

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>PROPOSED BY-LAW TO AMEND CITY OF LONDON WARD BOUNDARIES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the attached proposed by-law (Appendix 'A') BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on March 2, 2017.

**PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER**

- Corporate Services Committee – January 24, 2017 – Review of City of London Ward Boundaries
- Corporate Services Committee – January 10, 2017 – Review of City of London Ward Boundaries – Public Participation Meeting
- Corporate Services Committee – July 19, 2016 – Amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act*
- Finance and Administration Committee – May 4, 2011 – Proposed Ward Boundary Review Policy
- Governance Task Force – March 10, 2009 – Final Report of the Governance Task Force

**PURPOSE**

This report brings forward the Municipal Council's proposed changes to the current ward boundaries, for public comment, finalization and recommendation to the Municipal Council at its meeting to be held on March 2, 2017.

**BACKGROUND**

Municipal Council, at its meeting held on January 31, 2017 and February 1, 2017 resolved:

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the proposed by-law included as Appendix 'A' to the staff report dated January 24, 2017 BE REFERRED to a future public participation meeting of the Corporate Services Committee on a date that can accommodate a meeting start time that is later in the day, in order to receive public input on the proposed ward boundary changes.

Based on Council Policy, Case Law, and past Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decisions, the City Clerk has determined that ward boundary adjustments included in the draft proposed by-law for the 2018 Municipal Election would be in order, should the Municipal Council choose to proceed with those changes.

**CONCLUSION**

**Next Steps:**

Based upon the Municipal Council's direction arising from the public input the Corporate Services Committee receives at its Special Meeting on February 27, 2017, the City Clerk will finalize any proposed boundary adjustments and bring forward a by-law in its final draft form to the Municipal Council at its meeting to be held on March 2, 2017, in order to implement the changes to the ward boundaries.

Under section 222(8) of the Municipal Act, a by-law to change the current ward boundaries comes into force on the day the new Council is organized, provided that the by-law is passed and any appeal to the OMB is settled prior to January 1 of the year in which the regular election is held. However, it should be noted that while the redivided ward boundaries do not come into force until the new council is organized (December 1, 2018), Section 222(9) of the Municipal Act requires the Clerk to conduct the 2018 municipal election as if the by-law was already in force.

Within 15 days of passage of the by-law, the municipality must provide a Notice of Passing together with the final date for submission of any appeals (appeals must be submitted within 45 days of the passing of the by-law).

Within 15 days of the final date for submission of an appeal, any appeals must be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) together with any other information or material that the Board may require regarding the appeal(s);

The OMB would then hold a Hearing and may affirm, amend, or repeal the City's By-law.

The entire process, including receipt of the Decision of the OMB regarding any appeals, must be completed no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in order for the revised ward boundaries to be in place for the 2018 Municipal Election. If the OMB was to repeal the City's by-law, the existing boundaries would remain in place for the 2018 Municipal Election and the review process would need to be repeated, in order to propose revisions to ward boundaries for the 2022 election.

<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>
<b>SARAH CORMAN MANAGER, LICENSING &amp; ELECTIONS</b>	<b>CATHY SAUNDERS, CITY CLERK</b>

**Appendix A  
Proposed By-law**

Bill No.  
2017

By-law No. E.-

A By-law to redivide the wards in the City of  
London.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers, and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting: in paragraph 1, Governance structure of the municipality and its local boards, and, in paragraph 2, Accountability and transparency of the municipality and its operations and of its local boards and their operations;

AND WHEREAS Section 222(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that, without limiting sections 9, 10, 11 of the Act, a municipality may divide or redivide the municipality into wards or to dissolve the existing wards;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. That the wards described below and shown on the map attached as Schedule 'A' to this by-law are hereby the wards for the City of London;

Ward 1 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Wellington Road, the centre line of the South Branch of the River Thames and the centre line of Adelaide Street North; on the north by the centre line of the Canadian National Railway; on the east by the east City Limit; and on the south by the centre line of the South Branch of the River Thames, and the centre line of Highbury Avenue South and the centre line of Commissioners Road East.

Ward 2 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Hale Street and its projection northerly to the centre line of the Canadian Pacific Railway; on the north by the centre line of the Canadian Pacific Railway; on the east by the east City Limit; and on the south by the centre line of the Canadian National Railway.

