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Regarding the Scarborough – Guildwood Electoral District

Key Points submitted by the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA):

- Both the current and proposed electoral district boundaries of Scarborough-Guildwood are based on a grid running predominately north/south. This grid fails to reflect a significant geographic feature that runs east/west in the southern part of this area of Scarborough.
- This geographic feature is a steep and prominent escarpment – the onetime shoreline of a glacial lake. The escarpment runs across parts of Scarborough-Guildwood and Scarborough Southwest. It affects local residents, traffic patterns and commerce.
- The escarpment is a defining feature of the terrain and restricts north-south travel by vehicles and pedestrians. It creates a natural boundary between neighbourhoods located above and below the escarpment.
- This escarpment also defines the different areas represented by two adjacent neighbourhood associations. The area below the escarpment is represented by the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA). The area above the escarpment is represented by the Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association (CSVSWRA).
- Both associations agree that the escarpment determines their common boundary. The GVCA and the CSVSWRA strongly recommend that the census tracts in this area better reflect local neighbourhoods (Slide 2 includes CSVSWRA support).
- Members of GVCA and CSVSWRA also agree that this realignment can be done by adjusting boundaries of three census tracts located between the current federal electoral districts of Scarborough-Guildwood and Scarborough Southwest.
- This submission highlights how the current and proposed federal electoral district boundaries are misaligned with local neighbourhoods (Slides 3 - 7). Slide 8 describes how adjusting boundaries of three census tracts will correct this misalignment. For reference, Slide 9 shows the boundaries of Guildwood Village, as formalized by the GVCA in 1986.

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Letter of Support from the Cliffcrest Scarborough Village Southwest Residents Association (CSVSWRA)

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario:

The Cliffcrest Scarborough Village Southwest Residents Association (CSVSWRA) strongly supports the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA) submission to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario.

This submission calls for the Commission to ensure the census tracts in this part of Scarborough align with the local natural and developed features that have long defined our existing neighbourhoods.

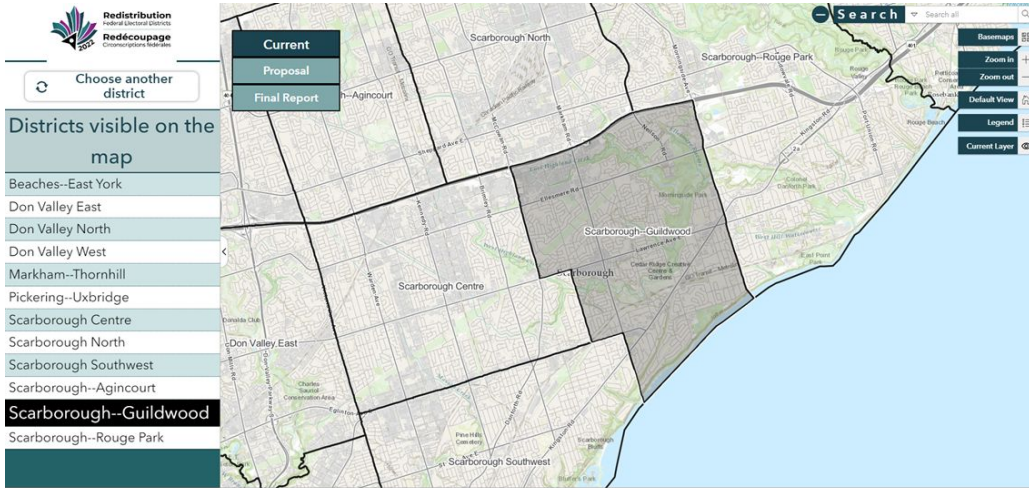
Volunteer members from both the CSVSWRA and the GVCA worked together for many months on this initiative to ensure the submission captures the views of local residents from our neighbourhoods

The two associations agree that this is a situation where the well-known adage, “Good Fences Make Good Neighbours,” applies. The natural escarpment boundary which GVCA adopted decades ago for its jurisdiction aligns with the boundaries determined by the CSVSWRA two years ago.

It is these natural and developed features, rather than more arbitrary grid patterns, that have long defined local neighbourhoods in Scarborough. Our two organizations also agree that future realignment of electoral districts will best serve residents in this part of Toronto by having revised census tract boundaries incorporate these local features.

