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Meet the 25 new City Council wards

Dear Lilly

We wanted to thank the many residents who responded to our survey about reducing the size of City Council to 25 members, and in particular, for offering the many comments to explain your position.

A large majority of respondents objected to the reduction in the number of Council members, mostly because they felt that the new size of the wards would significantly impact the level of representation needed in the city. They also felt that Premier Ford's claim of "for the people" rang hollow since he had not consulted with Toronto residents beforehand and respondents suspected Ford had singled out the City of Toronto for council reduction as a personal vendetta.

The comments in favour of a smaller council were almost exclusively related to the sense that City Council tended to be slow in making important and necessary decisions and councillors engaged too much in self-promotion during debates. SERRA's position continues to be that a reduction in council members will seriously affect our level of representation, which in an area like ours with all its development stress will be a significant loss.

Early this week a critical debate at City Council will help determine whether the City will attempt to oppose the council reduction in the courts, but we do expect

that prospective councillor candidates cannot afford to await the outcome of such a challenge and instead will start to declare their interest in running as if for a “25-member” council.

We will continue to send out further communications as this election unfolds. Again, thank you for your responses and interest.

Andy Gort,
President, SERRA

Progress Toronto update and (email) Petition

Email Mayor Tory by Midnight

On Monday August 20, Mayor Tory and Toronto City Council are voting on whether or not to take Premier Ford to court to stop his reckless interference in Toronto's 2018 election. Use the email petition to tell Mayor Tory to vote in favour of a legal challenge on Monday.

<https://www.progresstoronto.ca/citylegalchallenge>

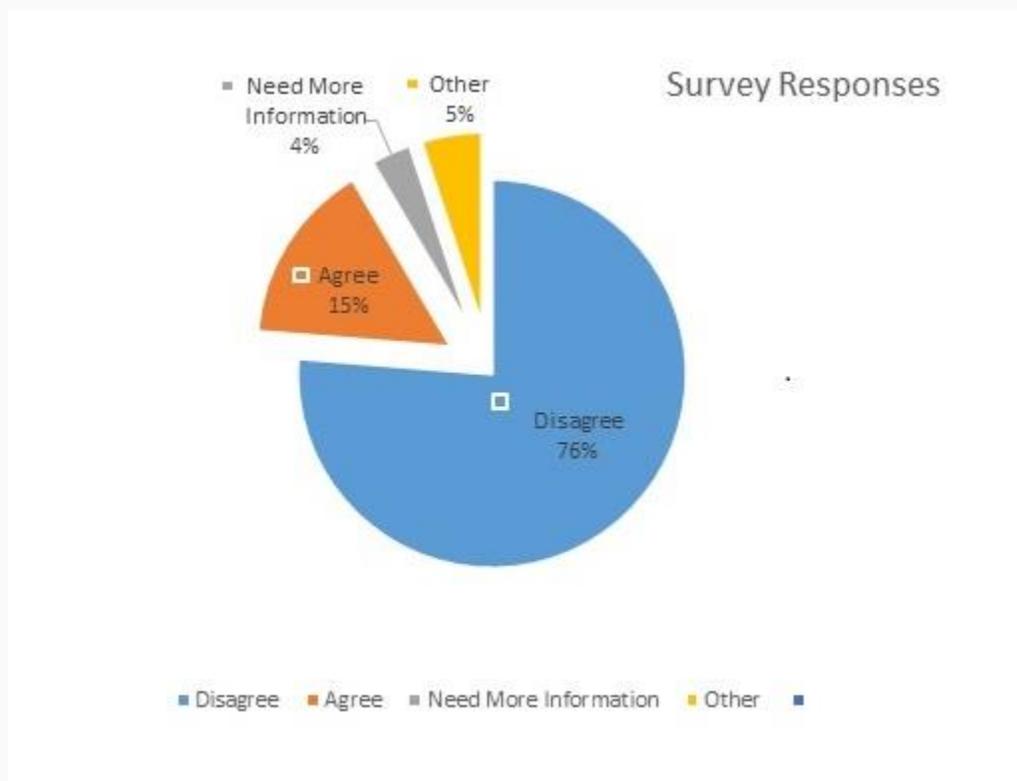
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Results of our survey

We asked you to share your thoughts on reducing the number of city councillors from 47 to 25. Below are the results of the survey:

- 76 percent of respondents disagree with the changes to city council.
- 15 percent agree with the reduced numbers.
- 4 percent wanted more information.
- 5 percent wanted to see some reductions to council, but felt the 25 was too much of a reduction.



