



# YRDSB

## Trustee Determination & Distribution Review 2021

Trustee Briefing Session  
April 28, 2021

Beate Bowron Etcetera/The Davidson Group

# Consultant Team

- Beate Bowron – Beate Bowron Etcetera (project lead; focus on public consultation)
- Dr. Gary Davidson – The Davidson Group (political scientist)
- Russell Mathew and Patrick Barbieri – Hemson Consulting (demographer/mapping)

# Why a Review

- Termed a Trustee Determination and Distribution Review or a D&D Review
- YRDSB is required to assess Trustee D&D each election year
- No comprehensive study since 2014
- Need to take into account population growth and changing patterns of student enrolment and number of schools
- Time frame is 2022 - 2034

# Major Components

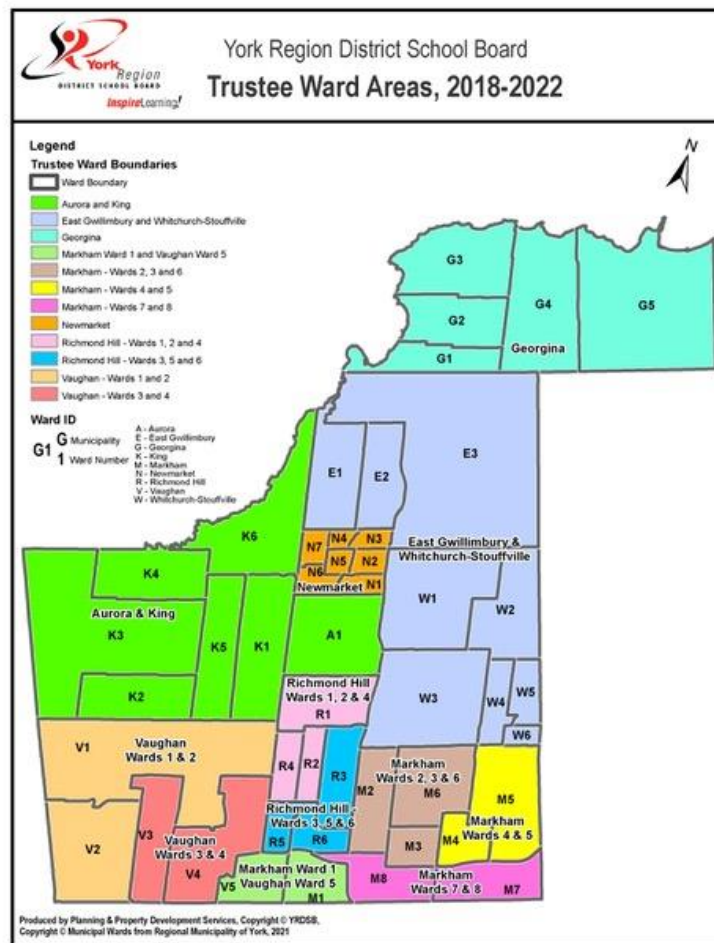
- Two major components of a D&D Review
  1. A **determination** of the number of trustees on the YRDSB; and,
  2. The **distribution** of these trustees within York Region

# Current Situation

- 12 elected trustees
- 1 appointed Indigenous trustee
- 2 student trustees
- 1 Indigenous student trustee

# Current Situation

- Elected Trustee Areas
  - Aurora and King – 1 Trustee
  - East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville – 1 Trustee
  - Newmarket – 1 Trustee
  - Georgina – 1 Trustee
  - Richmond Hill – 2 Trustees
  - Vaughan – 2 Trustees
  - Markham – 3 Trustees
  - Markham (Ward 1) and Vaughan (Ward 5) – 1 Trustee



# Key Parameters

- *Three key parameters:*
  1. YRDSB must have a minimum of 11 elected trustees
  2. YRDSB can have a maximum of 12 elected trustees
  3. Trustee Areas must follow existing municipal ward boundaries, but may cross municipal boundaries
- Within these parameters, YRDSB may use its judgement



# Approach

- *Four factors:*

1. Number of public school electors
2. Number of schools – elementary and secondary
3. Number of students – elementary and secondary
4. Community Education Centre area boundaries

