

# Proposed Electoral Boundary Alterations

RM of Edenwold No. 158

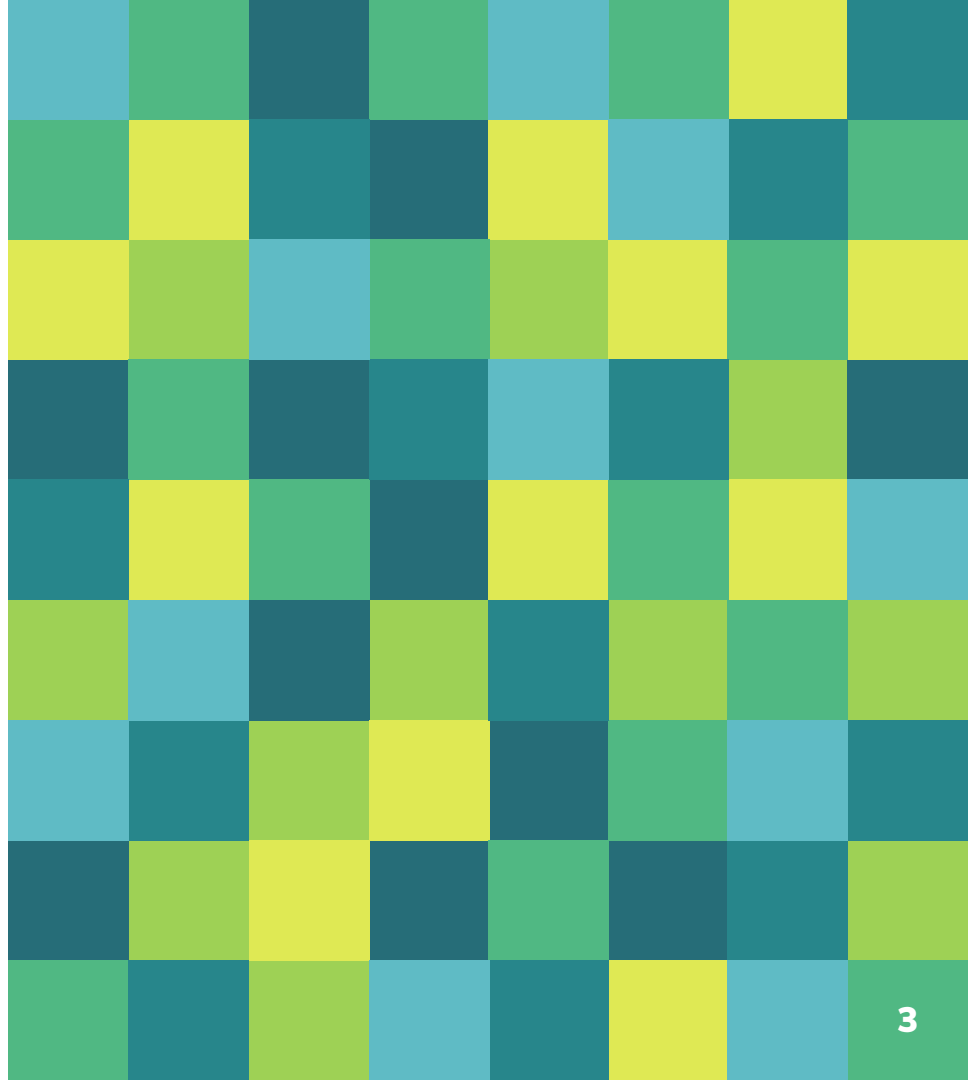
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Background



