



Corporate Report

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Ward Boundaries

DATE: May 10, 2005

TO: Chair and Members of Planning and Development Committee
Meeting Date: May 30, 2005

FROM: Janice Baker, CA
City Manager

SUBJECT: **Ward Boundaries - Public Meeting**

RECOMMENDATION: That a by-law be enacted to amend the ward boundaries as indicated in the report titled "*Ward Boundaries – Public Meeting*" dated May 10, 2005 from the City Manager.

BACKGROUND: A public meeting has been called to consider the following:

- implement legislation which increases the number of wards and ward councillors from nine to 11;
- implement legislation which increases Mississauga's representation on Region of Peel Council from 10 to 12 (to be composed of 11 ward councillors plus the mayor); and
- amend the ward boundaries as shown on Appendix 1.

The City intends to pass by-laws to implement the proposed changes.

Ward Boundary Review

On June 9, 2004 City Council considered a report titled "*Ward Boundaries Review*", dated May 31, 2004 and passed the following resolution:

"Resolution 0138-2004:

- (a) That amending the composition of City Council by adding two additional councillors be endorsed.

- (b) That amending the composition of Regional Council by adding two additional representatives from Mississauga be endorsed.
- (c) That the report titled, "*Ward Boundaries Review*", dated May 31, 2004, from the Acting City Manager be circulated for comments by September 3, 2004 to ratepayers groups, the school boards, Business Improvement Areas, the Mississauga Board of trade and the Urban Development Institute (Peel Chapter)."

Circulation Comments

On November 10, 2004 City Council considered a report titled "*Ward Boundaries Review - Report on Comments*", dated October 19, 2004. That report discussed the five comments received in response to the circulation of the report titled "*Ward Boundary Review*", dated May 31, 2004.

On November 10, 2004 City Council also passed Resolution 0596-2004 authorizing a public meeting be called to consider the increase in the number of wards and the ward boundaries identified as "Option B", as modified.

Regional Representation

Bill 186, being an Act respecting the composition of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel, once enacted, would change the composition of Regional Council by adding three representatives – two additional representatives from Mississauga and one additional representative from Brampton. The Bill provides authority for each area municipal Council to determine the manner in which the municipality elects members of Regional Council.

Bill 186 received first reading on April 13, 2005 and second reading on May 4, 2005. The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs held hearings on Bill 186 in Brampton and Mississauga on Friday, May 6, 2005.

Bill 186 provides that following the 2006 municipal election, Regional Council shall be composed of 12 persons representing the City of Mississauga, comprised of the Mayor and 11 persons selected in a manner specified by Mississauga by-law. If Mississauga fails to pass the necessary by-law by December 31,

2005 or as otherwise specified by regulation, then the 11 members will be comprised of the nine persons elected as members of both the City and Regional Council plus two members elected by general vote of the electors of the City.¹

Public Meeting Notice

Notice of the public meeting has been given in accordance with the City of Mississauga Notice By-law which includes newspaper notice and notice on the City web-site two weeks prior to the date of the public meeting. In addition, mobile signs advising of the public meeting were situated in key locations in those areas of the City where ward boundary changes are being proposed and on Burnhamthorpe Road West in the vicinity of the Central Library.

Further, notice of the public meeting by first class mail was given to all official ratepayer groups; business improvement associations; the school boards and school board trustees representing Mississauga; Mississauga members of Provincial and Federal parliament; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the clerks and mayors of the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon; the clerk, chair and chief administrative officer of the Region of Peel; the Mississauga Board of Trade; the Urban Development Institute (Peel); residents of the City of Mississauga that provided comment on the proposal, requested notification or were identified as having an interest in this matter (e.g., members of the Citizens' Task Force on the Future of Mississauga).