Marina Tadenc, Vice-President, CSVSWRA

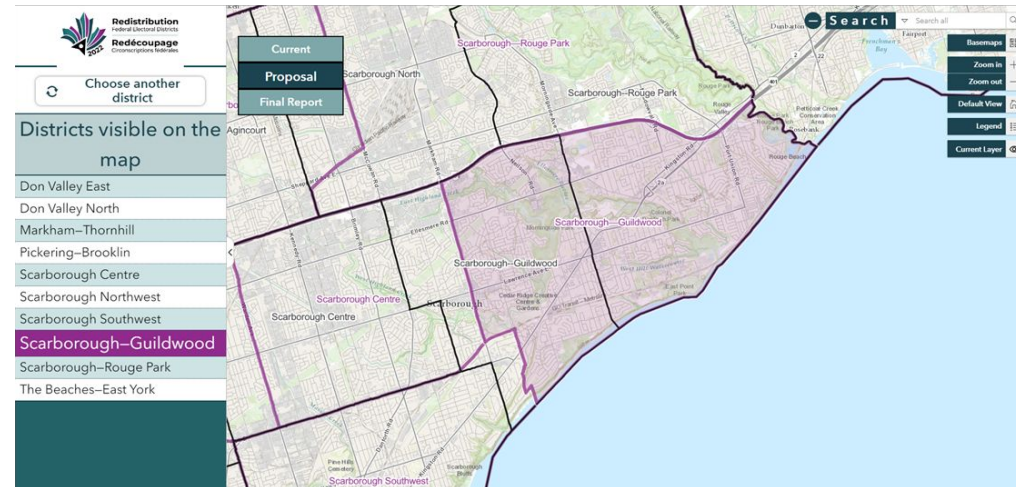
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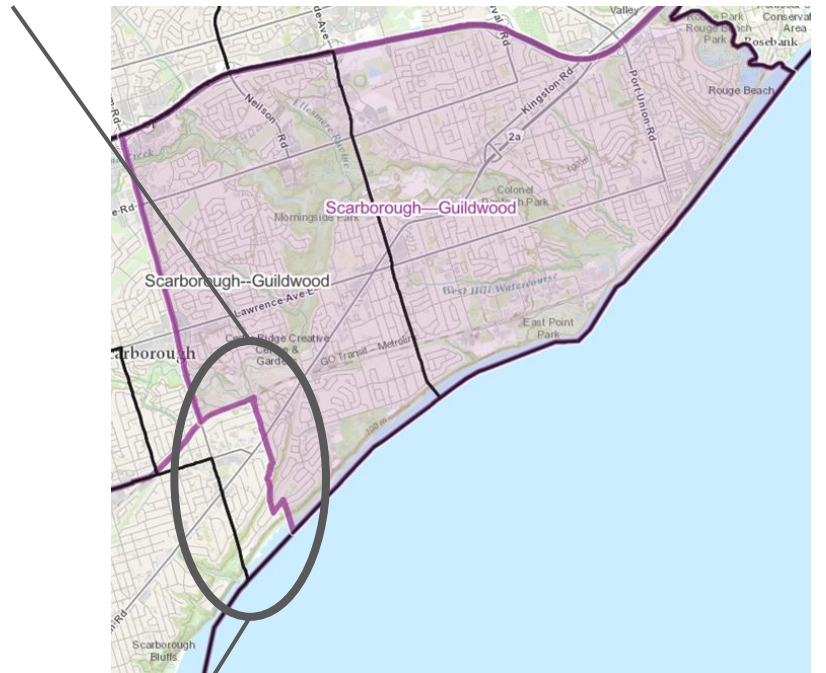
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Scarborough- Guildwood Electoral District

Expanded view southwest boundary Existing & Proposed

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**Highlighting Southwest
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Electoral District**

