



2016-17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta

First Round Submissions

2016-17

List of Submitters - First Round of Written Submissions

| Submission Number | Name | Organization |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| EBC-2016-17-001 | Jeff Spilger | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-002 | Phil Swanson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-003 | Bill Pearson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-005 | Lynn Hartley | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-006 | Donna Macor | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-007 | Ron Alexander | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-008 | Tim Cameron | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-009 | Glenn Hartley | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-010 | Brad Hestad | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-011 | Joe Walsh | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-012 | Michael Day | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-013 | Myron Sorokan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-014 | Bryan Donegan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-015 | Sally Caudill | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-016 | Lorraine St Arnault | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-017 | Earl Graham | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-018 | Lawrence Lovelace | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-019 | Art and Gladys Reitsma | Private Citizens |
| EBC-2016-17-020 | Roy Milne | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-021 | Tyler Ragan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-022 | William Pearson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-023 | Edward Forst | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-025 | Rob Pearson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-026 | Archie Fedor | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-027 | Mark Sandilands | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-028 | Bradley Strilesky | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-029 | Chris Wielki | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-030 | Jordan Brandt | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-031 | Jim Storrie | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-032 | Henry Peters | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-033 | Gurmit Bhachu | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-034 | Rosemary Molyneaux | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-035 | John Hawkins | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-037 | Muhammad Muqadas | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-039 | Lloyd Blower | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-042 | Steve Shamchuk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-043 | Brad Jones | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-044 | Peter van Hal | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-045 | Mardelle Blanchette | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-046 | Peter Fleming | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-048 | Scott Rypstra | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-050 | Gerald Guenette | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-051 | John Evans | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-052 | Amanda Yu | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-053 | Asif Ali | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-054 | John Boyko | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-055 | Terry Kaminski | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-056 | Ann Scott | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-057 | Dylan Jones | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-058 | Keith Bramley | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-059 | Avnish Nanda | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-060 | Rajesh Kumar | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-061 | Ivan Ivankovich | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-062 | Liam Kachkar | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-063 | Jesse Roberts | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-064 | David Murray | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-065 | Everett Normandeau | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-066 | Clarence Dewald | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-067 | Tracy Sheppard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-068 | Bob Nerenberg | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-069 | Jennifer Bock | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-070 | John Kolkman | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-071 | Justin Raskauskas | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-072 | Ian Logan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-073 | Carrie Reimer | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-074 | Ryan Premak | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-075 | Felice Lund | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-076 | Sean Moir | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-077 | Jonathon Robb | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-078 | Garfield Marks | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-079 | Chad Parsons | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-080 | Ann Smith | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-081 | Jeff Spilger | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-083 | Deirdre MacLean | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-084 | Tom Egan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-085 | Kevin Austin | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-086 | Robert Raynard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-087 | Erik de Regt | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-088 | Gordon Jared | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-089 | Mikk J. Peek | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-090 | Karla Wyld | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-091 | Nathan Kowalsky | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-094 | Scott Gibson Dodd | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-095 | Douglas Taylor | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-096 | Scott Gibson Dodd | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-098 | Kathryn Oviatt | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-099 | Dave Smolarchuk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-100 | Jasleen Sekhon | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-101 | Rory J. Koopmans | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-102 | Leo Denis Puerzer | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-103 | Tom Boyce | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-104 | Mark Walker | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-105 | Conrad Norbert | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-106 | Cécile Turcotte and Lucette Maisonneuve | Private Citizens |
| EBC-2016-17-108 | Marj MacLeod | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-109 | Nancy McElroy | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-110 | Glenn Cunningham | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-111 | Lillian Wakulchyk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-112 | Chris Jones | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-113 | Andre Asselin | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-114 | Bonnie Bulmer | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-115 | Shane B. | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-116 | Shelly Lindballe | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-117 | Scott Travis | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-118 | Nancy Nolan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-119 | Bo Simpson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-120 | Josh Stock | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-121 | Pat Shaw | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-122 | Irene Lanctot | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-123 | Roger Sutter | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-124 | Gerald Lanctot | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-125 | Tami Netzband | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-126 | Dylan Curle | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-127 | Myrna Lanctot | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-128 | Arlen Johnston | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-129 | Cole Schultz | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-130 | Brian Knight | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-131 | Shelley Currier | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-133 | Barb Phillips | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-134 | Linda Norlie | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-136 | Joël Laforest | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-138 | Keith Paget | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-140 | L. Marianne Grayston | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-141 | Alpha Murray | Private Citizen |

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|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| EBC-2016-17-142 | Rod Lindemann | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-145 | Gerhard Henkemans | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-146 | Chris Kormos | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-147 | Harold Frasch | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-149 | Leigh-Ann McCuaig | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-151 | Beverley Wetter | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-153 | James Slattery | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-154 | Mike Mai | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-155 | Ronald Brian Neenier | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-156 | Doreen Nixon | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-158 | Maxwell Davies | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-159 | Kent Clayton | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-162 | Arman Chak | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-164 | Lindsay Baranowski | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-165 | Matthew McElroy | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-166 | Hélène Cyr | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-168 | Courtney Hughes | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-169 | Diane Fair | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-170 | Arlene Good | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-171 | Nitin Bhat | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-172 | Elizabeth Anderson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-173 | Mairi Larson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-174 | | Public Interest Alberta |
| EBC-2016-17-175 | James Marshalsay | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-176 | Rita Maure | Village of Donnelly Council |
| EBC-2016-17-177 | Jennifer Fletcher | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-178 | Irene Nicolson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-179 | Gibson Brown | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-180 | Gordon Nicolson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-181 | Jennifer Beatty | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-183 | David Cook | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-186 | Ernie Beauliaua | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-187 | Dean Milner | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-188 | Blaine Trout | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-189 | Robert Tiessen | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-190 | Cory Littlechild | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-192 | Julie Poffenroth | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-193 | Sherrie Breese | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-194 | Wayne Ford | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-196 | Robert Kress | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-198 | Erin Thackeray | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-199 | Daniel Evoy | Private Citizen |

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|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| EBC-2016-17-200 | Robert Grier | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-202 | Joshua Gruman | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-203 | Ziyad Chomery | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-204 | Ian Dagenais | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-205 | Tyler Bacon | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-207 | Einar Davison | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-208 | Brandon Shiplo | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-210 | Ed Burghardt | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-211 | Lauren Stieglitz | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-212 | Rob Kubicek | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-213 | A. Lori Briggs | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-214 | Harold Rozario | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-215 | Angie Genovese-Cook | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-216 | Bernice Lynn | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-217 | Shawna Yeske | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-218 | Robert Knight | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-219 | Garry Bredeson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-220 | Diana Pettit | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-222 | Ian Chiclo | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-224 | Chris Schafer | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-225 | Jake Gallup | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-226 | William Jacobson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-227 | Stacey Loe | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-228 | Robert Hurdman | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-229 | Patrick Twomey | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-230 | C. Mowat | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-231 | Glenn Keddir | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-232 | Alfred Lehar | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-233 | Gordon Saunders | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-234 | Albert Wurfel | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-235 | Nicole Van de Kraats | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-236 | Karin Jensen | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-237 | Joe Gendre | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-239 | Carmen Stopanski | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-240 | Maureen Williams | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-241 | Jane Christianson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-242 | Marcus Millet | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-243 | Karen Knight | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-244 | Jocelyn Poissant | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-245 | Laurette Pilon | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-246 | Bill Longstaff | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-247 | Roderick Wojtula | Private Citizen |

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|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| EBC-2016-17-248 | Michael Knudsen | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-249 | Neal Gray | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-251 | Shifrah Gadamsetti | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-252 | George Richardson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-253 | Dionne Elliott | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-254 | Jared Phillips | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-255 | Kimberly Bredeson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-256 | Kerrie Johnston | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-257 | Fred C. Brittain | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-258 | Aaron Morrill | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-259 | Rob Martin | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-260 | Joanna Karczmarek | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-262 | Ian Wilson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-263 | Rahman Ismail | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-264 | Thomas Bonifacio | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-265 | Gregory Harlow | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-266 | Andrew Kirschenman | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-267 | Trevor Norris | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-268 | Richard Schneider | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-269 | Brian Gregg | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-270 | Marlene Hurton | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-271 | Shelley Biendarra | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-272 | Carmin Lastiwka | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-273 | Dusty Erker | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-274 | Charles Doyle | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-275 | Dalton Duncan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-276 | Terry Boettcher | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-277 | Owen Neal | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-278 | Clifford Rogers | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-279 | Penny Greenough | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-280 | Bruce Randall | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-281 | Wade Nellis | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-282 | Beverley Baltimore | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-285 | Tim Rutter | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-286 | Mary McPhail | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-287 | Marcia Jacula | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-288 | Kim Neill, Chief Administrative Officer | Town of Hanna |
| EBC-2016-17-289 | Terry Kruse | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-290 | Laurence Hanson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-291 | Warren Steckelberg | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-292 | Alan Hall | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-294 | Irene Hunter and Marie Pang | Private Citizen |

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|-------------------|--|---|
| EBC-2016-17-295 | Ann Gariano | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-296 | Maryanne Henderson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-297 | Don Gustafson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-298 | Ryan Berry | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-299 | Jim Tra | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-300 | Steven Vannieuwkerk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-301 | Susanne Cote | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-302 | Margot Hodgson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-303 | Lorraine Weller | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-304 | Chase Mayer | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-305 | Ken Zinyk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-306 | Yogi Schulz | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-307 | Debra Ewing | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-308 | Jonathan Teghtmeyer | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-309 | Neil Evans | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-310 | Peter Vliegand | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-311 | William Cook | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-312 | Cliff Jamieson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-313 | Anita Arab | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-314 | Ron Richardson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-315 | Chandra Clarke | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-316 | Richard & Laurie Mack | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-317 | Karlie Nelson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-318 | Jason Ronald | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-319 | Sam Gunsch | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-320 | Zack Penner | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-321 | Daniel Wiebe | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-322 | Larry Hryniuk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-323 | Marvin Bjornstad | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-324 | Kevin Smith | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-325 | Jason Ruecker, Reeve, Clear Hills County | Stakeholder |
| EBC-2016-17-326 | Rob Barss, Reeve | Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 |
| EBC-2016-17-327 | Angela Zuba | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-328 | Shane Knysh | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-329 | Bradley Bustard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-330 | Marianne Garrah | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-331 | D.J. Boddy | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-332 | Judie Bopp | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-333 | Dan Wong | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-334 | Carl Ogrodnick | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-335 | Christine Nothof | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-336 | Jacqueline Maisonneuve | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-337 | Derek McBurney | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-338 | Heather Chan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-339 | Aaron Chute | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-340 | Barb Chapin | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-341 | Lana Yakimchuk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-342 | Lorne Merrick | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-343 | Angela Gauthier-Laurin | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-344 | Brenda Dale | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-345 | Ken Kernaghan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-346 | Fern Snart | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-348 | Scott Semenyna | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-349 | Sharon Ward | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-350 | Vic Walker | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-351 | Jan O. Murie | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-352 | Pat Marcellus | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-353 | Bradley Congram | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-354 | Erik Soderstrom | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-355 | Glenn Moss | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-356 | William Dolman | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-357 | David Nichiporik | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-358 | Adam Linnard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-359 | Ian Weetman | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-360 | Syed Hasan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-361 | David Gourlay | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-362 | Jolan Kent | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-363 | Michael Janz | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-364 | Duncan Kinney | Progress Alberta |
| EBC-2016-17-365 | Terry Korman | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-366 | Barret Weber | Edmonton Centre NDP EDA President |
| EBC-2016-17-367 | Linda Granholm | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-368 | Brian McArthur | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-369 | Roxie Gordey | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-370 | Bob McInnis | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-371 | Stephanie Robison | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-372 | Robert Henderson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-373 | Michael P. Cecile | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-374 | Ina Storeshaw | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-375 | Jim Davis | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-376 | P Smith | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-377 | Kathleen Hankins | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-378 | Garry Harris | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-381 | Russ Tynan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-382 | Robert Campo | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-384 | Andrew Melton | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-385 | Nabil Al Adani | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-386 | Gwen Linstead | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-387 | Declan Regan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-388 | Danielle Michaels | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-389 | Barbara Boisclair | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-390 | Kevin Outhet | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-391 | Syed Abdul Raheem | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-392 | Ted Youck | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-393 | Kelsey Monarque | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-394 | Pamela Steele | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-395 | Doug Koroluk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-396 | Umed Lodhia | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-397 | David Armstrong | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-398 | Ron and Judy Plett | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-400 | Hazel Anderson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-401 | Clint West | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-402 | Allan Pole | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-403 | Jim Palmer | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-404 | Jason Leslie | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-405 | Alane Boudreau | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-406 | Orrin Bliss | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-407 | Lesley Doell | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-408 | Cornie Teichroeb | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-409 | Trevor Lazoruk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-410 | Richard Nelson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-411 | Darren Grandoni | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-413 | Joan Nellis | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-414 | Roy Klyne | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-415 | Ken Ellingson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-416 | Chibunna (Theodore) Ogbonna | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-417 | Sterling Matan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-418 | Kerra Chomlak | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-419 | Alain Leclerc | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-420 | Barbara Daum | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-421 | Don Padlesky | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-422 | Gary Galbraith | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-423 | Jim Uffelmann | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-425 | Jeremy Regehr | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-426 | Sheldon Warren | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-427 | Scott Grattidge | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-428 | Tamara Ross | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-429 | Glen Mumey | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-430 | Art Dyck | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-431 | Travis Gallup | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-432 | Hugh Esch | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-433 | Ken McNeill | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-434 | Velma Pedersen | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-435 | Colin Ritchie | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-436 | Tammy Jackson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-437 | Steve Klein | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-438 | John Gallant | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-439 | James Rogala | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-441 | Tim Conrad | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-442 | Robert Worsfold | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-443 | Loren Spector | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-444 | Val Solash | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-445 | Gibson Brown | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-446 | Pat Jones | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-447 | James McKinley | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-448 | BD | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-449 | David Bradbury | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-450 | Caroline Butler | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-451 | Joshua Pawlak | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-452 | Isobel Mailloux | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-453 | Katherine Ward | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-454 | Ottavio Savignano | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-455 | Neil Korotash | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-457 | Colleen Butler | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-458 | Kate Dyson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-459 | Tom Flynn | Mayor, Sturgeon County |
| EBC-2016-17-460 | Robert Albrecht | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-461 | Tany Yao | MLA Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo |
| EBC-2016-17-462 | Adam Drew | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-463 | Ryan Ancelin | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-464 | Susan Wagner | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-465 | Kaye Fisher | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-466 | Judith Samoil | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-467 | Wayne Nixon | County of Stettler No. 6 |
| EBC-2016-17-470 | F.M. Pals | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-471 | Neal Neigel | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-472 | Debby Kronewitt-Martin | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-473 | T. Riordan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-474 | Harry Prest | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-475 | Stephen Luck | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-476 | Michael Nordfeld | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-477 | Richard Wirth | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-478 | Larry Harris | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-479 | Davis Lazoski | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-481 | Sylvie Crouteau-Willard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-482 | Kate Shaw | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-483 | Kenton Shouldice | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-484 | Robert Harlton | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-485 | Ron Forhmzway | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-489 | Michael Robb | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-490 | Keith Carter | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-491 | Lori Mills | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-492 | Conrad Nobert | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-493 | Ruth Sorrentino | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-502 | Vic Moran | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-503 | Don Gregorwich, Reeve | Camrose County |
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| EBC-2016-17-505 | Ursula Ambuehl | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-507 | Eric Stockden | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-508 | Lucinda Minde | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-509 | Joseph Oberhoffner | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-510 | George Hamilton | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-511 | Ken Matthews, Reeve | Big Lakes County |
| EBC-2016-17-512 | Ron Orr | MLA Lacombe-Ponoka |
| EBC-2016-17-513 | George Glazier, Reeve | County of Paintearth No. 18 |
| EBC-2016-17-514 | Brian Brewin, Reeve | Municipal District of Taber |
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| EBC-2016-17-525 | Shirley Ennis | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-527 | Doug Drozd, Reeve | County of Barrhead No. 11 |
| EBC-2016-17-528 | Donald Ray | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-529 | Kris Samraj | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-530 | Bob Clark, Mayor | Village of Boyle |
| EBC-2016-17-531 | Jul Wojnowski | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-533 | Carl Christensen, President | Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills Wildrose Constituency Association |
| EBC-2016-17-534 | Debbie Jabbour | MLA Peace River |
| EBC-2016-17-536 | R. Murray | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-538 | Noel Somerville | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-539 | Trevor Prentice | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-543 | Benjamin Nay | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-544 | A.D. Castle | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-545 | Hannah Leibel | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-546 | Stuart Shaigec | Mayor of Spruce Grove |
| EBC-2016-17-547 | Charmaine Wood | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-548 | Colin MacDonald | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-549 | Chris Bunce | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-551 | Kevin Allen | Returning Officer, Calgary Buffalo |
| EBC-2016-17-552 | David Hartwick | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-553 | Pauline Johnson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-554 | Joyce Assen | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-565 | Paul Andrews | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-566 | Darwin Hawryluk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-567 | Pat Tzotzos | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-568 | Dr. Linda Cook | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-569 | Kitty Dunn | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-570 | Elizabeth Tassy | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-585 | Roy Coulthard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-586 | Jane Walker | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-587 | Jeff Wedman | St. Albert Progressive Conservative Association |
| EBC-2016-17-588 | David Barker | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-589 | Fritz Bitz | Alberta NDP Wetaskiwin Camrose Constituency Association |
| EBC-2016-17-590 | Janet Keeping | Green Party of Alberta |
| EBC-2016-17-591 | Jarett Henderson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-592 | Clyde Corser | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-593 | David W. Burghardt | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-594 | Gino Salvalaggio | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-595 | Liz Acheson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-596 | Mary-Ellen Jones | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-597 | Sharleen Douglass | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-598 | Mike Song | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-599 | Donald Yee | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-600 | Larry Samcoe | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-601 | Brian Malkinson | MLA for Calgary-Currie |
| EBC-2016-17-602 | Mike Harvard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-603 | Nick Lapp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer | County of Grande Prairie No. 1 |
| EBC-2016-17-604 | B. Carol Ramsay | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-605 | Kirk Werklund | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-606 | Gail Aucoin | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-608 | Robert Wade Nelson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-609 | Faby Martin | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-610 | Ryan Robinson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-611 | Naomi Pahl | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-612 | Robert Worobo, Chairman | Special Areas Advisory Council |
| EBC-2016-17-613 | Don Rubuliak | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-614 | Ron Friesen | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-615 | Terry Shillington and Maria Fitzpatrick | Lethbridge East NDP Executive |
| EBC-2016-17-616 | Saylor McLennan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-617 | Nolan Crouse | City of St. Albert |
| EBC-2016-17-618 | Gerry Hofs | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-619 | Bryan Woronuk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-620 | Margaret McKague | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-621 | Jim Robertson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-622 | Rod Shewchuk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-623 | Gwen Moncayo | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-624 | Don MacIntyre | MLA Innisfail-Sylvan Lake Constituency |
| EBC-2016-17-626 | C.M. Knowles | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-627 | Elizabeth Reid | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-628 | Charlene Preston | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-632 | Robb Aishford | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-633 | Bob Coutts, Chair | Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership |
| EBC-2016-17-634 | Brandon Beasley | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-635 | Alexander Shevalier, President | Calgary and District Labour Council |
| EBC-2016-17-636 | Bill Graham | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-637 | Al Kemmere, President | Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) |
| EBC-2016-17-638 | Shelby MacLeod | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-639 | W.D. Monro, President | Edmonton Ellerslie Provincial NDP |
| EBC-2016-17-640 | David Forster | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-641 | Royston Greenwood | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-642 | Bryan Becker | Calgary Currie NDP Electoral District Association |
| EBC-2016-17-643 | Arnold Thiessen | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-644 | Rod Krips | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-645 | Kristy Jackson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-646 | Donald Ray and Alan G. McNaughton | Calgary-Varsity NDP Electoral District Association |