Implementing By-laws

To implement the additional representation on Regional Council, a by-law under Bill 186 must be passed specifying the City's intention to fill the positions on Regional Council by establishing two new wards and re-dividing the municipality into eleven wards in accordance with s.222 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Only the by-law under s.222 which will set out the ward boundaries may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board

¹ Bill 186 also provides that Regional Council have seven persons representing Brampton comprised of the Mayor and six persons selected in a manner specified by Brampton by-law, and five persons representing Caledon comprised of the Mayor and four persons selected in a manner specified by Caledon by-law. If Brampton fails to pass the necessary by-law, the six members will be comprised of the five persons elected as members of both Brampton and Regional Council plus one additional member elected by general vote of the electors of Brampton. If Caledon fails to pass the necessary by-law, the four members will be comprised of those Councillors elected in Caledon as members of both Caledon and Regional Councils.

(OMB). Notice of the passing of the by-law must be given within 15 days, after which there is a 45-day appeal period. If the by-law is appealed, an OMB hearing will affirm, amend or repeal the by-law and establish the ward boundaries in force for the 2006 municipal elections.

In order to be in effect for the 2006 municipal elections the by-law implementing the proposed ward boundaries must be in effect before January 1, 2006. This is potentially subject to a change by regulation passed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under Bill 186.

COMMENTS:

City Council has identified the need to review the political representation and the ward boundaries prior to the 2006 municipal elections to ensure adequate and equitable political representation in proportion to population for the residents of Mississauga. The need to amend the ward boundaries and add additional representation has been an issue for some time.

Since the existing nine-ward structure was created in 1974 and the boundaries were last amended for the 1991 municipal election, the population has increased significantly, particularly in the northwest area of the City. As a result, it is proposed that two additional wards be added to the northwest area of the City affecting existing Wards 5, 6 and 9, and creating new wards 10 and 11 as shown on Appendix 1.

No changes to Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 are proposed. These wards have been in place since 1991 and generally represent stable residential populations and areas.

Several options were considered for a new 11-ward boundary configuration. The proposed ward boundaries were selected based on the following criteria:

- Ward Population, 2006 and 2012;
- Ward Population Variation, 2006 and 2012;
- Use of Natural and Artificial Features;
- Geographic Form and Area;
- Impact on Historic Communities/Communities of Interest;

- Impact on Business Improvement Areas (BIAs); and
- Number of Official Ratepayer Associations Divided.

Appendices 2 and 3 provide the 2006 and 2012 projected population by the current and proposed ward boundaries.

The proposed *Regional Municipality of Peel Act, 2005* (Bill 186) will allow City Council to enact a by-law to establish the procedure by which additional members representing the City of Mississauga will be added to Regional Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

CONCLUSION: To ensure adequate and equitable political representation in proportion to population for the residents of Mississauga, two additional wards should be added to the northwest area of City.

The composition of City Council should be composed of 11 councillors, one elected from each ward, and the mayor to be elected by a general vote of the electors of the City.

