



Finance and Economic Development Committee
City of Ottawa
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RE: Ward Boundary Review 2020

The Bridlewood Community Association (BCA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020. This is an important moment for the City of Ottawa that will ensure all residents and communities are effectively represented at City Hall for many more years. Bridlewood residents are proud to be a community within the vibrant and exciting ward of Kanata South.

In 1978, the Province of Ontario incorporated Kanata as a city forming out of the Township of March, and portions of the Township of Goulbourn and the Township of Nepean (subsequently the City of Nepean). Bridlewood was part of the Township of Nepean until 1978, then it became a community within the City of Kanata until 2001, when Kanata amalgamated with the City of Ottawa.

Following amalgamation in 2001, the former City of Kanata was represented at Ottawa City Hall by one councillor. Following a ward boundary review in 2005, it was recommended the City of Kanata be divided into two separate wards, Kanata North and Kanata South. Bridlewood, along with Glen Cairn, Hazeldean and Katimavik are the local communities that make up Kanata South. Each community has its own history and local issues, but we have worked together to ensure Kanata South remains a community that is rich in culture, recreation and jobs.

Bridlewood residents have raised and continue to raise many issues over the years with its local city councillors. Although there remain issues that our community believe should be addressed by the City of Ottawa, Bridlewood has been well represented by its current and past city councillors since amalgamation.

Our community of Kanata South, formerly part of Kanata, is filled with history. It is home to the Ottawa Senators, the Kanata Blazers & Knights, the Kanata Recreation Complex, the former Kanata City Hall and the Scott Tokessy baseball fields. Under the proposed options presented to Ottawa's Finance and Economic Development Committee and City Council, only Option 6 will ensure Kanata South remains a community with shared interests and history.

The current boundaries of Kanata South must remain coherent and well defined. The other options as presented, divide our community using Terry Fox Drive as a proposed boundary. The small population of residents that are on the west side of Terry Fox Drive adds very little population to Kanata South although would significantly detract from the history of our community if they were to be in a different ward.

Residents who have been part of Kanata, would now be part of Stittsville, although they would have no shared history or interest. For those residents who played hockey at the Kanata Recreation Complex for many years, no longer could say that they played hockey in Kanata. The services residents have come to expect would change.

The Bridlewood Community Association recommends Option 6 as the only option that would truly maintain the interests, history and the boundaries of Kanata South. The current boundaries should remain as Kanata South residents have received effective representation and would continue to have an equal voice on Ottawa City Council.

Sincerely,

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