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What is your current electoral division?

30 - Edmonton-Decore

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest

Submission

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Electoral Boundaries Commission for your hard work in addressing the challenges in establishing riding limits in the cities, towns and rural parts of the province. Your work ensures population equality in Alberta, allowing for effective representation, while addressing the needs of both rural and urban communities. I would also like to thank the Commission for adding a much-needed new riding to the Edmonton electoral map.

Living in Edmonton Decore we have seen a large growth in population; in fact, the City of Edmonton has experienced the fastest population growth in over 20 years with an increase to the population of 5.7%. Population growth is forecast to continue at a rate of approximately 3.1% in the coming years. This unprecedented growth has put a strain on infrastructure, education, law enforcement and our public health care system. With these concerns in mind, I feel it is important to state to the Commission that although I am thankful that you have added a riding in the City of Edmonton, due to so many people settling in the capital city, a further riding will be necessary if our city's MLAs are going to be able to represent their ridings in an effective and timely manner.

I also have concerns with the combining of rural and urban, hybrid electoral divisions. Edmonton Manning, a riding that shares a boundary with Edmonton Decore, also shares boundaries with rural parts of the Fort Saskatchewan/Vegreville and Sherwood Park ridings.

Combining this urban riding with its rural neighbors would be harmful. Urban and rural communities often have different needs and priorities and merging them can dilute the voting power of city residents compared to those in less populated areas.

The differing interests of a hybrid riding can lead to a situation where the MLA cannot adequately serve either group due to contrasts and even conflicts in the needs of rural and urban citizens. My biggest concern in hybrid ridings, when combining areas with distinct voting patterns, can form de facto gerrymandering districts. These combined ridings can favour political parties with strong rural support at the expense of voters in urban centers, creating an outcome where the number of seats a party wins does not proportionally reflect the total votes cast. We have seen this type of gerrymandering in Alberta in the past and it is contrary to the rights of voters as stated in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.. Thank you once again for the hard work of redistricting of our province's electoral divisions. I am certain it is a difficult job trying to juggle all the concerns of Alberta voters.

Sincerely,

Tina M. Dmytryshyn

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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Other concerns

Submission

Beaumont functions as one city with shared services , schools, transit and growth. Dividing it means the residents on opposite sides of 50th street would have different MLA's. Any city wide issues like infrastructure, schools, etc would get fragmented representation, causing Beaumonts ability to speak with one clear voice.

A united Beaumont population would demand attention, Hold one MLA accountable . If it's split into two You will have different MLAs , confusion over who represents them as well .

The city of Beaumont is a city and let's leave it that way , instead of it being a number .

Bottom line for me is that if this goes ahead it will weaken representation, divides a unified city and dilutes Beaumonts political party.

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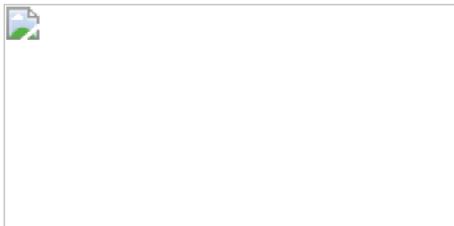


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68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

Gull Lake should be included in one constituency in entirety. Sylvan Lake should be included in the same constituency as Gull Lake as they share the same economic, recreational, and transportation corridors.

The northern boundary of the Lacombe constituency should be Hwy 53, excluding Ponoka. The western boundary Hwy 771 going around the lake and then west along the Lacombe county's northern boundary.

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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

Splitting a city makes sense when that city is big and the population needs two representatives but to split a smaller community like Beaumont into 2 only to then place each half with other communities that are not close by makes no sense. We do not share the same concerns and Beaumont as a whole needs someone to be able to represent their priorities and population. Splitting Beaumont and added it to bigger cities will only drown out Beaumont residents and they will not be properly represented within our government.

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69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Geographical features
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Do not split our city please

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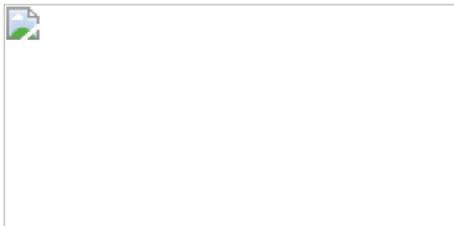


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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

I am against the realigning of Beaumont by splitting its electoral boundary.

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What is your current electoral division?

77 - Peace River

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

76 - Peace River-Notley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

Submission

The Peace River/Notley riding is a very large riding, incorporating many small urban communities, and lots of rural communities. I appreciate that Peace River is separate from Grande Prairie, as that community is large urban and doesn't share concerns of small urban and rural communities, so our voices will be better reflected in the legislature. As also, Peace River is a massive riding, which is a concern, of course, but it is difficult for the Commission, I realize, as our combined population is small.

I am motivated to give my response as I wish to congratulate the Commission, having read the interim report, on their very balanced and well-thought-out divisions for the boundaries. The Commission has approached the task with a Canadian view of how our boundaries are re-drawn, and refused to be influenced by the voices of those who want a more American-style boundaries approach - which lends itself to gerrymandering. I note that these boundaries are definitely not gerrymandered. Thank you for a job well done.

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December 15, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Concerns Regarding Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes

I am writing to respectfully express my displeasure with the newly proposed boundaries affecting the current Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency and ask for you to reconsider the boundary lines.

Having grown up in the Beiseker area and remaining deeply involved in this constituency, I have witnessed firsthand the strong connections among the communities of Trochu, Three Hills, Linden, Acme, Beiseker, Irricana, and Crossfield. These towns and villages share significant commonalities such as geographical proximity, community events, associations, and economic ties. I wholeheartedly believe that these communities should remain under the same constituency umbrella. The commonalities between these communities foster a sense of unity and collaboration. The proposed changes, however, would effectively eliminate the current constituency and fragment these interconnected communities.

The last boundary adjustment in 2017, in my opinion, was not beneficial to the constituency, and the new proposal appears to exacerbate these challenges. The southern boundary of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills does not align with the northern portion, and the differences between municipalities in these areas are substantial. Grouping communities with vastly different characteristics under one constituency risks diminishing effective representation and weakening the voice of residents who share common interests and priorities.

The current proposal of the western boundary is mountainous with a focus on forestry and wildlife. In contrast, the centre of the current constituency, including all the communities mentioned above, is very agricultural in nature.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundaries and preserve the integrity of these communities that have long worked together and supported one another. In an ideal world, I would envision the constituency not including the proposed western lands nor the far eastern boundary. What those exact lines look like, I'm not sure; however, as a suggestion, perhaps Highway 22 to the west, the Red Deer River to the east, the north end of Mountain View/Kneehill County to the north, and keeping Beiseker, Irricana, and Crossfield together to the south.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to fair and effective representation. I would be pleased to provide further input or clarification if needed.

Warm regards,



Alana Gibson



Interim Report Submission from W Craig Burrows-Johnson

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71 - Lethbridge-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

I'm a retired Postmaster/Superintendent from the historic Lethbridge Office (established 1886), and at one time had managerial responsibility for the 55 dependent Post Offices in Southern Alberta.

It was my privilege to be the first to present to the Electoral Boundaries Commission in Pincher Creek.

I grew up on a heritage ranch my Grandfather settled on east of Foremost in 1903, attended the University in Lethbridge, then moved to and lived in the inner city of Calgary for 30 years, before moving back to Southern Alberta.

I think I can honestly say I've seen life from both sides; in the both city and the country...

During my presentation I argued (somewhat obliquely) to maintain the City of Lethbridge's traditional electoral boundaries and against so-called hybrid representation. Therefore I read the preliminary report from the EBC to the Government with great interest.

Given my personal history, I was drawn to the description of the differences between our Westminster system and that of our neighbours to the south. I thought this description essential as without context this report would have been like a character in a novel without a story.

It also reminded me of something Margaret MacMillan wrote that; "lessons from history must be used with care. Using the wrong one, (as I may have done in my presentation), can lead to an oversimplified response to a complex situation, and can lead us toward making wrong decisions.

In my view the report is a thoughtful, well considered and balanced response to an incredibly complicated issue.

I'm very satisfied with the outcome (especially vis a vis the traditional Lethbridge electoral boundaries) and with the recommendations of this report to the Government of Alberta.

I would like to congratulate the Commission for the time, energy and thought that was put into this project.

Taken in it's entirety, I think it is very fair.

Sincerely

W Craig Burrows-Johnson

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What is your current electoral division?

