

Standing Committee

March 9, 2026



Trustee Determination & Distribution, 2026

- Boards must complete their Trustee Determination & Distribution Report by March 31 and submit by April 3 of the election year
- The calculation process incorporates the following factors:
 - **Population Electoral Group (PEG) Report:** The PEG reports are produced by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and contain information related to the number of eligible voters by board type.
 - **Low Population Area Designations:** Boards may designate low-population areas to adjust distribution; however, such designations do not affect the total number of trustees and do not apply to HWDSB, which consists of a single municipality.
 - **Regulatory Tables and Dispersal Factor Rules:** These guide the allocation of trustees to geographic areas and define eligibility for additional members based on density or board area.
 - **Distribution of Members to Geographic Areas:** The number of geographic areas cannot exceed the allowable number of trustees, and the sum of the **electoral quotients** in each geographic area should be as close to a whole number as possible.

Trustee D&D: Key Data Inputs

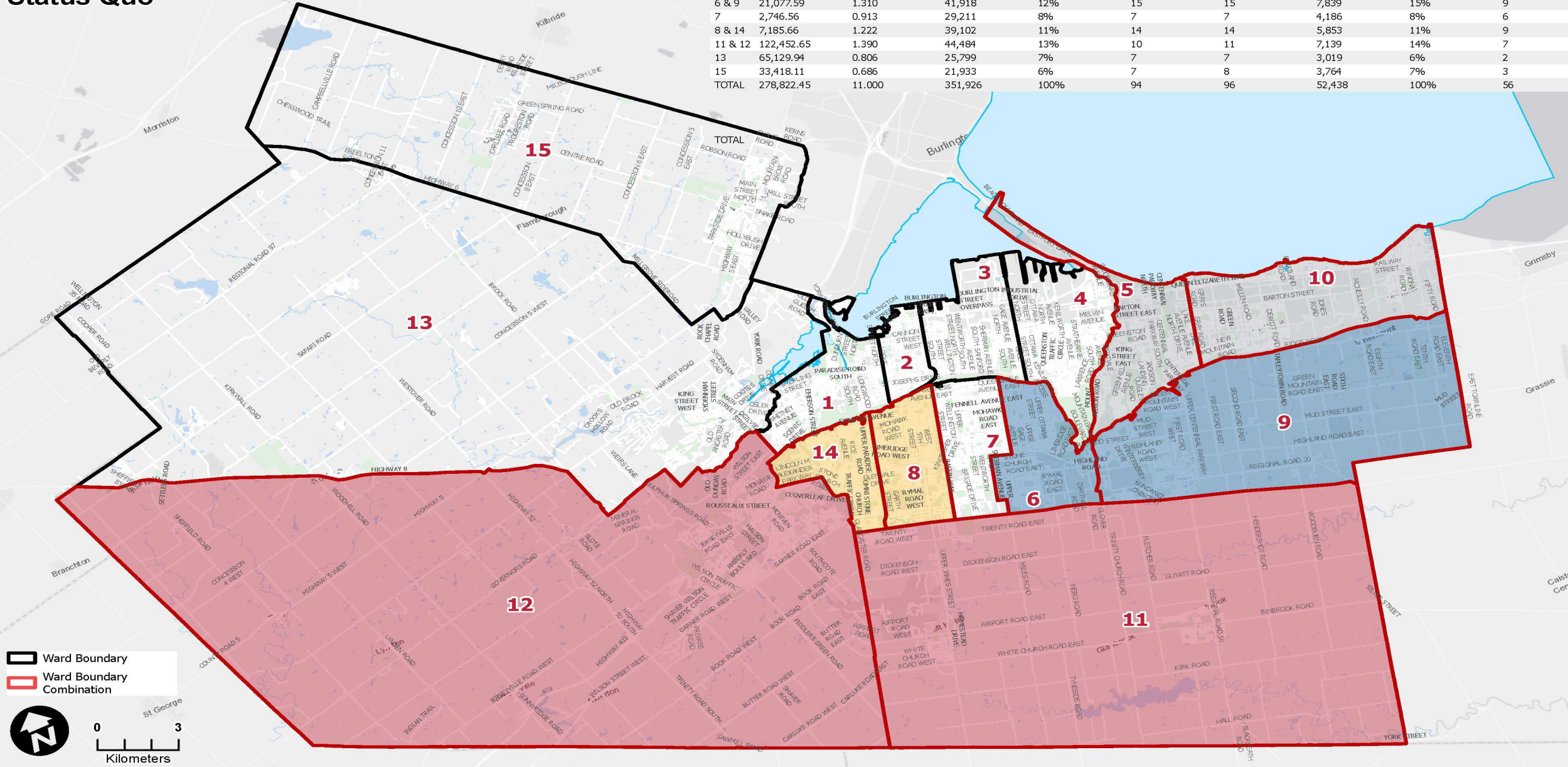
- **Electoral Population** is 351,926
- The Board includes **one municipality**, so low-population designations do not apply
- **Density factor** is 361.81, well above the threshold for additional trustees (must be below 4.0)
- **Board area** is 1,127 km², below the 8,000 km² minimum for additional trustees based on geographic area

Trustee D&D: Outcomes

- Total number of Trustees for the 2026 Municipal Elections: 11 Trustees
- Ward couplings are required as the number of wards exceeds trustee positions. Ministry guidelines require that electoral quotients not exceed 1.6 per area
- No changes in regulatory framework since 2022
- Updated population data provided by MPAC in the PEG report did not indicate any significant shifts in electoral population data requiring redistribution of existing ward couplings

Hamilton-Wentworth Ward Boundaries Status Quo

Ward	Area (Acres)	Electoral Quotient	English Public Support	% English Public Support	Number of HWDSB Schools 2025	Future Number of HWDSB Schools	Number of HWDSB Students 2025	% HWDSB Students October 2025	Number of HWCSB Schools
1	3,781.36	0.760	24,301	7%	7	7	2,821	5%	3
2	1,467.50	0.801	25,622	7%	5	5	2,430	5%	1
3	3,744.96	0.826	26,425	8%	5	5	3,943	8%	4
4	4,998.61	0.797	25,509	7%	8	8	4,047	8%	2
5 & 10	12,819.51	1.489	47,622	14%	9	9	7,397	14%	10
6 & 9	21,077.59	1.310	41,918	12%	15	15	7,839	15%	9
7	2,746.56	0.913	29,211	8%	7	7	4,186	8%	6
8 & 14	7,185.66	1.222	39,102	11%	14	14	5,853	11%	9
11 & 12	122,452.65	1.390	44,484	13%	10	11	7,139	14%	7
13	65,129.94	0.806	25,799	7%	7	7	3,019	6%	2
15	33,418.11	0.686	21,933	6%	7	8	3,764	7%	3
TOTAL	278,822.45	11.000	351,926	100%	94	96	52,438	100%	56



 Ward Boundary
 Ward Boundary Combination

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 Kilometers

Trustee D&D: Recommendation

- That the Board does not designate any municipality as a low-population area
- That the Board confirm a total of 11 Trustees for the 2026 Municipal Election
- That the Board approve the proposed geographic distribution of Trustees across wards:

<i>Area</i>	<i>Trustees</i>
<i>Ward 1</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 2</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 3</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 4</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Wards 5 & 10</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Wards 6 & 9</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 7</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Wards 8 & 14</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Wards 11 & 12</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 13</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 15</i>	<i>1.0</i>