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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Clark:

The purpose of this letter is to advise of recent decisions made by Ottawa City Council with respect to a comprehensive ward boundary review for the City of Ottawa.

At its meeting of June 12, 2019, Council considered the City staff report titled, "City of Ottawa Ward Boundary Review (2019-2020)."

As outlined below in more detail, Council approved a recommendation directing City staff to undertake a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to retain an independent consultant to conduct a comprehensive ward boundary review for the City of Ottawa.

Council intends for the ward boundary review to be conducted on the basis of retaining the current number of wards in the City of Ottawa, being 23, each represented by a single elected Member, in addition to a Mayor elected by general vote.

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Specifically, Council considered and approved the following report recommendations, as amended by the Finance and Economic Development Committee, which had considered the matter on June 4, 2019:

That Council:

- 1. Direct staff to undertake a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to retain an independent consultant to conduct a comprehensive ward boundary review for the City of Ottawa, as described in this report and consistent with the Terms of Reference attached as Document 3;**
- 2. Approve that temporary annual funding, equivalent to one Full-time Equivalent (FTE), be provided to support any Member whose ward population size in Document 4 is projected to be larger than the average ward population size by more than 33 per cent during the 2018-2022 Term of Council, as an interim measure until a new ward boundary by-law comes into force, as described in this report;**
- 3. Direct the City Clerk and Solicitor to send a letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to advise of any Council decisions with respect to a comprehensive ward boundary review for the City of Ottawa, as described in this report;**
- 4. Approve that the City Clerk and Solicitor's letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs also specifies that Council intends for the ward boundary review to be conducted on the basis of retaining the current number of wards, being 23, each represented by a single elected Member, in addition to a Mayor elected by general vote, as set out in By-law No. 2005-534; and**
- 5. Approve that the Terms of Reference for the City of Ottawa's 2019-2020 comprehensive ward boundary review, as outlined in Document 3, be amended to direct the independent consultant to bring forward ward boundary options that retain the existing Council composition, as described in this motion, and pending any feedback received from the Ontario Government in response to the City Clerk and Solicitor's letter.**

Copies of the above-noted staff report and supporting documents are attached to this letter for your ease of reference. Information relating to Council's ward boundary review-related decisions may also be found at

<http://app05.ottawa.ca/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=7556&doctype=summary&itemid=388523>.

I would be pleased to receive any feedback you may have regarding the above-noted Council decisions with respect to a comprehensive ward boundary review for the City of Ottawa.

It is anticipated that the City will undertake this review by December 2019. Your feedback is greatly appreciated prior to the above-noted date in order to protect taxpayers' dollars and to ensure that the review reflects feedback received from your office.

Yours truly,



cc: Other provincial party leaders
Local Members of Provincial Parliament