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

47 - Edmonton-Strathcona

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I live in Parkallen, in a rapidly changing and growing riding. I do not believe you are taking into account the huge increase in population in the core. It has increased in the last few years. I live on 71 Avenue, a 10 plex is being built where there was an old summer cottage that had been empty for years. On 72 Avenue there have been a number of completed 8 plexes and 6 plexes. There have also been a number of skinnies built. All these are replacing small rentals; so are at least 8 people are replacing 2. On 73 Avenue two 8 plexes are being built on one lot. On 70 Avenue an 8 plex was completed last year. On 69 Avenue and 109 Street a large apartment complex has just started to be built on a lot that has been empty for at least 15 years. Not only has the population increased, but will increase a lot more. There are a lot more 8 plexes in McKernan. Council is deciding to rezone St Peters on 114 Street for low income housing. In Belgravia a huge apartment complex near the LRT has been progressing all year. On University Avenue a huge complex was completed a couple of years ago. There have been a number of completed high apartment complexes completed opposite the hospital. These are only a few examples noticed from my walks around the neighbourhood.

I have asked the council for the number of building permits in this area, but they do not have a figure. If they do not have a figure, what are you basing the so called population decline on? According to my councillor, Michael Janz, there will be a significant population increase in the core over the next few years. It is very important to have as close to equal representation as possible, otherwise votes are not of equal value. The people of Parkallen, and the other areas south of the river will be under represented if they are absorbed into the Strathcona Riding.

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What is your current electoral division?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

The September 2025 map of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville provide an excellent and accurate representation of our riding. I respectfully request that the proposed boundary remain unchanged, as it is both appropriate and effective. I am aware that some groups have suggested removing the Strathcona County area north of Highway 16, and I would like to outline the rationale for why this region should remain within the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency:

The Alberta Elections Act requires the Electoral Boundaries Commission to balance several key principles when setting constituency boundaries. These include:

1. Relative population parity
2. Common community interests
3. Geographic features
4. Municipal boundaries
5. Demographic trends
6. Effective representation

Based on these criteria, the case for the Strathcona County portion remaining with Fort Saskatchewan is strong.

1. Community of Interest and Shared Economic Ties

Integrated Industrial and Commuter Region

The area of Strathcona County adjacent to Fort Saskatchewan is highly integrated with Fort Saskatchewan through:

- The Industrial Heartland, which spans both sides of the North Saskatchewan River and is shared between Fort Saskatchewan and Strathcona County.
- Common workforce patterns—residents in this part of Strathcona County commute daily to Fort Saskatchewan employers, reinforcing shared economic interests.

Shared Infrastructure and Services

- Emergency services, transportation corridors (Highway 15, Highway 21), and pipeline/rail infrastructure link these communities as part of one regional system.
- Many residents in the Strathcona County portion rely on Fort Saskatchewan's retail, recreation, and service hubs, making it their practical community of interest.

Conclusion: Removing this area from the Fort Saskatchewan constituency would sever a well-established, functional community relationship that the Act directs the Commission to preserve.

2. Municipal and Geographic Logic

Rural-Industrial Character Alignment

The Strathcona County area currently contained within the Fort Saskatchewan

boundary is:

- Rural, industrial, and agriculturally oriented.
- Much more closely aligned in character to the rural-industrial fringe of Fort Saskatchewan than to Sherwood Park's suburban-residential character.

The boundaries therefore reflect real-world geography, not just municipal lines.

Natural Geographic Cohesion

- The lands fall within the same agricultural and industrial land-use blocks surrounding Fort Saskatchewan.
- Transportation patterns, natural features, and economic corridors all link this region to Fort Saskatchewan.

The Commission's parameters strongly discourage creating boundaries that cut across logical geographic groupings.

3. Population Variance Justification Under the Act

The Elections Act allows variances from the provincial population quotient where:

- Community interests warrant it,
- Geographic or municipal considerations justify it,
- Effective representation would be harmed by altering boundaries.

The Strathcona County portion helps balance the constituency's population.

Removing it would:

- Potentially place Fort Saskatchewan below acceptable population thresholds, or
- Force the Commission to add unrelated areas to compensate.

Both outcomes would reduce the logical coherence of the riding and undermine effective representation.

In contrast, leaving the area in place delivers an appropriate, principled variance in full compliance with the Act.

4. Effective Representation

"Effective representation"—the Supreme Court's guiding doctrine adopted in the Act—requires more than numeric equality. It demands:

- Logical communities that elect MLAs who can realistically represent their shared needs.
- Avoiding arbitrary splits that detach neighbourhoods from the economic and social hubs they rely on.

Residents in this part of Strathcona County:

- Participate in Fort Saskatchewan's civic and social life,
- Share its priorities (industry, transportation, rural services),
- Do not share the suburban priorities or service patterns of Sherwood Park.

Moving them would degrade, not enhance, their ability to be effectively represented.

5. Historical Continuity and Stability

This area of Strathcona County has been aligned with Fort Saskatchewan for multiple boundary cycles. The Commission's parameters state that:

- Boundaries should be changed only when clear justification exists.
- Preserving stable, predictable boundaries is a virtue unless population or representation issues demand change.

There is no such demand here. The current alignment is historically consistent, workable, and reflective of community identity.

Conclusion

Under the Elections Act and the Boundary Commission's guiding parameters—population parity, community of interest, municipal/geographic logic, and effective representation—the current portion of Strathcona County included with Fort Saskatchewan should remain in that constituency.

The area is economically integrated with Fort Saskatchewan, fits geographically and demographically with the riding's character, supports population balance, and preserves effective and coherent representation. No alternative boundary provides a superior alignment without violating core principles of the Act.

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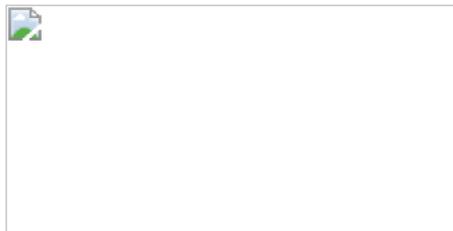
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44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

47 - Edmonton-Strathcona

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

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December 15, 2025

Submission for the 2025 Electoral Boundaries Commission

My name is Pat Barford. I live in the riding of Edmonton Strathcona. I'm participating in the Commission because I want to ensure any changes to the electoral map reflect my neighbourhood and how it's changed since the map was last drawn in 2017.

I am a lifelong Edmontonian and resident of Edmonton Strathcona. It is an old, inner city riding and having spent my entire life here, I can attest to the changes I've seen. Population has increased and continues to grow with infill projects bringing greater densification and more young families choosing this central, mature, neighbourhood. This trend has increased tremendously with new city infill bylaws, and there's no reason to think that's going to change. More and more people want to live in mature communities, walkable neighbourhoods, connected to public transit. This needs to be acknowledged. This increase in numbers should be recognized with the addition of a seat representing the growing population. Adding a seat to this part of the city would create a map that maintains fair, equal and effective voter representation. Please consider redrawing the map, and adding a seat to Edmonton Strathcona, so all the people living there are adequately represented.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,
Pat Barford

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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Keep Beaumont boundaries where it is

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What is your current electoral division?

55 - Central Peace-Notley

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

76 - Peace River-Notley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

To the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a former staff member to an elected official with direct experience supporting constituency operations in northern Alberta. I understand, firsthand, what is required to meet the standard of effective representation, as set out in the Commission's mandate.

Based on that experience, the proposal to add Peace River and Manning to the Central Peace–Notley riding would make effective representation impossible.

Effective Representation and Manageability-

Effective representation requires more than numerical voter parity. It requires that an elected member be physically present in their communities on a regular basis, accessible to constituents, and able to respond to urgent and emerging issues. Under the proposed boundaries, this standard could not be met.

Communities within the riding would be separated by six or more hours of travel, often under difficult conditions caused by winter weather, limited road infrastructure, and long distances between services.

Even with multiple staff and offices, an MLA cannot be in two distant regions at once. The practical outcome would be long gaps in presence and access for entire portions of the riding.

This is not a question of workload or efficiency. It is a question of physical impossibility.

Geographic Size and Sparsity-

The Commission has consistently recognized that geographic size and population sparsity are major considerations, particularly in northern and rural Alberta. This riding is already extraordinarily large by land mass. Expanding it further contradicts the very rationale for allowing population variance in rural constituencies.

While the population of the riding may be below the provincial average, that variance is justified precisely because of the distances involved. Increasing those distances undermines the principle the variance is meant to protect.

Community of Interest-

Fairview and Fox Creek are appropriately placed within the current riding. They share transportation corridors, economic ties, and regional concerns with the other communities in the constituency. In contrast, Peace River and Manning do not share a cohesive community of interest with the rest of the riding under the proposed configuration.

Their inclusion would not enhance representation; it would fragment it.

If population adjustments are required, a community such as Sexsmith is a far more defensible option. It is geographically aligned and connected to the existing riding in a way that supports shared interests and practical access.

Local Opposition and Riding Identity-

There is strong and widespread opposition among residents of the current riding to both the proposed boundary changes and the renaming of the constituency to Peace River–Notley. The proposal does not reflect how residents understand their region, nor does it respect the operational realities of representing the Peace Country.