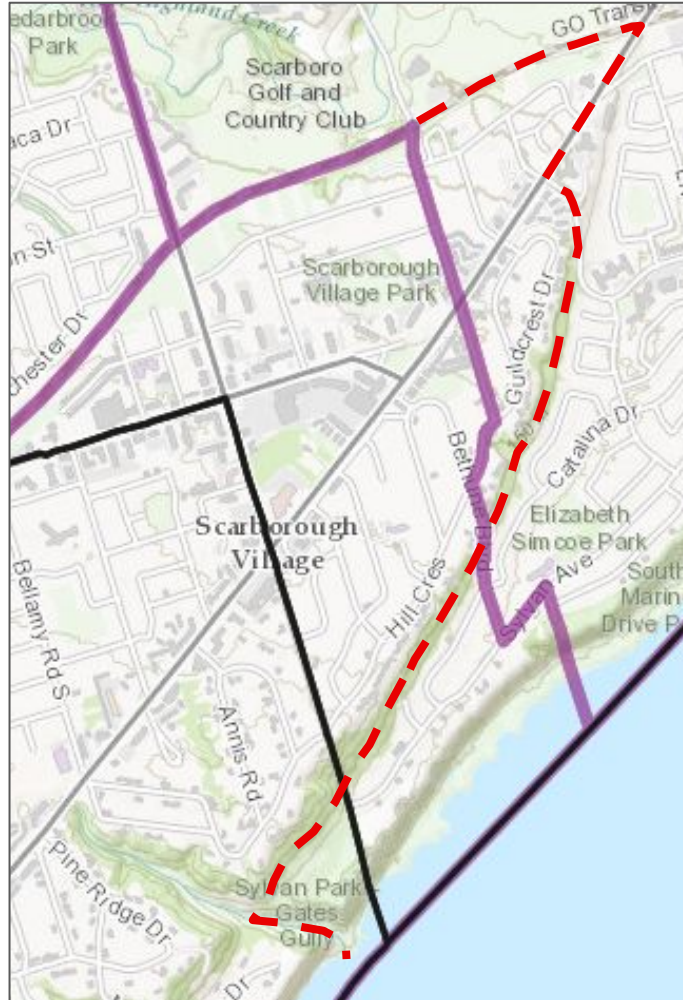
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Comparing southwest boundary

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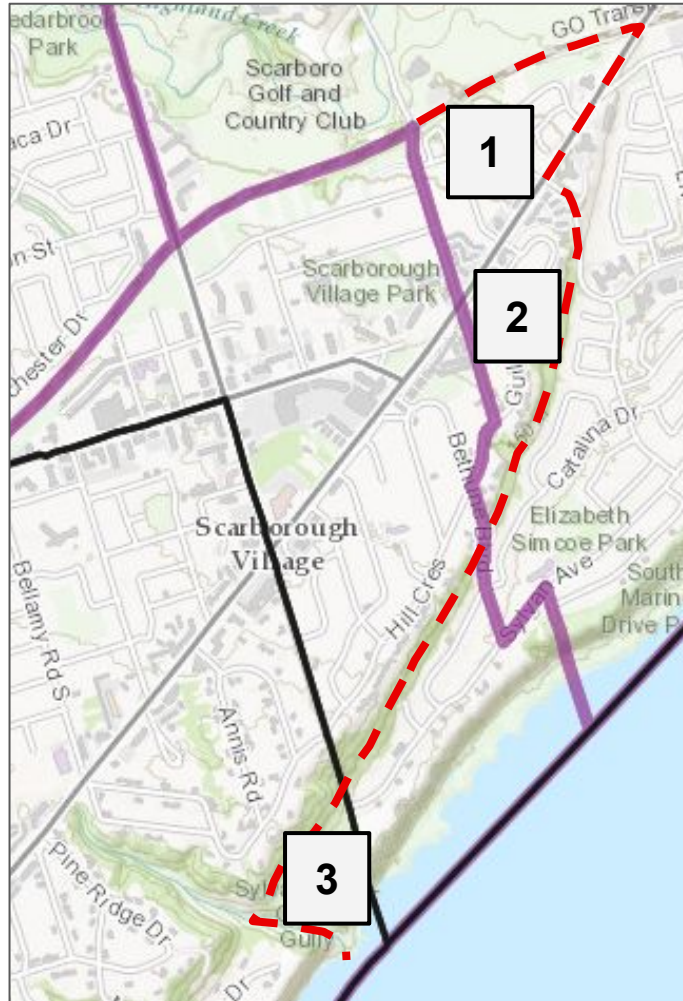
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Areas of Change