# Factor 1 - Public School Electors

Trustee Area	Trustee Incumbent	Electors (Electoral Quotient)
Aurora and King	Bob McRoberts	52,860 (0.92)
East Gwillimbury / Whitchurch Stouffville	Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey	48,263 (0.84)
Georgina	Cynthia Cordova	31,601 (0.55)
Markham Ward 1 and Vaughan Ward 5	David Sherman	81,488 (1.42)
Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6	Ron Lynn	73,544 (1.28)
Markham Wards 4 and 5	Allan Tam	48,263 (0.84)
Markham Wards 7 and 8	Juanita Nathan	60,903 (1.06)
Newmarket	Linda Gilbert	54,583 (0.95)
Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4	Simon Cui	58,605 (1.02)
Richmond Hill Wards 3, 5 and 6	Cindy Liang	63,202 (1.10)
Vaughan Wards 1 and 2	Nadeem Mahmood	56,307 (0.98)
Vaughan Wards 3 and 4	Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair	59,180 (1.03)

# What is an Electoral Quotient?

- The **electoral quotient (EQ)** determines how much each Trustee Area is above or below the average for the number of public school electors across the entire YRDSB
- In 2018 there were 689,471 public school electors
- If all Trustee Areas had the same number of electors, there would be 57,456 in each Trustee Area
- The **electoral quotient** indicates how far above or below this average each Trustee Area is
- The **EQ** is a rough measure of “rep-by-pop” or, more accurately, representation by elector

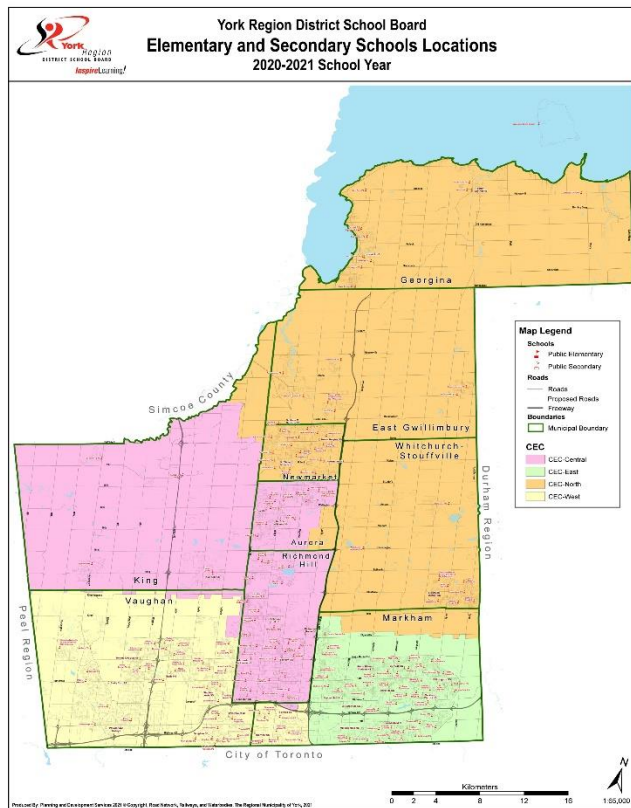
# Factor 2 - Number of Schools

Trustee Area	Number of Elementary Schools	Number of Secondary Schools	Total Number of Schools
Aurora and King	14	3	17
East Gwillimbury / Whitchurch Stouffville	15	1	16
Georgina	11	2	13
Markham Ward 1 and Vaughan Ward 5	20	4	24
Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6	17	3	20
Markham Wards 4 and 5	16	4	20
Markham Wards 7 and 8	14	2	16
Newmarket	17	4	21
Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4	16	2	18
Richmond Hill Wards 3, 5 and 6	12	3	15
Vaughan Wards 1 and 2	12	3	15
Vaughan Wards 3 and 4	16	2	18