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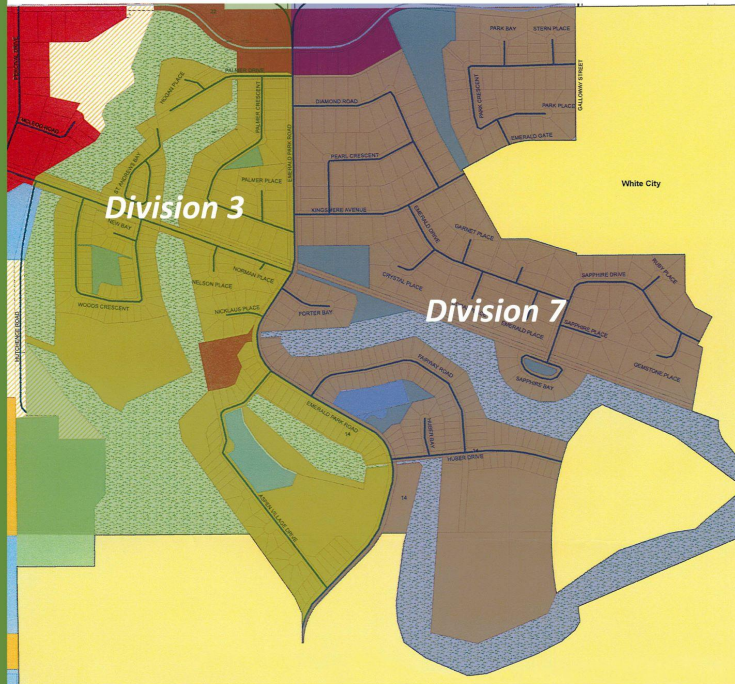
- June 9th, 2020, Council asks Planning & Development to investigate options for the creation of a new division, Division 7
- This is a result of public demand and improving representation by population

**Allows RM to stay  
responsive to  
community**

# Background

- Created three Divisional Options for Emerald Park
- Each works to balance, population, land use, and representation
- Gradual Change over time: 2016-2018-2020

## — Proposed Electoral Boundary Alterations — Division 3 and New Division 7 — Option 1



- Properties on the west side of Emerald Park Road vote in Division 3, those on the east side vote in Division 7

- Population:

Approx. 846 People in Division 3

Approx. 1043 People in Division 7

*(3.23 people per property)*

- Commercial properties on Great Plains Road are divided between Division 3 and Division 7

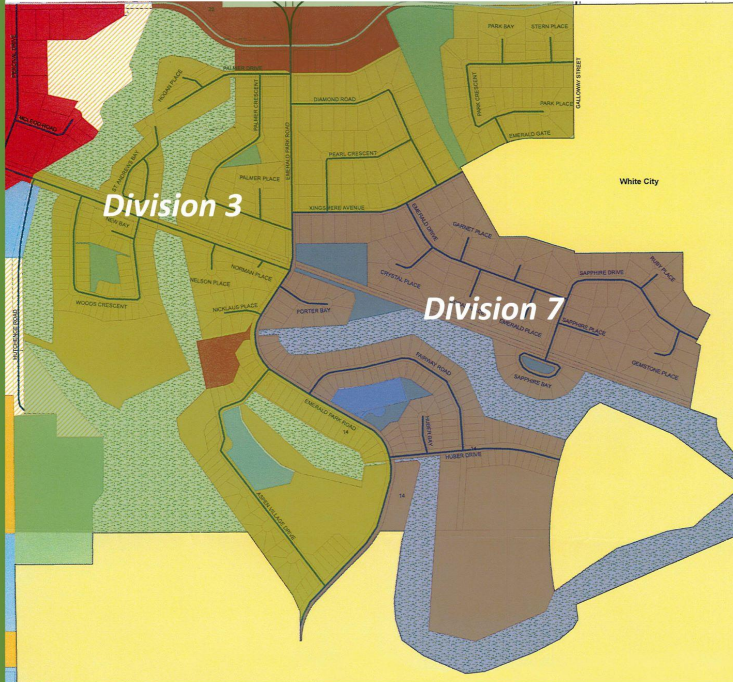
- Allows for change in population due to growth in Division 3 and Division 7:

Division 3 along Aspen Village Drive

Division 7 along Huber Drive



## — Proposed Electoral Boundary Alterations — Division 3 and New Division 7 — Option 2



- Properties on the north side of Kingsmere Avenue vote in Division 3, those on the south side vote in Division 7

- Population:

Approx. 1304 People in Division 3

Approx. 584 People in Division 7

*(3.23 people per property)*

- Commercial properties on Great Plains Road are within Division 3 boundaries

- Allows for change in population due to growth in Division 3 and Division 7:

Division 3 along Aspen Village Drive

Division 7 along Huber Drive





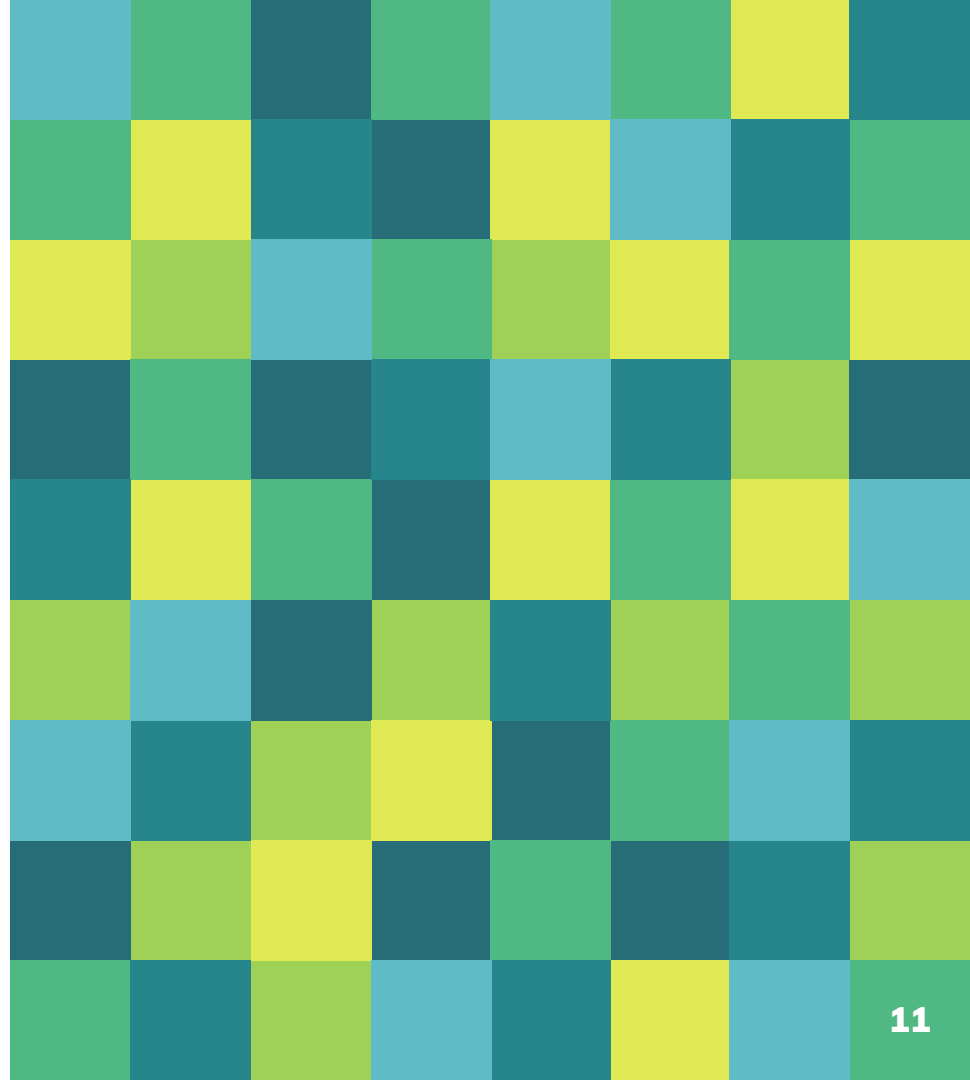


# Background

- Population - Sections
  - Division 1: 744 people, 82 sections
  - Division 2: 372 people, 53 sections
  - Division 3: 1531 people, 1 section
  - Division 4: 902 people, 23 sections
  - Division 5: 381 people, 67 sections
  - Division 6: 551 people, 74 sections

# 2.

## Public Engagement Summary



# Public Engagement Summary - Forms

- 2 Forms sent to every household and business (Average Density of 2.32)
- Total of 2830 Forms mailed
- Could be dropped off, mailed in, or scanned and emailed



## Proposed Electoral Boundary Alterations - Division 3 and New Division 7

Do you live in  
Emerald Park?  
 Yes  No

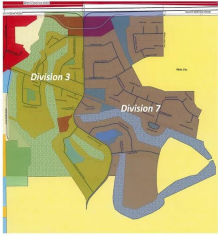
The RM of Edenwold No. 158 council is proposing alterations to Division 3 to remain responsive to the community. This would:

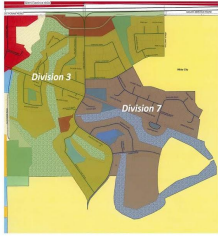
- Create a new division, Division 7.
- Improve representation by population within Emerald Park.
- Take new growth in the Emerald Park-area into account.

