

# Final option 6-1

## Synopsis

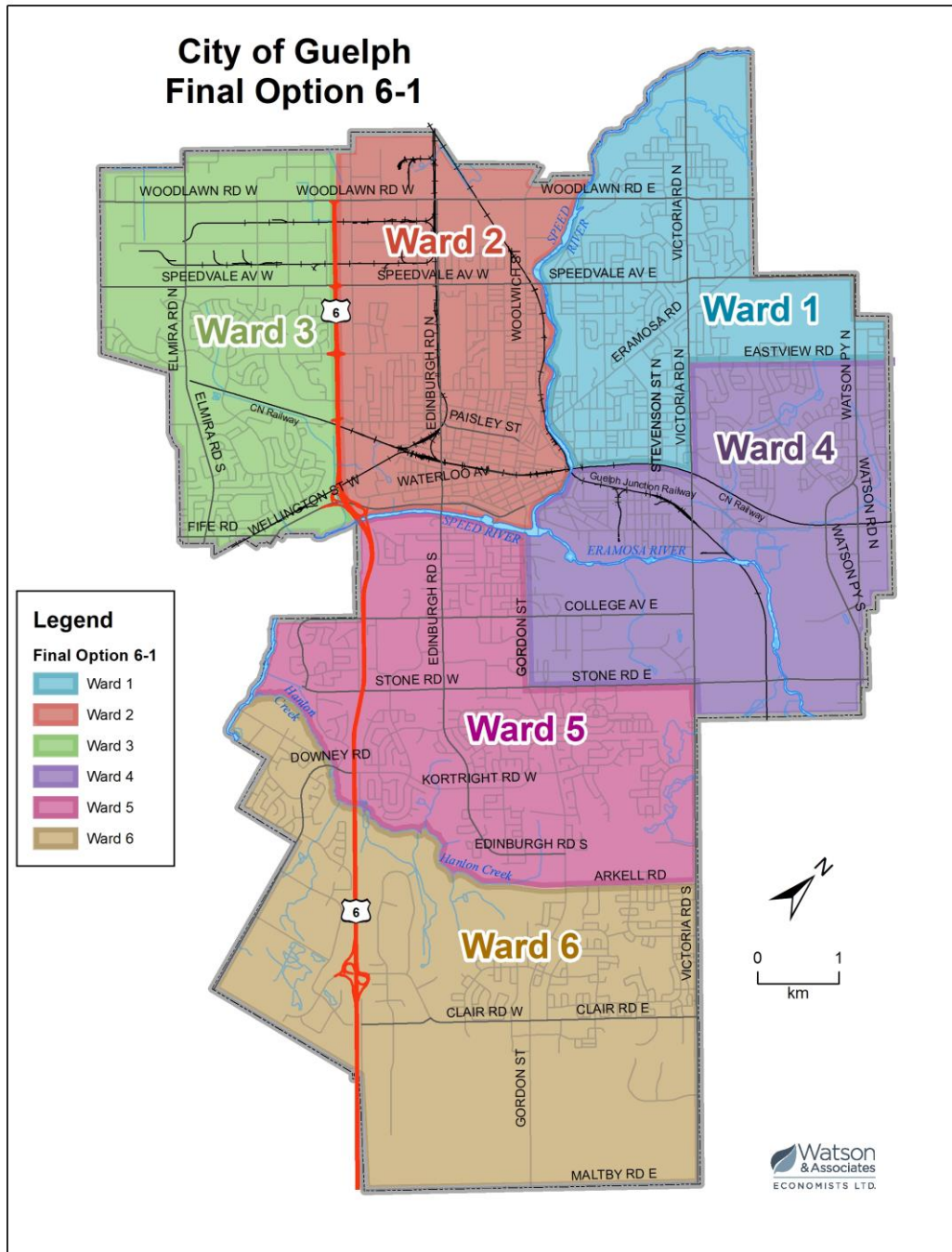
- Option 6-1 is one of two final options presented under the six-ward model and could be used to elect twelve councillors, two in each ward.
- The option is consistent with the present system of representation (in place for thirty years): six wards each electing two councillors.
- Ward boundaries are based on preliminary option 6-A, except for an adjustment to the proposed ward 5 and 6 boundary which now follows Hanlon Creek west of Arkell Road.
- Represents a modified status quo, reflecting changes that improve on the existing ward structure with respect to population parity in the current year and future year 2031, utilize more effectively geographical/topographical features as ward boundaries, while maintaining communities of interest.
- Councillors could continue to play a part-time role.