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| EBC-2016-17-648 | Jeffrey Moore | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-649 | Deborah Brady | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-650 | Colin Connon | Red Deer South PC Association |
| EBC-2016-17-651 | Neil Kirkpatrick | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-652 | Laura Holowaychuk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-653 | David Cournoyer | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-654 | Gloria Roth | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-655 | Gordon White | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-656 | Murray Woods | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-657 | Debra Barsi | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-658 | James Sanders | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-659 | Janis Stewart | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-660 | Zachary Penner | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-661 | Robert Willing, Reeve | Municipal District of Peace No. 135 |
| EBC-2016-17-662 | Doug Neuman | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-663 | Darcy Dupas | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-664 | Tina Letendre | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-665 | Roger Loberg | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-676 | Theresia Fennema | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-679 | Gillian Hulme | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-681 | Alan J. Gibson | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-682 | Leona Hanson, Mayor | Town of Beaverlodge |
| EBC-2016-17-683 | Maxine Farr-Jones | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-684 | Naheed K. Nenshi, Mayor | City of Calgary |
| EBC-2016-17-685 | Jarrad Marthaller, President | Spruce Grove-St. Albert NDP Constituency Association |
| EBC-2016-17-686 | Ken Zinyk | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-687 | Brian Gibbon | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-689 | Niall Condon, Research Specialist | Progressive Conservative Caucus |
| EBC-2016-17-690 | David Olinger | The City of Grande Prairie |
| EBC-2016-17-691 | Alexandra Fisher | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-692 | Duncan Kinney | Progress Alberta |
| EBC-2016-17-693 | Marilyn Burns | Edmonton-South West Wild Rose Party CA |
| EBC-2016-17-694 | Elise Broughton | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-695 | Cameron Galisky | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-696 | Kathleen Bancroft | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-697 | Leonard Sorochan | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-698 | Sarah Hamilton | Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta |
| EBC-2016-17-699 | Mathew McLeod | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-700 | Ken Lewis | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-708 | Kristopher Barker | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-709 | Tyler Wright | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-710 | Graham Sucha | Member of the Legislative Assembly |
| EBC-2016-17-711 | Brandy Mitchell | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-712 | Bev Muendel-Atherstone | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-714 | Matthew Brayford | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-715 | Cherly Lonsdale | Private Citizen |
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| EBC-2016-17-717 | Sabin Cotfas | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-718 | Marshall Boyd | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-719 | Robert Pollard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-720 | Dennis Miller | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-721 | Geneve Champoux | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-722 | Ray Fennema | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-723 | Colleen Munro | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-724 | Trent Auriat | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-725 | Jessica and John Lawrence | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-726 | Idris Fashan | Private Citizen |

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| EBC-2016-17-729 | Clyde Corser | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-730 | Ken Smith | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-731 | Elizabeth Hagell | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-732 | Neil Kirkwood | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-733 | Denis Espetveidt | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-734 | Darcy Thiessen | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-735 | Sharon Pollyck | City of Airdrie |
| EBC-2016-17-736 | Lynne Howard | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-737 | Patrick O'Connor | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-738 | Daniel Mol | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-739 | Janice Bartell | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-740 | Logan Skretting | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-741 | Terry Leslie, Mayor | Council of the Town of Sundre |
| EBC-2016-17-742 | Rod Trentham | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-743 | Roger Konieczny, Reeve | County of Minburn No. 27 |
| EBC-2016-17-744 | Bruce MacDuff, Mayor | Town of Vermilion |
| EBC-2016-17-745 | Colleen Dwyer, President | Rocky Mountain House and District Chamber of Commerce |
| EBC-2016-17-746 | Robert Snider | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-747 | Ardis Bramall | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-748 | George A. Ward | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-749 | Wayne Battle | Private Citizen |
| EBC-2016-17-750 | Barbara Silva, President | Calgary-Klein Constituency Association |
| EBC-2016-17-751 | Don Iveson, Mayor | City of Edmonton |
| EBC-2016-17-752 | Tara Veer, Mayor | City of Red Deer |
| EBC-2016-17-753 | Udo and Denise Fitz | Private Citizens |
| EBC-2016-17-754 | John Wodak, Chair | Seniors' Action and Liaison Team |
| EBC-2016-17-755 | Leonard Swanson | Private Citizen |

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Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Jeff Spilger
Date: Monday, January 2, 2017 9:55:12 AM

Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 11:53 AM
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Subject: Website Submission from Jeff Spilger

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City/Town

Grande Prairie

Electoral Constituency

Grande Prairie Smoky

Submission

The City of Grande Prairie is currently split into two different rural constituencies: Grande Prairie Smoky and Grande Prairie Wapiti. It is largely the rural vote that decides both these constituencies. I would like to see the City of Grande Prairie organized into one urban constituency. I cannot remember the last time there was an MLA from the City of Grande Prairie, and this would ensure that there would be one. Also, there was a candidate who ran for the Alberta Party in Grande Prairie Wapiti who I wanted to vote for, but I live in Grande Prairie Smoky. The Alberta Party did not run a candidate in my constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

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Submitted on: 2016/12/22 at 10:28 am

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From: Jeff Spilger <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 9:17 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Jeff Spilger

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| <p>Earlier I wrote a submission suggesting an all-urban riding for Grande Prairie. I am still in favour of that, however, I realize that not all of the City of Grande Prairie would be able to fit in one riding. The average population of a riding is 49,000 and Grande Prairie's population is 68,000. So some of the city would be left out and included in a mostly rural riding. However, being guaranteed one MLA from the City of Grande Prairie would be of value to me. Also the meeting that you had scheduled for Grande Prairie was cancelled due to weather. I found out that the size of Grande Prairie's two ridings was to be discussed. Both GP-Wapiti and GP-Smoky have about 57,000 people, well above the average of 49,000, and reducing both ridings to a number closer to the average might be helpful in making everyone's vote more valuable, regardless of the urban-rural distribution. I would assume that rural areas in both ridings would be reduced, giving the city voters more weight. That would be a bit of a compromise between what I want (an all-urban riding) and the status quo, which I am aware some of the rural politicians and residents want. I feel that rural Alberta is overrepresented in the legislature, and the rural residents and politicians want to keep it this way. As a city resident, I use public transit and walk to get around - which are urban modes of transportation. Rural residents drive everywhere, so these are issues that are not important to them. Affordable housing and other social programs are also issues affecting cities that do not affect rural areas. Grande Prairie needs an MLA who will speak up on these issues. Our two rural MLAs largely ignore these issues.</p> |
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Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundries
Date: Monday, January 2, 2017 9:58:25 AM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundries

Hello

I received the "postcard" for input into boundaries.

My thoughts are that counties should not have division lines through them. It makes more sense to use the county lines as the dividers.

Last time our county got split which makes it a little more difficult when delivering funds/making decisions if the county is split between 2 parties.

My 2 cents

Phil Swanson
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission submission
Date: Monday, January 2, 2017 9:59:41 AM

From: Bill Karen Pearson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 5:16 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission submission

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

I would like to offer the following observations regarding electoral boundaries and representation of the population for your consideration.

Healthy representation is a must in a democratic system; however, as I am sure you are aware, unbalanced representation can occur when only taking population into consideration.

Large cities tend to overwhelm the rural areas when only taking population into consideration. Rural areas generally contribute higher Gross Domestic Product to the Province while enjoying fewer amenities than those in larger centers. Examples are: Public Transportation, Health Care Facilities and Public Services

Now, I do not dispute the fact that all these services cannot be provided in rural areas, however, rural citizens are entitled to expect their fair share of services. Rural residents incur significant cost to access services such as health care and other public services readily available to urban residents so it is imperative that rural residents receive adequate representation to ensure that their needs are not negated by being overwhelmed by high populated centers.

Rural constituency boundaries are so large that elected representatives really are unable to fully represent all community's diverse needs adequately due to the size of their constituencies.

You only have to look at Fort McMurray to observe the problems of rural areas. One - two lane highway to service that community of 80,000 people and the industry requirements taking affect in that area. Look what happened to our G.D.P. with the area shut down due to the fire for two weeks and the effects it had on the rest of Alberta and Canada. That highway should have been twinned 20 years ago but lack of representation for the area resulted in failure to move this forward and prioritize the need.

We spent billions of dollars over that time to build LRTs in Calgary and Edmonton and yes I agree it needed to be done, however, the Fort McMurray highway should have been as much of a priority.

Thanks for considering my views and for your efforts to keeping our citizens treated fairly within our government structure

Sincerely

Bill Pearson



Slave Lake, AB



From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: STOP GERRYMANDERING GIVE ST. ALBERT ITS OWN MP
Date: Monday, January 2, 2017 10:00:46 AM

From: Martin Katz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2016 5:43 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: STOP GERRYMANDERING GIVE ST. ALBERT ITS OWN MP

Dear Sir/Madam: Alberta is primarily an urban province, judging by the latest census; therefore, we should not only have our own MLA (which we do), but our own MP instead of gerrymandering two MPs between Calder (in Edmonton) and another jurisdiction e.g. Spruce Grove, Stony Plain or Sturgeon County. St. Albert has an identity of its own going back hundreds of years in the case of European settlers, and even further in the case of First Nations. We are culturally, environmentally, economically and socially cohesive. Please give St. Albert its own provincial and federal representative *sui generis*. Respectfully yours, Dr. Martin Katz

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries
Date: Monday, January 2, 2017 10:01:01 AM

From: Lynn Hartley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2016 6:40 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Electoral boundaries should reflect population. People who live in cities are not less of a Canadian than people in rural communities. They should be treated equally and have equivalent representation reflected by number of people per MLA.

Regards

Lynn Hartley
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Constituency boundaries, Red Deer
Date: Monday, January 2, 2017 10:08:22 AM

From: Donna Macor [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 31, 2016 8:31 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Constituency boundaries, Red Deer

Hi AEBC, would you pls consider that both sides of Cronquist Drive in Red Deer should be in the Red Deer South Constituency. ie., the river should be the dividing boundary . Thx. Cliff Macor. [REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries Submission
Date: Monday, January 2, 2017 10:08:55 AM

From: Ron Alexander [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 31, 2016 4:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Cc: edmonton.millwoods@assembly.ab.ca
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Submission

Following is my submission to your request for comments that I received in the mail. I am located in the Edmonton Mill Woods riding, and our current representative MLA is Christina Gray.

1. The number of constituencies in Alberta needs to be REDUCED and not increased.

The total program expenses in Alberta for Government services, Education, and Health Care is extremely high, and out of proportion to other similar sized provinces such as British Columbia. BC's total program expenses are \$9,651 per capita (*source data link below) compared to Alberta's \$12,176. That is a difference of 26%, and on an annual basis the dollar difference of \$2,525 per capita totals \$10.5 billion. That is more than enough to balance our budget today. Alberta does not need higher royalties, a carbon tax, a provincial sales tax, higher corporate tax, or higher personal tax. What Alberta needs is lower spending, at a per capita rate equal to BC. Start with cutting the number constituencies in Alberta, and the number of MLA's in our Legislature.

2. Carefully evaluate the impact of political party membership and support on the electoral boundaries.

We all know that political parties use sophisticated computer programs to determine exactly where there support is geographically, and where it isn't. A vote in a riding that you are never going to win is a lost vote from a political point of view. It would be easy to draw up boundaries using this political support data that would bias the voting and election in favour of one party and against another. My request is that you subpoena this computer data from each of the political parties, and use it as the basis for determining if any changes in electoral boundaries are fair to all parties.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of these comments,

Ron Alexander
[REDACTED]

Edmonton, AB



CC - Christina Gray

*http://www.rbc.com/economics/economic-reports/pdf/provincial-forecasts/prov_fiscal.pdf

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Review of electoral boundaries
Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:38:22 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 2, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Review of electoral boundaries

Good Morning,

I am currently opposed to any modification to the electoral boundaries within the province of Alberta. As a rural resident, I am concerned with any potential reduction of representation as rural Albertans votes seem to be of less importance compared to those that reside within the cities. Additionally, with our population numbers in flux, this would be a very poor time to make any changes. The prudent decision would be to wait until after the next provincial election to decide on any potential change to the electoral boundaries.

The way in which my family enjoys our rural life should not be made to be secondary or of lesser importance than those within the cities, and yet there appears to be a slow move towards empowering voters within urban settings to garner their votes. The carbon tax does not have nearly the effect on an urban family as it does on mine. Tax dollars are funnelled towards mass transit projects and green initiatives and away from my community. As a tax payer shouldn't I have a say regarding funding of projects that I will never use? Coupled with the fact that governments are proving themselves to be unmitigated failures with respect to financial management, I don't see how increasing the voting power of the cities through modification of electoral boundaries, will have a positive affect on either myself or my family.

Respectfully,

Tim Cameron

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral boundaries input
Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:39:48 PM

Good morning Mr. Hartley:

Your submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission has been received.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Commission again.

Best

Aaron Roth

From: glenn Hartley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 2, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral boundaries input

Hi I just received your mail out.
My Question to you is, By What Rose Colored Metric is this justified?
Alberta economy and by extension the population, has shrunken greatly
since the Rise of the NDP in Alberta. Before you dismiss this, as
political criticism, compare Alberta's employment stats with those of
Saskatchewan.
Please postpone this ill concieved expense, in favor of more useful
government policy. Or advance the next date of the next election in Our
Province.

Glenn Hartley
Edmonton

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Opinion on proposed boundary changes
Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:40:23 PM

From: Brad Hestad [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 2, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Opinion on proposed boundary changes

Thanks for allowing my voice to be heard, despite challenges effecting all Albertans seem to be all in the same at times it is not always the case. Representatives from rural areas have different challenges amongst them, every area of the province has different challenges in the rural aspect, unfortunately I cannot comment on the challenges in the high density areas of the province as I have never experienced those challenges, but I believe there could be different challenges in different neighbourhoods in each city, demographic, cultural and job function all determine needs and wants.

My vote would not to loose electoral ground in rural areas as the economic effects of lack of effective responsible representatives would be hard to over come in today's environment, understanding that this effects my situation only.

Brad

Sent from my iPad

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Effective Representation
Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:42:05 PM

From: Joe Walsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 6:29 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Effective Representation

I hope the commission takes into consideration where a voter lives vs where they pay their taxes. For example:

I live in Strathcona county therefore my tax dollars go toward the development and running of the county. However my MLA represents Fort Saskatchewan/Vegreville. Bottom line is me, and my neighbours, are represented in the Alberta legislature by an elected official who's primary mission is to support their respective rideings, not Strathcona County.

Joe Walsh
Ardrossan, AB

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Submission on Boundaries
Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:50:31 PM

From: Edmonton Whitemud <Edmonton.Whitemud@assembly.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Michael Day; Info - EBC
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Submission on Boundaries

Hi

Thank you Mr. Day for your email.

Brenda Carlstad, Constituency Assistant

[REDACTED]
 Dr. Bob Turner, MLA Edmonton-Whitemud
 #203 – 596 Riverbend Square
 T6R 1Z4

From: Michael Day [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 10:32 PM
To: info@abebc.ca
Cc: Edmonton Whitemud <Edmonton.Whitemud@assembly.ab.ca>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Submission on Boundaries

Thank you for the card in the mail just received inviting submissions to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.

The Commission should attempt to determine, particularly by way of discussion with MLAs (and MPs) and party leaders whether it is more effective for individual members to represent a mix of urban and rural constituents as opposed to representing one or the other.

As our province continues to grow it's reasonable to assume most of this growth -- and general redistribution -- is in the two major cities. Are MLAs (and MPs) more effective in initiating legislation, in serving on committees and in contributing to debate in the House if they serve a mix of rural and urban constituents? If draft legislation or budget deliberations appear to favour rural over urban or vice versa would it not be more productive for members of the House to have to personally learn of the often contrasting views of their constituents through direct contact?

Of course, practical considerations would limit the number of combined urban-rural ridings. I'm really only suggesting the idea merits increased

consideration around Edmonton and Calgary, and to a lesser extent the other cities. But I do believe the Commission has to do more than merely adjust boundaries to attempt to render the number of constituents per member more closely consistent.

To illustrate the undesirability, within the larger cities themselves, of moving in an opposing direction, it would be unfortunate to delineate or circumscribe one urban riding, for example, with one immigrant ethnic group and another riding with a different ethnic group. It could lead to a member of that community being elected with a narrower focus than consideration of the overall provincial interest would demand. Chinatown and Little Italy precincts may have seemed acceptable and rich in character in past years but with large numbers of immigrants being welcomed from parts of the world with very different cultures both intellectual and physical integration are to be encouraged, and security aspects should not be overlooked. Electoral boundaries have the potential to have a beneficial effect in this regard.

In essence, I'm suggesting consideration of conflicting views of constituents be moved as much as possible down from the level of the House, its committees and the government of the day to individual members. This would increase individual members' accountability, and that would be a good thing.

Lastly, with a population of under 37 millions, our country is grossly over-governed. Each province and territory is required to provide the same services but intergovernmental autonomy has led to needless administrative differences and the cost of the overall administrative burden is intolerable. Notwithstanding the growth in the provincial population, the least we can do is to not increase the number of seats in our legislature.

Submitted in the interests of better government,

Michael Day
Edmonton

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundries
Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:50:46 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundries

Regarding AB. Electoral Boundries: Keep all boundries rural or urban....Do not mix. The urban vote, due to the numbers, always nullifies the rural vote. The needs of each are different. Myron Sorokan , Sherwood Park, AB.
[REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Re - Electoral Boundaries.
Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:51:44 PM

From: Bryan Donegan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Re - Electoral Boundaries.

It is inappropriate, even offensive, that any part of Wetaskiwin City & County should be lumped in with any part of the City of Edmonton. This is primarily an agricultural area, & our legitimate interests & politics are almost always at variance with or opposed to those of voters in Edmonton. It is bad enough that rural voters are numerically overwhelmed by larger numbers of urban voters, but at the very least we should have a dominant voice in deciding who should represent this & adjacent rural areas. From Bryan Donegan (A resident of the City of Wetaskiwin).

Submit Submission : Entry # 4**Name**

Sally Caudill

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Canmore

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Banff-Cochrane

Submission

I would like to see my current electoral constituency decreased in size so that it is only for the Bow Valley. The issues faces by our mountain, tourist communities are vastly different from those outside of the mountains and adjacent to an urban centre. We need representation that is not spread out through significantly different geographies and issues.

How did you hear about the review?

- Radio
- Newspaper

Submit Submission : Entry # 5**Name**

Lorraine St Arnault

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Address

Mallaig

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

St Paul/Lac la Biche

Submission

Until 2 years ago our economy was doing well and our population reflected it. Because of decisions made by government concerning oil production, I would suggest that our population is no longer up by 20%; as many oil workers have gone back to other provinces. I think that due to Albertas economic climate, there is no need to review our provincial constituency boundaries at this time.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 6

Name

Earl Graham

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Caroline

[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Wildrose

Submission

RURAL ALBERTA should not be lost when or if the boundaries are changed. Algamating rural and large urban constituencies has not and will not work. Neither has anything in common with the other. If boundaries are changed it should be aligned with trading areas not just to make a population number. Wildrose Constituency is now a 3 hour drive from north to south which is too large for MLA to cover efficiently. Some are even larger which is not fair to rural Alberta or the residents. Fair is not necessarily equal representation. The main point do not put large urban and rural together.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Newspaper

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Submit Submission : Entry # 7

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Lawrence Lovelace

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Address

Wanham

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Electoral Constituency

Dunvegan Central Peace-Notley

Submission

We have enough mias to pay

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- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 8**Name**

Art and Gladys Reitsma

Email

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Phone

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Address

Blackfalds

[Map It](#)**Submission**

Please leave us placed on a district West of Blackfalds and North of the Blindman River. We are located on NE 14-39-28-W4th. (We have had to vote at Sylvan and Poplar Ridge in Federal votes- and we have no connections or business' in that direction) Thankyou.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 9

Name

Roy Milne

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[REDACTED]

Address

WABAMUN

[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Stony Plain

Submission

Please keep constituency size variation (by population) to a maximum ten percent variation between largest and smallest.

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- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 10**Name**

Tyler Ragan

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Address

Calgary

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Calgary Cross

Submission

In regards to our electoral boundaries in Alberta. After looking at other province's legislature sizes per capita, it has become increasingly obvious that we are over represented. This creates an inefficiency in governance, as well as monies spent on surplus MLA's.

Respectfully I would submit that a best practice would be between 15-61 MLA's, which would mean an effective roll back of no less than 23 current ridings.

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

Submit Submission : Entry # 11**Name**

William Pearson

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Phone

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Address

Slave Lake

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Lesser Slave River

Submission

I would like to offer the following observations regarding electoral boundaries and representation of the population for your consideration.

Healthy representation is a must in a democratic system; however, as I am sure you are aware, unbalanced representation can occur when only taking population into consideration.

