

## WARD BOUNDARY STRUCTURE CHRONOLOGY

- 1974 Mississauga's nine-ward structure was created on January 1 when the City of Mississauga was incorporated and the Region of Peel was established. Mississauga's population at that time was approximately 220,000.
- 1977 Council established "The Mayor's Standing Committee on Representation at City and Regional Levels" to undertake the first review of ward boundaries. Mississauga's population was approximately 270,000.
- 1978, January The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) allowed the City to re-divide its nine wards from the original ward boundaries established in 1974.
- 1983 Council directed staff to develop specific criteria for a ward boundary review, based on nine wards, to ensure more equitable political representation in proportion to population.
- 1984 Council adopted new ward boundaries which were used in the 1985 Municipal Election.
- 1990 Council adopted a revised ward boundary structure for the 1991 Municipal Election to address an imbalanced councillor-to-population ratio in the existing ward boundaries. At that time, Council also resolved to take steps, including amendments to the Region of Peel Act, to allow revisions to the City's ward boundaries which could result in additional wards in Mississauga.
- 1991, January Following a six-day hearing, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) issued a decision to re-divide the nine wards. The board also recognized the need for a long-term solution to the issue of additional wards.  
The current ward boundaries have been in effect since 1991.
- 1992 Regional Council considered the "Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Government and the Election of the Regional Chairman" which identified the problem of regional representation. However, the matter was deferred to 1997 when a report to Regional Council "Peel and Caledon in the GTA: Local Government Reform" recommended that the ward boundaries within each area municipality be reviewed to reduce dramatic population and geographic variances.

2001, February	Mayor McCallion appointed a 20-member volunteer Citizen's Task Force to examine and bring forward recommendations on governance for Mississauga and the GTA.
2002, May	The Citizen's Task Force presented its final report "Securing Our Future" which made a number of recommendations on governance including the phasing out of regional government.
2004, February	City Council forwarded the independent report -- "Financial Impact Report to the City of Mississauga on the Transition to a Single Tier" -- to Premier McGuinty and the Provincial government requesting a decision be made before the next municipal election in 2006.
2004, June	City Council initiated the process of adding two additional wards and directed staff circulate the "Ward Boundaries Review" report to ratepayer groups, businesses and community organizations for comment. Council also resolved to add two new ward representatives to Regional Council from two new wards 10 and 11.
2004, November	City Council passed a resolution directing staff to conduct a public meeting to consider the additional wards and their proposed boundaries.
2005, May	The Public Meeting took place on May 30 to hear public comments.
2005, June	On June 8, Council enacted two by-laws to add two additional councillors for Wards 10 and 11, and to establish new ward boundaries.

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