1. Dale Community
2. Guildcrest
3. West Sylvan

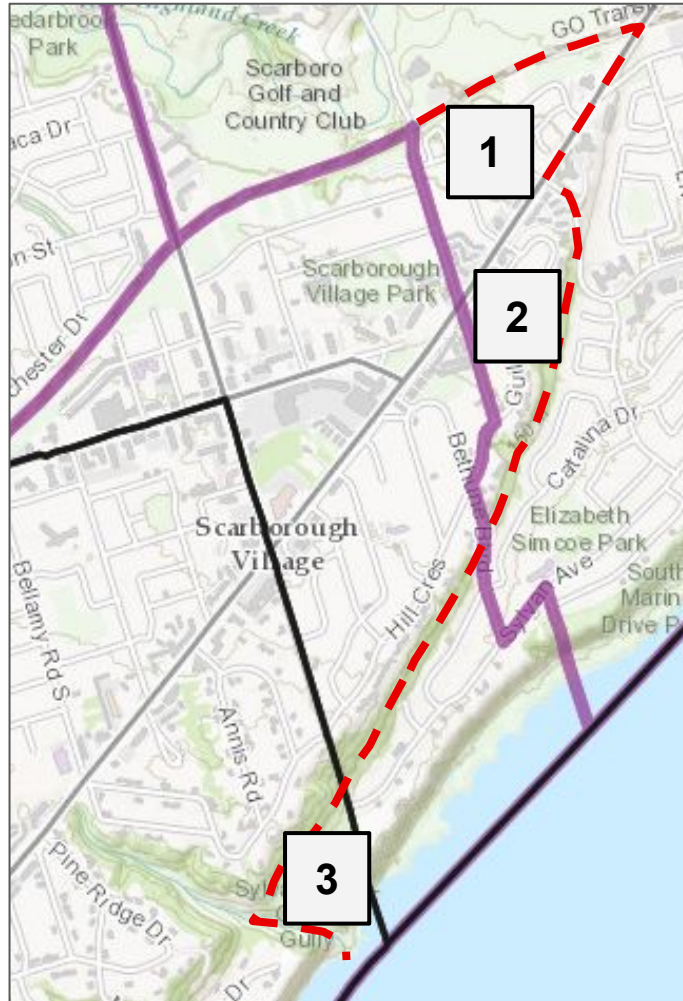
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Description - Affected Areas

1. Dale Community: North of Kingston Road and east of Scarborough Golf Club Road. Residential area more similar to Scarborough Village to the east than to Guildwood Village to the south. No direct vehicle access to Guildwood Village.

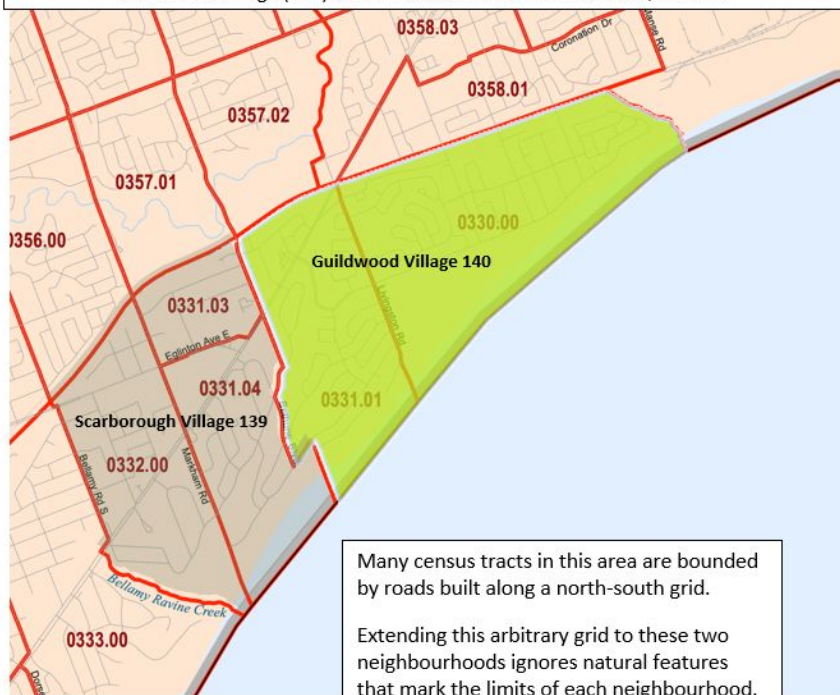
2. Guildcrest: Also recognized as part of Scarborough Village. East/west escarpment limits road access to/from Guildwood Village to one street (Bethune Road).

3. West Sylvan: East/west escarpment directs most vehicle traffic and school catchment into Guildwood Village. Only north/south road access is via Bethune Road.