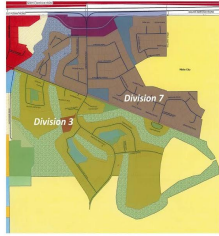
My preference for the new divisional boundary is:

*Return this card to the RM's municipal office by July 3rd, 2020 or mail it to: 100 Hutchence Rd, Emerald Park, S4L 1C6, or email a scan or picture of completed form to: rm158@sasktel.net.*

Moving forward and working with the Village of Edenwold to plan for a future municipal district, there may be additional changes made in 2022.








- No preference
- I have another alternative (see reverse)
- I am opposed to altering divisional boundaries

Any other comments for Council on this matter:

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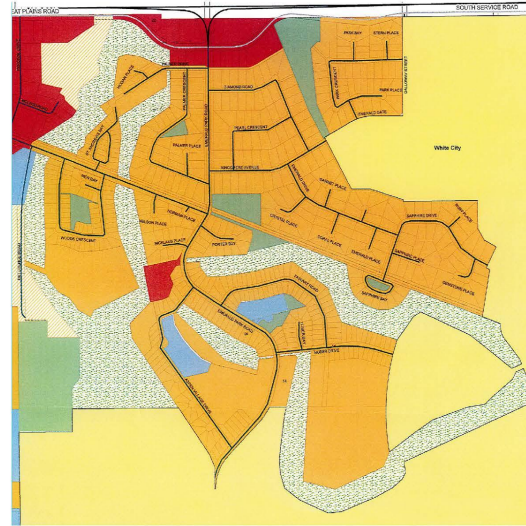
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(See Reverse)

### Proposed Alternative: Draw the boundaries of your proposed Divisions 3 and 7



Please Explain:

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**Thank you! Council will review your feedback and consider a proposal for new boundaries at the Council Meeting on July 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

Visit us to discuss boundary changes with staff and/or Council during one of our come-and-go events at 100 Hutchence Rd., Emerald Park, on the following dates:

- 1) Friday, June 19th from 1pm to 4pm
- 2) Thursday, June 25th from 11am to 2pm
- 3) Tuesday, June 30th from 5pm to 7pm
- 4) Friday, July 3rd from 9am to 5pm



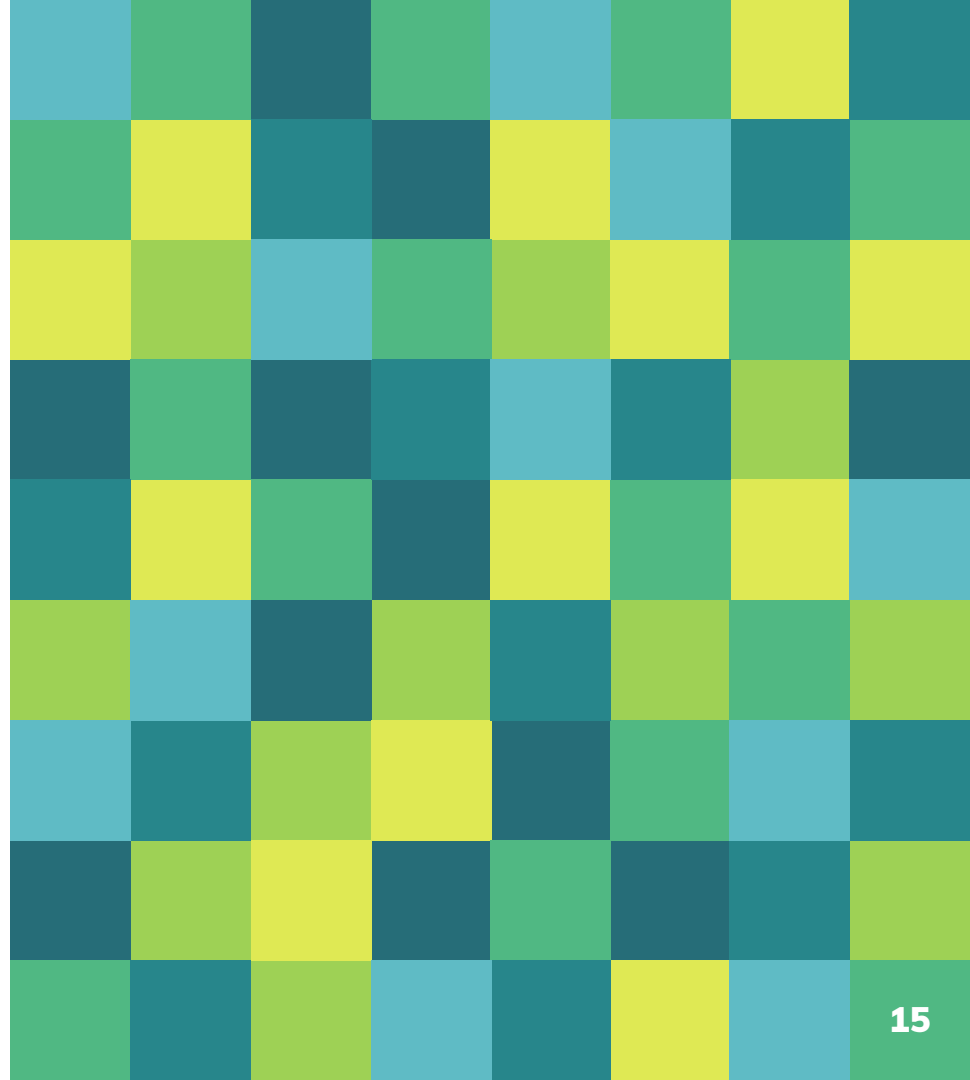
Note: More feedback forms can be found at [www.rmedenwold.ca/administration/election-information](http://www.rmedenwold.ca/administration/election-information)