# Factor 3 - Number of Students

Trustee Area	Number of Elementary Students	Number of Secondary Students	Total Number of Students
Aurora and King	6,031	3,337	9,368
East Gwillimbury / Whitchurch Stouffville	6,787	1,195	7,982
Georgina	3,909	1,317	5,226
Markham Ward 1 and Vaughan Ward 5	6,862	4,419	11,281
Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6	9,555	4,605	14,160
Markham Wards 4 and 5	7,223	5,680	12,903
Markham Wards 7 and 8	8,389	2,530	10,919
Newmarket	7,445	4,628	12,073
Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4	8,718	3,006	11,724
Richmond Hill Wards 3, 5 and 6	6,250	3,576	9,826
Vaughan Wards 1 and 2	6,010	3,461	9,471
Vaughan Wards 3 and 4	9,741	3,118	12,856

# Factor 4 - Community Education Centre Areas



# Developing Trustee Area Options

- Conform with the requirements of the Education Act and its Regulations
- Balance the four factors
- Create implementable options

# The D&D Review – Step by Step

- Six major steps in the YRDSB's D&D Review
  1. Detailed project plan & timeline (**complete**)
  2. Background Research (April 6 – May 14)
  3. Phase 1 Consultation Process (April 19 – July 16)
  4. Phase 2 Consultation Process (Aug. 16 – Sept. 25)
  5. Information Report with draft options (Sept. 27 – Nov. 2)
  6. Final Report with recommendations (Nov. 8, 2021 – January 2022)



# Step 2 – Background Research

- **Purpose:** To collect qualitative and quantitative information for Trustee D & D
- **Components:**
  1. Legislation, best practices, status of municipal ward boundary reviews, YRDSB Strategic Plan and Priorities; changes to Community Education Centre Areas, if any
  2. Assessment of existing Trustee Electoral Areas
  3. Trends and projections for 2022 to 2034 for general population; public school electors, school locations; number of students

# Step 3 – Phase 1 Consultation Process

- **Purpose:** *To educate/collect input on Trustee Area boundaries and issues*
- **Components:**
  - Project webpage – [www.yrdsb.ca/TDD](http://www.yrdsb.ca/TDD)
  - Project e-mail address – [trustee.services@yrdsb.ca](mailto:trustee.services@yrdsb.ca)
  - Letter to Parents/Guardians – May 10
  - Outreach on social media – starts mid-May
  - Individual interviews with 13 trustees plus one student trustee meeting – May 7 – 21
  - Media release – May 11

# Step 3 – Phase 1 Consultation Process

## ■ *More:*

- Newspaper ads – May 13
- On-line survey for all public school electors – May 14 – June 18
- Educational webinars – May 17, May 26
- Trustee message re D&D Review - June
- Stakeholder group meetings – June 7, June 9
- Senior Team meeting – June 7
- Analyze findings from Phase 1/develop possible Trustee Area configurations

## Step 4 – Phase 2 Consultation Process

- **Purpose:** *To collect feedback on possible Trustee Area configurations*
- **Components:**
  - Joint trustee meetings (2)
  - Newspaper ads
  - Elector/stakeholder meetings (one per CEC area)
  - Check-in with municipalities doing ward boundary reviews
- **Result:** Draft Trustee Area options

# Step 5 – Information Report with Options

- **Purpose:** *Preparation and presentation of Information Report, including Draft Options*
- **Components:**
  - Information Report with Draft Options to Board Standing Committee – October 19
  - Information Report with Draft Options to Board of Trustees – Nov. 2

## Step 6 – Final Report with Recommendations

- **Purpose:** *Preparation and presentation of Final Report with recommendations*
- **Components:**
  - Individual interviews with 13 trustees plus one student trustee meeting to collect feedback on options – Nov. 8 - 19
  - Draft Final Report with recommendations – Nov. 22
  - – Dec. 3
  - Final Report with recommendations to Board of Trustees – January 2022

# Next Steps

- Individual trustee interviews/student trustee meeting
  - Select a time slot
  - List of interview questions available
- Please mention D&D project in your social media activities (Communications will provide text)
- Project webpage – [www.yrdsb.ca/TDD](http://www.yrdsb.ca/TDD)
- Project e-mail – [trustee.services@yrdsb.ca](mailto:trustee.services@yrdsb.ca)



# YRDSB

## Trustee Determination & Distribution Review 2021

# Thank you!