Conclusion-

The Commission's mandate is to ensure fair and effective representation. Under the proposed boundaries, that standard cannot be met. The riding would be too large, too disconnected, and too sparsely populated to be represented in a meaningful or equitable way.

I respectfully but firmly urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal and to maintain boundaries that reflect geography, community of interest, and the realities of representation in northern Alberta.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Steinke
Valleyview, AB

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What is your current electoral division?

73 - Livingstone-Macleod

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

71 - Livingstone-Macleod

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Southern Alberta concerns

Submission

Thank you for all the work you have done to date. It is tough. My riding is going to change one way or another. Frankly, I believe that Waterton (National Park) and the Crowsnest Pass have much more in common economically and geographically with the proposed Jasper-Banff than other rural communities in our closer vicinity. That, it would seem, would be a ridiculous change to the riding map however I do prefer 71B and what little I do know about Okotoks Diamond Valley this would also be preferable. For Livingstone Macleod, from the west and south ends Lethbridge is our natural economic corridor. There is little business done up the #2 as a consumer. As mentioned, from my point of view in the far west end of the riding, no matter what iteration, there is no logical inclusion of any communities north on the #2. And, certainly not the largest riding, by simply going east west instead of north and south and east and west it is more manageable to get around. Again, thank you for your time.

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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I am writing in response to the proposed division of Beaumont. It does not make sense to divide our community. Proper representation and advocacy needs to be focused and in our growing community, our interests cannot afford to be minimized or become an afterthought. I believe that Beaumont needs to be kept whole and allowed to continue its growth trajectory and be supported by one representative.

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What is your current electoral division?

50 - Banff-Kananaskis

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

To: The 2025-2026 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
(Commission)

I am an immigrant to Canada arriving in 1977 with my family. I became a Canadian citizen in 1981. I have lived in Alberta all that time and since 2011 I have lived in Canmore.

My submission is in support of the proposed new Electoral Division (ED) of Banff–Jasper which reflects changes to the existing ED of Banff-Kananaskis. My motivation to make this submission comes from having lived in Canmore for 14 years and wishing to have the ED achieve the best possible representation in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

With the northerly expansion of the proposed ED encompassing Jasper National Park and the Town of Jasper the proposed ED should facilitate close collaboration between the Federal and Provincial governments on ecological, environmental and tourism issues within the proposed ED. In particular, the western section of the proposed ED covers many sensitive ecological areas with major animal corridors running through it. A large part of the south end of the proposed ED encompasses Kananaskis Country and several Provincial parks having the same ecological, environmental and tourism issues. Representation to the government of the day on these issues by a single MLA will be an asset. Other benefits of having the area of the proposed ED fall under a single MLA are in tourism and indigenous matters. Tourism is a major activity in the proposed ED. The challenges of tourism in the proposed ED, in particular possible resort designations for Canmore, Banff and Jasper, will require good representation to the government of the day.

Adjusting the existing ED boundary to include the Eden Valley Reserve #216 brings all the Stoney Nakoda Nations within a single ED. These Nations and the Tsuut'ina Nation will now be represented by one voice speaking for these important indigenous peoples along the journey of Truth and Reconciliation with Canada's indigenous people.

One suggestion I wish to make is that the Commission considers changing the name of the proposed ED to Canmore-Banff-Jasper. This change would follow the Commission's recommendation that "the largest municipality within an electoral division be named first within that electoral division's name."

I have enjoyed all aspects of life in the Banff-Kananaskis ED and have walked, hiked, bicycled and snowshoed in many areas. I have frequently visited Banff and Jasper National Parks and Kananaskis Country with family and friends enjoying all the tourism and other opportunities in them. I would very much like to continue being able to do this. I am confident that having all the aforementioned areas in the proposed ED will contribute to allowing this to happen.

I would like to thank the Commission for their work in bringing forward to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta a set of Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta. Their work will benefit Albertans.

I would also like to thank the Commission for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,
Philip S. Wilson,
Resident, Canmore

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Lethbridge

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What is your current electoral division?

71 - Lethbridge-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

What are the multiple electoral boundaries you are making a submission about?

Lethbridge

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

Submission

Thank you for your thoughtful and considerate response related to Lethbridge in the interim report.

I appreciate how you respected and continued to follow the historic dividing line of 13 Street -- historic Westminster Road -- as much as practicable in your new redesign while making a small adjustment between the two Lethbridge constituencies to adjust for changes in population.

I also appreciate how you stayed true to the 116-year old precedent that guides the Lethbridge ridings by staying solely within the boundary of the City of Lethbridge with the borders of these two constituencies. As I noted in my original submission, in so many ways (historically, socially, demographically, and more), Lethbridge has always been and continues to have different needs and approaches than its neighbours that those who set out the borders over the past century well understood and which your interim report continues to honour.

Respectfully submitted, Belinda Crowson, local historian

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What is your current electoral division?

52 - Brooks-Medicine Hat

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

73 - Medicine Hat-Brooks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Elizabeth Aitken
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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Subject: The Case for Restoring Medicine Hat as a Distinct Electoral Riding

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of the Brooks–Medicine Hat riding, and I write to urge the Commission to reconsider the current electoral boundaries that combine Medicine Hat with geographically, economically, and administratively distinct communities such as Brooks and Bassano. The existing configuration does not reflect a genuine community of interest and undermines the principle of effective representation that underpins Alberta’s electoral boundary process.

Medicine Hat has long served as the primary economic, administrative, and service centre for southeastern Alberta. Its natural and functional relationships are strongest with Cypress County and the Town of Redcliff, with which it shares integrated infrastructure, health and education services, transportation networks, and regional planning priorities. For decades, the urban–rural hybrid pairing of Medicine Hat with Cypress County functioned effectively and provided coherent representation grounded in shared interests and daily realities.

By contrast, the redistribution undertaken in 2016–2017, which merged Medicine Hat with Brooks and Bassano, brought together communities that are separated not only by distance but by fundamentally different economic bases, governance frameworks, and regional priorities. Rather than enhancing representation, this configuration has diluted it by forcing disparate communities into a single riding where local issues often diverge or directly compete.

These divisions are especially evident in matters of water management and watershed governance—an issue of critical importance in southern Alberta given the prolonged and increasingly severe drought conditions experienced in recent years. On December 2, 2025, the Government of Alberta passed Bill 7, stating that it “would help streamline regulatory requirements, increase transparency and make it easier for Albertans to use and share water.” While such legislation may have province-wide intent, its real-world impacts vary significantly by watershed, irrigation district, and regional infrastructure.

Medicine Hat and Cypress County lie within the Oldman River watershed and are primarily served by the St. Mary River Irrigation District. Brooks and the

County of Newell, by contrast, are part of the Bow River watershed and are served by the Eastern Irrigation District. These systems differ substantially in governance structures, allocation frameworks, infrastructure investments, and long-term water security challenges. As a result, communities within the current Brooks–Medicine Hat riding face divergent—and at times competing—priorities related to water policy, agricultural sustainability, transportation planning, and economic development.

Effective representation requires that elected officials be able to advocate clearly and consistently for the interests of their constituents. When a riding encompasses multiple watersheds, irrigation systems, and regional economies, that clarity is lost. The current boundaries make it more difficult for residents to have their locally specific concerns understood and advanced within the legislative process.

I acknowledge that Alberta’s rapid population growth has increased the need for hybrid urban–rural ridings. However, population parity must be balanced with the equally important principles of geographic coherence and communities of interest. In the case of the Brooks–Medicine Hat riding, the present boundaries do not align with natural geography, established service relationships, or regional governance structures. As such, they weaken—not strengthen—democratic representation.

I respectfully urge the Commission to restore Medicine Hat as a distinct electoral district, once again paired with Cypress County in a Cypress–Medicine Hat hybrid. This configuration would better reflect long-standing regional relationships, promote fair and effective representation, and enable more focused advocacy for the unique needs of southeastern Alberta.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Aitken

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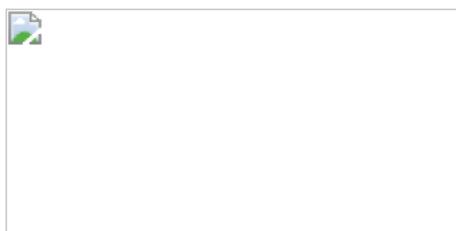
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What is your current electoral division?

46 - Edmonton-Whitemud

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

50 - Edmonton-Whitemud

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

My name is Denise Brown and I've lived in the Edmonton Whitemud Riding since 2014. I love the sense of community, the great recreation areas, shops, restaurants, public library, schools, and easy access to the rest of Edmonton and the airport.