# Public Engagement Summary - Open House

- 4 Open Houses
  - June 19th - 1 to 4pm
  - June 25th - 11am to 2pm
  - June 30th - 5 to 7pm
  - July 3rd - 9am to 5pm
- Picked times and dates that were varied
- Approx. 30 people came to open houses or spoke with a planner

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## Analysis

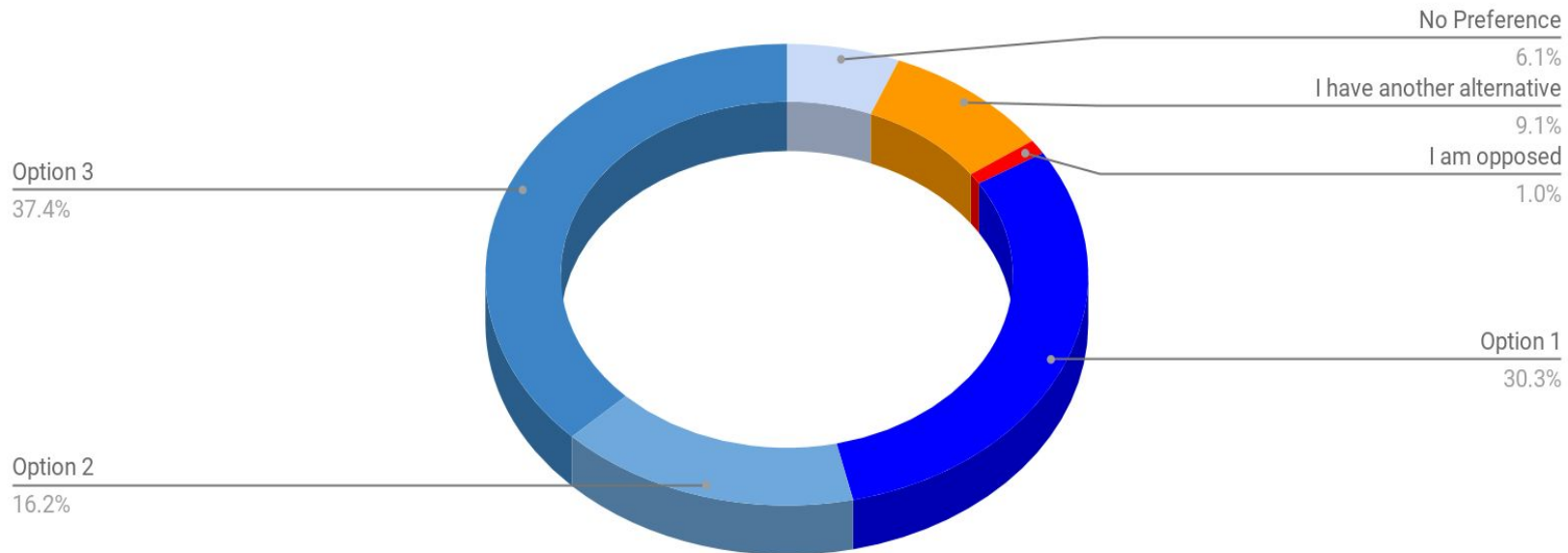


# Analysis

- 2830 Forms mailed, 79 received (2.79%)
- Not statistically significant, but relevant in showing what residents of the RM think about new divisional boundaries
- 78% from Emerald Park residents;  
22% from residents living outside the area