Element	Description
Council composition arrangement	Twelve councillors (two councillors per ward)
Number of councillors per ward	2
Number of wards	6
Councillor employment status	Part-time role
Origins	Adapted from preliminary option 6-A representing a modified status quo



## Ward boundary configuration and features

### Ward boundaries for final option 6-1





## Final option 6-1 features

Features	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Downtown area split into wards 2 and 4.</li><li>• The wards are geographically distributed relatively evenly across the city.</li><li>• Northeast Guelph represented by wards 1 and 4.</li><li>• Ward 2 represents the north-central part of the city, including most of the downtown area.</li><li>• Ward 3 covers the north-west part of the city, west of the Hanlon Expressway (Highway 6).</li><li>• Ward 5 covers the south-central part of the city.</li><li>• Ward 6 extends to the southern part of the city.</li></ul>

## Final option 6-1 ward boundary descriptions

Proposed ward	Description
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bound by the Speed River to the west, the CN Rail main line, Victoria Road and Eastview Road to the south, and the municipal boundary with Guelph-Eramosa to the east and north.</li><li>• Includes the neighbourhoods of St. George's Park, Waverley, Brant, and a portion of Grange Hill East north of Eastview Road.</li></ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bound by the Speed River to the east and south, the Hanlon Expressway (Highway 6) to the west and the municipal boundary to the north.</li><li>• Includes the downtown, west of the Speed River, as well as the Junction, Sunny Acres, Exhibition Park, Onward Willow neighbourhoods and a portion of the Northwest Industrial Area.</li></ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bound to the east by the Hanlon Expressway (Highway 6) and the municipal boundary to the north, west and south.</li></ul>



Proposed ward	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Includes the neighbourhoods of West Willow Woods, Parkwood Gardens and portion of the Northwest Industrial Area.</li></ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bound by the CN Rail main line, Victoria Road and Eastview Road to the north, Speed River and Gordon Street to the west, Stone Road, Victoria Road and the municipal boundary to the south and the municipal boundary to the east.</li><li>• Includes the neighbourhoods of Two Rivers, St. Patrick's Ward, the eastern portion of the University of Guelph, the Arboretum, the York-Watson Employment Area, the planned Guelph Innovation District, and a portion of Grange Hill East south of Eastview Road. Also includes the east portion of the downtown area.</li></ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bound by the Speed River, Gordon Street, Stone Road, Victoria Road to the north and east, the municipal boundary to the east, Arkell Road and Hanlon Creek to the south and the municipal boundary to the west.</li><li>• Encompasses the neighbourhoods of Old University, Torrance, Hanlon Creek, South Creek, and University Village. Also captures the western portion of the University of Guelph.</li></ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bound by Hanlon Creek and Arkell Road to the north and the municipal boundary to the east, south and west.</li><li>• Includes the neighbourhoods of Kortright Hills, Clairfields, Westminster, Hanlon Creek Business Park, Hanlon Business Park, and the planned Clair Maltby Secondary Plan Area.</li></ul>



## Final option 6-1 ward population distribution

Ward	2021 total population <sup>1</sup>	2021 population variance	2031 total population <sup>1</sup>	2031 population variance
Ward 1	24,115	0.90	25,915	0.82
Ward 2	29,930	1.11	33,920	1.07
Ward 3	23,310	0.87	25,185	0.79
Ward 4	26,265	0.98	33,050	1.04
Ward 5	33,710	1.26	38,985	1.23
Ward 6	23,770	0.89	33,645	1.06
<b>City-wide</b>	<b>161,100</b>	-	<b>190,700</b>	-
<b>Ward average</b>	<b>26,850</b>	-	<b>31,785</b>	-

<sup>1</sup> 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	Provides for favourable population parity in 2021 except in ward 5 which is slightly above the maximum threshold.
Projected growth patterns	Provides for favourable population parity in 2031.
Communities of interest	Communities of interest largely contained by ward. Only exceptions are the downtown which is divided into two wards (wards 2 and 4) and Grange Hill East which is divided into wards 1 and 4. University of Guelph is split between wards 4 and 5.
Natural boundaries and geographic features	Wards use major geographic markers including the Speed River, Hanlon Creek, rail lines, Hanlon Expressway and major arterials for boundaries.