



It's time to redefine Hamilton's Ward Boundaries to more accurately represent the population density of Hamilton and the distribution of City Council seats.

Currently, Hamilton City Council is made up of 15 seats plus the Mayor. The populations of each ward are not equal- which means wards with higher populations have less representation at City Hall.

For example, Ward 7 on Hamilton Mountain is home to approximately 58,000 residents, whereas Ward 14 in Flamborough is home to approximately 17,000 residents. Both wards have the same amount of representation at City Hall.

In a broader sense, Wards 1-8 (Urban Wards) have approximately 330,000 residents with 8 councillors representing them. Wards 9-15 (Suburban Wards) have approximately 174,000 residents, with 7 councillors representing them. This means urban wards are underrepresented on council, with some wards having four times the populations of others.

Hamiltonians For Ward Boundary reform firmly believes it is in our City's best interests to reform these boundaries in a way that is more reflective of population density.

Please sign the petition, urging City Council and the Ontario Municipal Board to address this longstanding disparity in time for the change to take effect for the next municipal election in 2014.