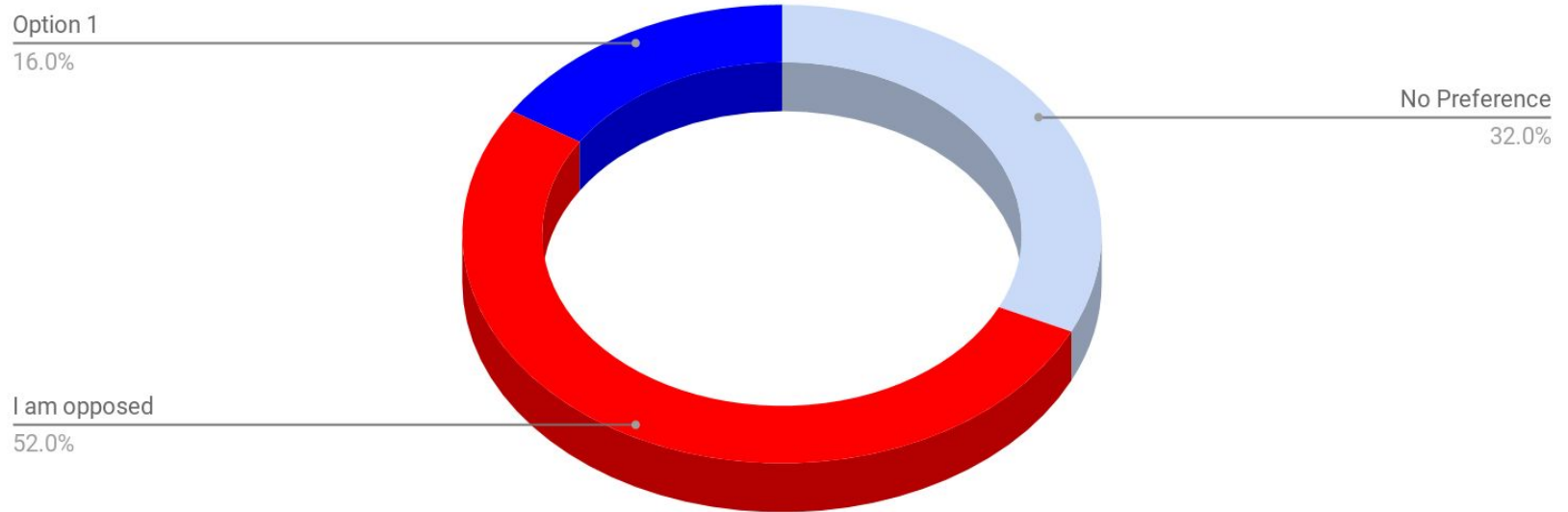
## Analysis - of Emerald Park Submissions



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- Option 3 is the most chosen option for new divisional boundaries
- Very little opposition to the creation of Division 7 from within Emerald Park
- Most “I have another alternative” proposed an alternative on Option 3, which will be discussed soon

## Analysis - of non-Emerald Park Submissions



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- Significant disapproval for the creation of Division 7
- Responses in support of Division 7 are largely apathetic
- Option 1 is the only option mentioned by residents living outside Emerald Park

# Analysis - of those Opposed to Division 7 (outside of EP)

- Concerns -
  - Council does not represent the needs of rural residents
  - Council should not give Emerald Park more representation in Council
  - This is a rural municipality, and Council should be giving rural residents greater representation

# Analysis - of those Opposed to Division 7 (outside of EP)

- Solutions -
  - Create a new RM, turning Emerald Park into an independent urban municipality
  - Give control of the RM to SARM
  - Give Emerald Park a non-voting member on council to assist Division 3

# Analysis - of those Opposed to Division 7 (inside EP)

- Concerns -
  - Emerald Park is underrepresented in Council
    - Representation by Population