Large cities tend to overwhelm the rural areas when only taking population into consideration. Rural areas generally contribute higher Gross Domestic Product to the Province while enjoying fewer amenities than those in larger centers. Examples are: Public transportation, Health Care facilities and Public Services

Now, I do not dispute the fact that all these services cannot be provided in rural areas, however, rural citizens are entitled to expect their fair share of services. Rural residents incur significant cost to access services such as health care and other public services readily available to urban residents so it is imperative that rural residents receive adequate representation to ensure that their needs are not negated by being overwhelmed by high populated centers.

Rural constituency boundaries are so large that elected representatives really are unable to fully represent all community's diverse needs adequately due to the size of their constituencies.

You only have to look at Fort McMurray to observe the problems of rural areas. One - two lane highway to service that community of 80,000 people and the industry requirements taking affect in that area. Look what happened to our G.D.P. with the area shut down due to the fire for two weeks and the effects it had on the rest of Alberta and Canada. That highway should have been twinned 20 years ago but lack of representation for the area resulted in failure to move this forward and prioritize the need.

We spent billions of dollars over that time to build LRTs in Calgary and Edmonton and yes I agree it needed to be done, however, the Fort McMurray highway should have been as much of a priority.

Thanks for considering my views and for your efforts to keeping our citizens treated fairly within our government structure

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Submit Submission : Entry # 11

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 12

Name

Edward Forst

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Address

Hinton

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Electoral Constituency

West Yellowhead

Submission

Boundaries may be changed a required, but NO more MLAs

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- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 13

Name

Gordon Kercher

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Address

Lacombe

[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Ron Orr

Submission

I do have a view on electoral boundaries. but we have a government that has there own agenda and seems to do what ever they want not what the people want.This appears to be just another way for the government to increase the size of their caucus which will take more money out of pocket. I am taxed to death already I think its time to give up and go on EI or welfare. How much of my tax dollars did it take to print the propaganda sheet and mail them out.
Fedup.

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- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 16

Name

Rob Pearson

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Address

Edmonton

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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Submission

I fully believe that boundaries should ADHERE to the geographic and cultural elements that make up a community. Artificial boundaries are unacceptable.

reduce the number of seats

no special status. ie dunvegan central peace notley

mandatory voting. penalty incurred by citizen who chooses not to vote

defined civics component to jr and sr high schools

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- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 19

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Archie Fedor

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Leduc
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Electoral Constituency

Leduc Beaumont

Submission

Leave it as it is.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 20**Name**

Mark Sandilands

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Address

Lethbridge

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Lethbridge West

Submission

Whatever you decide on boundary for Lethbridge West, please change the name to something that does not confuse citizens. The part of Lethbridge that's west of the Oldman River is known as West Lethbridge. But the boundary dividing Lethbridge West from Lethbridge East is now 13th Street, meaning that a large section of Lethbridge West is East of the Oldman River.

Over the years, I have encountered many voters who were confused about which constituency they were to vote in and, consequently, which candidates' campaigns were relevant to them.

Please consider renaming Lethbridge West to Lethbridge Oldman or Lethbridge Centre-West.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

Submit Submission : Entry # 21**Name**

Bradley Strilesky

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Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Submission**

At the moment, I do not have urgent concerns about electoral boundaries in Alberta. I expect them to be representative and fair...so a far I have not reason to believe that they are otherwise. What scares me are news stories that I read about "gerrymandering" in the United States and I wish that legislative or constitutional "checks & balances" would prevent such things from ever happening in Alberta and Canada.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 22**Name**

Chris Wielki

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Strathcona

Submission

While a review of boundaries is good ideally less MLAs would be desirable. Many MLAs are not as active as those in cabinet or opposition positions and follow the party vote not constituents. I would like equal representation by population in each region but less MLAs per capita. Thank you for listening to my submission feel free to contact me for any further information.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 23**Name**

Jordan Brandt

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Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Edmonton Whitemud

Submission

Please change the electoral boundaries in ways that do not favour a particular party. "Gerrymandering" the boundaries leads to extremism along the political spectrum. Boundaries should be drawn as close to perfect representation as possible, by non-partisan persons.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 24**Name**

Jim Storrie

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Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Submission

What is most crucial for me is that each person's vote counts for the same amount.

I realize that this is inconvenient to MLAs in sparsely-populated areas who may end up with very large constituencies to cover.

However, their convenience does not trump the important of each Albertan's vote having the same weight.

Please try to ensure that constituencies are as close as possible to each other in population.

If this results in some very large rural constituencies, offer the affected MLAs more resources to assist them in conducting their business, like expense allowances that can accommodate additional offices or greater travel expenses.

Do not give any voters advantages over other voters by letting their votes count for more than my vote.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

Submit Submission : Entry # 25**Name**

Henry Peters

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

tofield

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Battle River-Wainwright

Submission

We absolutley can not add any new constituency to our province. With the bad economic times, and the low price of oil, we need to reduce the amount of constituencies that we have now. We can adjust the bounderies to reflect the amount of population, but the total amount of areas should drop by at least 20%

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 26

Name

Gurmit Bhachu

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Calgary

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary Fish Creek

Submission

I feel that change is needed to our electoral districts to ensure each vote is equal. Please work to fix this. Maybe we need less rural seats?

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

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Submit Submission : Entry # 27**Name**

Rosemarie Molyneaux

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Address

Sherwood Park

[Map It](#)**Submission**

[REDACTED]. Understanding that boundaries need to be drawn somewhere, it is also important to group like minded areas together. When the last boundary was drawn up the cut line became cloverbar road where it should be highway 21. I choose to live in a suburban area and would like to be represented as such but now have rural representation.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 28**Name**

John Hawkins

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Edmonton Strathcona

Submission

Between 2011 and 2016, the Alberta census projection (2016) will be about 16.7% higher than in 2011. In Alberta, this means that the average population of each constituency will be about 7,000 people higher than in 2011. This 7,000 figure represents a rise of about 16.4% in the number of people in each constituency. This is a significant rise. For there to be a meaningful vote for each citizen, I suggest that the population of each constituency be held at a figure no higher than 45,000 people. This would mean that the number of constituencies should be increased from the present 87 to approximately 93. To me, it seems that basic fairness to each citizen would ask that the population in each constituency at the provincial level be held at a reasonable number, so as to enable the candidates for MLA in each constituency to reach their constituents meaningfully during election campaigns, and to represent them effectively as and when elected.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Email

Submit Submission : Entry # 29

Name

Hesham Mostafa

Email

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Phone

[Redacted]

Address

Vegreville

[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

No idea

Submission

In Alberta, we need jobs and investments, these are our priorities. The economy is down. We need the government to spend more time to enhance the economy instead of spending the time/money in the Legislative Assembly.

What we have now: prices of food/medications/ daily service and even to play a sport are high, carbon tax, economy is down and

So, we need the government to find some solutions to reduce the stress in our daily life.

This is the priority

I wish that a party, would think different than collect taxes and export our Canadian resources as raw material and imported back them as final products, which is supporting other countries to create jobs. Canadians pay the differences between export and import prices.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 30**Name**

Muhammad Muqadas

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Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Caldar

Submission

My area (Albany) is booming by population in the last year or so. I think Albany/Carlton/Oxford/skyview should be having one MLA in the legislature to effectively represent this constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 31

Name

Melvin Brenneis

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

St.Albert

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Electoral Constituency

Marei Renaud

Submission

Effective representation

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- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 33**Name**

Lloyd Blower

Email

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Address

Lacombe

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Lacombe-Penoka

Submission

The system not only needs to be fair but needs to be perceived as fair. The primary objective must be one person one vote. Although you're allowed to have a 25% variance in pop. size, that doesn't mean you should accept that large a difference. I would suggest a 10% variance would be better. In addition, making exceptions for large geographic areas should be significantly constrained. These days with easy electronic communications, there are few reasons why an MLA can't represent their constituents conveniently and fairly without needing to do lots of travelling.

When you're considering "community interests", it's important that you don't use, or even have access to, any data that might suggest how a group of people might vote. No data on how a community or even the entire constituency voted in earlier elections. No data on incomes, nationality, race, rural/urban, etc. Your data should only consist of population information.

Your job should be relatively simple - figure out how 4+ million people can be fairly represented by a few.

I believe it should not take 87 MLAs to do this representation. A better number would be about 40-50. This would save money, still allow the MLAs to do their job, and allow the elected government enough people to govern.

Thanks for the opportunity.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 34

Name

Alexis Willis

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)

Submission

Community interests, public pools, alcoholic /drug free buses , better help and housing support for homeless people, so many everywhere it's sad and makes edmonton unsafe.

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- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 35

Name

Michael Ketcheson

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Address

Fort McMurray

[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Brian Jean

Submission

Take all PC ridings and split them into 5 smaller ridings as soon as possible

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 36**Name**

Steve Shamchuk

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Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

I believe it is Manning. with Chris Neilson as out MLA.

Submission

I absolutely feel that the boundaries should be adjusted so that all of us who live in cities have about the same number of Albertans in their ridings as those in the rural areas. In today's modern world of advanced system of communications there is no need for having the huge discrepancies between rural and urban ridings. With the way things are presently urban people are really being treated as second class citizens where we have only about 50 per-cent voting power compared to rural citizens. LETS SEE THIS IMBALANCE CHANGED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION!!!!

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 37**Name**

Brad Jones

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Phone

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Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Submission

Please realign the boundaries across Alberta so the NDP benefits the greatest and is the most likely to win most of the ridings across Alberta , including the rural ridings , by dividing sections of ridings not held by the NDP that have never been NDP ridings before.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Deadline Extension
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:22:07 PM

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bradley Jones

Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 11:50 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Deadline Extension

Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

Please push back your deadline for written submissions so that we can use the best data.

Sincerely,
Brad Jones

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Submission
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 2:11:03 PM

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bradley Jones
[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 3:44 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Submission

Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

Democracy as a concept can be interpreted in different ways, but we believe there are several fundamental elements that are basic to strong systems of democracy.

In particular, we believe that at its heart, democracy is grounded in the principle of political equality

– the idea that citizens must be seen as equal in terms of having a say in the political system and

must have equal rights under the law.

Closer attention to that principle has led to recent improvements in our system, including provincial

legislation to eliminate corporate and union contributions to candidates and parties and to reduce

contribution limits to ensure that citizens determine the outcome of elections rather than wealth

and institutional power.

But political equality requires something more specific in terms of electoral boundaries – the electoral districts must be solidly based on representation by population, the principle that elected

representatives must represent approximately equal numbers of constituents to ensure that no

person's vote is worth more than that of another.

For example, if one constituency has 20,000 eligible voters and another has 40,000 voters, the votes

of those in the first constituency are effectively worth twice that of those citizens in the second

setting.

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Obviously, not only does such a situation dramatically subvert the principle of political equality, but

it also has the clear potential to undermine the democratic principles of majority rule and

minority rights, particularly if there are large departures from representation by population. However, this does not mean that constituency sizes must be exactly equal; small variations will be needed to take into account particularly problematic and compelling local circumstances in some instances. But the key is that the default position must be that of approximately equal populations for constituencies, and the variances should be minimal as a consequence.

C. Electoral boundaries in Alberta: the current situation

Unfortunately, Alberta has allowed substantial, unwarranted, and unnecessary departures from representation by population in terms of our electoral boundaries, to the extent that our current system can be described as one of “unfair variance by design.” In the process, we have sacrificed important aspects of political equality and have unfairly advantaged some groups of voters and disadvantaged others.

The current system has been fostered by several factors, most notably in allowing an initial variance of 25% (above and below) from the average population per constituency. This, in effect, translates to a situation where some constituencies can sit at 75% of the average constituency size, while others are 125% of the average, a variance equal to 50% of the population in an average constituency. For example, if the average population per constituency is 48,000, with a 25% variance allowed both above and below the average, that leads to an acceptable variance of 12,000, so that the lowest would be 36,000 and the highest would be 60,000 – in this situation, the larger constituency is 1.667 times the size of the smaller one.

The initial situation is then made worse over time by subsequent population shifts, often involving increases in rapidly-expanding urban and suburban settings and declines in rural areas. As a result, Alberta has dramatic and troubling departures from representation by population, leaving many Albertans significantly over-represented or under-represented. These problems are clearly illustrated by the numbers of eligible voters in constituencies in the 2015 provincial

election:

Edmonton-Whitemud had approximately 37,000 eligible voters, while Spruce Grove-St. Albert and

Calgary-South East both had approximately 46,000. In contrast, Lesser Slave Lake had roughly 20,000

eligible voters, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley had approximately 16,000, and Fort McMurray-Conklin

had just over 15,000.

This means that in 2015, voters in Fort McMurray-Conklin had three times the “voting power” of

voters in Calgary-South East. One Alberta MLA speaks for three times the number of voters represented by another Alberta MLA. This is not consistent with political equality.

Voters in these heavily-populated constituencies have a diminished voice in the legislature and the

issues that matter to them do not carry the weight they should. More importantly, the fundamental

principle of political equality has been dramatically sacrificed – and to what end?

The usual explanation for resorting to these types of inequalities in the past was that it was difficult

for MLAs to effectively represent voters in constituencies that had large areas and more sparse

populations, so those MLAs were given smaller numbers of constituents to deal with.

The problem from the beginning was that this expedient involved substantially undermining the

principle of representation by population, and that difficulty has grown dramatically in recent years,

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as demonstrated in the inequitable population of constituencies in the 2015 election – a situation of

conspicuous unfairness.

Rather than allowing for such wide population variance, a better solution would be to stick much

more closely to representation by population and political equality, and then recognize that different

types of constituencies have different circumstances and representational challenges. Instead, effective representation requires different levels of support for different types of constituencies. If

so, the Legislative Assembly should respond accordingly and ensure MLAs can effectively serve their

constituencies. This can be done by increasing the nature and extent of supports to meet these

challenges, but without subverting the principles of democracy in the process. Of course, rural areas with sparse populations are not the only constituencies in which MLAs face unique challenges when providing effective representation. For example, MLAs in densely populated urban constituencies with larger numbers of voters face serious challenges related to representing populations with higher poverty rates and more diverse language groups. Moreover, recent improvements in communications and information technology have made it much easier to reach constituents and provide effective representation in rural areas. In the end, however, the Electoral Boundaries Commission should not be addressing these representational challenges. That is the responsibility of others. The Electoral Boundaries Commission should focus on enhancing political equality and fairness through representation by population. Currently, the situation is unfair because constituency populations are far from equal.

D. A democratic approach to redrawing Alberta's electoral boundaries

It is not our intention to suggest specific changes to the boundaries of particular constituencies.

Rather, we believe that it is important to outline the key principles and overall changes that we hope will guide the Commission's work. If these basic elements are adopted, the specific changes to boundaries will be grounded in and guided by a strong commitment to ensuring political equality and representation by population.

1. Reduce the current 25% variance in the constituency population size to 5%.

The current legislation allows variances of 25%, but that was meant to serve as an outside limit, in very different times.

Clearly, the goal should be to have constituencies of equal population size, but due to the desire to take into account some local circumstances (for example, existing community and municipal boundaries) some modest degree of latitude is necessary. The proposed five per cent variance would actually amount to ten per cent, since it would allow five per cent above and below the average.

In addition, the Commission should not make use of their power to create any of the four "special exceptions" constituencies of even wider variance as allowed under the legislation, since the particular circumstances of these areas can be better addressed through other means,

such as by providing more assistance and support to MLAs.

2. The Electoral Boundaries Commission should call for increased support to MLAs to assist them

in effectively representing their constituents and addressing their varying needs

While acting on a commitment to political equality and representation by population, the Electoral Boundaries Commission should point out that they are no longer using population variance to address the challenges of representation. In doing so, the Commission should call on

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appropriate bodies to ensure that all MLAs have the necessary staff and technical support to address those their representational challenges.

Such additional support is not only justifiable, but long overdue. It will mean that the Legislative

Assembly must revise and enhance the formula for providing support, with the goal of allowing

all MLAs to more effectively represent their constituents and their unique circumstances in rural,

urban, and suburban constituencies throughout the province.

The increased costs are an investment in strengthening democracy in our province and a necessary complement to the move to more political equality and representation by population.

Sincerely,

Brad Jones

Submit Submission : Entry # 38**Name**

Peter van Hal

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Address

Water Valley

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Water Valley area

Submission

Whatever boundaries you come up with make sure that we can vote in the Water Valley Community Hall and not in other halls much further away which has happened on three occasions.

Whatever boundaries you decide on DO NOT HAVE MORE REPRESENTATIONS IN ALBERTA, 87 electoral constituencies is more than enough.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper

Submit Submission : Entry # 40**Name**

Mardelle Blanchette

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Address

Devon

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Mark Smith

Submission

The following have common interests and I feel have enough population that they should have their own MLA - Devon, Leduc, Beaumont, Calmar, Thorsby, Drayton Valley and surrounding areas.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 42**Name**

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Leduc

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

leduc beaumont

Submission

i would like our boundaries to stay the same . But what I would really like to see is a government set up like a Republic.I also do not want rural ridings made part of a larger city riding

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 44

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Electoral Constituency

Leduc County

Submission

No comments at this point

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 45**Name**

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Red Deer

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Red Deer North

Submission

I wonder if Sylvan Lake, Springbrook, Penhold, and even Blackfalds should all be included somehow in Red Deer. I bet over half those populations work/shop/visit Red Deer quite often.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 46**Name**

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Drayton Valley

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Drayton Valley/Devon

Submission

Is there really a need to redefine electoral boundaries in Alberta, or is it just another way for the NDP to screw Albertans? The population might have risen in the last 8 years, but how much has it dropped in the last year and how much will it continue to drop till there is a new government? I do not trust anything that happens while this government is in power. Thank you.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 47

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Gerald Guenette

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Electoral Constituency

Camrose county

Submission

[REDACTED] I am a retired senior on a very limited income. The first thing that comes to mind is the commission does not work for nothing so this is going to cost the tax payer. Secondly if the the electoral boundaries change that would mean having to pay X amount of money to new MLA's again the tax payer will be hit again. This province is in recovery mode and could take some time to get back on its feet. We have had the carbon tax shoved down our throats and the rebound for the total cost of living going to rise will be substantial for most of us including the unemployed. Estimates are between \$2300 to \$3500 per year, that is more than I bring in in one month.so for one month what do I live on. So what ever plan this Government is planning on I say NO NO NO NO. I'll move to Saskatchewan first.

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- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 48**Name**

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Grande Prairie

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Grande Prairie-Wapiti

Submission

Currently the boundaries in Grande Prairie do not adequately represent the area. Both of the provincial legislature members reside outside of Grande Prairie and represent the rural mindset. Grande Prairie-Wapiti and Grande Prairie-Smoky need to be dissolved and a new North and South Grande Prairie riding needs to be created to represent the city interests. One could combine the rural municipalities around the city to make up another riding - as long as the rural population voting number is equal to or greater than population of Grande Prairie's two new riding(s).

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Grande Prairie

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Electoral Constituency

Grande Prairie-Wapiti

Submission

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Submit Submission : Entry # 50

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Submission

-only ask that larger centres get the representation they deserve in terms of population

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 51

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John Boyko

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Submission

Population of electoral divisions section 15(1) should be revisited. By allowing a deviation of up to 25% of the average population, certain constituencies voters have more or less actual voting power than residents of another electoral boundary. 25% is far too great of a deviation, possibly allowing for one constituency to have double the amount of representation by population of another. An acceptable deviation would be closer to 5%.

15(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), allows for even greater deviation for dubious reasons. In certain cases we allow up to a 50% deviation in 4 electoral divisions, making the difference in voting power by population even greater. Sub-sections b), c), and e) are not relevant in a modern society.

Electoral boundaries should have as close to an equal population as is possible in order to ensure all Albertan votes are counted equally.