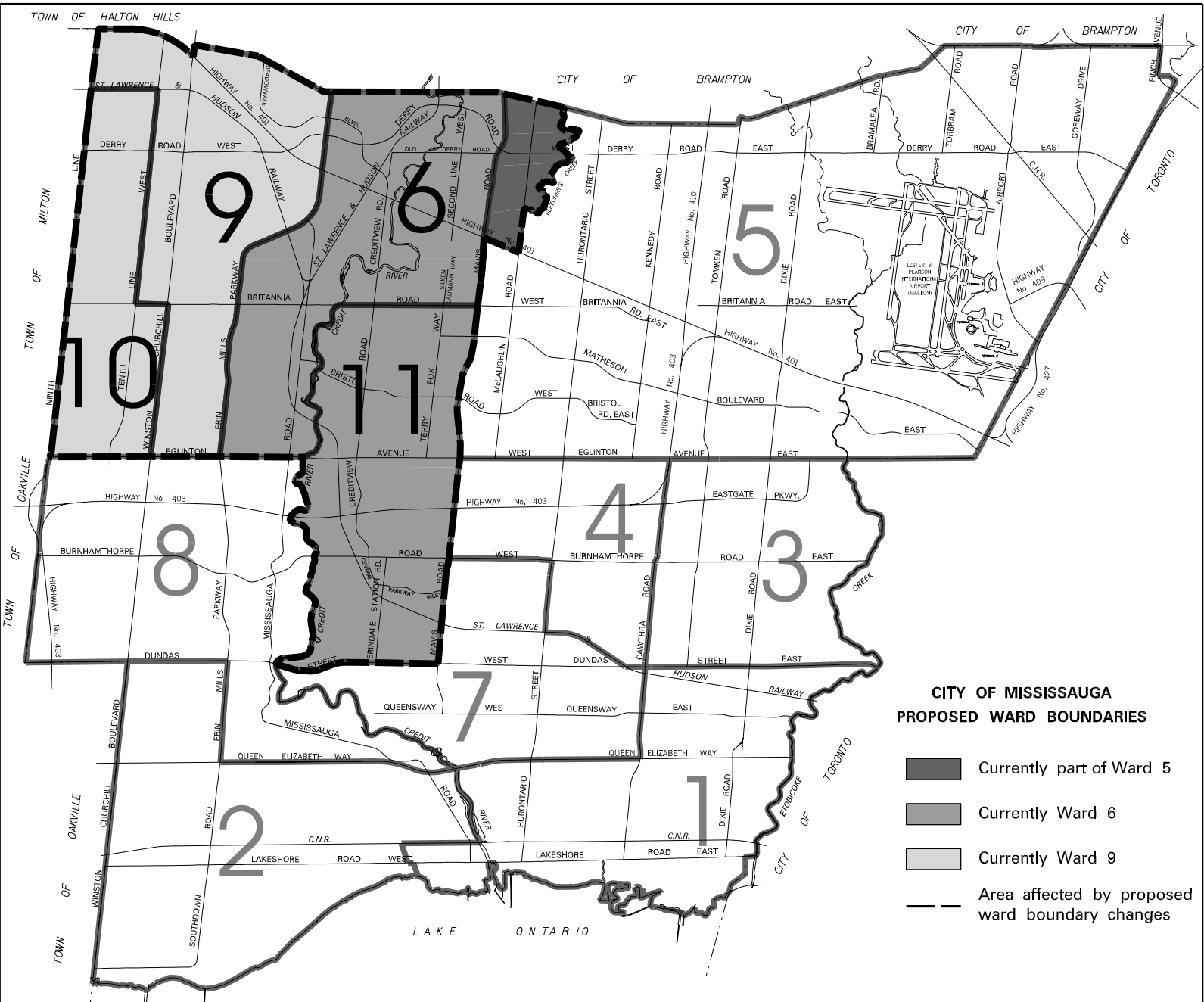
Mississauga's representation on Regional Council should be selected in a similar manner, that is, 11 councillors, one elected from each ward, and the mayor to be elected by a general vote of the electors of the City.

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 1:	Map: City of Mississauga Proposed Ward Boundaries
Appendix 2:	Map: City of Mississauga Current Ward Boundaries – Population 2006 and 2012
Appendix 3:	Map: City of Mississauga Proposed Ward Boundaries – Population 2006 and 2012

