



# Backgrounder

September 15, 2016

## Council Composition and Ward Boundary Review

### Project Phases

#### Phase 1: Council Composition Review – Approved by Council in June 2016

- Milton Council currently consists of 8 wards and 11 members: Mayor, 8 Local Councillors and 2 Local & Regional Councillors. With the anticipated addition of two Local & Regional Councillors representing Milton at Halton Region (effective 2018), the Town needed to determine whether to reduce, maintain or increase the size of Council.
- After consultation with members of Council and the public (dates available in the timeline), Council determined to reduce the size of Council to 4 wards and 9 members: Mayor, 4 Local Councillors and 4 Local & Regional Councillors.

#### Phase 2: Ward Boundary Review – To get underway in Fall 2016

- Council's decision to reduce the size of Council to 9 members (effective 2018) means Milton will move from an 8 ward to a 4 ward electoral system.
- This phase will set out options for a 4 ward electoral system, taking the following principles into account:
  - Equitable representation by population
  - Communities of interest and neighbourhoods
  - Present and future population trends
  - Geographic and physical features as natural boundaries
  - Effective representation

## Project Timeline

Date	Action
<b>Early 2016</b>	Council Composition Review (Phase 1) began.
<b>May 2016</b>	Public consultation on Council Composition Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>May 19:</b> Public Notice advertised in Milton Champion and on <a href="http://www.milton.ca">www.milton.ca</a> re Public Open House on May 31</li> <li>• <b>May 31:</b> Public Open House at Town Hall</li> </ul>
<b>June 27, 2016</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and report to Council</li> <li>• Milton Council approved the reduction of the size of Milton Council to 9 members, from the current 11.</li> </ul>
<b>September 26, 2016 (Expected timing)</b>	Staff report to Milton Council, consenting to Regional by-law that adds two Local & Regional Councillors from Milton, plus one from Oakville.
<b>Fall 2016</b>	Ward Boundary Review (Phase 2) Stay tuned for information on public information sessions and other ways to share your thoughts on options for revised ward boundaries
<b>Late 2016</b>	Milton Council to approve ward boundaries in new 4-ward electoral system
<b>October 2018</b>	<b>Municipal Election</b> - Milton residents will elect the following Council members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor</li> <li>• 4 Local &amp; Regional Councillors</li> <li>• 4 Local Councillors</li> </ul>