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Submit Submission : Entry # 53**Name**

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Address

Cold Lake

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Bonnyville-Cold Lake

Submission

I quite like the Bonnyville Cold Lake constituency. It represents a geographic region with common interests and needs. If your committee finds it necessary to expand this constituency, I would suggest that the best constituency to join with would be St. Paul.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 54

Name

Ann Scott

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Address

Drumheller

[Map It](#)

Submission

The current boundaries are askew in favor of the cities due to an outdated "rep by pop" model. Perhaps a city such as Calgary could have 3 reps rather than 15 or 16-This would make a more equal footing for large rural area that have low population, but share the same interests. This would keep the MLAs busy enough not to dream up more taxes that are ultimately unaccountable to the purpose they were created. ie the tobacco and liquor taxes collected to general revenue and government has no clue if the health damages caused by these vices is sufficiently funded. By cutting the number of MLA's and making them work the same hours as other full time employees with lower benefits, the general Albertan would be served in a more efficient, cost-saving manor.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 55**Name**

Dylan Jones

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Address

Alberta

[Map It](#)**Submission**

Thank you for soliciting input into your electoral boundaries review. My thoughts are that the core principle should be equality of citizens' votes. As such, I encourage you to seek a result with equal population in each constituency. If "effective representation" is code for something other than this, I encourage you to resist the urge.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 60**Name**

Keith Bramley

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Address

Carbon

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Drumheller

Submission

I am in complete disagreement with changing any boundaries as this is a tactic by the current government to add more urban seats and less rural witch would result in another NDP government . Another four years of screwed up government

Submit Submission : Entry # 61**Name**

Avnish Nanda

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Address

Edmonton

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Edmonton-Whitemud

Submission

As an Albertan living in a growing urban centre, I feel as if my vote is worth less than those living in rural Alberta. Many ridings in rural Alberta tend to have a lower number of residents than urban ones, particularly larger ridings like my own. That provides rural Albertans a larger representation in the legislature than is deserving of their population. This results in Albertans living in denser, urban centres to have less of a voice in the legislature, and the policy issues confronting our province.

This Commission must ensure equality between rural and urban Albertans. It must distribute ridings in a manner that ensures each riding has approximately the same number of residents. My vote should have the same worth as other Albertans in this province, regardless of where I choose to live.

In the past, rural ridings were drawn with a smaller number of residents than urban ones due to the large distances between population centres in rural Alberta. However, communication technologies have erased those distances, and the rationale for smaller rural ridings is no longer valid. Instead of drawing rural ridings with less residents than urban ones to overcome distance issues, resources would be better invested in these communication technologies.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submit Submission : Entry # 63

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Edmonton

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Electoral Constituency

44 EDMONTON-SOUTH WEST

Submission

I am living in a young neighborhood. When I mean young, I not only mean by development age but also the demographics of the people living in the area those have unique needs. I have number of critical questions that are very much associated with infrastructure, facilities and amenities in the neighborhood that is directly related to Electoral Boundaries because the voice of advocacy (voice of the representative) is very much dependent upon the boundaries of the area that he/she is representing.

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Submit Submission : Entry # 64

Name

Ivan Ivankovich

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Address

Edmonton

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Submission

Readjust existing boundaries to even up representation among existing constituencies but do not add yet more MLA's to supposedly represent the larger population. We do not need them. With better means of communication via technological improvements MLA's can service more people with lesser numbers of MLA's. Like everyone else - make MLA's do more with less. Beware the rural communities who say they must retain their members notwithstanding a net loss in population - this argument is specious at best. If they don't have the population - they shouldn't have the seats. We are long past the days of travelling by horse and buggy to reach rural constituents. In summary - we dont need a single MLA more than we presently have. We are one of the most over-represented provinces. What do others know that we don't.

The sad but harsh truth regarding "non-cabinet MLA's" is that, in most instances, the overwhelming majority of constituents would be unaware for months on end that their MLA had passed away if they were't informed of that fact by the media ----- therein lies the biggest argument for not adding one member more to the total.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

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Submit Submission : Entry # 65

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Address

St. Albert

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Electoral Constituency

St. Albert

Submission

St. Albert the city is currently divided into two constituencies with large parts of one constituency being a rural area. As a suburban community, our city has different needs than larger cities or more rural parts of our province. One of the biggest needs of our city is provincial support with infrastructure projects such as the Ray Gibbon highway two re-alignment and future LRT expansion. Both are needs that are not currently pressing but will be vital to St. Albert's growth and part in the larger Edmonton region. I believe that is important that however many constituencies St. Albert will be a part of next election should give a voice and presence to people who say their government doesn't listen to the needs of their region. A balance must be found in representing the many voices of our province as well as keeping efficiency in government by not bringing in unnecessary employment.

I would like to propose that the St. Albert constituencies be rezoned to focus more on the suburban area of St. Albert than the areas surrounding our city. The needs of the city can be very different than those of the nearby counties and towns. If similar needs such as freeways or schools are needed for multiple constituencies, than I believe that those needs should be more highly noted by government as they are of a larger importance to our province. It is important to address the specific needs of each constituency but the common needs of multiple constituencies should receive just as much attention.

Thank you for your continued work for our province.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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Submit Submission : Entry # 66**Name**

Jesse Roberts

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Address

Slave Lake

[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

md of lesser Slave River

Submission

I believe that the boundaries should be representation by population with the boundaries centered by the town or city with the most population and built out from there. The rural areas always go to the main center in there area for shopping and services, I think all boundaries should begin at the most populated area and work out from there

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from David Murray
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 4:49:58 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from David Murray

Name

David Murray

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[REDACTED]

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton South West

Submission

Hello,

My concern with the electoral boundaries of Alberta is high growth areas. As we saw in the previous election is that areas like Edmonton SW, Spruce Grove and Airdire had high levels of population growth. I would suggest to the Commission to consider all new housing permits in high growth areas. Secondly, the area of Edmonton SW should be split up due to growth South of the Anthony Henday. The anticipated growth in population and the City of Edmonton's plan to annex lands south of Leduc County should also be considered factors. I believe it to be important the the Communities of Blackmud Creek, Heritage Point and Windamere should be grouped together as they are relatively new communities. The Community of Twin Brooks should in my opinion be in a Constituency with neighboring established neighborhoods.

Thank you for your considerations.

Best Regards,

David Murray

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/03 at 9:50 am

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Everett Normandeau
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 4:52:23 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Everett Normandeau

Name

Everett Normandeau

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City/Town

Sturgeon County

Electoral Constituency

St. Albert, Spruce Grove

Submission

This is a total waste of money and is a desperate attempt by the current government to try and rewrite the boundaries before the next election.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/03 at 10:19 am

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Clarence Dewald
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 4:53:34 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Clarence Dewald

Name

Clarence Dewald

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City/Town

Sherwood Park

Submission

Too much effort is consumed trying to balance effective representation of sparsely populated constituencies against equal population. It is beyond time when boundaries are struck based on what makes sense geographically. In large geographic constituencies, citizens are challenged to meet with their MLA. It is time to move to a weighted vote in the legislature, with the weight of their vote based on the population the MLA represents. This is technologically easy to do. It also eliminates the need/cost of redistribution.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/03 at 1:21 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Tracy Sheppard
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 4:55:45 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Tracy Sheppard

Name

Tracy Sheppard

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City/Town

Hinton

Electoral Constituency

West Yellowhead

Submission

I own and live on property [REDACTED] Hinton, AB. I own a small business in Hinton and three commercial properties within the town limits. My current constituency goes from Wildwood, which is 166km away from me, to the Jasper Park Gates. How can someone in Wildwood know what my issues are in Hinton? Why do we assume that just because we are considered "rural" that all our issues will be the same? They are not. Why can I not participate in voting opportunities in Hinton that will DIRECTLY affect me and my businesses? I do vote, because I want someone who is as local as possible elected but I do not feel connected and I do not feel that my constituency is aware of my needs and interests. I would like to see boundaries extended to include their rural counterparts because one large block outside of all the towns is neither effective nor inclusive of needs.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/03 at 2:27 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Constituency Boundaries
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 4:57:26 PM

From: Bob Nerenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 6:24 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Constituency Boundaries

I believe that the most important issue to consider when redrawing constituency boundaries is population. All constituencies ought to have roughly an equal number of electors. The unequal representation of constituencies today is an affront to the notion that each vote should have the same weight in determining who forms the government. In the days of horse and buggy it may have made sense to have rural constituencies with fewer voters than urban constituencies as a way to reduce their size, but, today, with good roads, airplanes, and wireless communication, that proposition is no longer defensible. These days, more communication is done by telephone and e-mail than face-to-face.

Bob Nerenberg

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: New Boundaries
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 4:57:29 PM

From: John Boccock [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 9:41 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: New Boundaries

Dear Boundaries Commission,
We live at the very south part of the Athabasca Redwater constituency. We would like to be connected to people living closer to us. I realize it is difficult, but hope something better can be worked out.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Boccock

[REDACTED]
Sturgeon County AB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: 2016 population estimate data likely not accurate
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 4:57:54 PM

From: John Kolkman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: 2016 population estimate data likely not accurate

Hi,

As someone who works with data in a professional capacity on a daily basis, my concern is that the 2016 population estimates provided by the EBC for the first round of public hearings by the EBC for electoral division populations are not accurate.

I knew something was wrong when I saw the EBC's 54,804 population estimate for my own ED of Highlands-Norwood for 2016: <http://abebc.ca/about/stats/#contact>

The combined population of the neighbourhoods making up Highlands-Norwood according to the 2016 City Census was 43,199, or 11,605 lower. I have not updated the other 18 Edmonton electoral divisions as it is somewhat time consuming.

The City's total 2016 population according to the EBC estimates is 973,409, 73,962 higher than the 899,447 Edmontonians counted in the 2016 City Census. The 2016 federal census results are likely to be closer to the City Census number than the EBC estimate.

These are my questions:

Why did the EBC not wait another month to hold public hearings until the population counts from the 2016 federal census are published, rather than relying upon estimates?

Why did the EBC not use the most recent municipal census data where it is available? Both the cities of Edmonton and Calgary conducted a municipal census in 2016 that included neighbourhood level population data.

Look forward to your reply.

John

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John Kolkman

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City/Town

Breton

Electoral Constituency

Breton

Submission

Provide more voices for rural alberta

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton Rutherford

Submission

One of your answers in the "FAQ" section is incorrect, in my humble opinion. While the Commission cannot cause the legislature to amend the number of constituencies and MLA's, it can, under the broad interpretation of s.3 of the Act, recommend this, and possibly even, if it had the guts to do so (?), submit an alternate revised electoral map based upon same to the legislature. Alberta has far too many MLA's, by any measure, and very clearly by comparative measure to the other more populous provinces (way more, per capita, than BC, ON, or PQ, in fact 2 more than BC!!). The less populous provinces are in some cases even worse, but one supposes there is sort of a minimum required to support a full provincial over-administration (?). I suppose this is kind of like asking the fox to renovate the henhouse, but, in fact, the jobs of MLA's in terms of the effectiveness and efficiencies of representation, per capita, have become less, not more, difficult with the advent of communications technology. But, as apparent with all things "government", the tendency is to increase numbers, and thus expense to the taxpayer. Alberta would be adequately served with as "few" as 60, and certainly no more than 70, MLA'S. I don't have any major concerns about the actual boundary revisions, as the system seems geared to ensure that no one party or group can get away with too much "gerrymandering". What I object to is the political featherbedding of continuously adding more unnecessary representatives at huge expense. So, will anyone involved "grow a spine" and at least honestly address this issue. Thank you for your attention.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Bassano

Electoral Constituency

Brooks-Strathmore

Submission

No problem with the boundaries.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton - Ellerslie

Submission

Feel free to change the boundaries of the province to most accurately even out populations, but by obeying the following guidelines:

1. Ensure cities are reflected in their own ridings wherever possible.
2. Do not increase the number of MLAs that we currently have in the Alberta Legislature.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Boyle

Electoral Constituency

Lakeland

Submission

Please place more consideration on population. The rural populations are lower and yet they seem to have a bigger influence on election outcomes.
Proportional representation is necessary!

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton Gold bar

Submission

-25% +/- is far too high an acceptable variance factor in today's world of constant communication (with a myriad of methods of communicating), improved roads and transportation systems; this variance should be no higher than 10%. (Example: Travelling to my in-laws home in the Athabasca region 25 years ago took over 2-2.5 hours; today with better roads, safer vehicles, etc that time has been reduced to about 90 minutes.)

-10 "rural" ridings have less than 40,000 residents; 2 of these have less than 30,000; 31 of Alberta's 43 "rural" ridings do not meet the average of 48,000+ residents - that is over 75%; 11 ridings (not Calgary and Edmonton) have over 50,000 residents, but most of these are within the Metro areas of Edmonton and Calgary, or include parts of all of Alberta's "2nd tier" cities - e.g.: Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Fort Mac etc; 11 of Edmonton's 19 ridings have over 50,000 people, one as many as 66,000; 14 of Calgary's 25 ridings have over 50,000 residents, one, Calgary South-east, nearly 80,000; that is twice as many as the riding of Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater - effectively, the people of Calgary South East have to cast 2 ballots for each ballot cast in Athabasca. That is just plain wrong. The eight largest communities in this province, notably Edmonton and Calgary, representing nearly 70% of the province's population, deserve greater and fairer representation. -Considering 50% of Alberta's population reside in Edmonton and Calgary, there is no excuse they should not be allotted 50% of the seats in the Legislature - approximately 55% of that number going to Calgary and 45% to Edmonton.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Sherwood Park

Electoral Constituency

Sherwood Park

Submission

Like many sub-urban constituencies that have grown immensely, these boundaries need to be modified to ensure that the populations of are grouped on how they are similar in urban-rural characteristics. Sherwood Park, for example, should be revised to ensure all of Sherwood Park proper is grouped together and rural Sherwood Park is in the Strathcona County boundary. I am sure this is known and being dealt with though so not going to elaborate further. Thank you!

How did you hear about the review?

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City/Town

Red Deer

Electoral Constituency

Red Deer South

Submission

Please try not to dilute urban ridings with rural areas. When an urban area is broken up and combined with a rural constituencies then your MLA may not represent you. Rural and urban needs often conflict, so it would be nice to know your MLA gets it.

How did you hear about the review?

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City/Town

Glenwood, AB

Electoral Constituency

Cardston - Taber - Warner

Submission

Thank you for taking up this important, but largely thankless, task. For the health of our system of governance, and despite the political implications of your work, I would like to encourage you to be unpolitical. What I'm alluding to is the problem of gerrymandering. Gerrymandering is one of the most deceptive of the assaults on the foundations of our political process, and gives a fertile ground to a cynical perception of our leaders. In this its deception is complete in that it penalizes both the "winners" and "losers" in our electoral outcomes - delegitimizing the first and inciting the latter to work against the process itself. Just as the boundaries of the Illinois 4th congressional district probably did not happen overnight, the skewing of boundaries may not be immediately obvious, however a little skewing here and there will lead eventually to the same outcome. Thank you for your time.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Edmonton

Submission

PLEASE move to 59-61 seats for Alberta as we are very poor and there is not enough need for so much welfare at the top.

The changes in democracy, voting reform and all will move to a council of BRAINS, with the ECONOMIC CRASH x 20 yrs.

This will be total restructuring of Health Care, Judicial system, SOCIAL programming, and public servants on contracts, and pensions.(DEFINED CONTRIBUTION)

Work will be for SERVICE TO THE BOTTOM and economic reform instead of serving the VOTE Buying. THE DARKNESS BROKE--THIS IS THE END OF CORRUPTION,ENTITLEMENTS,LOW PRODUCTIVITY, AND ONE JOB FOR LIFE.

THERE MAY BE UPPER COUNCIL AND LOWER COUNCIL

UPPER COUNCIL MAY BE INVOLVED WITH POLICING (RCMP -_PROVINCIAL),TRANSPORTATION, JUDICIAL SYSTEM,REGISTRATIONS AND REGULATIONS,AND MUNICIPALITIES. (EXAMPLE ONLY)

THE LOWER COUNCIL MAY BE HEALTH CARE,SENIOR CARE --CUT 21%,Social ISSUES,ADDICTIONS TREATMENT,PSYCHIATRY FOR 50% OF AB,WATER AND AIR QUALITY,etc

THIS DYSFUNCTIONAL SYSTEM IS OLD AND TOP IS VERY CORRUPT,UNEMPLOYABLE AND TOO MUCH BLDG AND OIL WITH NO BRAINS, OVER AND OVER (SAME PEOPLE/NO BRAINS) COUNCILS WILL CHANGE WITH NO PARTY AFFILIATION.

ALL DYSFUNCTIONAL FALLS APART IN THE LIGHT.NEW WORLD -_CURRENCY COLLAPSE? VOTING BY PEOPLE GIVES THE TOP PERMISSION TO STEAL FROM US --HOW MUCH STEALING \$90 BILLION?? CORRUPTION+++++

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Newspaper

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City/Town

Red Deer

Electoral Constituency

Red Deer South

Submission

Please respect the concept of Representation by Population even if that means Rural areas will lose representation. Our province is increasingly urban and that should be reflected in our electoral system.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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June Munds

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City/Town

Edmonton

Submission

THE OLD SYSTEM IS VERY DYSFUNCTIONAL and filled with corruption, entitlements and low productivity.
 THE power of voting gives the MOB TOP power to steal --how much,\$90 BILLION with debts only?
 THE current system is insular,enslaving the people,low energy,dark and based on evil and survival.
 Everyone is entrapped in one circle,it cannot serve the people as vote buying is vital.
 ALL SYSTEMS NEED TO BE RESTRUCTURED--HEALTH CARE (PATIENT CENTERED VS DOCTOR CONTROL) AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM,JAILS,BUILDINGS RENOVATED FOR NEW USES,POLICING (PROVINCIAL POLICE) AND BRAINS WITH NO PARTY AFFILIATION.
 UNIONS--NO JOBS FOR LIFE AND MUST BE GROWING AND MUST BE FORCED TO MOVE
 WE HAVE DYSFUCTIONAL,SURVIVAL OF NON PRODUCTIVE CORRUPTION WITH NO PRODUCTIVITY.PENSIONS DISAPPEAR AND UNIONS DISAPPEAR AS
 DEMOCRACY,SOCIALISM,CAPITALISM ALL COLLAPSE.
 SUBMIT NAMES FOR BEST BRAINS WILLING TO SERVE WITH LITTLE COMPENSATION AS
 CORRUPTION,ENTITLEMENTS AND LOW ENERGY ARE VERY EXPENSIVE WITH CURRENCY COLLAPSE.
 MUST HAVE FARMERS,RANCHERS,WORKING PEOPLE,FEMALES,TRADES PEOPLE,AND NO LAWYERS AT THE TOP, AS MOB TOP WAS ALL WE SAW.
 SUBMIT NAMES OF PEOPLE WILLING TO WORK FOR SMALL COMPENSATION TO CHANGE OR WE GET A POPULIST LEADER SOON.
 STAGNATION,ENTRAPMENT,ENSLAVEMENT,AND PRETENSE AND DENIAL ARE LEAVING NOW.
 WE MOVE TO REALITY,FEMALE RULE,AND AWAY FROM DARK RESTRICTIVE CIRCLE WHICH WAS INSULAR AND FEEDING OFF ITSELF IN THE DARK.
 WE SERVE THE BOTTOM NOW,STARVE OUT MILLIONAIRES AND BILLIONAIRES AND LEAVE THE

RICH .01%,1% AND 10% ENSLAVING US.
THIS IS A BIG JOB AS MUNICIPAL COUNCILS NEED TO FALL APART,AND TOP NEEDS TO SERVE MUNICIPALITIES.
THIS SYSTEM NOW IS OLD,NEEDS TOTAL OVERHAUL AND NEEDS NEW BLOOD WITH BRAINS AND NO MORE OIL OR BLDG.
CURRENCY COLLAPSE AND 100000--300000 NEED TO GET HOME TO GRANDMA'S BASEMENT.
SOCIAL PROGRAMS COLLAPSE AND ALL GO HOME TO MOTHER--YES+
DEPRESSION FOR 20 YRS --LOOK TO 2040 AND CHANGE NOW, FOR NEW WORLD.
DEMOCRACY,SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM ALL COLLAPSE AND WE BUILD NEW ROADS IN THE ASHES OUTSIDE OF SURVIVAL AND RELIGION.
BIG WORLD SHIFT--POPULIST GOV'T IS POSSIBLE AS ALL IS DYSFUNCTIONAL AND LOW ENERGY.

How did you hear about the review?

Newspaper

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City/Town

Strathmore

Electoral Constituency

Strathmore-Brooks

Submission

I believe the boundaries should include a much greater portion of the population; the constituencies should be bigger. This may also reduce the number of MLAs currently required (save costs). Also, if there is any way to include the municipality of Strathmore with Chestermere for 2019, that would be greatly appreciated. Please.

How did you hear about the review?

Other – Dave Cournoyer’s blog

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton Clairview???