Current Census Tract Boundaries for City of Toronto's Neighbourhoods Scarborough Village (139) and Guildwood Village (140)

Scarborough Village (139) contains three Census Tracts: 0331.03, 0331.04, 0332.00

Guildwood Village (140) contains two Census Tracts: 0330.00, 0331.01



Many census tracts in this area are bounded by roads built along a north-south grid.

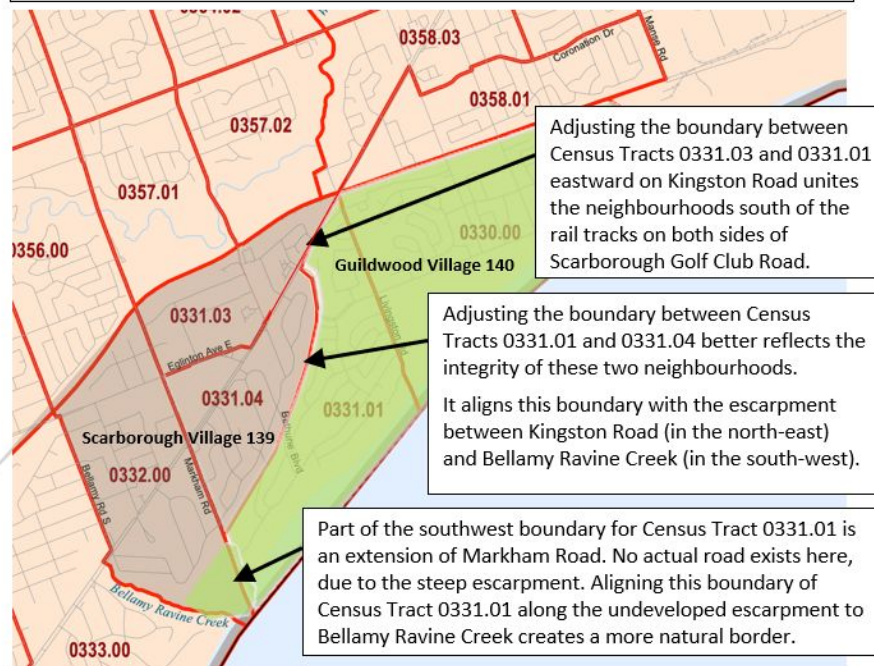
Extending this arbitrary grid to these two neighbourhoods ignores natural features that mark the limits of each neighbourhood.

As a result, areas from these two different neighbourhoods are combined into Census Tract 0331.04.

Adjusted Census Tract Boundary for City of Toronto's Neighbourhoods Scarborough Village (139) and Guildwood Village (140)

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Adjusting the boundary between Census Tracts 0331.03 and 0331.01 eastward on Kingston Road unites the neighbourhoods south of the rail tracks on both sides of Scarborough Golf Club Road.

Adjusting the boundary between Census Tracts 0331.01 and 0331.04 better reflects the integrity of these two neighbourhoods. It aligns this boundary with the escarpment between Kingston Road (in the north-east) and Bellamy Ravine Creek (in the south-west).

Part of the southwest boundary for Census Tract 0331.01 is an extension of Markham Road. No actual road exists here, due to the steep escarpment. Aligning this boundary of Census Tract 0331.01 along the undeveloped escarpment to Bellamy Ravine Creek creates a more natural border.

By making these census tract adjustments, data collected from all five of these census tracts would better represent the two local neighbourhoods. This will improve the quality of information available to government agencies and private businesses about Guildwood Village and Scarborough Village.

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Established
boundary of
Guildwood Village set
out in the Guildwood
Village Community
Association (GVCA)
Constitution, Article 3
and Schedule A.

Based on Guildwood
Community Plan PL0682.
Revised Sept. 1986

Source:

<https://www.guildwood.ca/constitution>

- 1 Commencing at the centre line of the mouth of the creek east of Greyabbey Trail,
- 2 northwest to the railway tracks.
- 3 west to the centre of Kingston Road,
- 4 southwest to the centre of Guildwood Parkway,
- 5 south to the northern property line of the most northerly residential lots fronting on Grandor Court, Avonmore Square, Sir Raymond Drive, Catalina Drive, Heathfield Drive and Sylvan Avenue, and backing on the escarpment,
- 6 west to encompass Sylvan Park following the established boundary to Lake Ontario; and
- 7 east to the point of commencement.