Province of Ontario Bill 5 has received Royal Assent

The Province of Ontario's [Bill 5, the Better Local Government Act, 2018](#) has

received Royal Assent on August 14, 2018, resulting in the reduction of the number of Toronto City wards from 47 to 25.

The Toronto City Council boundaries have now been aligned with federal and provincial electoral ridings. These changes will be in effect for the October 22, 2018 municipal election. [Click here](#) to read the news release.

The new City Council wards for Toronto now online:

The new wards for the city of Toronto are now available online.

Click here on the links below to see the maps:

[Toronto City Council Wards](#) (25 Wards)

[Ward 12 - St. Paul's](#)

[Ward 15 - Don Valley West](#)

[TDSB School Wards](#)

Special Meeting - Toronto City Council

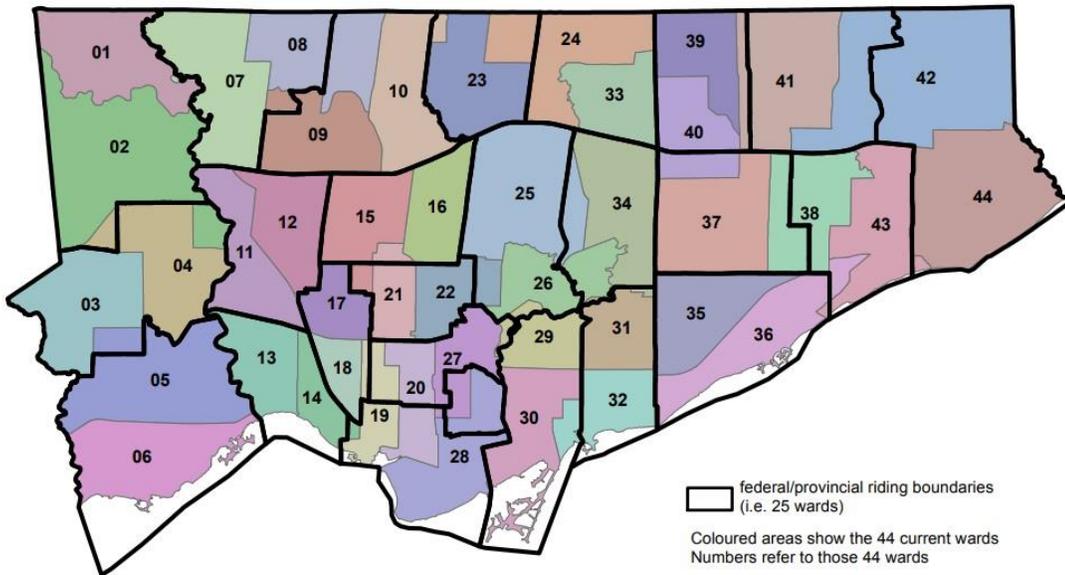
The agenda items for the special city council meeting for Monday, August 20, 2018 are now available on the City of Toronto website. [Click here](#) to see the agenda.

City Council will be asking legal counsel to provide information about the legal options to challenge Bill 5, the Better Local Government Act, 2018. [Click here](#) to read the background information.

City of Toronto's 44 Wards and 25 Ridings

The map below shows the 25 fed/provincial ridings overlaid with the recent City of Toronto 44 ward structure. This map was created by Beth Wilson.

City of Toronto's 44 Wards & 25 Ridings

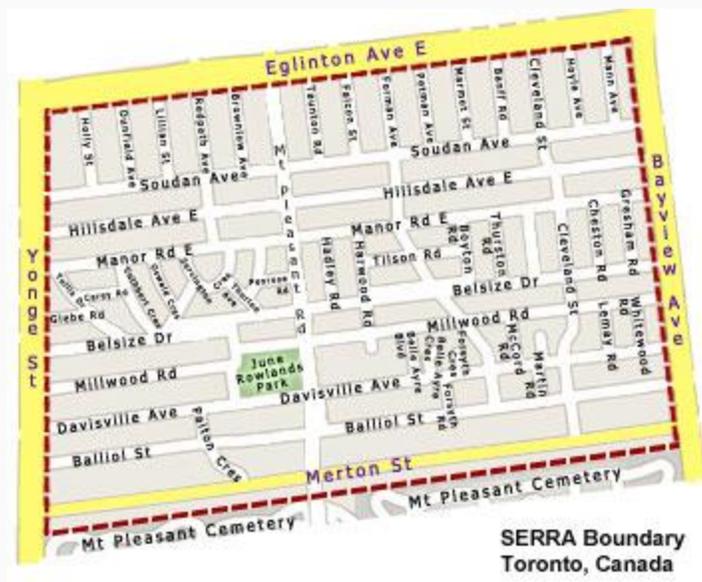


Produced by Social Planning Toronto, 2018
Source: Ward shapefile from City of Toronto Open Data
federal/provincial riding shapefile from Elections Ontario

Impact on the SERRA Area

SERRA will be split between St. Paul's (west of Mt. Pleasant Rd.) & Don Valley West (east of Mt. Pleasant Rd), however, as we mentioned in our previous communication we are keeping our residents' association boundaries as they are today.