Submission

All the other reviews have been heavily done according to how we voted. We were lumped in with heavily weighted rural votes or urban areas who voted for the progressive conservative party. Many parts of Edmonton were carved out in this manner, which I strongly believe were to minimize our vote in favour of the rural voters. We need a good balance of urban and rural to represent each area fairly. It needs to be less partisan. NE Edmonton historically has voted not for the conservatives but the electoral distribution subverted our vote. Our concerns were always subservient to Fort Saskatchewan. I suggest that the map be significantly redrawn to make it fair. The past partisanship must be changed. The current government now has a chance to make things fair to ensure that we in NE Edmonton are represented and not ignored. Let's make this one fair. I suspect that any pool of non PC supports have been dealt this way in the past. Let's give proportional a fair chance this time. I know that some rural areas are very large but that should not matter too much because their voice will be heard in relation to the majority. Democracy is founded by the majority and they should rule. Thank you for the chance to make a submission.

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City/Town

Edmonton

Submission

There needs to be a consideration of rural versus municipal living. I do not think, however, that it does anyone any good when the constituency is divided to include both. Yes, rural ridings will be larger to obtain the population necessary, but then it at least does not place the similarities of each of the constituents at odds right from the boundary. Divided ridings negate the views of likely half of that riding.

Places to vote also should be a consideration as should on-line. Removal of travel to vote for rural ridings would potentially increase the number of voters.

Political boundaries should be frowned upon.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton Gold Bar

Submission

I really hope that, more than anything else, the AEBC will work to equalize the population of the constituencies. The idea of setting up rural ridings with lower populations because of the number of square kilometres involved is outdated now that we have email and other forms of electronic communication.

Federally, Alberta has only 34 ridings and, as far as I know, no significant population differences, and our Members of Parliament seem to manage.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

edmonton south-west

Submission

This commission and its purpose are a waste of taxpayer's money.
We need a commission on electoral reform and turn Canada and its provinces in democracies.
Democracy is a much abused and falsely
used word in Canada.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Spruce Grove

Submission

Spruce Grove is now a city of some 34,000 pop. and should be considered a constituency on its own. Stony Plain can be combined with Parkland County as another constituency, of about equal pop. for Provincial elections. All three areas combined should be a Federal constituency for an MP

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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Subject: Fw: electoral boundary changes submission
Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017 10:17:05 AM

From: Mikk Peek [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 5:08 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: electoral boundary changes submission

Hello:

My submission I simple.

Make sure the process is based on the facts of the population changes and not on any individual or party political agenda.

In simple terms: No gerrymandering!

While it is understandable that there will always be some compromise necessary, these should not favour any political or personal cause.

mjp

Mikk J. Peek
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City/Town

Lacombe Cty

Electoral Constituency

Lacombe-Ponoka #66

Submission

The issue of the disparity between rural Alberta and urban Alberta is only widening. The concerns we have are very different and in my opinion, rural Albertans are being left behind. Population wise, how do constituents in rural Alberta convey their voice, and equally, how do elected representatives keep their vow to fairly represent their riding? Not only do I see a conflict in geographic location, but the core values that we hold dear are in contrast. Why would we care about the public transit opportunities near the university when our main objective is ensuring our children have continued access to rural schools? What do your priorities in the city have to do with mine? I always look back at the family history of my grandfather immigrating in the 1930s to understand where we came from and make the wisest choices in where we are going. I want to know that when I communicate my concerns to my elective representative, that they are heeded, and brought forward to the legislative assembly where they won't just be touted as some dumb farmer shooting off again. I want to know I will be listened to.

In our particular electoral boundary, Gull Lake is less than half represented geographically, so the elected representative from #77 Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre hears some of the same concerns from people living around the lake as the #66 representative does. Would it not be more efficient to have one location like this on one map? Additionally, would it make sense for the electoral boundaries in Alberta to have some coordination with either school divisions, health zones, or

counties? I recognize not all lines could be the same, but it would help with flow and focus if these boundaries could be streamlined. Case in point: our daughter attends Bentley school 6 km from our house because we are located in the Wolfcreek School Division, but the village of Bentley where we do much of our business and engage in community activities, is outside of our electoral boundary. Thank you for the fair opportunity to provide some input into the electoral boundary commission. KW

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton - Calder

Submission

Provincial constituency boundaries should not be gerrymandered. Using existing municipal and natural boundaries is an important means towards achieving this goal.

Like Canada as a whole, Alberta is a relatively sparsely populated land mass. Without a bicameral legislature, it is crucial that Alberta's constituency boundaries strike an effective balance between representation by population and representation by region. Otherwise, resentment among rural populations will grow.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

EDMONTON

Submission

Need to conduct ore awareness programmes

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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From: Ryan Phillips
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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Daniel McAvena

Name

Daniel McAvena

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City/Town

Leduc

Electoral Constituency

Leduc-Beaumont

Submission

CIMS(Constituent Information Management System) programmer and Data scientist is required to build a database of Alberta Citizens @ any given moment in Time, Then using Demographics from Statistics Canada combine your data into a New Database that your Party must update monthly using donor lists and your federal database to compile a profile of Neighborhoods inside in each municipality then if you really wish to excel at Gerrymandering boundaries. I would suggest you follow the American GOP example in Texas and Florida. The science only gets better with Time just ask the PC's it requires Time to get it right. Asking the right questions took them 30 years. Good Luck !
 In a Boom Bust cycle it was harder because of the Fluctuations in Population , But Today we do the bi-annual Census which also provides limitations on variable input to program parameters.The object of CIMS is to manage the variables inside the Physical Borders of Alberta.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/04 at 5:40 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Scott Gibson Dodd
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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Riverbend or whitemud

Submission

[REDACTED]

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From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Douglas Taylor

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Glenora

Submission

I consider our democratic process to fundamentally operate from a principle of one voter, one vote. The gerrymandering that was rampant during the PC dynasty allowed huge areas of geography to have a disproportionate level of decision power in favour of rural areas over urban jurisdictions. This aberration must be corrected.

Some principles to consider:

1. Modern communication technology and accessibility means more than ever, citizens who choose to communicate with their elected representatives may do so from any location. Outdated patterns of physical contact as the benchmark of effective representation is absurd in this day and age of toll free voice, e-mail, web based and smart phone interaction.
2. Rural citizens are dependent on interaction with urban services and supplies such that their needs and participation is a daily occurrence and fact of life. Rurals are us.
3. Urbanization is approaching 90% and as a fact of our geographic distribution, those who happen to reside outside of communities in municipalities should not have numerically superior powers of public policy governance. To incorporate this consideration is unfair and un-democratic.
4. Rural versus urban nuances of life and political beliefs are not sufficiently significant to use an imprecise imbalance of populace residences, to determine voter communities.
5. Voter ridings should not be manipulated in some un-scientific method that supposes to cluster

philosophical viewpoints into the legislative process. That is the purpose of the Legislative Assembly. Voters are individuals with endless variation of needs and interests. Thus a simple population measure should be the one and only determinate of riding boundaries, not residence, lifestyle, economic or ethnic parameters.

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Facebook

Submitted on: 2017/01/04 at 5:44 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017 10:39:13 AM

From: Ryan Phillips
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Subject: Website Submission from Scott Gibson Dodd

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Electoral Constituency

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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City/Town

Spruce grove

Electoral Constituency

Get rid of Rachel Nutley and her stupid ideals

Submission

Get rid of Rachel Nutley and her bunch of goons
She is a ridiculously stupid pain in the@#\$\$#@! with her carbon tax etc

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/04 at 6:26 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Kathryn Oviatt
Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017 10:43:45 AM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 8:48 AM
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City/Town

EDMONTON

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton Gold Bar

Submission

I strongly request that Alberta move to more proportional representation. The current requirement to have each constituency within 25% of the provincial average is way too broad. If the average population per constituency is 49,000, then the highest constituency could have 61,750 people in it while the least populated constituency could be 36,750. That is too wide of a spread. Each constituency should be within 12.5% of the provincial average so that the difference between the highest and the lowest is no more than 25%.

We are currently way out of whack of even 25% off of the average that we currently have, with the least populated constituency having approximately 25,000 people (2016 estimate) and the highest populated constituency having over 79,000 people. The votes of Albertans in Dungenan-Peace Central should not have their votes count more than three times more than those of Albertans in Calgary South-East.

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City/Town

St. Albert, AB.

Electoral Constituency

Spruce Grove/St. Albert

Submission

This particular boundary was redesigned several years ago for political purposes adding a part of a rural area of Spruce Grove with a portion of St. Albert. I live in this boundary and I have never seen anyone from Spruce Grove drive to St. Albert and shop or do business here. Yet I see many people from Edmonton Castle Downs area always shopping and doing business in St. Albert.

If there needs to be an adjustment made to St. Albert than it should be made with a portion of Edmonton (Castle Downs area) where business is shared, we are very close together.

How did you hear about the review?

Radio
Newspaper

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From: Ryan Phillips
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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton centre

Submission

There is a terrible discrepancy between the number of constituents in urban constituencies versus rural ones. Allowing rural areas to have disproportionate influence in democratic representation is not only unfair to urban citizens, but also does not reflect trends in demographics, population migration, economic priorities, etc.

There should be no more than a 10% discrepancy between the size of the largest and smallest riding by population. Geographic size is no longer a limiting factor in the ability to engage with constituents and should no longer be a factor in determining the boundaries of constituencies. Furthermore, the boundaries should not be subject to political manipulation and so they should also be subject to a rule on how much variance there can be on the distance of a boundary edge from the geographic centre of the constituency.

Above all, fairness, transparency and accountability should be the basis of the boundary determination. Not rural pride, not party politics, not discrimination.

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JAN. 4TH, 2017

Rory J. Koopmans, B. Admin.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

AB, Election Boundaries Commission
#100, 11510 Kingsway Ave. NW, Edmonton, AB, T5G 2K5

Dear Abebc :

- There should really be a drop in the no. of MLAs in rural areas since much of the new migration works in cities & towns. I would suggest a drop to say 65 MLAs. Look in America there have been 435 U.S. House of Reps members since what 1953 when Hawaii became a state. So we are clearly overgoverned as there are still in 2017 just 435 U.S. House Reps & the American populace has grown from what 180 million then to what 370 million now. If

Regards,

Rory

four states lose citizens & become more sparsely populated, their House seats are handed over to more populace states like New York or California.

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Seems to me that we could do with a system like that to cut the number of MLAs in rural areas or even in cities in older areas move the MLA riding boundaries towards where the greater number of citizens are located.

Regards,



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To The Director
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

The statement about Alberta's population increased ~~to~~ by 20% in the last eight years is not entirely correct since 2015 Alberta population has in effect stabilized ~~at~~ ~~or~~ 2% therefore there is no need to increase the number of electoral constituencies beyond the present 87. I would like to see the speaker of the legislature be elected by a province wide popular vote. The speaker would be independent of a political party or influence. I have included an example of the new ballot. As it stands the speaker is connected to the ruling party and has a political bias this is not good for democracy or in the best interests of the people of Alberta.

Alberta has a population of about five million 87 ridings

California has a population of 37 million with a senate of 40 seats and a state house of assembly of 80 seats for a total of 120.

No need to increase the number of ridings other than a independent speaker elected by province wide popular vote

While I am not questioning the integrity or the independence of The Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission (AEBC) other Agencies Boards and Commissions are tainted with political corruption and nepotism.

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P2

I support the First past the post system that we have now with provisions for referendum as an example in conjunction with the next Provincial election there would be a referendum on daylight saving time i.e. simple question should Alberta remain on Mountain Standard time yes or NO 51% majority wins another would be should the province adopt photo radar on provincial highway, referendum is the ultimate in democracy Albertans are well educated and capable of making decisions that affect them on a daily basis.

The province conducted various surveys that they (the NDP) used to justify their policies. The surveys were dominated by PACs (Political Action Committees) such as Progress Alberta and the Pembina Institute, the end result was the climate action plan that is expensive and ineffective based on ideology not science. The plan made no mention of carbon sinks i.e. wetlands, grasslands, new growth forest etc.

Please MAKE MY NAME public

I will restate my views - keep the riding the same as they are now, more referendums and direct province wide election of a non-partisan speaker of the legislature.

Fixed election dates and more free votes in the legislature, the MLAs reflect the views of the voters not the party leaders.

cont p3

P3

I am an avid student of American politics there was very corrupt process called gerrymandering (For further reference access American Politics.) It was used by the ruling party and supporters to rearrange the riding boundaries to favor the ruling party, while I believe the work of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission is above reproach, it must be preserved as such, right now there is a level of distrust in this government I have never seen before, I have lived in this province all my life sixty five years and the anger and distrust is a new and disturbing trend, the premier can blame the angry "Rurals" or Trump style politics but she has herself to blame.

Again I want my name published and I will take an oath that I am not a member of any political party or a PAC Political Action Committee and I expect full transparency from those that make oral presentations, those that go online e mail or mail and those that go on social media

To Sum it up keep the ridings the same the names the same they have geographic and historical significance and are important for our cultural identity. - Have more referendums and have a province wide election for a non partisan speaker of the legislature Fixed election dates the cities hold a vote every four years in October the province should be every four years in April Municipal and Provincial elections should not be in the same calendar year.

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P4

I would like to see a ban on political signs on public property, private property is okay but signs on public property are an eyesore and a safety hazard (I realize sign bylaws are a municipal matter, they do not assist in the democratic process, less money spent on advertising, print TV, radio and signs, more candidate forums

As warning if there is even the slightest hint of political interference the process will be a waste of time and money and further erode our trust in Government (it is at its lowest in my lifetime sixty five years)

Sincerely



Leo Denis Puerzer

Beiseker Alberta

CANADA

NO phone cant afford
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NO-Email

I am old school

2019 Alberta Provincial Election Sample Ballot For CALGARY Centre

John Green
Alberta Party

Mike Brown
NDP

Jane Grey
Wildrose

Bill White
PC Party

Speaker of The House (Non voting member
of the legislature)

Bill Somers
Independent

Mike Smith
Independent

Referendum

Should Alberta remain on Mountain Standard
Time year round

yes NO

Should there be photo radar on Provincial Highway

yes NO

cont over →

The speaker would win on a simple majority of 51%

The speaker would be non-partisan and must be knowledgeable in parliamentary procedure. would be a non-voting member of the legislature would receive the same pay as a MLA

When the legislature is not in session the speaker would travel the Province talking to school and civic groups. many of Alberta's citizens do not fully understand our Parliamentary system. An independent non-partisan member would restore democracy and civility, too much power rests with the ruling party.

The referendum would be a 51% majority and the issues could be again put to referendum at the next election.

The process would be a free vote in the legislature. a limit of three referendums would be on the ballot, the nomination process would close one year before the general election.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Tom Boyce
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:43:32 AM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Tom Boyce

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Tom Boyce

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Riverview

Submission

The Boundaries Commission should seek to ensure the greatest possible population parity between constituencies. This should be its primary objective.

While preventing unfairly large rural constituencies is important, this should be approached by having a couple constituencies with lower populations than the rest. It should not result in rural ridings generally being less populated than urban ones. Ideally it should be possible to identify which constituencies are purposefully less populated, and have all other constituencies excluding those exceptions be approximately equally populated. There should not be a sliding scale of population levels in relation to geographic size. Rather, a reasonable limit to size should be identified and every smaller constituency's geographic size should not be regarded as a significant factor.

Rural-urban split constituencies should also be avoided, to ensure that neither urban nor rural voters are able to overpower the other in any given constituency. Splitting is of course unavoidable, but it should be minimized. For example, a riding that encompasses Grande Prairie and surrounding areas is more reasonable than a riding that wedges off a section of Calgary suburbs into an otherwise rural constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Twitter

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 10:58 am

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Mark Walker
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:44:24 AM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 3:41 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Mark Walker

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Mark Walker

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City/Town

Banff

Electoral Constituency

Banff-Cochrane

Submission

For years the voices of the residents of Lake Louise, Banff and Canmore have been outweighed by those who live in the Calgary bedroom communities of Cochrane and Airdrie, places that do not share the unique struggles and values of their resort community neighbors.

Banff and Canmore have issues providing affordable housing and even food for the residents who live here while the municipalities struggle to provide the required infrastructure for the millions of visitors who pass through.

It makes more sense to group communities together that share similar challenges, while putting Banff and Canmore in with a larger population like Cochrane or Airdrie (like the current federal riding) means that it is more difficult for our voices to be heard and our unique problems to be addressed.

How did you hear about the review?

Facebook

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 11:55 am

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From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Conrad Nobert

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Conrad Nobert

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

edmonton strathcona

Submission

I believe that Albertans should be represented equally. Right now, the votes of urban dwellers don't count as much as those of people living in rural areas, and I strongly disagree with that.

All constituencies should have a very similar number of people in them.

How did you hear about the review?

Twitter

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 12:25 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:02:33 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in the hamlet of Donnelly, Alberta a small community of about 500 people. At the last election, all the residents living on the West side of main street had to drive to Falher, Alberta, which is a 22km round trip to cast our vote. The residents living on the East side of main street were able to vote in Donnelly, Alberta. Talk about a way to divide a community! For the next election, please have all the residents of Donnelly vote at the voting poll station organized in Donnelly.

My name is Cecile Turcotte [REDACTED] Donnelly, Ab, [REDACTED].

My neighbor, Lucette Maisonneuve does not have a computer so she would like to have that voting poll located in Donnelly.

Lucette Maisonneuve, Donnelly, Alberta [REDACTED].

Thank you for reading this request.

Cécile Turcotte

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]@
Subject: Fw: Common Community Concerns and Effective Representation
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:02:47 PM

From: ana cal [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Re: Common Community Concerns and Effective Representation

Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

This is in context to your ongoing efforts in reviewing the population of Alberta, as it impacts your governing/political policies and practices. Thanks again for the opportunity to write to you. I speak from the reality of Alberta's growing Multicultural population. I do hope for your understanding and engagement of the "real" issues.

As I previously mentioned to you, I come from a society (India) where corruption and dishonesty, and the abuse of humanity especially the weak and the vulnerable is a *reality*. During the recent New Year celebrations, women were molested/raped on the streets of Bangalore city, where I come from. *A women dressing inappropriately* is the reason stated by the police, politicians and authority.

I therefore wonder, what is the difference in Calgary/Canada? I have some questions:

1. How do you justify the destruction (rape) of First Nations Peoples identity? *How long will you uphold the cruelty of "colonial" thinking, values, and practices?*
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attend Calgary Mental Diversion Services program, and subsequently discharged. *What are your thoughts about the mindset and values underpinning the existing systems, policies and practices in Calgary/Canada generally?*

Given the **gravity of the reality** in Calgary, I do believe there is a need for a *shift in paradigm* to reflect the values of a growing multicultural society. This may be for the benefit of society in the long-term, if **action is taken immediately**.

I do hope that you will **consider yourself worthy** of freeing yourself from an outdated and oppressive “colonial” thinking, values and mindset, as you review the population growth in Alberta.

This is not for publishing purposes as required by you.

Thank you
Ana

Deer Run Community, Calgary

On Sat, Jan 7, 2017 at 11:14 AM, ana cal [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to you on the subject of Common Community Concerns and Effective Representation. I am from India and have lived in Calgary for the past 10 years. Based on my personal experiences, I wish to share my concerns. Thanks for the opportunity.

While I appreciate your efforts in reviewing Alberta's growth in population, I do hope that this will be for the benefit of people's health and wellbeing, beyond governing and political purposes. My concern is about a “colonizing” mindset similar to the “divide and rule” policy that broke up India.

I am concerned about the growing homelessness and poverty, rising prices, deteriorating values, ethics and morality, growing crime, social isolation and mental health issues in Calgary. Casino funding is the norm in the social sector, and gambling and addiction is being encouraged in the name of Charity. Those who question dishonesty and corruption are “dismissed” as a form of bullying, which I have faced personally in the corporate and social sector.

Having lived in Deer Run Community the past 3 years, I have had to build a fence around my property to protect myself from my neighbor's dog pooping on my front and back yard, and I have trapped 3 cats last summer through a cat trap allocated by Animal Services Calgary. These cats were pooping on my property.

Eggs were thrown at my house. It is possible that I may be facing a backlash for having complained. Calgary Police, Animal Bylaw, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Mental Diversion Services, and City of

Calgary, are aware of my difficulty. However, they seem helplessness in the face of the growing mental health issues in Calgary.

Caring for dogs and cats (pets) seems to have taken precedence over caring for people in communities and society. Barking and growling dogs in residential communities and provincial parks, accumulating dog poop on provincial park pathways, greenery, and garbage bins is a queer sight. It is a queer to see dogs roaming free in areas meant for people to enjoy safely. It is also queer to see people hanging on to their dogs, while holding a bag of poop in their hand!

