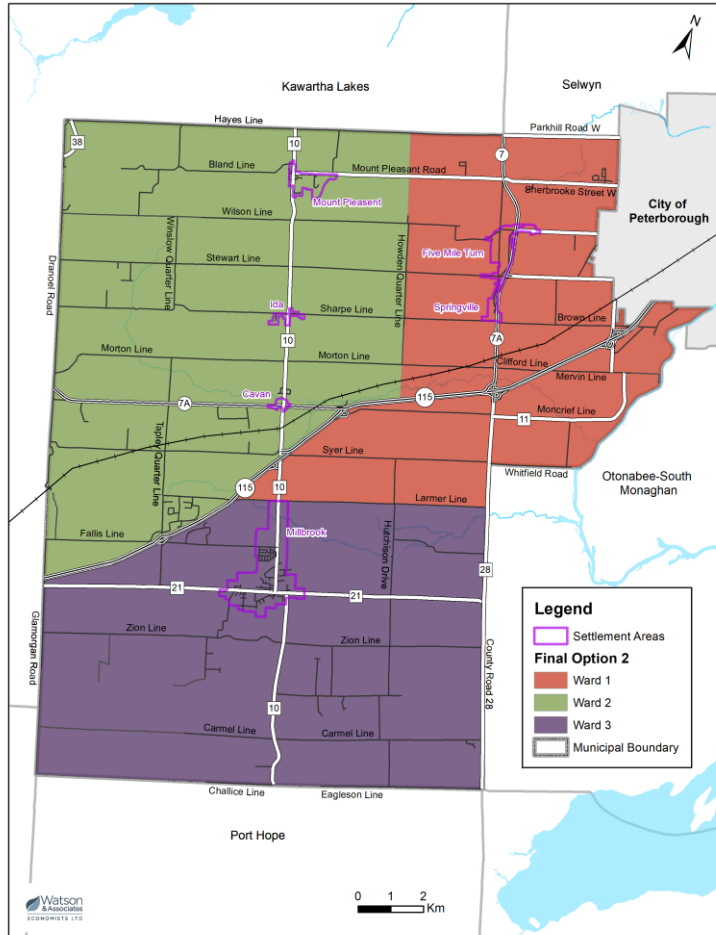
# Recommended Option 1



## OPTION 1 (Based on Preliminary Option 4)

Ward Number	2021 Population <sup>[1]</sup>	Variance	Optimal Range	2030 Population <sup>[1]</sup>	Variance	Optimal Range
Ward 1	3,590	1.04	O	3,640	0.93	O-
Ward 2	3,720	1.08	O+	3,660	0.94	O-
Ward 3	3,000	0.87	O-	4,440	1.13	O+
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,310</b>	-	-	<b>11,730</b>	-	-
<b>Average</b>	<b>3,437</b>	-	-	<b>3,910</b>	-	-

# Recommended Option 2



## OPTION 2 (Based on Preliminary Option 1)

Ward Number	2021 Population <sup>[1]</sup>	Variance	Optimal Range	2030 Population <sup>[1]</sup>	Variance	Optimal Range
Ward 1	2,300	0.67	OR-	2,260	0.58	OR-
Ward 2	3,240	0.94	O-	3,290	0.84	O-
Ward 3	4,770	1.39	OR+	6,180	1.58	OR+
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,310</b>	-	-	<b>11,730</b>	-	-
<b>Average</b>	<b>3,437</b>	-	-	<b>3,910</b>	-	-



# Evaluation Summary Of Options



- Option 1: A three-ward option with a focus on the representation by population principle. Population parity is very good, while still providing a good balance and consideration of the other guiding principles.
- Option 2: A three-ward option with a focus on the community of interest principle. While population distribution amongst the wards is not ideal, the population differences between the largest and smallest wards in 2021 is only less than 2,500 people.



## Ward Numbering

The Consultant Team understands that the labels attached to some of the proposed wards vary from the long-standing association of ward names with particular wards or parts of the Township.

The numbers assigned by the consulting team to the proposed wards were more or less arbitrary labels associated with the development of various scenarios in our reports.

If/when Council approves wards for the 2022 municipal election for the Township, the new boundaries will be incorporated in a by-law. The names or numbers attached to the Wards established in the by-law can be re-arranged, where possible, to maintain such historic linkages or to clarify the relationship between and among the wards.



## Next Steps

- Council can
  - Choose one of the recommended options;
  - Ask for changes or revisions to a recommended option (or choose one of the other preliminary options);
  - Adopt a by-law to dissolve the wards.
  - Take no action
- Should Council choose to implement new ward boundaries, it would have to pass a bylaw.
- Any action respecting ward boundary reconfigurations (including taking no action, albeit with limitations) could be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal. A new bylaw can be appealed up to 45 days after passage.

**Questions?**