Since 2017, there's no denying the population has visibly grown (e.g., a large Brookview townhome complex), resulting in growing pains (e.g., severely overcrowded schools) and the need for upgraded services (e.g., the 2021 multi-year Terwillegar Drive Expansion Project). My easy commute to work at the Cross Cancer became more stressful and much longer and I am thankful for now being retired.

I wish to thank the Electoral Boundaries Commission members for their Interim Report "Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta", a daunting task. Alberta has undergone huge population growth, greatly increasing the proportion of citizens in the urban vs the rural settings and necessitating redrawing the Electoral map.

As a resident of Edmonton Whitemud, I support your recommendations concerning our riding.

However, I am requesting one additional seat for the Edmonton area, in addition to the seats recommended in your report. The Edmonton area has grown rapidly, and slowdown of this growth is not foreseen. The urban population, though diverse, is distinct from the rural and demands representation, one more voice in the legislature than you have already recommended. Urban ridings should not be diluted with rural constituents; each deserve their own voice.

I commend that you have resisted giving in to those threatened by your proposed changes. I ask that you continue to not give in to powerful voices requesting changes that will dilute the urban voice or decrease the rightful proportion of urban:rural seats. Gerrymandering should not cross the border into Alberta.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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What is your current electoral division?

78 - Red Deer-North

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

77 - Red Deer-North

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Members of the Commission,

Thank you for your extensive work reviewing and proposing new electoral boundaries in the 2025 Interim Report. I appreciate the effort to reflect Alberta's significant population growth and changing municipal boundaries, including your recognition of the City of Red Deer's updated boundaries as a basis for realignment.

I am writing to respectfully express my concern about the inclusion of agricultural land from Innisfail-Sylvan Lake in the proposed Electoral District 77, Red Deer-North. While this change may technically align with municipal annexation lines, annexed rural land does not share the same lived experience, economic ties, local issues, or community dynamics as the established urban neighbourhoods of Red Deer-North. As a result, this adjustment creates what is effectively a hybrid urban-rural riding, which runs counter to the principle of maintaining coherent communities of interest, a principle the Commission itself recognizes as central to effective representation.

Urban residents of Red Deer participate in community life through walkable neighbourhoods, shared public spaces, schools, and local institutions. They face a distinct set of priorities, including transit, housing affordability, infrastructure planning, access to health services, municipal bylaws, and city-based economic development. Residents of annexed agricultural lands, despite their proximity to the city, engage with the community primarily through land stewardship and non-residential land use. Proximity alone does not create a shared community of interest when daily interaction with the city occurs in fundamentally different ways. Combining these divergent interests within a single electoral district places competing and often unrelated policy priorities on one Member of the Legislative Assembly, which risks diluting the quality and clarity of representation for both groups.

With current growth occurring elsewhere within the urban areas of Red Deer, the annexed lands in question are not expected to become residential for the foreseeable future, and possibly not for decades. Their inclusion therefore does not meaningfully reflect population change, yet it alters the character of an otherwise more urban constituency. Effective representation depends not only on population counts, but on shared community identity and common lived experience.

While I recognize the importance of acknowledging municipal boundary changes, annexation lines alone are not an ideal determinant for electoral boundaries when they introduce areas with fundamentally different representation needs from the city's core. Including agricultural lands in Red Deer-North risks weakening the urban focus of the constituency and creating a

riding with competing interests that do not naturally align.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission:

1. Reconsider the inclusion of rural annexed lands into Red Deer-North.
2. Maintain an urban-centric boundary that reflects the existing community identity and representation needs of Red Deer-North residents.
3. Ensure that population balancing does not override the principle of effective representation through clearly defined communities of interest.

I am grateful for your service and for the care you bring to this process. I encourage the Commission to revisit this aspect of the Interim Report and to preserve the integrity of Red Deer-North as a clearly urban electoral district. Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,
Elaine Cripps

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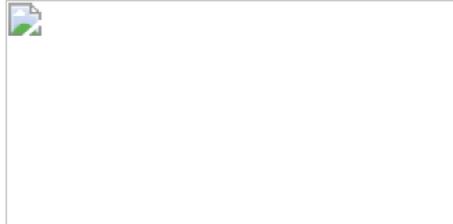


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What is your current electoral division?

45 - Edmonton-West Henday

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

49 - Edmonton-West Henday

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Projected growth

Submission

I agree with the Boundary Commission that the new zoning will be beneficial to citizens. The population here is high and new zoning will allow for our voices to be heard better. I like that it is reflective of the municipal city boundaries.

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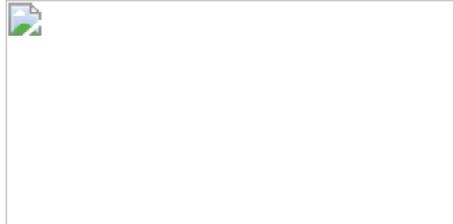
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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

What are the multiple electoral boundaries you are making a submission about?

Lethbridge East and Lethbridge West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

I would like to thank the Commission for your interim report and really, really thank you for rejecting the literal drawing and quartering of the City of Lethbridge into four “rurban” or hybrid ridings. I’ll turn to a discussion of that broader topic shortly, but as a resident of Lethbridge and a former resident in the northeast quarter of Lethbridge, I’m truly grateful you rejected the notion put forward to split the city into 4 parts. I would have formerly been in Lethbridge - Little Bow if you had, which I would have demanded that you at least rename Lethbridge - Potato or Lethbridge - Potato Chip, as the only thing that would have been held in common between the urban part of the riding and the rural would have been the Hostess Frito Lay factory and its supply of potatoes from the rest of the riding. This may have made for fantastic potato chips, but not a very effective basis for representation at the Legislature for either the Lethbridge part or the rural part of the would-have-been riding.

I understand the philosophy around creating rural-urban ridings, especially in the south. In a utopian world such a configuration would allow an MLA to represent both worlds in a unity of understanding and fraternal representational hand-holding. The Park Royal resident lawyer or the London Road dwelling PhD in English Literature could Sashay, linked arm in arm with Uncle Jebediah, the erudite and award-winning corn farmer. Truly, a model of society to hope for. Alas, such thinking is now about a quarter of a century into its obsolescence. A lovely dream, but potentially a disastrous reality, both for the Member elected to serve such a riding and also the people they represent.

Put simply, while certain issues an MLA must deal with do transcend the gap between the rural and urban living, the minutiae of specific urban and certain rural issues are far too expensive to be addressed and represented in a holistic manner by someone who is forced by utopian vision to deal with both. Yes, there are those who do have that skill set. However, they are rare these days and it is tricky to convince them to get into politics. Lethbridge had such an example representative a couple of decades ago. Sadly, his like is rarely seen in this Instagram and Love Island focused world. The complexities of frequently growing urban issues around drug-consumption / homelessness issues or helping multi-lingual immigrant communities settle, as but two examples, involve a tremendous amount of energy. Rural issues are the same! Food security and trade issues farmers deal with nowadays almost require degrees to understand in and of themselves. Put bluntly - an MLA is one person with one pot of energy. Putting the burden of two weighty and complex lifestyles and lived realities on to one person will frequently result in one or the other being missed in

representation.

A former MLA I once knew, when confronted by a person saying that farming is a way of life correctly noted: "no, living on a farm is a way of life. Farming is a business," sums up for me why urban ridings should be wholly or largely urban and rural ridings should be largely rural. Each is a different and, often, vastly different way of life, which equally deserve to be represented to the most energetic and focused degree! Keep Lethbridge whole and allow the surrounding communities also be whole. Having heard some comments at your public meetings: there's a reason why folks in the city live in the city, and a reason folks that don't, don't. That's the acid test in my book. Please don't put my former half duplex into Lethbridge - Frito Lay - McCain's.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Des Glazebrook (not to be confused by Sir Desmond Glazebrook)

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What is your current electoral division?

50 - Banff-Kananaskis

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I like the new proposed boundary for Banff-Kananskis. It is good to have the mail mountain/tourist towns together under one MLA as our needs are very similar. In my opinion it also makes sense to have a lot of our indigenous folks under one MLA. I do worry about the size of the riding for the prospective MLA. It is huge and would require a greater deal of rural travel. Maybe some specific allowance can be made for this? I also believe that Canmore should be in the name of the riding as it is by far the most populous of all the towns and communities in the proposed new riding.

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What is your current electoral division?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

Submission

The September 2025 map of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville provide an excellent and accurate representation of our riding. I respectfully request that the proposed boundary remain unchanged, as it is both appropriate and effective. I am aware that some groups have suggested removing the Strathcona County area north of Highway 16, and I would like to outline the rationale for why this region should remain within the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency:

The Alberta Elections Act requires the Electoral Boundaries Commission to balance several key principles when setting constituency boundaries. These include:

1. Relative population parity
2. Common community interests
3. Geographic features
4. Municipal boundaries
5. Demographic trends
6. Effective representation

Based on these criteria, the case for the Strathcona County portion remaining with Fort Saskatchewan is strong.