It has been quite shocking for me to experience dogs running across while I roller blade in Fish Creek Park, or barking at me while I learn cross country skiing, which causes a feeling of helplessness and anxiety. I have registered a complaint with Alberta Parks who share my concerns.

It is indeed quite tragic and sad to see a society being destroyed by people desperately and blindly seeking their value through dogs and money. For the sake of people's health and wellbeing of society, I do hope you will consider enabling a Canadian identity of relational values and caring. This perhaps may be a vital aspect in considering Alberta's population growth.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to write to you. I do hope you will take my feedback seriously.

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Thank you

Ana Cristina
Deer Run Community, Calgary



From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Common Community Concerns and Effective Representation
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 8:40:16 AM

From: ana cal <anacal9696@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Re: Common Community Concerns and Effective Representation

Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thanks again for inviting our thoughts and suggestions as it relates to your assessment of population growth in Alberta, and related decisions for our Common Good. I have previously written to you (please refer emails below).

I do hope you will consider reorienting Canadian society towards relational values of caring and decency as a freedom from its “colonising” past. The evidence of its destructiveness is many.

As a Minority, I seek to belong to a society where goodness and decency is respected and honoured.

I sincerely request you to recognise the work of Fred Schuman of Renewal Counseling in Calgary, who has worked untiringly over 35 years to help people gain an identity of self-worth and dignity through Christian values. In its simplicity, this translates to being relationally loving and caring, authentically, and rooted in Canadian Foundational (biblical) values and principles.

His work transcends international boundaries to care for the weak and marginalised in many countries. I believe that honouring Fred Schuman offers hope to Canadian society and abroad.

I do hope you will consider yourself worthy to reorient society to values of goodness and decency as an imperative in a growing multicultural society, while assessing Alberta’s population growth.

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Thank you
 Ana

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On Sat, Jan 7, 2017 at 11:14 AM, ana cal <anacal9696@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to you on the subject of Common Community Concerns and Effective Representation. I am from India and have lived in Calgary for the past 10 years. Based on my personal experiences, I wish to share my concerns. Thanks for the opportunity.

While I appreciate your efforts in reviewing Alberta's growth in population, I do hope that this will be for the benefit of people's health and wellbeing, beyond governing and political purposes. My concern is about a "colonizing" mindset similar to the "divide and rule" policy that broke up India.

I am concerned about the growing homelessness and poverty, rising prices, deteriorating values, ethics and morality, growing crime, social isolation and mental health issues in Calgary. Casino funding is the norm in the social sector, and gambling and addiction is being encouraged in the name of Charity. Those who question dishonesty and corruption are "dismissed" as a form of bullying, which I have faced personally in the corporate and social sector.

Having lived in Deer Run Community the past 3 years, I have had to build a fence around my property to protect myself from my neighbor's dog pooping on my front and back yard, and I have trapped 3 cats last summer through a cat trap allocated by Animal Services Calgary. These cats were pooping on my property.

Eggs were thrown at my house. It is possible that I may be facing a backlash for having complained. Calgary Police, Animal Bylaw, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Mental Diversion Services, and City of Calgary, are aware of my difficulty. However, they seem helplessness in the face of the growing mental health issues in Calgary.

Caring for dogs and cats (pets) seems to have taken precedence over caring for people in communities and society. Barking and growling dogs in residential communities and provincial parks, accumulating dog poop on provincial park pathways, greenery, and garbage bins is a queer sight. It is a queer to see dogs roaming free in areas meant for people to enjoy safely. It is also queer to see people hanging on to their dogs, while holding a bag of poop in their hand!

It has been quite shocking for me to experience dogs running across while I roller blade in Fish Creek Park, or barking at me while I learn cross country skiing, which causes a feeling of helplessness and anxiety. I have registered a complaint with Alberta Parks who share my concerns.

It is indeed quite tragic and sad to see a society being destroyed by people desperately and blindly seeking their value through dogs and money. For the sake of people's health and wellbeing of society, I do hope you will consider enabling a Canadian identity of relational values and caring. This perhaps may be a vital aspect in considering Alberta's population growth.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to write to you. I do hope you will take my feedback seriously.

This is not for publishing purposes as required by you.

Thank you

Ana Cristina
Deer Run Community, Calgary
[403.265.3117](tel:403.265.3117)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:02:59 PM

From: marj macleod [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 10:54 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Please make each vote count equally.

MARJ MacLeod
[REDACTED]
Edmonton [REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral boundary changes
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:03:36 PM

From: N. McElroy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:50 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral boundary changes

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion/concern about the electoral boundary changes. Our family has lived in the rural Chestermere area (Chestermere - Rocky View 54) for over 125 years. We have obviously always been rural and do not want to become part of a larger city such as Calgary. Our concerns have always been agricultural and it only makes sense to leave like-minded rural folks together in a constituency. As the years progress the rural vote becomes smaller and smaller. I do not want to be obliterated completely by being absorbed into a city. Our concerns are usually diametrically opposed to city people and we need/deserve effective representation in the legislature.

Sincerely,
Nancy McElroy

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: AB Electoral Boundaries Commission
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:03:50 PM

From: Glenn Cunningham [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 5:15 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: AB Electoral Boundaries Commission

I would like to comment. First of all I believe that there are already too many electoral constituencies in Alberta. Too much tax money is spent on political activity particularly at a time of deficit budgeting. Constituencies should be consolidated and greatly reduced in number! Secondly, if Alberta's population has increased by 20% in the last 8 years then a great deal of wilderness has been destroyed to accommodate these people and species have been put at risk. If the idea of a carbon tax is to reduce man's imprint on the ecosystem then continual population growth is greatly at odds with this concept. It is time to show some leadership and initiate the concept of sustainability.

glenn Cunningham

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Calgary, ab
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Regarding the Electoral Boundaries
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:04:18 PM

From: Lillian W [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Regarding the Electoral Boundaries

To whom it may concern,

I have been living in the rural riding of ColdLake/Bonnyville for the last eight years. Prior to that I was a proud resident of Edmonton. I write to you today with concerns regarding the changing of electoral boundaries. Living in a rural community I have seen the challenges faced by the governing bodies here to have their voice heard in a government that chooses to dismiss and belittle us. I realize that much of the population does in fact live in two distinct cities in Alberta, however, Alberta is a product of all the cities, towns, villages, and municipalities. Contrary to what many urbanites may believe, as I was one of those. The area I live in is a vibrant, family friendly area that has had their voice silenced by the needs of the two cities that garner most of the attention of the Alberta government.

To redraw boundaries is inevitable, but please do not discount the rural communities in that areas that span great distances become amalgamated into one riding. This is hugely detrimental to the members of these communities, and to the MLA also. All of our voices should be heard equally in the government.

I hope that as a nonpartisan commission that not only population numbers will be taken into account, but that the rural ridings will not be discounted or removed in order to accommodate the urban centres. We deserve to have our voices heard also.

Thank you, sincerely,

Lillian Wakulchuk

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Chris Jones
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:05:00 PM

[REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:06 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Chris Jones

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| Chris Jones |
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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Greenway |
| Submission |
| <p>Greenway seems to be the leftovers on the edge of Calgary that no one thought of. This area represents a wide range of interests within the city.</p> <p>The northern boundary cuts a neighborhood in half. The south areas of Applewood and Abbeydale have more in common with their neighbours to the west than they do with Monterey or Taradale to the north.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Andre Asselin
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:05:30 PM

From: Andre Asselin <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Andre Asselin

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Strathcona |
| Submission |
| I want every vote to carry the same weight in the elections. Pls don't let geographical arguments get in the way of democracy. The voices of people who live in the urban centres should be heard just as loudly as someone who lives out in the rural areas. Equality, that's all I ask. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Twitter |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bonnie Bulmer
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:05:17 PM

From: Bonnie Bulmer <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bonnie Bulmer

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Okotoks
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Foothills Alberta's electoral boundaries are being reviewed, and they will take submissions up to Feb 8th online. If you wish to preserve strong rural representation in Alberta in our Legislature, I urge you to send the commission a comment, to the effect that the number of seats in rural / non-urban Alberta should be increased relative to the urban seats, even if this means that the population basis of those rural seats is more than 25% below the average, because these rural seats should be considered a special case necessary to preserve a balanced representation of the views of all Albertans, and not just the major urban centers. Alberta prospers when the needs of Albertans across all of its geographic expanse are considered fairly, and those who live in major urban centers often do not clearly understand the needs of rural Alberta. The best path to the health of the province as a whole, is to ensure that the province as a whole is well represented. Feel free to steal anything I wrote above.

Submission

The number of seats in rural / non-urban Alberta should be increased relative to the urban seats, even if this means that the population basis of those rural seats is more than 25% below the average, because these rural seats should be considered a special case necessary to preserve a balanced representation of the views of all Albertans, and not just the major urban centers. Alberta prospers when the needs of Albertans across all of its geographic expanse are considered fairly, and those who live in major urban centers often do not clearly understand the needs of rural Alberta. The best path to the health of the province as a whole, is to ensure that the province as a whole is well represented.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Shane B
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:01:04 AM

From: Shane B <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:03 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Shane B

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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>1) Whatever system is put, or remains in place should have strict anti-gerrymandering guidelines. If the rules cannot be programmed into a computer and get the same result as a politician then they aren't air-tight enough.</p> <p>2) Local representation is important to a lot of people but in the last few elections a number of elected MP's had never been to their constituency. Either local representatives need to have lived in the area for a certain amount of time or we should just move to a system without local representation.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Shelly Lindballe
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:01:19 AM

From: Shelly Lindballe <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:37 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Shelly Lindballe

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Battle River Wainwright |
| Submission |
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| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Scott Travis
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:04:06 AM

From: Scott Travis <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 10:33 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Scott Travis

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Rachel Notley |
| Submission |
| <p>It is my strong belief that we should NOT be drawing constituencies based on the vote. We should maintain boundaries based on geographical and urban features, and electoral data should NOT be consulted. We should do our best to avoid a gerrymandering system as seen in the US, which is not only politically charged, but is not a good representation of constituents.</p> <p>Most of our growth has been urban. We need to have proper representation of urban voters as compared to rural voters. We should do our best to keep the constituencies as similar in population as possible, to avoid constituencies that have a proportionally higher representation in the Legislature.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Nancy Nolan
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:04:07 AM

From: Nancy Nolan <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 10:28 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Nancy Nolan

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| Vulcan Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Vulcan |
| Submission |
| <p>The number of seats in rural / non-urban Alberta should be increased relative to the urban seats, even if this means that the population basis of those rural seats is more than 25% below the average, because these rural seats should be considered a special case necessary to preserve a balanced representation of the views of all Albertans, and not just the major urban centers. Alberta prospers when the needs of Albertans across all of its geographic expanse are considered fairly, and those who live in major urban centers often do not clearly understand the needs of rural Alberta. The best path to the health of the province as a whole, is to ensure that the province as a whole is well represented</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bo Simpson
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:04:07 AM

From: Bo Simpson <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 10:14 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Bo Simpson

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| CALGARY Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| CALGARY HAWKWOOD |
| Submission |
| Simply put each riding should have as close to equal population. The maximum variance should be 5% or less. Its time each vote held equal weight. The practice of allowing mostly rural ridings to have fewer voters is undemocratic. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| Cbc.ca |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Josh Stock
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:04:09 AM

From: Josh Stock <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 9:41 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Josh Stock

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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Mill Creek |
| Submission |
| <p>I believe electoral boundaries should all contain the same number of voters (or as close as possible). This is crucial, because otherwise the results of an election can be skewed towards sparsely populated regions. It would imply that my vote isn't consider as effective as someone in a more sparsely populated area. I have doubts about the "difficulty to represent such a vast riding" argument against redrawing the boundaries - if I want to get ahold of my MLA, I simply email them. Our province's cities are growing, and our electoral boundaries need to catch up to reflect that growth. It's only fair.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Pat Shaw
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:04:17 AM

From: Pat Shaw <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 8:51 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Pat Shaw

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| chestermere Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Chestermere/Rockyview |
| Submission |
| <p>the number of seats in rural / non-urban Alberta should be increased relative to the urban seats, even if this means that the population basis of those rural seats is more than 25% below the average, because these rural seats should be considered a special case necessary to preserve a balanced representation of the views of all Albertans, and not just the major urban centers. Alberta prospers when the needs of Albertans across all of its geographic expanse are considered fairly, and those who live in major urban centers often do not clearly understand the needs of rural Alberta. The best path to the health of the province as a whole, is to ensure that the province as a whole is well represented.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Irene Lanctot
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:04:29 AM

From: Irene Lanctot <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 5:39 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Irene Lanctot

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| Address |
| Donnelly Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Village of Donnelly |
| Submission |
| I live at [REDACTED] in the Village of Donnelly. During the last elections I had to get a ride to Falher to vote as I do not drive out of the Village. I have raised my family here and believe I still should be able to vote in my Village. Please move the Electoral Boundaries to include the WHOLE Village, we are only 305 in population. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Other |
| family |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Roger Sutter
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:05:14 AM

From: Roger Sutter <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Roger Sutter

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Fish Creek |
| Submission |
| I don't believe it is necessary to reconfigure the electoral boundaries in Alberta. This is a waste of time and money. |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gerald Lanctot
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:05:27 AM

From: Gerald Lanctot <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 6:08 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Gerald Lanctot

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| Phone |
| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Donnelly Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Donnelly |
| Submission |
| I live at [REDACTED] in Donnelly, population 305 in 2011 census. The current Electoral Boundary is range road 210 which passes through the Village of Donnelly, dividing the the Village in two. The East side votes in Donnelly but the West side has to vote in Falher. This does not make any sense and should be changed so all the residents of the Village of Donnelly can vote in the Village of Donnelly. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Tami Netzband
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:05:35 AM

From: Tami Netzband <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 5:51 PM
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| Cochrane Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff-Cochrane |
| Submission |
| Based on the population explosion in Cochrane, we need a representative for the people of Cochrane who is based in Cochrane. Our current representative is in the Canmore office. We are more than 20,000 people above the provincial average with the current boundaries. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dylan Curle
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:05:46 AM

From: Dylan Curle <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dylan Curle

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| Redwood Meadows Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Chestermere-Rocky View |
| Submission |
| <p>For Alberta's electoral boundaries, the shortest split-line method of drawing the boundaries should be seriously considered. In essence, it is a method where the lines are drawn purely according to math and no other factors. This would eliminate any concerns of boundaries giving a particular advantage to one party or another, as no influence other than numbers would be had on the shape and size of electoral districts. The way the shortest split-line algorithm works is that the shortest line is found that divides the population into two districts of equal population. This process is repeated until the desired number of electoral districts is created.</p> <p>Further information can be found using the following two links, neither of which belong to me:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUS9uvYyn3A http://rangevoting.org/GerryExamples.html</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to consider this.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Myrna Lanctot
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| Donnelly Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Village of Donnelly |
| Submission |
| <p>During the last elections the Village was split by the main street, I live on the west side of the Village and I had to go to Falher which is 16.4 km of traveling and the east side of the Village voted at the location in Donnelly. The voting station is on the West side of the Village main street and the houses on either side of the voting station had to drive to Falher as well. This does not make sense, the Village population is only 305. I know of elderly seniors that walked to the voting station in the last election only to be turned away to vote in Falher and they do not drive. The boundary should include the whole Village.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Radio |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Arlen Johnston
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:06:02 AM

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| Electoral Constituency |
| 57 Drumheller Stettler |
| Submission |
| <p>I believe the number of seats in rural / non-urban Alberta should be increased relative to the urban seats, even if this means that the population basis of those rural seats is more than 25% below the average, because these rural seats should be considered a special case necessary to preserve a balanced representation of the views of all Albertans, and not just the major urban centers. Alberta prospers when the needs of Albertans across all of its geographic expanse are considered fairly, and those who live in major urban centers often do not clearly understand the needs of rural Alberta. The best path to the health of the province as a whole, is to ensure that the province as a whole is well represented.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Cole Schultz
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:06:10 AM

From: Cole Schultz <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 4:32 PM
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Currie |
| Submission |
| <p>It is vitally important that our electoral boundaries accurately reflect the urban/rural divide in Alberta. According to 2011 Census figures from Statistics Canada, 83% of Albertans live in urban centres. In addition to that, 2015 population figures from Statistics Canada indicate that 39% of Albertans live in Calgary alone (using the 2011 provincial population) and 37% of Albertans live in Edmonton. That accounts for a total of 76% of the provincial population. While the provincial population has definitely changed since 2011, the same calculations with current numbers would undoubtedly yield very similar results. After years of our urban centres being underrepresented in the legislature, it's time to correct this imbalance and ensure that the large populations of Calgary, Edmonton, and other urban centres are proportionally represented according to their share of Alberta's population.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Legislative Boundaries
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:06:25 AM

From: Brian Knight [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Legislative Boundaries

Here is a simple solution.

Alberta has 34 Federal ridings.

Either:

1. Split these ridings in half giving us 68 Provincial ridings.
2. Elect one member for each of the 34 ridings and 34 members by proportional representation. Maybe Alberta should lead Canada on proportional rep.

If you want to have 87 ridings, you can either elect 19 more members by proportional representation or have 19 top-up seats using the system used for the Scottish Parliament.

Brian Knight
[REDACTED]
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| Submission |
| I would like to see equal representation between rural and Urban areas. It is very hard for urban people to understand the concerns of rural Albertans, as well it is very hard for rural Albertans to understand the concerns the urban Albertans have. Most of the representation in our legislature is from Urban areas. A fair and equal representation of both Urban and rural Albertans is what is needed. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Strathcona |
| Submission |
| <p>I wonder if all those who clamour for full representation by population in constituencies in Alberta, have considered the effect of that policy if applied nationally.</p> <p>The Maritimes would have a total of perhaps six constituencies, everything north of 60° latitude could easily have at most two constituencies, and the majorities of Ontario and Quebec would determine all national government policy.</p> <p>Makes the sound of some kind of regional balance pretty attractive, doesn't it?</p> |
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| Lethbridge Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Lethbridge East |
| Submission |
| Please delay the Commission's work until after the 2016 Stats Can census results come out so that the latest census results can be used. Population changes since the previous census have occurred. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Drumheller Stettler |
| Submission |
| I would like to see the boundaries kept as is, or if anything, make the rural areas bigger with equal representation to the urban areas. The views of the rural areas are often overlooked, and we need to have our views heard too. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Erik Kozina
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:07:20 AM

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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>NDP contested an election in 2015 based on specific boundaries. Many of those ridings approx 32 went NDP due to massive vote splitting. So they should contest those same specific ridings and take the results of their destructive economic policies to Albertans in an election in 2019. Even if they win another majority by vote splitting, then and only then could they justify changing boundaries. Prior to 2019, it would look like a pathetic attempt to hold onto power that 62% of Albertans want to take from the NDP (if we had a unified right in Alberta). BTW, if we do get a unified right in Alberta before 2019, go ahead and redraw the boundaries. I would love to see a defeat of the NDP after all that.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Written submission deadline
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:07:29 AM

From: Joël Laforest [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Written submission deadline

Hello Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I recently was made aware that the deadline for written submissions to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission is February, 8, 2017. StatsCanada is releasing the first population results from the 2016 census on February 8, 2017.

I strongly encourage you to push back the deadline for written submissions a few weeks to Feb. 28, 2017, in order to give Albertans the necessary time to consider and analyze the latest data and integrate it into their submissions.

If the commission does not push back its deadline and does not give Albertans the time to analyze and consider the latest census data, this first round of written submissions will be of poor quality, of little use to the commission and ultimately a waste of its time and of the time of Albertans who are going to the effort of participating in this critical process.

Given that the 2016 census data will be the data that's used by the commission to draw its boundaries, it's a disservice to Albertans to force them to rely on outdated 2011 census data for their written submissions.

Kind thanks for your time,

-Joël Laforest
Calgary, AB

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Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jamie Wilson

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| If there is any reform it should be done as a referendum. But people are sick of the current governments way of working and not following proper operating procedures. ENOUGH already. There is nothing wrong with our current system except the rules, policies and procedures are not followed or enforced! |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:07:55 AM

From: info
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: FW: Electoral Boundaries

From: Keith Paget [REDACTED]
Sent: January-09-17 1:24 PM
To: info [REDACTED]
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
 Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Ave NW
 Edmonton, Alberta, T3G 2Y5
info@elections.ab.ca

Dear Sirs

I have for a long time been unhappy with the electoral boundaries in both the major cities and in particular my riding of CALGARY-SOUTH EAST. It seems that the previous government had gone out of its way to short change the cities of Calgary and Edmonton on their representation to the Legislature. To understand why I am concerned I will present to you the following statistics that support my position.