We will continue to represent Davisville Village and South Eglinton residents as we have been for more than 50 years.



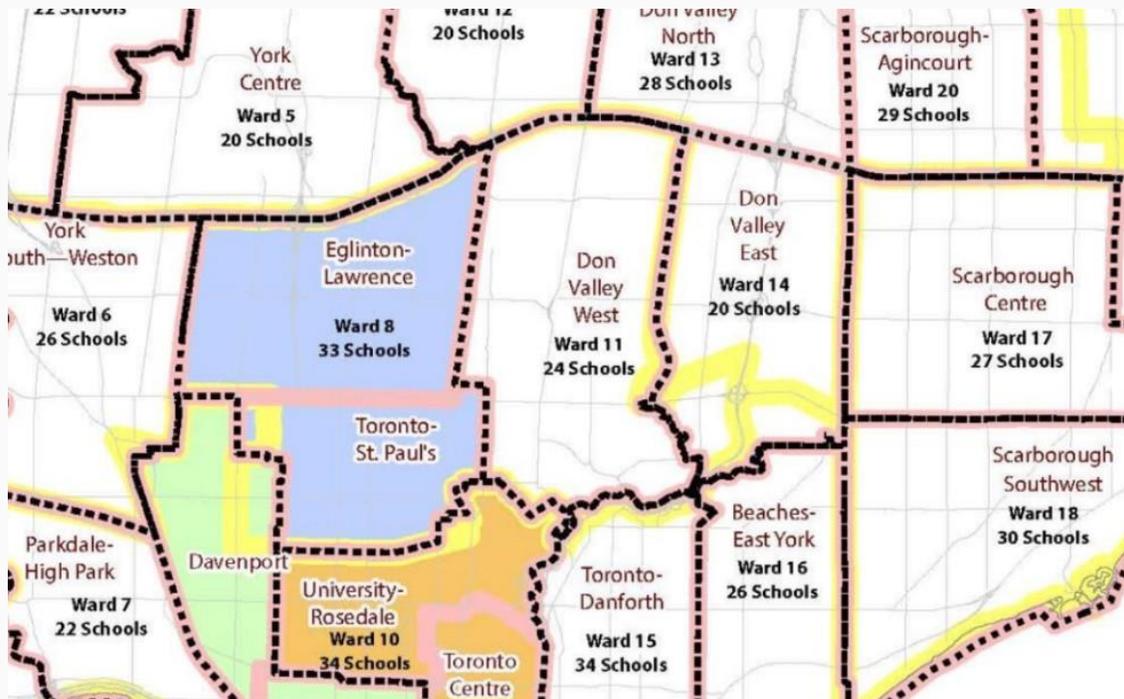
New TDSB Ward Boundaries

The official Toronto District School Board (TDSB) ward boundaries are now available on the City of Toronto elections page. [Click here](#) to see the TDSB ward map.

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) considered several ward boundary options and selected option 1.1, outlined on page 5 of this [TDSB report](#). For up to date information and news releases please visit the [TDSB website](#).

The SERRA neighbourhoods will have two TDSB wards, one for the schools on the west side of Mt. Pleasant Rd., and another for schools on the east side of Mt. Pleasant Rd. Ward 8 is a newly created ward and combines part of St. Paul's (west of Mt. Pleasant Rd.) and Eglinton Lawrence. Ward 11 includes schools in part of St. Paul's (east of Mt. Pleasant Rd.) and Don Valley West.

This is a closer look at the ward boundaries (Wards 8 & 11). The full map can be found on page 5 (option 1.1) of this [TDSB report](#).



TDSB Ward 8

Local TDSB schools in the SERRA neighbourhood include:

- Eglinton Junior Public School
- Davisville Junior Public School
- Spectrum Alternative

TDSB Ward 11

Local TDSB schools in the SERRA neighbourhood include:

- Maurice Cody Junior Public School
- Hodgson Middle School

Don Valley West Community Consultations with M.P. Rob Oliphant

Constituency Consultations

Rob Oliphant, M.P. - Don Valley West

South

Leaside United Church - 822 Millwood Road
August 23rd, 2018 - 6:30PM-8:30PM

North

Temple Emanu-El - 120 Old Colony Road
August 30th, 2018 - 6:30PM-8:30PM



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