1. Community of Interest and Shared Economic Ties

Integrated Industrial and Commuter Region

The area of Strathcona County adjacent to Fort Saskatchewan is highly integrated with Fort Saskatchewan through:

- The Industrial Heartland, which spans both sides of the North Saskatchewan River and is shared between Fort Saskatchewan and Strathcona County.
- Common workforce patterns—residents in this part of Strathcona County commute daily to Fort Saskatchewan employers, reinforcing shared economic interests.

Shared Infrastructure and Services

- Emergency services, transportation corridors (Highway 15, Highway 21), and pipeline/rail infrastructure link these communities as part of one regional system.
- Many residents in the Strathcona County portion rely on Fort Saskatchewan's retail, recreation, and service hubs, making it their practical community of interest.

Conclusion: Removing this area from the Fort Saskatchewan constituency would sever a well-established, functional community relationship that the Act directs the Commission to preserve.

2. Municipal and Geographic Logic

Rural-Industrial Character Alignment

The Strathcona County area currently contained within the Fort Saskatchewan boundary is:

- Rural, industrial, and agriculturally oriented.
- Much more closely aligned in character to the rural-industrial fringe of Fort

Saskatchewan than to Sherwood Park's suburban-residential character.

The boundaries therefore reflect real-world geography, not just municipal lines.

Natural Geographic Cohesion

- The lands fall within the same agricultural and industrial land-use blocks surrounding Fort Saskatchewan.
- Transportation patterns, natural features, and economic corridors all link this region to Fort Saskatchewan.

The Commission's parameters strongly discourage creating boundaries that cut across logical geographic groupings.

3. Population Variance Justification Under the Act

The Elections Act allows variances from the provincial population quotient where:

- Community interests warrant it,
- Geographic or municipal considerations justify it,
- Effective representation would be harmed by altering boundaries.

The Strathcona County portion helps balance the constituency's population.

Removing it would:

- Potentially place Fort Saskatchewan below acceptable population thresholds, or
- Force the Commission to add unrelated areas to compensate.

Both outcomes would reduce the logical coherence of the riding and undermine effective representation.

In contrast, leaving the area in place delivers an appropriate, principled variance in full compliance with the Act.

4. Effective Representation

"Effective representation"—the Supreme Court's guiding doctrine adopted in the Act—requires more than numeric equality. It demands:

- Logical communities that elect MLAs who can realistically represent their shared needs.
- Avoiding arbitrary splits that detach neighbourhoods from the economic and social hubs they rely on.

Residents in this part of Strathcona County:

- Participate in Fort Saskatchewan's civic and social life,
- Share its priorities (industry, transportation, rural services),
- Do not share the suburban priorities or service patterns of Sherwood Park.

Moving them would degrade, not enhance, their ability to be effectively represented.

5. Historical Continuity and Stability

This area of Strathcona County has been aligned with Fort Saskatchewan for multiple boundary cycles. The Commission's parameters state that:

- Boundaries should be changed only when clear justification exists.
- Preserving stable, predictable boundaries is a virtue unless population or representation issues demand change.

There is no such demand here. The current alignment is historically consistent, workable, and reflective of community identity.

Conclusion

Under the Elections Act and the Boundary Commission's guiding parameters—population parity, community of interest, municipal/geographic logic, and effective representation—the current portion of Strathcona County included with Fort Saskatchewan should remain in that constituency.

The area is economically integrated with Fort Saskatchewan, fits geographically and demographically with the riding's character, supports population balance, and preserves effective and coherent representation. No alternative boundary provides a superior alignment without violating core principles of the Act.

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80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

75 - Mountain View-Kneehill

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Brenda Holder – Indigenous Tourism Operator

Dear Boundary Commission members,

I am writing you as an Indigenous Albertan, a tourism operator, and a resident of the Sundre region. I believe that there are several necessary changes to the proposed ridings of Banff-Jasper, Mountain View-Kneehill, and Rocky Mountain House-Lacombe to keep communities of interest together and maintain effective representation of the region we proudly call the “Eastern Slopes”. I urge the Commission to change these boundaries and ensure that Eastern Slopes communities of Clearwater County, western Mountain View County, M.D. of Bighorn, and Banff National Park are represented in the same constituency.

First, the proposed electoral boundaries divide the common geography of the Eastern Slopes region. I own and operate an Indigenous tourism company that offers guided trail walks that share Indigenous knowledge of the land and the plant life that was passed down to me by my Cree ancestors. Our business offers workshops and guided medicine walks in the Sundre area and in Banff National Park. There are many similarities between western Mountain View County and Banff National Park in the shared terrain, plant life, wildlife, and connection to the land. I am concerned by the interim boundaries, which disconnect this common geography and place western Mountain View County with communities east of Highway 2 that have few common characteristics or shared history.

Second, keeping similar communities together along the Eastern Slopes will create better representation for the tourism industry in these communities of interest along the mountains. Tourism is a growing part of Alberta’s economy, especially in the Eastern Slopes region outside of the Bow Valley corridor and Kananaskis. This is already recognized by Travel Alberta, who has identified Sundre/Cochrane/Bighorn as one of Alberta’s unique Tourism Development Zones for development over the next decade. Visitors and Albertans alike are seeking authentic experiences in our backyard, and it is critical that whoever represents communities where tourism is growing understands the needs of our industry and the landscape we rely on. That type of effective representation would be impossible under the proposed boundaries because tourism operators in the west would be a tiny minority of a constituency that is primarily on the prairie and agriculture-based. A better alternative to the proposed Mountain View-Kneehill riding would be to bring together those common tourism areas in western Mountain View County, Clearwater County, M.D. of Bighorn, and Banff National Park.

I encourage the members of the Boundary Commission to consider the unintended consequences of dividing western Mountain View County from other

communities of interest in the area, our shared emphasis on tourism, and our common geography. Keeping the Eastern Slopes communities together will be essential for effective representation of this beautiful region of Alberta.

Sincerely,

Brenda Holder

Indigenous Tourism Operator

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Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Council of the Town of McLennan, we are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Alberta Electoral Review Commission and the potential impacts these changes may have on our community and the surrounding northern region.

McLennan is a small northern municipality that supports residents in the Smoky River region and beyond. Our significant distances, dispersed population, and limited transportation links create realities very different from urban centers, and effective provincial representation must account for these northern conditions.

Council is particularly concerned that changes to how electoral boundaries are assessed, or to the mandate and structure of the Electoral Review Commission, may inadvertently reduce the voice of northern communities. The current constituency areas in northern Alberta are already among the largest geographically in the province. Any reduction in the number of northern seats—or an increased emphasis on population numbers without adequate recognition of geography and accessibility—would make it more difficult for MLAs to provide meaningful, engaged representation.

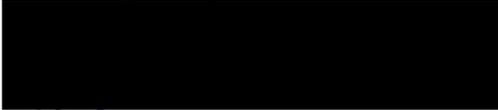
We respectfully request that the Government of Alberta ensure that any reforms to the Electoral Review Commission:

1. **Protect and maintain strong northern representation**, recognizing the unique challenges faced by municipalities such as McLennan;
2. **Preserve the independence, neutrality, and transparency** of the boundary review process;
3. **Include robust and accessible public consultation**, particularly with northern municipalities, Indigenous communities, and rural stakeholders; and
4. **Balance population considerations with geography, community identity, service demands, and regional accessibility**, which are critical to fair representation in sparsely populated regions.

The Town of McLennan Council strongly believes that every Albertan—regardless of location—deserves equitable and effective representation in the Legislative Assembly. We urge the Province to ensure that any updates to the electoral review process safeguard the voices of northern municipalities and uphold the principles of fair, regionally informed representation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Council would welcome continued dialogue and the opportunity to participate in future consultations.

Sincerely,



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Town of McLennan

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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I have concerns with the proposed change in electoral boundaries proposed for Strahcona / Sherwood Park.

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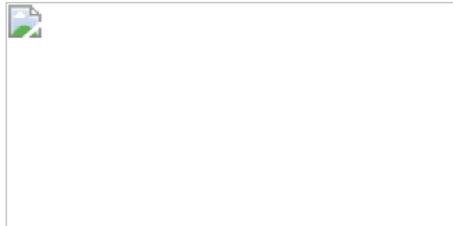


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What is your current electoral division?

13 - Calgary-Glenmore

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

15 - Calgary-Glenmore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Boundary Commission,

I have been a resident of Calgary Glenmore for almost 40 years. I held leadership roles in Alberta Health Services for over 30 years and volunteer leadership roles in the Jewish Community for over a decade. Giving back to my community is important to me. Calgary-Glenmore is home to a majority of the Jewish population in Calgary -- a riding that includes this population allows our voice to be heard and provides us with strong representation to be heard at the Legislature.

