

Project Context

- Why a Ward Boundary Review now? Two main reasons:
 - Request by Durham Regional Council to permit a reduction in the number of Oshawa Regional Councillors from 7 to 5; and
 - Direction by Council to City staff to return to the election of all members of Council in wards, following the results of a question placed on the 2014 municipal election ballot.
- Present composition of Oshawa City Council: Mayor, seven Regional and City Councillors, and three City Councillors—all elected at-large in separate ballots.
- Oshawa has previously had a ward-based system—most recently from 1985 to 2006.
- Since 2006, Oshawa has seen growth and shifts in its population—City’s population has increased by approximately 11%.
- Over the next decade, Oshawa is anticipated to see moderate population growth.
- It is important that the ward boundary structure reflects the changing nature of the City.