# Analysis - of those Opposed to Division 7 (inside EP)

- Solutions -
  - Give Emerald Park 3 divisions, the other 3 divisions representing all of current divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6



# Analysis - of those Opposed to Division 7 (inside EP)

- Why is this not a good idea for now -
  - E.P. is home to 34% of population, would be overrepresented by 16%
  - Does not consider population:land factors
  - Council has decided to take a gradual approach, shown through decisions made in 2016 and 2018
  - Future opportunities in 2022 with the MD

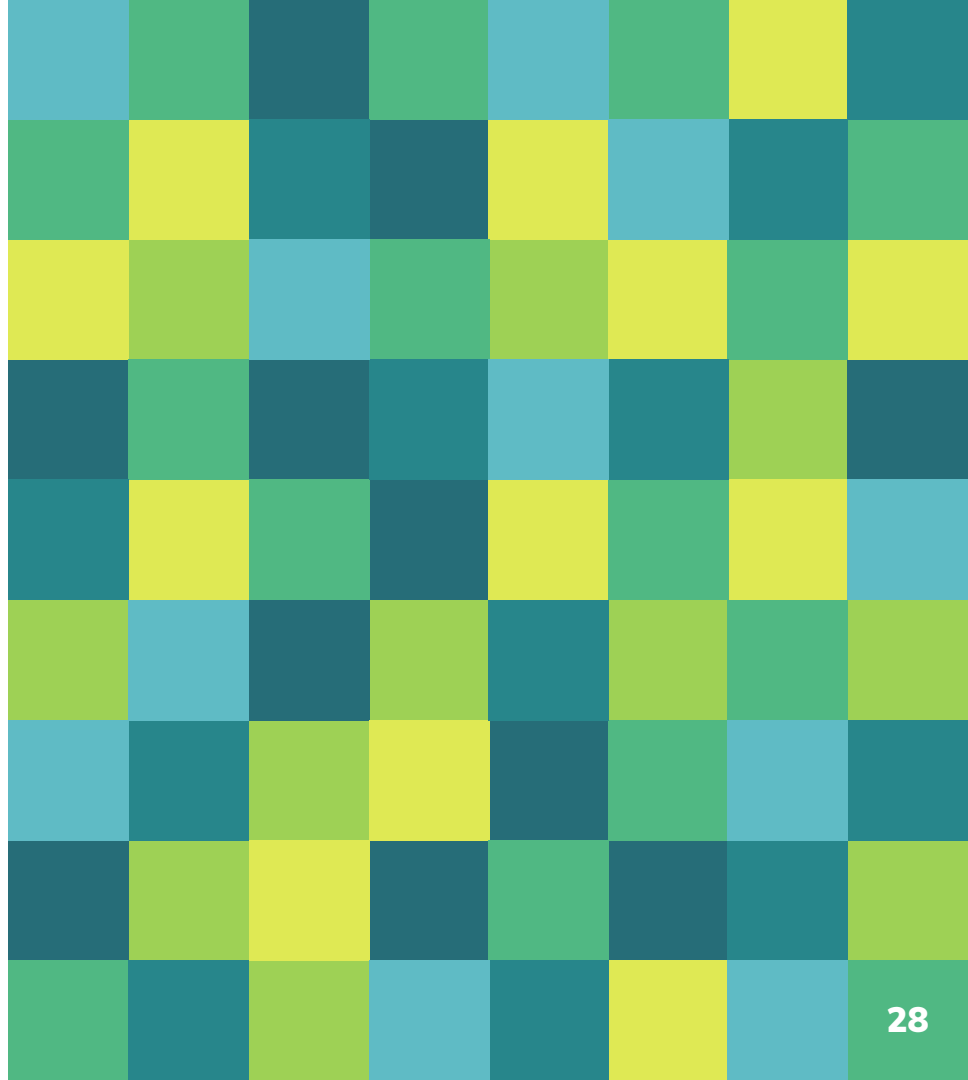
# Analysis - “I have another alternative”

- Concerning Option 3 -
  - Add Sapphire Bay to Division 7
  - Population Estimates:
    - Division 3: 917
    - Division 7: 971



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## Staff Recommendation



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- Option 3 but add Sapphire Bay to Division 7
- Most closely balanced by population
- Gives Division 3, starting with a lower population, greater opportunity for greenfield development