I have had the opportunity to review your recommendations and thank you for keeping Calgary within the municipal boundaries -- this allows the voice of Calgary, the largest urban centre in our province and the province's economic engine, to be effectively represented in the legislature. You have created a fair map and upheld important democratic principles. I noted that you have added 2 seats in Calgary in response to unprecedented growth; however, our city has experienced exponential growth and I hope you consider an additional seat -- with all seats within our city's boundaries.

In my early career I held a research role at the Alberta Legislature and I very much appreciate the significant time and commitment committee work requires. I want to thank you for your time and energy to the Commission.

Marg Semel

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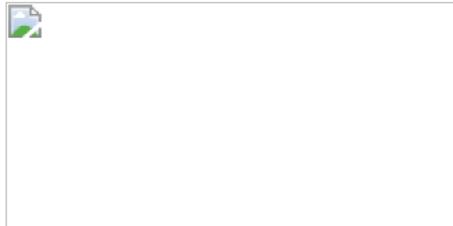
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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

I do not want any electoral division in Beaumont. I do not want 2 MLA's - I do not want our city divided by this proposed boundary.

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What is your current electoral division?

56 - Chestermere-Strathmore

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

57 - Chestermere-Strathmore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns

Submission

I am writing as someone who previously submitted comments regarding the distinct regional identity of Wheatland County and the Town of Strathmore. I am disappointed with the Commission's draft proposal that separates the southwest corner of Wheatland County (north of the Bow River and west of Siksika Nation) from Strathmore.

This division makes little practical sense and will weaken effective representation. The Bow River is a clear and natural boundary, and the small number of residents in this part of Wheatland County do not travel south of the river in their daily lives. The Commission's draft proposal separates us from where we work, worship, shop, play sports, and bring our kids to school. All our social, economic, and service connections are with Strathmore, which functions as the regional hub for this part of Wheatland County around Carseland.

As noted in my earlier submission, the withdrawal of both Wheatland County and Strathmore from the Calgary Metropolitan Region reflects the reality that this area has a shared rural identity and focus that is distinct from Calgary and its bedroom communities, and binds it together.

Separating this portion of Wheatland County from Strathmore breaks up a cohesive rural region and ignores a natural geographic boundary. I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider this aspect of the draft and keep the area of Wheatland County (currently in the Chestermere-Strathmore constituency) together with Strathmore in the same electoral district.

Thank you for your consideration.

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What is your current electoral division?

26 - Calgary-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

01 - Calgary-Acadia

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

The 2025 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's interim report suggests amendments to the boundaries of the Calgary-Acadia electoral division, such as transferring northern sections north of Glenmore Trail to the proposed Calgary-Confluence district, moving some southeastern areas to Calgary-Glenmore, and incorporating parts from Calgary-Fish Creek. These adjustments appear to accommodate population shifts and the creation of new ridings in Calgary. However, such changes are not needed and would undermine key principles outlined in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, including respect for communities of interest, geographic coherence, population equity, and continuity for voters. The boundaries set in 2010 and fine-tuned in 2017 remain optimal and should be preserved.

Calgary-Acadia encompasses a tightly knit group of south Calgary neighbourhoods which go up Macleod Trail between 14th Street on the West and the Bow River on the East. The four communities on the eastside of Macleod Trail (Maple Ridge, Willow Park, Acadia and Fairview) and the four on the westside (Canyon Meadows, Southwood, Haysboro and Kingsland), share vital amenities such as Southcentre, Chinook Centre, common school catchment areas, and the LRT stations from Anderson to Chinook.

The suggested revisions would disrupt these connections. Removing areas north of Glenmore Trail would detach communities from established links and divide the surrounding commercial corridor. Adding territories from Calgary-Fish Creek, often more suburban and affluent, would introduce differing community needs that don't align with Acadia's urban, middle-income character. The current boundaries already excel at uniting shared "service centres" and local interests, as emphasized by the Commission.

With an estimated population of around 57,620, Calgary-Acadia deviates only modestly (+4.9%) from the provincial average, comfortably inside allowable limits and reflective of steady growth in an established urban zone. This contrasts with faster-expanding suburbs elsewhere in Calgary.

The proposed amendments keep similar numbers but through avoidable swaps driven by ripple effects from new districts. Given the riding's compliance with population parity standards and conservative growth projections, alterations aren't needed to meet legal requirements for fair vote weighting.

The present lines follow prominent features—major roads like Glenmore and Macleod Trails, plus the Bow River—for easy identification and accessibility. This results in a manageable, connected district where residents share transit routes, pathways, and community facilities. Past adjustments in 2017 refined this further by fully incorporating the Bow River as an eastern boundary.

Extending southward via additions from Fish Creek would stretch into less integrated areas, while losses would break up key corridors. Retaining the status quo better adheres to guidelines for using major roadways and natural features

as boundaries.

Calgary-Acadia has benefited from consistent boundaries, allowing MLAs to develop deep ties with constituents on ongoing concerns like housing affordability, transportation improvements, and riverfront protection. Frequent changes erode this, forcing voters—many from diverse or mobile backgrounds—to adapt to new ridings and representatives.

With Calgary gaining seats overall to handle growth in high-demand areas like in the quick growing areas of the far SE of Calgary, stable districts like Acadia shouldn't face upheaval. The Commission's preference for minimal disruption where feasible supports leaving these boundaries intact.

Ultimately, Calgary-Acadia's current configuration fully satisfies the criteria for effective, equitable representation. The Commission should maintain these boundaries in its final report, avoiding unnecessary division of a well-functioning community.

Tyler Shandro
Former MLA for Calgary-Acadia

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50 - Banff-Kananaskis

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I reside in Waiparous Village on the confluence of the Ghost River and Waiparous Creek on Treaty 6 land. As a dual citizen of Canada and the US, I look at the dumpster fire going on down South and don't want Alberta to cast away democratic norms.

I would like to commend the Boundary Commission for a commonsense approach to organizing the proposed riding of Banff-Jasper. Although the riding will cover an even larger geographic area than the current Banff-Kananaskis riding, including Jasper and deleting Elbow Valley and Springbank makes sense. Elbow Valley and Springbank clearly are suburbs of Calgary, with the majority of those folks having close ties to the city and many still driving into the city to work and shop. They will benefit from having a provincial MLA who can work for their bedroom community interests.

Thank you for including the two additional Stoney Reserves as current MLA Sarah Elmeligi had suggested. I hope this will furnish more consistent representation in provincial government for the whole Stoney Nation.

You have considered the commonalities of our communities which include but are not limited to tourism, National Parks, lifestyle, First Nations, environment, wildlife, affordability and ranching to name a few. We currently live in an increasingly divisive climate. Thus, it is promising to know that regarding this issue Albertans will not be roped into US style gerrymandering where power is given to a political party instead of the people.

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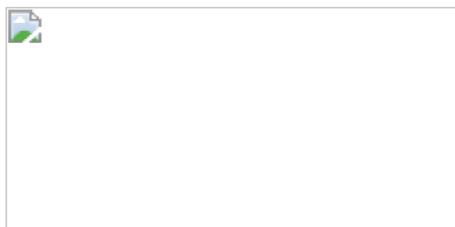


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56 - Chestermere-Strathmore

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57 - Chestermere-Strathmore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

- Projected growth

Submission

To the Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for the hard work you are doing on behalf of Albertans. I had opportunity to read the Commission's draft proposals and noted how regions of interest, natural communities, future development, and even potential annexation plans all factored into your decision-making process. These are key considerations and important priorities when considering the future of our electoral boundaries.

I am proposing that the Commission adjust electoral boundaries of the district centred around the Shepard Industrial and Logistics Growth Area in Rocky View County, situated between South Chestermere and parts of Calgary–Peigan constituency.

The Shepard area is undergoing significant industrial expansion under the Prairie Economic Gateway initiative, projected to generate over \$7 billion in economic activity and 30,000+ jobs over the next 10-12 years. As South Chestermere continues to grow out towards the Shepard development, these areas are becoming increasingly connected through work, commuting, and regional infrastructure, creating a shared community of interest.

Including this area with Calgary-Peigan creates a geographically coherent district around Shepard, which was originally proposed to be annexed by Calgary. The district would include major corridors like Highway 560 and the CPKC rail line, encompassing communities tied together by transportation, economic activity, and areas of employment.

Aligning electoral boundaries with planned growth ensures that residents and businesses in these rapidly developing areas have fair and effective provincial representation as the population and economic footprint expand.