Information has been taken from the elections alberta website;
<http://www.elections.ab.ca/reports/statistics/list-of-electors/> 2016).

1. The district I live in has the largest number of registered voters of all districts in Alberta (46,555). This makes myself and others that live in South-East Calgary inferior at least in the eyes of the province.
2. This district has almost 3 ½ times the smallest district (FORT MCMURRAY-CONKLIN 13,709). The province appears to be prejudice by more than 3 to 1 against my constituency's citizens compared to some others.
3. Calgary South-East has more then 1 ½ times the provincial average (30058). In the end my vote is reduced in value by 50% from the provincial average.
4. 70% of the ridings in Calgary and Edmonton have a number of voters larger than the provincial average. This certainly makes any citizens of Alberta's major cities less important than the others.

I am pleased to see that the current government is trying to right these wrongs and that this commission will go out of its way to truly provide **Representation by Population**.

Keith Paget [REDACTED]
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Calgary, Alberta, [REDACTED]

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries need to change
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:08:33 AM

From: Rick Oatway BFH [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 1:27 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries need to change

I believe that the electoral boundaries need to be changed in Alberta. For years the PC party deliberately gave the rural ridings more importance than they deserved given their sparsely populated areas. By allowing those rural ridings to have less voters in them than all the urban ridings they could shift more importance to their base support which is rural Alberta. By doing that the PC's make the rural votes worth more than the urban votes because you would have urban ridings with 2 or 3 times more people in them but only electing one MLA like the rural riding. I think there needs to be many more new ridings formed in the urban areas of Alberta and fewer in the rural areas. Plus the rural ridings need to be larger so that number of people in the urban-rural split are similar with how many people they represent.

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Subject: Website submission from L Marianne Grayston

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| Submission |
| Leave it alone. We have more than enough politicians Rural Alberta needs a voice that isn't over run by the cities |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Leah Kirtio](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:09:59 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Alpha Murray

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| Submission |
| <p>My main concern with redrawing any electoral boundary is that the process will be used for political gain (Gerrymandering). When districts are gerrymandered the result is more divided politics, which as we've seen in the USA, is a recipe for disaster. Electoral districts that are drawn without demographics in mind tend to encourage more centrist candidates, more civil attitudes towards each other and ultimately benefit our society. I think every effort should be made to ensure boundaries are never drawn using demographic information of the people. The process for boundary selection should be open, bipartisan, and only focus on population numbers and, as close as is possible, be drawn simply (think squares) to avoid the perception of gerrymandering. It would also be my hope that anti-gerrymandering protocols be enshrined in legislation.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Submission |
| The areas should not be expanded,large geographical areas representatives seldom know the issues in their areas,population rep is only benefiting the big cities |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Anita Tymburski
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Subject: Website submission from Anita Tymburski

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| Lethbridge Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Lethbridge East |
| Submission |
| Please stop being so cavalier with our tax dollars. Not everything in Alberta has to be changed in your four year window. Keep spending and cutting and the middle class will soon be lined up at the food banks and cashing in their savings. Who will pay for your frivolities then? |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Barry Dewes
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:10:22 AM

From: Barry Dewes <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Barry Dewes

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Fort Saskatchewan/Vegreville |
| Submission |
| <p>The commission needs to take into account rural representation. We taxpayers who do not live in the urban ridings should still have a voice in Alberta's legislature. We are not second class citizens just because we choose to live in rural areas of Alberta and deserve to at least maintain the percentage of seats currently "assigned" to rural voters.</p> <p>I also do not want more seats in the legislature. Having additional MLA's over the current 87 would be, in my opinion, a waste of tax dollars without any improvement in representation in the Provincial government.</p> <p>We saw what happened in the last election when a majority of urban seats were "won" by the NDP resulting in the mess we now have in the government of Alberta.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

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Subject: Fw: Submission on electoral boundaries
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:10:39 AM

From: Gerhard Henkemans [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Submission on electoral boundaries

To: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

As a long time Alberta resident, I have always been concerned about the huge difference between the number of voters between ridings. I feel it has unfairly diminished the worth of the voter in ridings with larger numbers as well as giving too much influence in the house to rural ridings. In this day and age when there are so many ways to stay in contact with your riding constituents, there is no need for this discrepancy. It is high time that the voters in the city are fairly represented by a more appropriate number of MLAs in relation to the number of voters. Thank you for considering my submission,

Gerhard Henkemans
[REDACTED]
Edmonton, AB

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Chris Kormos
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Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 11:01 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Chris Kormos

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Mackay/ Nose Hill |
| Submission |
| <p>The number of seats in rural / non-urban Alberta should be increased relative to the urban seats, even if this means that the population basis of those rural seats is more than 25% below the average, because these rural seats should be considered a special case necessary to preserve a balanced representation of the views of all Albertans, and not just the major urban centers.</p> <p>Alberta prospers when the needs of Albertans across all of its geographic expanse are considered fairly, and those who live in major urban centers often do not clearly understand the needs of rural Alberta. The best path to the health of the province as a whole, is to ensure that the province as a whole is well represented, and this is best served by considering a strong geographic component to the proportion of seats.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other |
| email from political party |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>As stated in the Householder Albert's population has increased by 20% in the last eight 8 years.This increase was mainly in the two largest urban areas, namely Edmonton and Calgary.So, any change in constituency boundaries should reflect this change if we are to stay anywhere close to equal representation.</p> <p>Alberta has always had a system that is more favourable to the urban ridings. This would be a good time to partially,at least, correct this imbalance. Understandably hard to do politically, but the right thing to do.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Canmore Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff - Cochrane |
| Submission |
| The political values of Exshaw to Lake Louise (and all in between) are not reflected in the rest of the constituency. Canmore (Exshaw / Morley) to Lake Louise are much more liberal / green than east of us. Many of us consider our votes "thrown away votes", because the rest of the constituency is deeply conservative. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Google |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Leigh-Ann McCuaig
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From: Leigh-Ann McCuaig <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary, Buffalo |
| Submission |
| Please leave the boundaries as they are. If you must expand the boundaries please ensure that Rural Alberta is represented equally and fairly. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Nathan Wade
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Nathan Wade

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Sylvan Lake
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Electoral Constituency

Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

Submission

Why? It wasn't in the platform. Past governments haven't had to 'move the goalposts'.

This seems like a massive power grab.

I thought you guys wanted to be different and inclusive. This would obviously try to skew the election in the NDP favour. No other reason to do it.

Do you think it helps your image?

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Leduc Beaumont |
| Submission |
| <p>It is imperative that any boundary changes need to keep in mind the equal representation of rural and urban constituents. Changing boundaries based on population does not always give that representation. Also continuing to do all these various reviews in the winter months does not allow the seniors an opportunity to participate if they are away in the winter and they are a large part of your province population who are affected by your decisions</p> <p>Thank you</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton - Ellerslie |
| Submission |
| <p>For years Albertan's in Edmonton and Calgary have been lesser citizens. The Gerrymandering that the PC government pushed forward which gave rural Alberta the power in Alberta needs to be corrected. Ridings need to be balanced by population. There should be a cap (suggested 10%) set that no riding have +/- 10% of the average.</p> <p>A person in Rocky Mountain House should not have 2x the voting power of someone in Edmonton or Calgary.</p> <p>100% this should not be an attempt by the present government to gain ridings in favorable voting areas. 2 wrongs don't make a right.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Centre |
| Submission |
| Having lived in both a geographically large ridding and a geographically small ridding, I believe that as a representative democracy all citizens should be represented equally. As such the most important factor for consideration should be striving to have an equal number of citizens to represent. Working to have electoral districts as equal in terms of population as possible should be the first priority. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Twitter |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:13:20 AM

From: Mike Mai <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 7:13 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Mike Mai

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| Spruce Grove Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Stony Plain |
| Submission |
| I live in the far south-east end of Parkland County. I'm in the Stony Plain constituency. Between my home and the town of Stony Plain St Albert- Spruce Grove. We are a forgotten group of voters. Also, please do not put us in an Edmonton riding. We think differently than the big city people. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ronald Brian Neenier
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:13:51 AM

From: Ronald Brian Neenier <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| Alberta has long lacked a fair representation in the farming community as well as the smaller populated centres. It would be beneficial to have more representation from outlying areas as opposed to concentrating government representatives from the two major and three minor population centers |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Doreen Nixon
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:13:58 AM

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| Drumheller Stettler |
| Submission |
| <p>I feel as a pre-returning officer the boundaries are way too large already for this rural area. When I was training people for previous elections I had to travel at least 4 hours to get to some of the places to train. This is ridiculous. Just because we are in rural Alberta and do not have the numbers for population is that reason to punish us and make us travel longer distances to vote. I think not. I hope when you do your review that you look seriously into this problem as the rural areas are getting smaller in people count but we still are part of Alberta and should be recognized as such.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Other |
| One of the parties sent me an email |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marlene Roza
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From: Marlene Roza <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 3:57 PM
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Mountainview |
| Submission |
| Please leave the electoral boundaries as they are currently. I think it is shameful that the NDP is trying to gain votes by gerrymandering. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| From the PC party of which I am a member |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary - Foothills |
| Submission |
| <p>When reviewing the provincial constituency boundaries there is a split in the Symons Valley corridor. These communities are inter-connected and use Symons Valley Road / Beddington Trail as a main corridor and transportation hub. The priorities of the urban communities along this corridor are aligned and yet they are split through constituency boundaries. The large Evanston community is included in the much larger Calgary - Mackay / Nose Hill constituency. While communities like Kincora, Nolan Hill and Sherwood are separate to the West. The voices of those living along the Symons Valley corridor are diluted with this split. The density in this area is only going to increase with the Keystone neighborhood soon to be built to the East of Evanston.</p> <p>Combining the communities of Kincora, Evanston, Nolan Hill, Sherwood, Keystone (not yet built), etc should be considered to give constituents a united voice in the Legislative Assembly and align their priorities.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Chestermere Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Chestermere-Rocky View |
| Submission |
| When redrawing electoral district boundaries, the commission should keep in mind that rural ridings must be smaller by population relative to urban ridings, in order to keep these ridings from being unmanageably large and to ensure that these ridings accurately represent a relatively cohesive community. Therefore, at the very least the number of rural ridings should not be reduced, and if any rural areas have experienced significant population growth, new rural ridings may need to be created. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| Email from a friend |

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| Chestermere Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Chestermere Rocky View |
| Submission |
| There is no need to change the electoral boundaries in Alberta to give more say to city dwellers. This action will unfairly target rural Albertans by decreasing representation, and is just a ploy to help ensure that the NDP government can increase its urban voting base in the city of Edmonton. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Taber, Alberta Canada Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Cardston-Taber-Warner |
| Submission |
| The boundaries should be left as they are. If things don't get any better for the people, they will have to move back to Saskatchewan for jobs as there aren't any left in Alberta. Instead of all the things you want to change, maybe you should worry about getting jobs for the people. Part time jobs are not enough. You need to start looking after the working poor and the homeless. There are more of them than there are of the "middle" class. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Ellerslie |
| Submission |
| <p>In terms of the boundaries of each riding, it should be recognized that there should be a principled basis to look at how representation works. By moving the boundaries it should be transparent why it is being done and which principles should be applied.</p> <p>Population, Number of Families, Deficiencies in Public Services should play some role in the assessment of how the breakdown of individual political areas are designated.</p> <p>Overall the goal of having a fair discussion about collective needs should have diverse representation which will promote a healthier discussions about the future of our province.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| Daveberta |

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton - Riverview |
| Submission |
| <p>The process needs to be transparent if there is to be any alterations to the current electoral boundaries. I am originally from BC. When this same needy process was conducted it was not transparent. The resulting gerrymandering of the boundaries resulted in what became known as "Gracie's finger" due to the blatant partisan alteration of the boundaries in the constituency of the Honourable Grace McCarthy. Needless to say the 'finger' (a definite sliver in the altered boundary) favoured Mrs. McCarthy in the upcoming election. This gerrymandering occurred because the Social Credit dominated Commission was not held to an open checks and balance on their decisions.</p> <p>I appreciate the opportunity to share my concerns, and I look forward to an open and honest alteration of our Electoral Boundaries.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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From: Lindsay Baranowski <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| St. Albert Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Spruce Grove-St. Albert |
| Submission |
| <p>The Spruce Grove-St. Albert riding combines a large part of St. Albert with Spruce Grove.</p> <p>With St. Albert's immediate proximity to Edmonton, and around 50% of employed adults in St. Albert commuting to Edmonton for work every day, I believe our residents have much more in common with residents of Edmonton than with those of Spruce Grove. Similarly, the priorities of Spruce Grove voters are likely much more aligned with those of their neighbours in adjacent Stony Plain than with ours in St. Albert. I would like to see our electoral boundaries redrawn to more accurately represent our communities' voting intentions.</p> <p>I also note that our riding's population (59,453) is 1.22 times the provincial average (48,883) making us the 7th largest of all 87 constituencies, and would like to see that number come down closer to the average in any redrawing of electoral boundaries.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to make a submission, and for your work on this important issue.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries Review
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 10:38:14 AM

From: N. McElroy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 8:09 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Review

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion/concern about the electoral boundary changes. Our family has lived in the rural Chestermere area (Chestermere - Rocky View 54) for over 125 years. We have obviously always been rural and do not want to become part of a larger city such as Calgary. Our concerns have always been agricultural and it only makes sense to leave like-minded rural folks together in a constituency. As the years progress the rural vote becomes smaller and smaller. I do not want to be obliterated completely by being absorbed into a city. Our concerns are usually diametrically opposed to city people and we need/deserve effective representation in the legislature.

Sincerely,
Matthew McElroy

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 11:00:39 AM

From: Eln Cyr [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 8:49 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept the following as a recommendation on how to improve the democratic process in our Alberta.

"I believe every vote should have a fair and equivalent weighting - regardless of the geographical location of where it is cast.

In this light, I encourage the Electoral Boundaries commission make a recommendation to the Government of Alberta to align to recent Supreme Court of Canada recommendations and amend the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Act - Section 15 1)

FROM

"The population of a proposed electoral division must not be more than 25% above nor more than 25% below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions"

TO

"The population of a proposed electoral division must not be more than 15% above nor more than 15% below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions"

and amend Section 15 2) of the act

FROM

" Notwithstanding subsection (1), in the case of no more than 4 of the proposed electoral divisions,
if the Commission is of the opinion that at least 3 of the following criteria exist in a proposed electoral division,

the proposed electoral division may have a population that is as much as 50% below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions:”

TO

“Notwithstanding subsection (1), in the case of no more than 4 of the proposed electoral divisions,
if the Commission is of the opinion that at least 3 of the following criteria exist in a proposed electoral division,
the proposed electoral division may have a population that is as much as 15% below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions:”

The 1991 Lortie Commission first made these recommendations and recent Supreme Court rulings in other Canadian provinces underline the validity of this recommendation.

It is high time for Alberta to join the Canadian consensus and update its electoral boundary legislation so that all Albertan votes count equally - regardless of being cast in a rural or urban constituency.

Thank you for patience and your consideration.

Regards,

Hélène Cyr

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from FAZLE MOMEN
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:44:02 AM

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Subject: Website submission from FAZLE MOMEN

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| CALGARY Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| SKYVIEW |
| Submission |
| PLS REVIEW THE NUMBER OF RESIDENCES AND ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO ADJUST THE BOUNDARIES |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Website submission from Courtney Hughes

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| Peace Tiver Map It |
| Submission |
| As a smaller northern community we are not well represented by constituents in Westlocke or anywhere south of Whitecourt. Even Whitecourt has much different values and views on governance than NW Alberta. We would be better served by a northern representative with boundaries that reflect our land uses and needs, including conservation of our natural resources. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Diane Fair
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| Alix Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Lacombe County (east side) |
| Submission |
| People (populations) have concerns, needs & issues that need to have a representation in the government. However, equally important is land area's issues, needs & management to be represented in the government. Maybe it could work to have an MLA for x no. of people, and an MLA for x no. of square kilometers? |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Arlene Good
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:44:44 AM

From: Arlene Good <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Arlene Good

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| Brooks Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Strathmore-Brooks |
| Submission |
| Please leave the boundaries as they are currently situated. Thank you |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| friends |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary North West-Rocky Ridge |
| Submission |
| The current constituency where I live in looks adequate for now. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Frank/Crowsnest Pass Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Livingstone-Mcleod |
| Submission |
| I mostly agree with our constituency boundaries, however, I do question the inclusion of the northern extension (Black Diamond, Turner Valley, Bragg Creek). I believe these areas may have more in common with themselves or with Okotoks than they do with the issues facing Crowsnest Pass and southwestern Alberta. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Grande prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Wayne Drysdale |
| Submission |
| <p>I really feel Grande Prairie is consistently underrepresented. We are a major economic centre that has helped keep Alberta afloat during the economic downturn. No other area in Alberta has kept their economy going like GP has over the last couple of years despite the decline in oil prices. We have many industries that contribute to our economy from oil, gas, lumber, agriculture, ORiented Strand Board and entrepreneurial opportunities. With this we have our own unique set of problems that the province ought to be helping us with including a huge influx of people from surrounding areas that don't always appear on our census. We cater to a huge outlying area. We have one of the highest crime rates and one of the highest tax rates. I feel like GP is often forgotten by the major centres, Edmonton and Calgary. We need help here and we also need our own electoral representation. We are large enough and should be taken into consideration for support!</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |



Submission to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission – January 2017

A. Introduction

Public Interest Alberta has advocated for a broad range of approaches to strengthening Alberta's democracy as a top priority since our organization was founded in 2004.

Public Interest Alberta's Democracy Task Force sees the current work of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission as a rare opportunity to make important changes to strengthen the key democratic element of representation by population, where the need for improvements is particularly pressing in our province.

We are very pleased to have the opportunity to offer our observations and recommendations to the Commission and will be focusing on three main issues and areas of concern:

1. **What are the key democratic principles that should guide the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission as they do their work?**
2. **To what extent do Alberta's existing electoral boundaries reflect the principles and practices of strong democracy?**
3. **What approach to electoral boundaries redistricting is most compatible with strengthening Alberta's democracy?**

B. Democracy and electoral boundaries

Democracy as a concept can be interpreted in different ways, but we believe there are several fundamental elements that are basic to strong systems of democracy.

In particular, we believe that at its heart, democracy is grounded in the principle of **political equality** – the idea that citizens must be seen as equal in terms of having a say in the political system and must have equal rights under the law.

Closer attention to that principle has led to recent improvements in our system, including provincial legislation to eliminate corporate and union contributions to candidates and parties and to reduce contribution limits to ensure that citizens determine the outcome of elections rather than wealth and institutional power.

But political equality requires something more specific in terms of electoral boundaries – the electoral districts must be solidly based on representation by population, the principle that elected representatives must represent approximately equal numbers of constituents to ensure that no person's vote is worth more than that of another.

For example, if one constituency has 20,000 eligible voters and another has 40,000 voters, the votes of those in the first constituency are effectively worth twice that of those citizens in the second setting.

Obviously, not only does such a situation dramatically subvert the principle of political equality, but it also has the clear potential to undermine the democratic principles of majority rule and minority rights, particularly if there are large departures from representation by population.

However, this does not mean that constituency sizes must be exactly equal; small variations will be needed to take into account particularly problematic and compelling local circumstances in some instances. But the key is that the default position must be that of approximately equal populations for constituencies, and the variances should be minimal as a consequence.

C. Electoral boundaries in Alberta: the current situation

Unfortunately, Alberta has allowed substantial, unwarranted, and unnecessary departures from representation by population in terms of our electoral boundaries, to the extent that our current system can be described as one of “unfair variance by design.” In the process, we have sacrificed important aspects of political equality and have unfairly advantaged some groups of voters and disadvantaged others.

The current system has been fostered by several factors, most notably in allowing an initial variance of 25% (above and below) from the average population per constituency. This, in effect, translates to a situation where some constituencies can sit at 75% of the average constituency size, while others are 125% of the average, a variance equal to 50% of the population in an average constituency. For example, if the average population per constituency is 48,000, with a 25% variance allowed both above and below the average, that leads to an acceptable variance of 12,000, so that the lowest would be 36,000 and the highest would be 60,000 – in this situation, the larger constituency is 1.667 times the size of the smaller one.

The initial situation is then made worse over time by subsequent population shifts, often involving increases in rapidly-expanding urban and suburban settings and declines in rural areas.

