

Final option 5-1

Synopsis

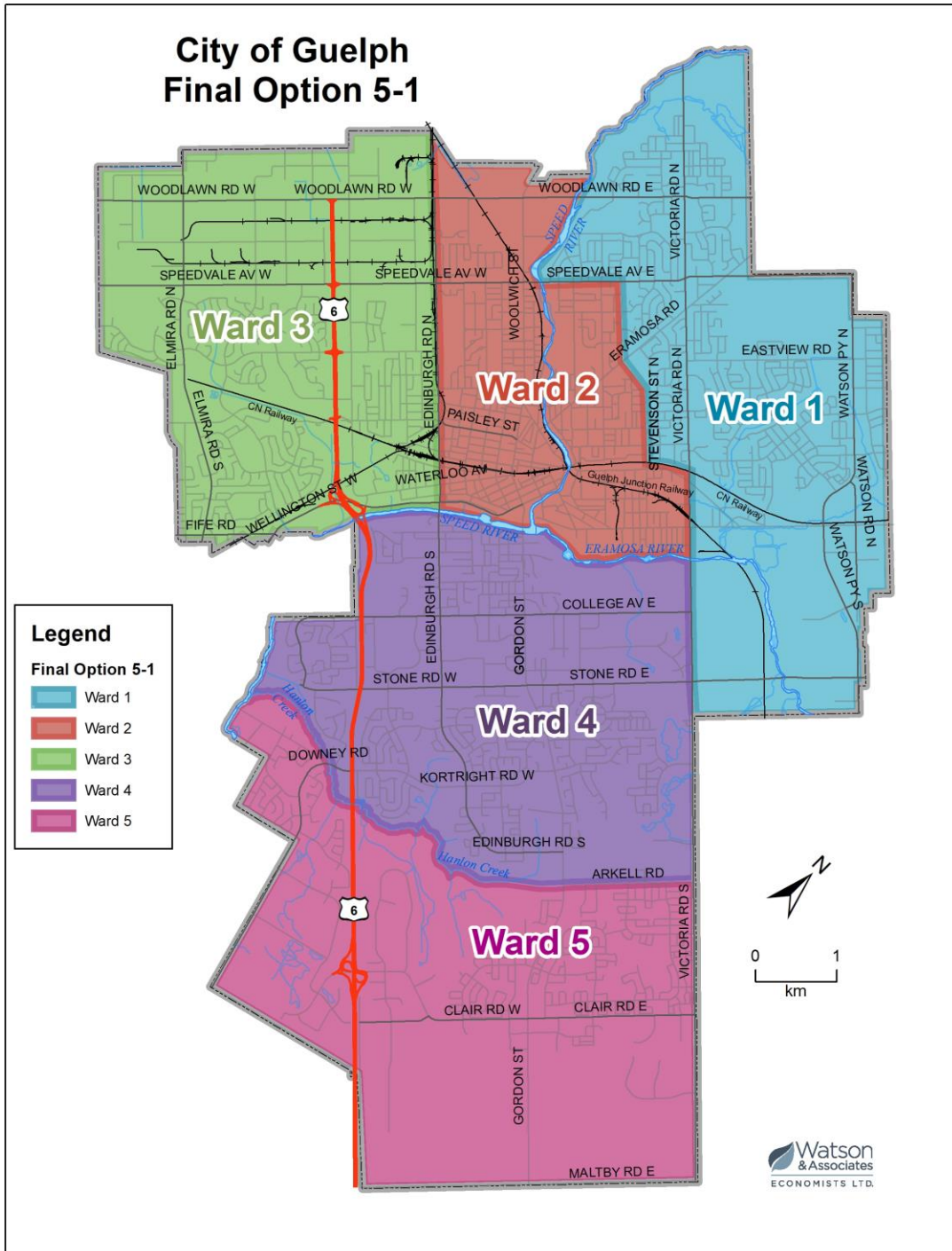
- Option 5-1 represents a five-ward model and could be used to elect ten councillors, two in each ward.
- Ward boundaries are based on preliminary option 5-B.
- The number of councillors is reduced from twelve to ten.
- The option allows for a small reduction in the size of council while retaining the two-member-per-ward system.
- Each ward is slightly larger; councillors represent more residents than under the current system.
- Councillors could continue to play a part-time role.