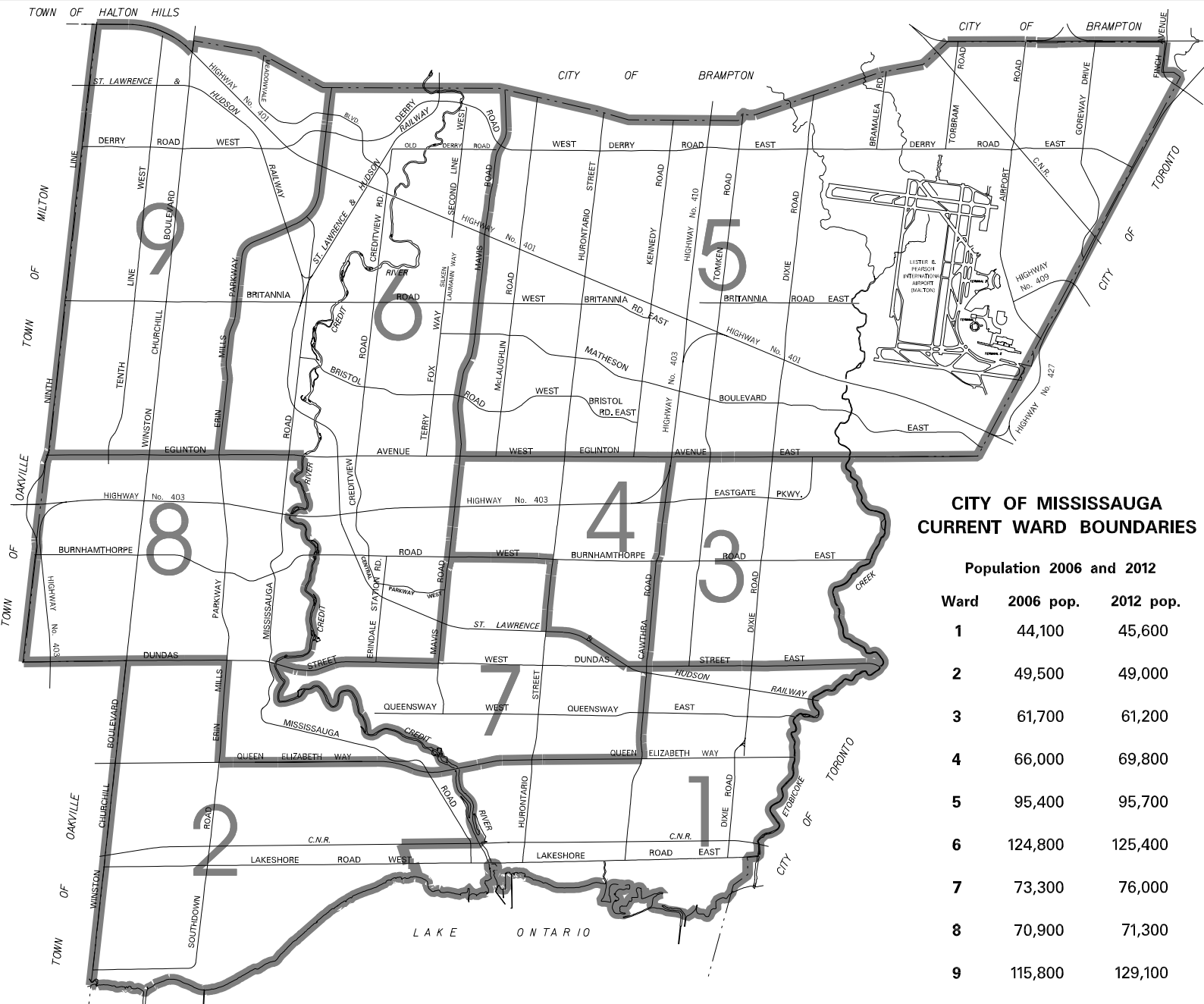
Original Signed By:

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City Manager



**CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES**

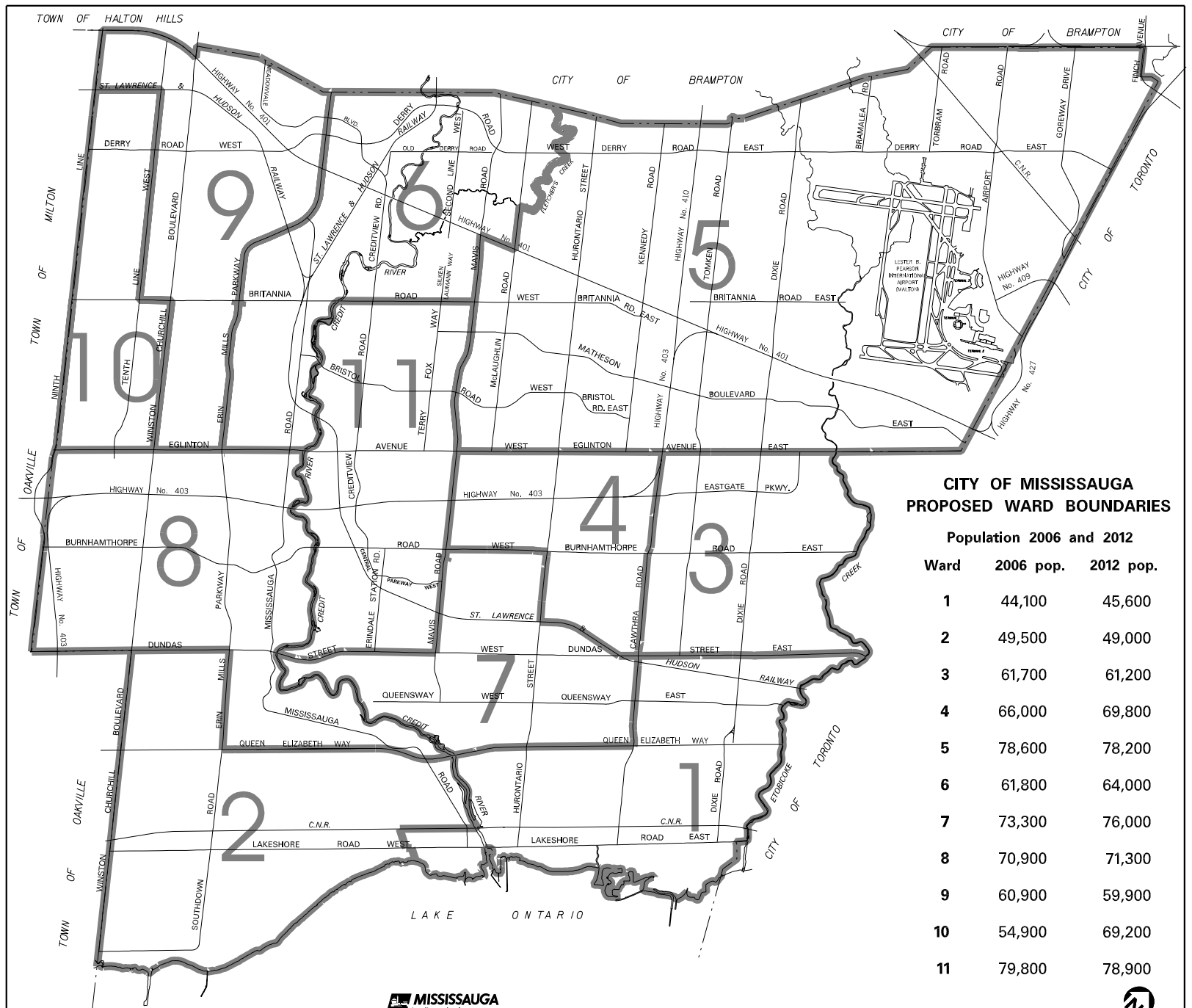
- Currently part of Ward 5
- Currently Ward 6
- Currently Ward 9
- Area affected by proposed ward boundary changes



**CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
CURRENT WARD BOUNDARIES**

Population 2006 and 2012

Ward	2006 pop.	2012 pop.
1	44,100	45,600
2	49,500	49,000
3	61,700	61,200
4	66,000	69,800
5	95,400	95,700
6	124,800	125,400
7	73,300	76,000
8	70,900	71,300
9	115,800	129,100



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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES**

Population 2006 and 2012

Ward	2006 pop.	2012 pop.
1	44,100	45,600
2	49,500	49,000
3	61,700	61,200
4	66,000	69,800
5	78,600	78,200
6	61,800	64,000
7	73,300	76,000
8	70,900	71,300
9	60,900	59,900
10	54,900	69,200
11	79,800	78,900