

Memorandum

FROM: Regional Councilor Mario Ferri
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
DATE: April 16, 2009
RE: Committee of the Whole, April 20, 2009
(Ward Boundary Review / Ward Configuration Options)
COPY: City Clerk

Building on the work of my colleague, Regional Councillor Frustaglio in respect of ward boundary option 5D, I am prepared to submit for your consideration an alternative motion, as follows:

That Council maintain the present total of five wards, with boundaries adjusted as indicated on the attached map labeled '5E', with accompanying population statistics.

Rationale:

5E builds on 5D in that it acknowledges certain values:

Re Ward 1

- ensuring that the historic core of Maple is not divided into two wards by Major Mackenzie Drive

Re Ward 2

- maintaining the Woodbridge Expansion Area's connection with Woodbridge
- retaining Boyd Conservation Area as the appropriate boundary for dividing Woodbridge into two wards.

Re Ward 3

- ensuring that Vellore Village is not divided into two wards by Major Mackenzie Drive

Re Ward 4

- ensuring that the Carrville Village development node is in one ward, rather than split in two

- maintaining the separation of Concord from Thornhill, critical to Concord being viewed in fact as an historically separate community

Over and above the foregoing, 5E retains Kleinburg's historic connection to the Maple community, to which it has been joined since "the beginning of time", as far as I can tell.

In terms of the factors to be taken into account as part of this effort, I note the following:

No population variances greater than 15% based on the average population between the wards: The average deviations in years 2010, 2014, and 2018 are, respectively, 3%, 10%, and 13%, suggesting a realignment of wards would be in order during the 2018-2022 term of Council.

The maintenance of distinct communities: See above

Acknowledgement of natural or built boundaries between communities: As with 5D, 5E pays attention to natural boundaries (such as Boyd Conservation Area, the north-south arm of the greenbelt) and built boundaries (such as Highway 400 and 7).

Use of easily identifiable boundaries: As with 5D, boundaries are easily identifiable, including natural features such as Boyd Conservation Area, and built boundaries such as Highways 400 and 7, regional roads, and mid-block collectors (e.g., Thornhill Woods Drive and New Westminster---this last street already serving as a ward boundary).

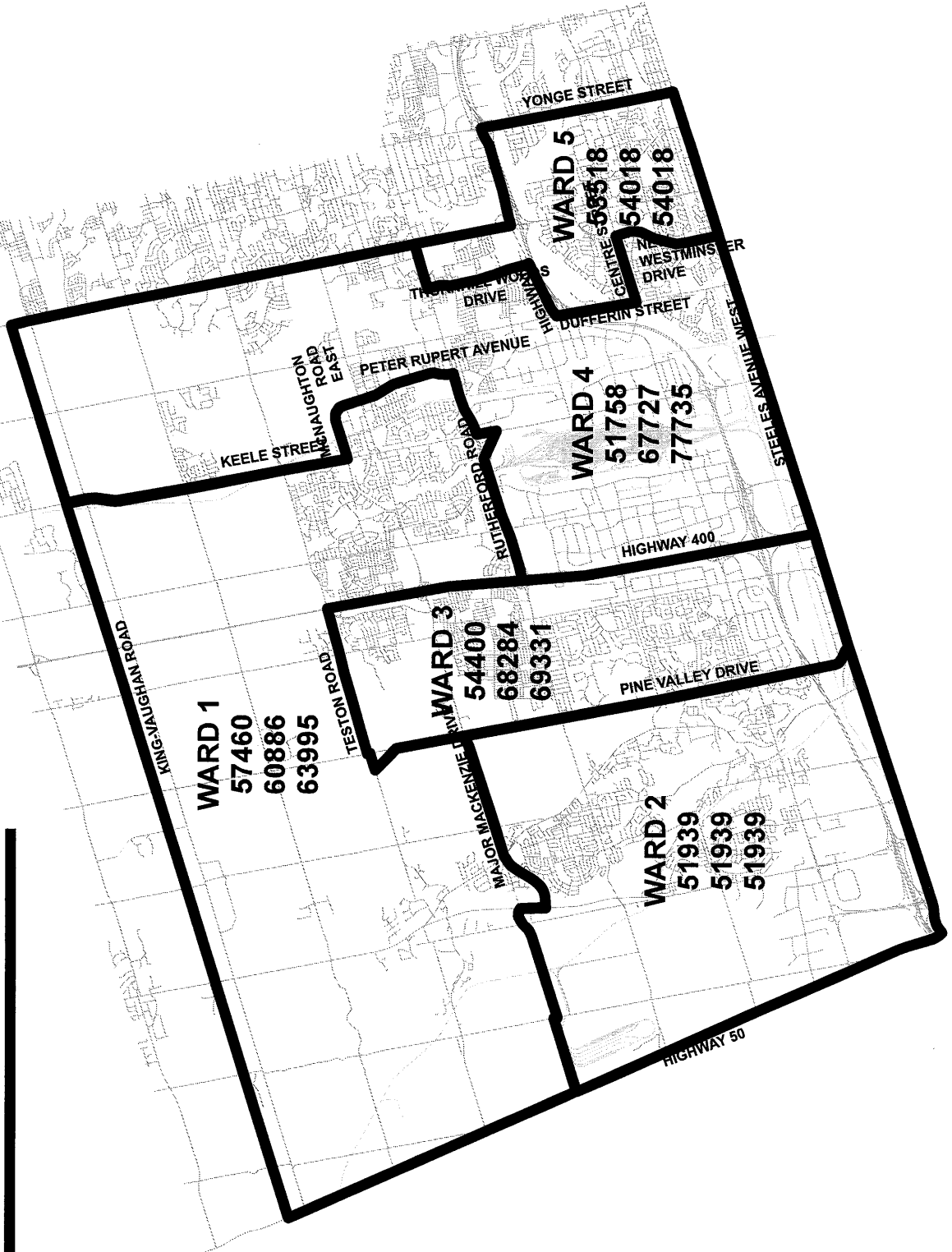
Recognition of communities of interest: See above

Accommodation of future growth: Unlike 5D, 5E is based only on OPA approved estimates to date. While 5D was based on what might be viewed as reasonable assumptions about development over and above planned growth areas, it is based nevertheless on assumptions.

Conclusion

5E refines 5D, particularly in that it acknowledges Kleinburg's historic connection to Maple.

5 WARD 'E'



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Ward	2010			5 WARD 'E'			2014			2018		
	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)	Population	Variation from Average Ward Population (%)
1	57,460	7	60,886	1	63,995	1	63,995	1	63,995	1	63,995	1
2	51,939	-3	51,939	-14	51,939	-18	51,939	-14	51,939	-18	51,939	-18
3	54,400	1	68,284	13	69,331	9	69,331	13	69,331	9	69,331	9
4	51,758	-4	67,727	12	77,735	23	77,735	12	77,735	23	77,735	23
5	53,518	-1	54,018	-11	54,018	-15	54,018	-11	54,018	-15	54,018	-15
Total Population			269,075		302,854		317,018		317,018		317,018	
Average Population per Ward			53,815		60,571		63,404		63,404		63,404	
Average Deviation from Ward Avg. Population			1,692	3	6,074	10	8,340	3	8,340	10	8,340	13