When considering the Shephard Growth Area between Calgary and Chestermere, it makes sense to set a district boundary around this historic Prairie Economic Gateway project, which includes the Shepard growth area, the adjacent Chestermere communities, and eastern Calgary communities, and which reflects population, economic, and community connections - well aligned to the Commission's goals and objectives.

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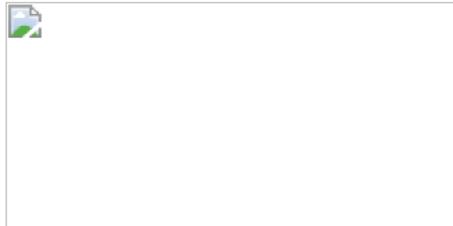


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84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I am expressing my opposition to the proposed changes in the Interim Report concerning the Strathcona-Sherwood Park electoral division. In particular, I oppose the removal of the Heritage Hills neighborhood, the neighborhood in which I live in, for the following reasons;

- The removal of Heritage Hills disrupts the established grouping of school catchment areas. Currently, public elementary students in this riding's urban section attend either Davidson Creek Elementary or Heritage Hills Elementary. Effective representation requires that the MLA serve both the neighborhoods where these students reside and the communities of their schools.
- Urban neighborhoods east of Clover Bar Road, west of Highway 21, south of Highway 16, and north of Wye Road have been represented by the Strathcona-Sherwood Park MLA for over a decade. These communities share a unique history and common interests which has been established over this time.

In addition, I strongly oppose the proposal to split the City of Beaumont and add its eastern half, along with a portion of Leduc County, to Strathcona-Sherwood Park for the following reasons;

- Beaumont and Strathcona County are distinct municipalities with different municipal councils, varying priorities and identities. Dividing Beaumont and linking it to Strathcona County forces an MLA to juggle conflicting municipal needs, which undermines effective representation for both communities.
- Unlike communities like Ardrossan, residents of Beaumont typically do not rely on Sherwood Park for work or services, and there is no natural "community of interest" binding these areas through the proposed changes.

I ask the Commission to keep the 2023 boundaries for Strathcona-Sherwood Park unchanged. The current population of approximately 51,000 is within the allowable variance from the provincial average. With significant growth projected in Ardrossan and the new Hillshire subdivision in our county, the riding is set to reach the target population of 55,000 in the coming years without necessitating disruptive boundary changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberley Gutsche

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70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

72 - Mackenzie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Re the dissolving of the Lesser Slave River. On behalf of the Lesser Slave Lake constituency we support maintaining the LSLC electoral division .. We believe that the boundaries should be adjusted to include the Town of Swan Hills . This adjustment would reflect the regions services, transportation, and cultural realities, while maintain a population within the allowable range Section 15 (2). 1. This also ensures that Northern Alberta does not lose a voice from an area that supplies the most resource dollars to the Province. And also covers at least 40% of the province 2. I would also recommend that reviews MUST consider the ability of a MLA to be able to reasonably to represent their constituents in the rural and remote areas . /. I respectfully request that the commission adopt this adjustment to include Swan Hills to Lesser Slave River , and maintain the LSLC

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80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

I read the Commission's report and have concerns that the Banff-Jasper riding will severely limit the representation of people living in Clearwater County west of Rocky Mountain House. It is unrealistic to expect that an MLA will be able to properly visit and support all of the communities in western Clearwater County, like Nordegg, because there are no reliable ways to travel between Banff, Jasper, and Clearwater County without leaving the constituency. Highway 93 is extremely unreliable, and regularly closes in the winter due to avalanche risk and extreme weather. I live in Rocky Mountain House and have a heli-tourism business west of Nordegg, and I can say with certainty that an MLA would not be able to travel between the communities they represent in the winter. A much better option would be to keep Clearwater County and other communities west of Highway 22 like Sundre and M.D. of Bighorn together, where there is an established and reliable transportation network between those communities.

Sincerely,
Ralph Sliger

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62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns

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Conclusion: Removing this area from the Fort Saskatchewan constituency would sever a well-established, functional community relationship that the Act directs the Commission to preserve.

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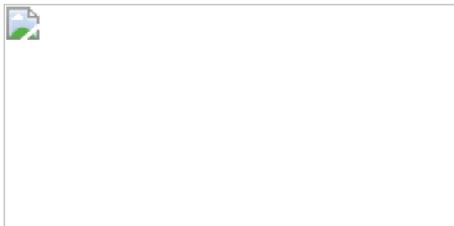
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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Honourable Justice Dallas Miller and Members of the Commission,

Re: Interim Proposal to Divide the City of Beaumont Between Two Electoral Divisions

I am writing as a resident of the City of Beaumont to formally object to the Interim Proposal that would divide Beaumont into two provincial electoral divisions along 50th Street.

While I understand the Commission's responsibility to balance population parity across Alberta, the proposed split of Beaumont undermines the principle of effective representation and does not reflect how our community actually functions, grows, or identifies itself.

Beaumont is a single, cohesive urban municipality with a shared civic identity, integrated services, and common priorities. Dividing the city east and west creates artificial political boundaries inside a community that operates as one. Residents across Beaumont rely on the same schools, recreation facilities, cultural institutions, emergency services, transportation networks, and municipal governance. There is no functional or social distinction between "east" and "west" Beaumont in daily life, and drawing a provincial boundary through the middle of the city introduces confusion rather than clarity.

Beaumont's population, approximately 25,000 residents in 2024, is well below the provincial riding target of roughly 55,000. It is also one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Alberta, with sustained growth patterns that will naturally rebalance representation over time. Given this context, splitting the city to achieve short-term numerical parity is a blunt solution to a dynamic, long-term growth issue.

Electors generally understand their provincial representation through municipal boundaries, not internal roadways. While 50th Street is a visible road, it is not a meaningful civic or community boundary. Using Beaumont's eastern municipal boundary, such as Range Road 241, would be far clearer and more consistent with how residents understand where they live and how they are represented.

The proposed reassignment of east Beaumont into a Strathcona-centered riding is particularly concerning. Beaumont residents orient socially, economically, and institutionally toward Leduc, Leduc County, Nisku, and south Edmonton, not toward Sherwood Park. Our commuting patterns, employment hubs, school divisions, recreational programs, and regional services align strongly with the Leduc region. Placing part of Beaumont into a riding focused on Strathcona County fragments this community of interest and weakens residents' ability to have their concerns effectively represented.

Electoral boundary commissions are constitutionally required to prioritize

effective representation, not strict mathematical equality alone. Reasonable deviations from population averages are permitted when justified by community of interest, municipal integrity, growth patterns, and clarity for electors. Beaumont meets all of these criteria.

A more coherent and representative approach would be to keep all of Beaumont within a single riding, preferably aligned with the City of Leduc and a portion of Leduc County. These municipalities share infrastructure, regional planning, economic drivers, and long-standing intermunicipal partnerships. Aligning them within one electoral division would strengthen, not dilute, democratic representation.

Splitting Beaumont creates a hybrid riding that pulls together small portions of multiple municipalities with limited shared identity or functional connection. This does not serve voters, does not reflect lived reality, and does not support effective representation in a fast-growing urban region.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission revise its Interim Proposal to keep the City of Beaumont whole within a single provincial electoral division.

Thank you for your careful consideration and for the important work you are undertaking on behalf of Alberta's electors.

Sincerely,
Jessica Laccetti, Ph.D

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78 - Red Deer-North

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

77 - Red Deer-North

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Central Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Commission Members,

It is with concern that I write this letter in support of RD-North electoral boundaries remaining unchanged and not redistricted.

My name is Sheryl Krill and I moved to Red Deer from Calgary in 2002. Until recently, I did not know that Red Deer is considered a Rural-Central community and not an urban CITY. Red Deer has all the amenities of a small city - a hospital, schools, shopping, social services, public transportation, trails and open spaces plus a well-maintained road system. We even have a professional symphony orchestra, which I love to attend. The cultural scene is well and thriving. We are a growing diverse community with continuous development in residential districts attracting young families and professionals. Whether one is looking for single family, multi-family units or apartments, there is something for everyone.

Our "city" boundaries should remain respected and our MLA has enough demands responding to our growing population and riding. Having said that, I believe and ask that RD-North electoral boundaries remain unchanged as the addition of those rural lands which may not be developed for residential use for some time remain out of our electoral boundary until such time as they become residential.

Thank you for hearing my voice and I respectfully ask that no changes be made to RD-North boundaries.

With respect and appreciation,
Sheryl Krill
Red Deer North

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72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

69 - Lethbridge-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Other concerns

Submission

I would like to commend the commission on making the recommendation that Lethbridge KEEPS its current consistencies of Lethbridge East and Lethbridge West. I live downtown and am currently within the boundaries of Lethbridge West. The commission's interim report recommended that my neighbourhood move to Lethbridge East due to the growing population on the western edge of the city. This makes excellent sense and may benefit us due to our location on the east side of the river. What is important to me is that we do not dilute urban concerns and needs with the desires of the rural constituencies that surround us. We have different taxation, different water requirements, and considerably different social concerns. Lethbridge has more similarities with the larger municipalities of Alberta than it does with the rural areas. I would like to make sure our urban voice isn't overruled by the rural voice that surrounds it (as it does federally). Thank you for your recommendations and please ensure that you follow your own good judgement moving forward.