Ward 3 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Highbury Avenue North, the centre line of Huron Street, the centre line of Briarhill Avenue, the centre line of Kipps Lane, the centre line of Adelaide Street North, the centre line of the North Branch of the River Thames and the centre line of Highbury Avenue North; on the north by the north City Limit; on the east by the east City Limit; and on the south by the centre line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Ward 4 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Adelaide Street North; on the north by the centre line of Kipps Lane, the centre line of Briarhill Avenue and the centre line of Huron Street; on the east by the centre line of Highbury Avenue North, the centre line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the centre line of the northerly projection of Hale Street and the centre line of Hale Street; and on the south by the centre line of the Canadian National Railway.

Ward 5 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Richmond Street; on the north by the north City Limit; on the east by the centre line of Highbury Avenue North; and on the south by the centre line of the North Branch of the River Thames.

Ward 6 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Wonderland Road North, the centre line of Gainsborough Road, the centre line of the northerly projection of Medway Creek, and the centre line of Medway Creek; on the north by the centre line of Fanshawe Park Road West; on the east by the centre line of the North Branch of the River Thames, and the centre line of Adelaide Street North; and on the south by the centre line of Oxford Street West.

Ward 7 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the west City Limit; on the north by the north City Limit; on the east by the centre line of Richmond Street, by the centre line of Fanshawe Park Road West, by the centre line of Medway Creek, the centre line of the southerly projection of Medway Creek, the centre line of the Gainsborough Road Allowance, the centre line of Gainsborough Road, and by the centre line of Wonderland Road North; and on the south by the centre line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Ward 8 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the west City Limit; on the north by the centre line of the Canadian Pacific Railway; on the east by the centre line of Wonderland Road North and the centre line of the Canadian National Railway; and on the south by the centre line of the River Thames.

Ward 9 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the west City Limit; on the north by the centre line of the River Thames; on the east by the centre line of the northerly projection of Springbank Gate (private), the centre line of Springbank Gate (private), the centre line of Commissioners Road West, the centre line of Byron Baseline Road, the centre line of Colonel Talbot Road, the centre line of Southdale Road West and the centre line of Wonderland Road South; and on the south by the south City Limit.

Ward 10 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Colonel Talbot Road, the centre line of Byron Baseline Road, the centre line of Commissioners Road West, the centre line of Springbank Gate (private), the centre line of the northerly projection of Springbank Gate (private) to the centre line of the River Thames; on the north by the centre line of the River Thames; on the east by the centre line of Wonderland Road South, the centre line of Commissioners Road West and the centre line of Wharncliffe Road South; and on the south by the centre line of Wonderland Road South and by the centre line of Southdale Road West.

Ward 11 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by centre line of Wonderland Road South; on the north by the centre line of the River Thames, the centre line of the Canadian National Railway and the centre line of the South Branch of the River Thames; on the east by the centre line of Wellington Road; and on the south by the centre line of Commissioners Road East and the centre line of Commissioners Road West.

Ward 12 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Wonderland Road South, and the centre line of Wharnclyffe Road South; on the north by the centre line of Commissioners Road East; on the east by the centre line of Wellington Road and the centre line of Wellington Road South; and on the south by the south City Limit.

Ward 13 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Wonderland Road North; on the north by the centre line of Oxford Street West and the centre line of Oxford Street East; on the east by the centre line of Adelaide Street North; and on the south by the centre line of the South Branch of the River Thames and the centre line of the Canadian National Railway.

Ward 14 shall consist of that portion of the City of London which may be more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the west by the centre line of Wellington Road South and the centre line of Wellington Road; on the north by the centre line of Commissioners Road East, the centre line of Highbury Avenue South and the centre line of the South Branch of the River Thames; on the east by the east City Limit; and on the south by the south City Limit.

2. In accordance with subsection 222(8) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, this by-law comes into force on December 1, 2018.

3. Notwithstanding section 2 of this by-law, in accordance with subsection 222(9) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, the regular municipal election to be held in 2018 as if this by-law was already in force.

PASSED in Open Council on March 2, 2017.

Matt Brown  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First Reading – March 2, 2017  
Second Reading – March 2, 2017  
Third Reading – March 2, 2017

Schedule 'A'  
Revised London Ward Boundary Map