Element	Description
Council composition arrangement	Ten councillors (two councillors per ward)
Number of councillors per ward	2
Number of wards	5
Councillor employment status	Part-time role
Origins	Based on preliminary option 5-B



Ward boundary configuration and features

Ward boundaries for final option 5-1





Final option 5-1 features

Features	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three wards north of Speed and Eramosa Rivers and two to the south with generally well-balanced populations in 2021 and 2031.• Proposed ward 1 covers the north-east part of the city.• Ward 2 includes the downtown and is bound by the Speed River to the south and Edinburgh Road to the west.• Ward 3 incorporates the north-west part of the city, west of Edinburgh Road.• Ward 4 covers the south-central part of the city.• Ward 5 incorporates the south end.

Final option 5-1 ward boundary descriptions

Proposed ward	Description
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bound to the west by Victoria Road, CN Rail line, Stevenson Street, and Speed River, and to the south, east and north by the municipal boundary.• Encompasses the communities of Brant, Grange Hill East, York-Watson Employment Area, the Guelph Innovation District and part of St. George's Park and Waverly neighbourhoods.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bound to the east by Victoria Road, CN Rail line, Stevenson Street, and Speed River, to the south by the Speed and Eramosa Rivers, to the west by Edinburgh Road and to the north by the municipal boundary.• Includes the downtown and the neighbourhoods of Two Rivers, St. Patrick's Ward, a portion of St. George's Park and Waverley as well as Sunny Acres, Exhibition Park and portion of the Northwest Industrial Area.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bound to the east by Edinburgh Road and the municipal boundary to the north, west and south.



Proposed ward	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes the neighbourhoods of the Junction, Onward Willow West Willow Woods, Parkwood Gardens and a portion of the Northwest Industrial Area.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bound by the Speed and Eramosa Rivers to the north, Gordon Street, Stone Road, Victoria Road to the east, Arkell Road and Hanlon Creek to the south and the municipal boundary to the west. Encompasses the neighbourhoods of Old University, University of Guelph, Torrance, the Arboretum, Hanlon Creek, South Creek, and University Village.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bound by Hanlon Creek and Arkell Road to the north and the municipal boundary to the east, south and west. Includes the neighbourhoods of Kortright Hills, Clairfields, Westminster, Hanlon Creek Business Park, Hanlon Business Park, and the planned Clair Maltby Secondary Plan Area.

Final option 5-1 ward population distribution

Ward	2021 total population ¹	2021 population variance	2031 total population ¹	2031 population variance
Ward 1	34,185	1.06	40,510	1.06
Ward 2	30,165	0.94	35,450	0.93
Ward 3	34,495	1.07	37,290	0.98
Ward 4	38,495	1.19	43,805	1.15
Ward 5	23,770	0.74	33,645	0.88
City-wide	161,100	-	190,700	-
Ward average	32,220	-	38,140	-

¹ Includes population captured in the census and non-permanent post-secondary student population. Includes census undercount of approximately 3.4%.

Note: Numbers have been rounded.

Source: Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.



Preliminary assessment

Principle	Comment
Representation by population	Favourable population parity except in ward 5 which is slightly below the minimum threshold.
Projected growth patterns	Favourable population balance in all wards.
Communities of interest	Communities of interest captured favourably except Waverley and St. George's Park which are split by wards 1 and 2.
Natural boundaries and geographic features	Natural features (Speed River, Eramosa River and Hanlon Creek) along with arterial roadways used to define ward boundaries. Hanlon Expressway (Highway 6) not used as a boundary.