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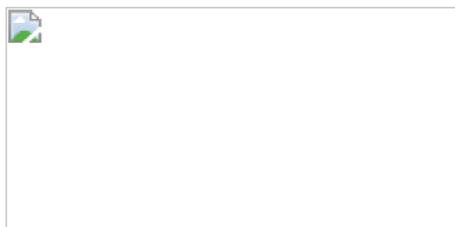


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12 - Calgary-Foothills

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

10 - Calgary-Edgemont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

Submission

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the immense work undertaken in the redistribution process and for providing the public with an opportunity to give input. I have reviewed the proposed maps and the Commission's detailed reasoning.

I am writing from the community of Arbour Lake in northwest Calgary. While I understand the need for change and appreciate the effort to improve geographic coherence, I believe the proposed boundary between Calgary-Foothills and Calgary-Edgemont creates a new set of community-of-interest issues while failing to resolve the existing disjointedness it seeks to address.

Under the proposal, Arbour Lake is moved from Calgary-Foothills into Calgary-Edgemont. However, this severs Arbour Lake from its natural partner, Citadel, which remains in Calgary-Foothills. These two communities share a direct, contiguous border and are united by being on the same side of the major arterial road, Nose Hill Drive. They form a logical community of interest given that Citadel Elementary is the designated public school for all children resident in Arbour Lake, and St. Ambrose School in Arbour Lake is the designated separate school for all children resident in Citadel. Beyond this, there are shared amenities in Crowfoot including Crowfoot LRT station, Crowfoot branch of the Calgary Public Library, Crowfoot Arena, baseball diamonds, and more, all of which share the same traffic patterns. Conversely, in the proposal, Arbour Lake is now grouped with Hawkwood and Ranchlands, which lie on the other side of Nose Hill Drive. This significant geographic barrier makes the proposed grouping less coherent than the existing one.

The Commission's rationale notes that Calgary-Foothills is moving north to include future development. To achieve greater geographic and community coherence, I respectfully suggest the following adjustment. Move Hamptons into the revised Calgary-Foothills riding. Hamptons is geographically positioned at the northern edge of current development and would be a logical urban component of a riding focused on managing northern growth. Keep Arbour Lake and Citadel together in the same riding (whether it remains Calgary-Foothills or becomes part of Calgary-Edgemont).

This alternative better aligns with the statutory principle of considering "communities of interest" and "geographical features" (Section 14 of the Act). Nose Hill Drive acts as a clear geographic feature that naturally delineates communities. The current proposal crosses this feature unnecessarily, while the alternative respects it.

I acknowledge the difficult cascading effects of adding new ridings like Calgary-Nose Creek and Calgary-Confluence. My submission is not a criticism of the overall map but a focused plea to refine the boundaries in northwest Calgary to better reflect on-the-ground community ties and geographic logic. Keeping

Arbour Lake and Citadel together would create a more coherent and effectively representable electoral division.

Thank you for your consideration of this local perspective.

Respectfully,
Robert Hurdman

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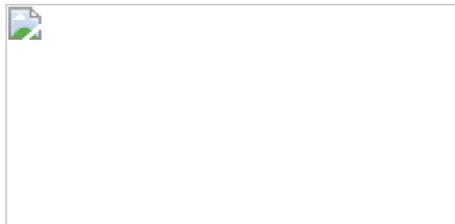


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15 - Calgary-Klein

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

17 - Calgary-Klein

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Projected growth

Submission

I have been a resident of Cambrian Heights in the Calgary-Klein Constituency for the past 37 years. As you can imagine, our community has gone through a number of transitions over that time, some positive and some not so positive. However, in general, it has been a wonderful neighbourhood in a great city and we feel very fortunate.

You and your committee have been putting a great deal of thought and energy into redefining the electoral boundaries and it is great to be provided with an opportunity to review some of the changes and offer input to the process.

I am quite happy to see that our boundaries are changing for a number of reasons. The current boundaries include several communities that have little in common with the larger portion of the constituency and therefore, their concerns would be quite different than the majority of eligible voters.

The proposed changes to Calgary-Klein eliminate those communities from the constituency and several new communities have been added that are closer geographically but also, demographically, which makes good sense.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your work and your commitment to upholding the principles of our democracy.

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29 - Edmonton-City Centre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

32 - Edmonton-City Centre

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

Thank you for maintaining Edmonton City Centre within clear municipal boundaries. By keeping the urban core intact and minimizing the creation of hybrid urban–rural ridings, the Commission has produced a fair and coherent map that upholds the democratic principle of effective representation. Edmonton's ridings in particular are defined by dense population, shared infrastructure, and common social and economic realities that are best represented together. In this spirit, I also appreciate the Commission's recognition of Edmonton's rapid population growth by adding an extra seat. This adjustment appropriately reflects shifting demographics and helps preserve voter parity, ensuring that representation remains equal, effective, and fair as the city continues to expand.

As Edmonton's population continues to grow, ongoing consideration should be given to future adjustments in representation. Adequate representation directly influences critical areas such as funding for schools, transportation, healthcare, housing, and public safety. Ensuring that urban constituencies are not overextended is essential to maintaining meaningful access to elected representatives. This is particularly prescient in a time where Edmonton is facing a dearth of public services and specifically hospitals.

At the same time, it is equally important to recognize that rural communities, such as those within the Westlock riding, have distinct and unique needs that should not be diluted by being combined with urban areas. During my time working in a rural hospital serving the Westlock region, I directly witnessed the challenges faced by rural residents, particularly in healthcare. These include limited access to specialist services, longer travel times for urgent and non-urgent care, workforce shortages, and the need for health systems that are tailored to smaller, dispersed populations. Despite being within an hour's drive to Edmonton, these areas have unique advocacy needs that would be diminished by lumping them in with St. Albert for example which has access to a large hospital. Lumping rural areas like Westlock together with urban Edmonton communities would risk marginalizing these rural priorities and weakening advocacy for the services they require. Rural healthcare delivery, infrastructure, and emergency response are fundamentally different from urban systems and deserve focused, dedicated representation.

Finally, I strongly support the continued effort to keep “communities of interest” together. Cultural, economic, and geographic ties are critical to effective representation. Urban communities such as the newcomer and global communities represented throughout Edmonton City Centre, and rural regions such as Westlock, each function best when their shared realities are respected and kept intact rather than merged for the sake of numerical convenience.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for your continued commitment to fair and effective representation for both urban and rural Albertans.

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What is your current electoral division?

78 - Red Deer-North

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

77 - Red Deer-North

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

Submission

Jason Posti

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15 Dec2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

RE: Red Deer North Boundary changes

Edmonton, AB

Dear Commission,

I am writing this letter today in regards to the proposed boundary changes for the Red Deer North Constituency.

As a long time resident of Red Deer, Red Deer North for over 20 years, I have seen the city grow into a true city. As such I believe that urban areas should remain urban and rural remain rural. While the rural constituents use the city a lot they may have largely different needs than a city dweller. With too many rural voices in the urban sphere this may dilute the voices of the citizens of Red Deer. The City already separates a lot of services in City vs Rural. Our schools, sports leagues, and taxes collected are three of the biggest ones. Another thing that the city itself has, that the rural communities being added doesn't necessarily have, and that makes Red Deer special is the communities in the city. So many citizens organize things by community and hold group events that tie these communities together. For example the Oriole Park Community association frequently holds events at the Community center at the school year round. These commonalities of our citizens are the main differences between the two groups and this will cause division in our voices.

Thank you for taking the time to review my submission, I eagerly await the findings of the commission and I hope you have a great holiday season

Sincerely,

Jason Posti

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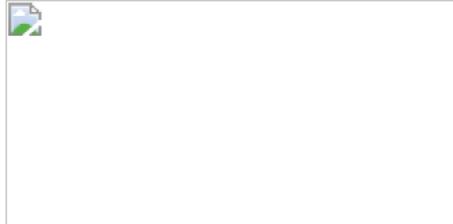


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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

70 - Lethbridge-West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

My issues are mostly different than those of rural voters and would not be represented if Lethbridge West were to include rural areas in a ploy to dilute the voting power of Lethbridge residents. Lethbridge West should remain urban only, as should Lethbridge East. Rural votes are already overrepresented in our current electoral system, when compared to urban votes. There should be more urban ridings, not fewer to bring the number of voters that each riding represents closer to parity.

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