As a result, Alberta has dramatic and troubling departures from representation by population, leaving many Albertans significantly over-represented or under-represented. These problems are clearly illustrated by the numbers of eligible voters in constituencies in the 2015 provincial election: Edmonton-Whitemud had approximately 37,000 eligible voters, while Spruce Grove-St. Albert and Calgary-South East both had approximately 46,000. In contrast, Lesser Slave Lake had roughly 20,000 eligible voters, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley had approximately 16,000, and Fort McMurray-Conklin had just over 15,000.

This means that in 2015, voters in Fort McMurray-Conklin had three times the “voting power” of voters in Calgary-South East. One Alberta MLA speaks for three times the number of voters represented by another Alberta MLA. This is not consistent with political equality.

Voters in these heavily-populated constituencies have a diminished voice in the legislature and the issues that matter to them do not carry the weight they should. More importantly, the fundamental principle of political equality has been dramatically sacrificed – and to what end?

The usual explanation for resorting to these types of inequalities in the past was that it was difficult for MLAs to effectively represent voters in constituencies that had large areas and more sparse populations, so those MLAs were given smaller numbers of constituents to deal with.

The problem from the beginning was that this expedient involved substantially undermining the principle of representation by population, and that difficulty has grown dramatically in recent years,

as demonstrated in the inequitable population of constituencies in the 2015 election^{EBG-21017-17} of conspicuous unfairness.

Rather than allowing for such wide population variance, a better solution would be to stick much more closely to representation by population and political equality, and then recognize that different types of constituencies have different circumstances and representational challenges. Instead, effective representation requires different levels of support for different types of constituencies. If so, the Legislative Assembly should respond accordingly and ensure MLAs can effectively serve their constituencies. This can be done by increasing the nature and extent of supports to meet these challenges, but without subverting the principles of democracy in the process.

Of course, rural areas with sparse populations are not the only constituencies in which MLAs face unique challenges when providing effective representation. For example, MLAs in densely populated urban constituencies with larger numbers of voters face serious challenges related to representing populations with higher poverty rates and more diverse language groups. Moreover, recent improvements in communications and information technology have made it much easier to reach constituents and provide effective representation in rural areas.

In the end, however, the Electoral Boundaries Commission should not be addressing these representational challenges. That is the responsibility of others. The Electoral Boundaries Commission should focus on enhancing political equality and fairness through representation by population. Currently, the situation is unfair because constituency populations are far from equal.

D. A democratic approach to redrawing Alberta's electoral boundaries

It is not our intention to suggest specific changes to the boundaries of particular constituencies. Rather, we believe that it is important to outline the key principles and overall changes that we hope will guide the Commission's work. If these basic elements are adopted, the specific changes to boundaries will be grounded in and guided by a strong commitment to ensuring political equality and representation by population.

1. Reduce the current 25% variance in the constituency population size to 5%.

The current legislation allows variances of 25%, but that was meant to serve as an outside limit, in very different times.

Clearly, the goal should be to have constituencies of equal population size, but due to the desire to take into account some local circumstances (for example, existing community and municipal boundaries) some modest degree of latitude is necessary. The proposed five per cent variance would actually amount to ten per cent, since it would allow five per cent above and below the average.

In addition, the Commission should not make use of their power to create any of the four "special exceptions" constituencies of even wider variance as allowed under the legislation, since the particular circumstances of these areas can be better addressed through other means, such as by providing more assistance and support to MLAs.

2. The Electoral Boundaries Commission should call for increased support to MLAs to assist them in effectively representing their constituents and addressing their varying needs

While acting on a commitment to political equality and representation by population, the Electoral Boundaries Commission should point out that they are no longer using population variance to address the challenges of representation. In doing so, the Commission should call on

appropriate bodies to ensure that all MLAs have the necessary staff and technical support to address those their representational challenges.

Such additional support is not only justifiable, but long overdue. It will mean that the Legislative Assembly must revise and enhance the formula for providing support, with the goal of allowing all MLAs to more effectively represent their constituents and their unique circumstances in rural, urban, and suburban constituencies throughout the province.

The increased costs are an investment in strengthening democracy in our province and a necessary complement to the move to more political equality and representation by population.

E. Conclusion and Next Steps

Public Interest Alberta's Democracy Task Force is encouraged by the opportunity for strengthening our democracy that is being provided by the work of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, and will be taking advantage of further opportunities for engagement as well as encouraging other individuals and organizations to be involved.

We wish the members of the Commission well in their important work, and look forward to the next steps in the coming months.

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| Lethbridge West |
| Submission |
| <p>The majority of Alberta's population growth has been in the cities and I feel that more seats (smaller constituencies) in the urban centres will be what is needed here.</p> <p>I am in Lethbridge West constituency, but do not live on the West-side of Lethbirdge (I live on the South Side). Lethbridge should probably have 3 divisions (West, North & South).</p> <p>Likely, these same scenarios exist in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, etc. also.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Rita Maure
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:46:13 AM

From: Rita Maure <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Rita Maure

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| Address |
| Donnelly Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notely Constituency |
| Submission |
| Donnelly one community with common interest to be under one polling station Existing MUNICIPAL boundaries should NOT be divided Request one polling station for the whole Village of Donnelly, and electoral boundaries be relocated around the municipal boundary. |
| Village of Donnelly Council |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Other |
| Concerned Resident |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jennifer Fletcher
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:46:47 AM

From: Jennifer Fletcher <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jennifer Fletcher

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| Sexsmith Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie-Smoky |
| Submission |
| <p>The electoral commission should increase not decrease the commitment to governance in rural Alberta because if they did decrease it then you get rules being made that benefit people living in the cities and disproportionately penalise rural Albertans. Carbon tax would be an example... they tell people to take the bus but the costs to rural Albertans between fuel and goods causes rural Albertans to have more a burden placed on them simply because of their geography.</p> <p>Now that would be one of I'm sure many situations where you have government making rules while thinking about city residents and with a smaller voice in rural Alberta these people may simply not think about the impact on rural residents. Now I'm not saying that this would be done intentionally (maybe, maybe not) but how many things do people not even think about until it's brought to their attention. Rural Alberta needs as much representation as we can get so that we have people bringing issues to the attention of the people in the cities as to the impact that certain rules will have in rural areas.</p> <p>Sorry I'm not good at writing my thoughts but that's them. I just think that you have to have enough people from rural areas standing up and telling everyone what impact rules and laws will have on us. It has to be an mla that does this. As we have seen having regular people stand up and say how unfair a situation is does not have an impact. It needs to be an elected representative that has the ability to make his/her view know in the Legislative Assembly. How many times have many of us really thought about what life is like outside of where we are. How many city mlas who are making rules for all of the province have really ever even been to a farm and would know the impact of the rule changes that look good on paper. Its one thing to make the rules from the city and have it look great on paper but it is entirely another for rural Albertans to have to live with it. As a rural Albertan many feel that we are already under the Tyranny of the majority (A situation in which a government or other authority democratically supported by a majority of its subjects makes policies or takes actions benefiting that majority, without regard for the rights or welfare of the rest of its subjects.) To decrease the representation of rural</p> |

constituents is to further decrease the understanding that urban mlas gain from the voice of rural representatives. And thus it would also serve to increase the divide between urban and rural populations. That's why we need representation to be able to stand up for us.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Irene Nicolson
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From: Irene Nicolson <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Irene Nicolson

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| Grande Prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie Wapitti |
| Submission |
| The present division work very well for the city and rural areas working together. This is an important consideration when the areas are assesse and the distances that have to be travelled by our representatives. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gibson Brown
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:47:04 AM

From: Gibson Brown <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Meadowlark |
| Submission |
| [REDACTED] My first and only suggestion is that each riding have equal number of voters. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gordon Nicolson
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:47:11 AM

From: Gordon Nicolson <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Gordon Nicolson

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| Grande Prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie Wapiti |
| Submission |
| I firmly believe that the present electoral constituency works very well and requires no change. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jennifer Beatty
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:47:30 AM

From: Jennifer Beatty <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jennifer Beatty

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Acadia |
| Submission |
| <p>I think it is very important that rural Alberta remains adequately represented in relation to the urban centers. Although rural Alberta may not be as heavily populated, I believe that it is more important that constituents are in a riding that 1) Their MP is able to physically visit frequently and 2) that the issues facing the constituents are similar. If a constituency is too diverse, the MP won't be able to represent adequately. More important, I think that we are in a dangerous risk at this time that urban issues and preferences could dictate political policy at the expense of rural citizens - thereby widening the rural / urban divide, just as it has increased divisiveness between eastern and western Canada. Although more people are living in urban centers, our food production and economy is dependent on rural dwellers, we can't risk losing their voice for all of our sakes. Just as it is important to include First Nations in our consultations, we must remain mindful that rural Albertans need to be consulted and respected. Internet/ Telephones are not sufficient to bridge the gap and truly understand rural Alberta.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gladys Hanas
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:20:30 AM

From: Gladys Hanas <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Gladys Hanas

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| Gladys Hanas |
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| Address |
| Drayton Valley Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Devon/Drayton Valley |
| Submission |
| As a concerned constituent, how will this effect our votes for people who live in the country??? Also, our constituency is very small and how well this also effect our votes??? |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| pamphlet in mail |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from David Cook
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:20:39 AM

From: David Cook <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from David Cook

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| Address |
| Grovedale Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie Wapiti |
| Submission |
| I feel very strongly that the boundaries stay the same. Grande Prairie and region have two MLAs that adequately represent both rural and urban interests. By dividing the riding into a rural and urban we risk polarizing our region. Grande Prairie is very unique by the level of collaboration between rural and urban. Many people who reside in Grande Prairie are employed in a rural setting such as oil and gas, forestry and agriculture. We do not need boundaries to divide us an narrowing our interests making it difficult to collaborate. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Larry Cronk
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:20:46 AM

From: Larry Cronk <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Larry Cronk

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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Bow |
| Submission |
| <p>I am unclear how the seats are currently allocated it seem population is the only criteria. I believe a system similar to the Electoral College in the USA is more democratic. Additional seats should be allocated to less populated provinces. No additional seats should be allocated to Ontario and Quebec. Currently you could form a government with Ontario and Quebec going 100% to one party. If that is remotely possible then the rest of Canada is not being allocated enough seats to have equitable opposition to Ontario/Quebec.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Larry Hoepner
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:21:24 AM

From: Larry Hoepner <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Larry Hoepner

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| Larry Hoepner |
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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Medicine Hat Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Medicine Hat |
| Submission |
| What a waste of money this is and should be scrabed before you bozos in Edmonton spend any more money. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Larry Hoepner
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:21:32 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Larry Hoepner

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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Medicine Hat Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Medicine Hat |
| Submission |
| This is a total waste of money and should be scrapped until the current debt is paid before any more money is wasted. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper |

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| Address |
| Medicine Hat Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Medicine Hat |
| Submission |
| This is a complete waste of taxpayer money, at a time where we as taxpayers are struggling to make ends meet by the extra provincial taxes piled on top of us. This is something that should be on hold until the government has its own house in order. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ernie Beaulia
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:21:52 AM

From: Ernie Beaulia <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Ernie Beaulia

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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Airdrie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| 47 Airdrie |
| Submission |
| <p>I have concerns about the Raul area's being being under represented and the major centres being made even bigger and this would cause a majority of votes coming from the larger electoral area.</p> <p>I have read your plan on changing the electoral voting system and do not see any reason to make changes to our current system as I feel it is working fine.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instagram |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dean Milner
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:22:01 AM

From: Dean Milner <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dean Milner

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| Address |
| Cochrane Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>I firmly believe that every voter in Alberta should have equal status in the legislature. Therefore, each provincial riding should have roughly the same number of voters.</p> <p>If we have about 4.2MM residents and want to limit the number of seats at 87, then each riding should have about 50,000 residents.</p> <p>I don't think that remote ridings should have fewer people, as modern communication allows each MLA to correspond with their constituents as needed.</p> <p>This inequality is long overdue to be corrected and was never addressed by the previous government. Hopefully this new government can address this and ensure that every voter in the province has the same amount of validity, even for the voters that live in urban areas.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Blaine Trout
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:22:10 AM

From: Blaine Trout <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Blaine Trout

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary North West |
| Submission |
| Although i live in Calgary, i am of the opinion that there still needs to be fair representation from rural Alberta despite being a lower proportion of population. In order to ensure that the views and issues of Albertans in different regions, with different interests are appropriately represented, the province needs to maintain current levels of rural constituencies. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Householder (Direct Mail)• Twitter |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Robert Tiessen
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:22:27 AM

From: Robert Tiessen <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Robert Tiessen

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Varsity |
| Submission |
| <p>I strongly believe that all Albertans should have an equal voice in electing MLAs. To that end, I believe that the Boundary Commission should strive to make sure that there is no more than a 10% difference between the populations of all ridings. I believe that a 25% variance is too high. Many folks in urban ridings never meet their MLA, so I think it is a straw argument to claim that there should be rural ridings with significantly smaller populations than urban ridings.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Cory Littlechild
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:22:46 AM

From: Cory Littlechild <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Cory Littlechild

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| Address |
| Maskwacis Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Draytn Valley -Calmar |
| Submission |
| I would like you to considered my community of Maskwacis to have our own MLA, as you constantly put our community in other communities crosshairs, that we have no connection with, ie) Drayton Valley-Calmar, really? Furthermore, I feel other first nation communities, who are over 10000+ should have their own MLA's as well, as I feel this will promote equality and give us a voice, that might not otherwise be heard. Please accept this submission and give us our voice. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Alex Lush
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From: Alex Lush <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Alex Lush

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Centre |
| Submission |
| Calgary Centre has received a lot of attention due to the divides between the younger, less affluent residents, the young professionals and the older, wealthy, established people in the houses to the south of the riding. This can cause a lot of vote splitting and divisiveness. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Julie Poffenroth
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:23:10 AM

From: Julie Poffenroth <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:00 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Julie Poffenroth

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| Address |
| Bashaw Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Battle river-Crowfoot |
| Submission |
| <p>The number of seats in rural / non-urban Alberta should be increased relative to the urban seats. If this means that the population basis of those rural seats is more than 25% below the average, these rural seats should be considered a special case. It's necessary to preserve a balanced representation of the views of all Albertans, and not just the major urban centers. Alberta prospers when the needs of Albertans- north, south, east and west are considered fairly. Those who live in major urban centers often do not clearly understand the needs of rural Alberta. The best path to the health of the province as a whole, is to ensure that the province as a whole is well represented.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sherrie Breese
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| Address |
| Perryvale Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Athabasca/Redwater/Sturgeon |
| Submission |
| <p>I am concerned that rural areas will receive fewer seats and less representation. The current government has to stop alienating TROA.(the rest of Alberta) City MLA's have an advantage that they can meet with constituents in all corners of their riding in an afternoon. Country MLA's do not have this advantage. Larger ridings in the rural areas will decrease our access to our representatives.</p> <p>The current government has to stop alienating TROA.(the rest of Alberta)and ensure that there is not a hint of Gerrymandering.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Wayne Ford
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:23:26 AM

From: Wayne Ford <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Wayne Ford

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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Heritage Pointe (formerly part of DeWinton) Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>Our democracy is base on representation by population thus electoral boundaries should be reset on this premise as much as is accurately possible. While rural areas my have to be increased, I do not accept the recent arguments that it is too hard for one MLA to properly represent more expansive areas. We pay them a good amount and they have the expense accounts to manage this effectively, particularly in this age of electronic/digital communication.</p> <p>It would be refreshing to see this government finally do something that is not politically advantageous to themselves.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Radio ● Newspaper ● Other |
| TV, digital media |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Address |
| Grande Prairie Map It |
| Submission |
| Detail plan of what individual running for power is planning to do to assist the public when elected. So public can hold them accountable for noncompliance and giving public the ability to revoke their mandate. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from robert kress
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:49:06 AM

From: robert kress <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from robert kress

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| Address |
| calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| calgary fort |
| Submission |
| alberta has increased in population in the past 25 years more so in calgary. in my own opinion the people of this city are poorly represented ,M.L.Ashave to large a number of constituents and it is almost impossible for them to do their job as an M.L A. we require more M.L As to give us proper representation in Edmomton 3 M.L.As more is good ---4 M.L As is preferred |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from C M
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:49:28 AM

From: C M <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from C M

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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| The boundaries are fine for the moment please keep your hands off. The majority of Albertans do not trust anything this current government does. Once you are swept from office in a couple years this can be revisited. |

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| [REDACTED] |
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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| Hello I would like to respectfully ask you to push back the date for the electoral boundaries commission to give Albertans time to properly review the data. If given the proper amount of time to hear and process the information put forward here, I believe we can use it to best truly represent Alberta and its interests in 2017 and beyond. Thanks. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Daniel Evoy
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 11:11:30 AM

From: Daniel Evoy <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Daniel Evoy

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Whitemud |
| Submission |
| <p>The Commission must abide by some simple, clear & transparent: They must distribute population evenly, be connected and be "compact."</p> <p>Transparency of the results / outcomes is best achieved by calculating & publishing simple metrics. I would recommend the Commission use the following measurement:</p> <p>The compactness of a constituency -- a measure of how irregular its shape is, as determined by the ratio of the area of the district to the area of a circle with the same perimeter -- can serve as a useful proxy for how gerrymandered the district is. Constituencies that follow a generally regular shape tend to be compact, while those that have a lot of squiggles and offshoots and tentacle-looking protuberances tend to score poorly on this measure.</p> |
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| Leduc County Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Shayne Anderson MLA |
| Submission |
| <p>To Commission Members,</p> <p>Any one with a reasonable amount of intelligence could adjust the boundaries, to reflect the population density ratio required to meet legislative requirements, using approximate geographic boundaries and population base within a week. Why does it take a year of wasting the Albertans taxpayers money at your salary levels & associated expenses to do a report (heard of skype meetings?).</p> <p>The MLA's do not visit all there constituents and do not represent the majority of constituents because of a flawed election system we have. Your commission does nothing to change this.</p> <p>Make the report, skip the meetings as it does nothing to enhance the effective representation of Albertans or the elected MLA's. If Albertan's want to comment they have the same information as I have and can make the comments from many available media methods. I do have a suggestion for in person sessions, have meetings at seniors centres as this group of electorate is not typically well versed in usage of social media.</p> <p>Why aren't the public meetings you've had already published on the website!, are you hiding from public scrutiny?</p> <p>Our so called elected MLA's will end up adjusting the boundaries to best reflect their ability to get reelected no matter what your report indicates, as has happened in the past when the boundary moves were effected. A statistical representation pole of 10,000 would have given the same results of MLA's not following the wishes of Albertan's but following the politacal stripe of there party.</p> |

Sincerely
Robert Grier

PS:

Please copy this email to the NDP finance minister, Joe Cecic, as obviously he does not know how to balance a budget or have the leadership qualities to announce cutbacks reducing government costs to bloated public sector wages and benefits, without job loss to reflect the income of Alberta and average wishes of electorate!

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Newspaper
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>This is a tremendous opportunity to make political representation fairer and more just in Alberta. Here are my suggestions for the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply pressure to the government to increase the number of MLAs to 90 to provide fair political representation given Alberta's recent significant population growth. - Divide the 87 or 90 seats into 3 equal groups for greater Calgary (including Airdrie, Cochrane, Okotoks, Chestermere), greater Edmonton (including St. Albert, Strathcona County, Leduc, Fort Saskatchewan, Stoney Plain, Spruce Grove), and the rest of Alberta because each has roughly the same population of 1.4 million people. - Allocate 29 to 30 single member constituencies within each of the three areas. - Provide suggestions in report for future potential electoral reform options. |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Ellerslie |
| Submission |
| <p>Keeping natural municipal boundaries is important. Current provincial Edmonton ridings are well split, but in accounting for population shifts into newer neighbourhoods need to take care to ensure areas with common community leagues are aligned as interests tend to be similar.</p> <p>As a counter reference there was some frustration in the most recent federal boundaries that the Ellerslie/Summerside communities were grouped with the rural communities to the south of Edmonton as far as Westaskewin rather than with the Millwoods riding where the communities are closely related.</p> |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| I'd like to request that the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission make sure that every vote in Alberta has equal voting power. I believe that the AEBC has the obligation to every Albertan to adhere to this foundational principle of democracy. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Householder (Direct Mail)• Radio• Newspaper |

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| CALGARY Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| NOSE HILL |
| Submission |
| Electoral boundaries can not be totally and directly related to population which can make rural areas too large. Population can only be a part of determining boundaries. Additional representation is out of the question which will increase governmental costs |
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| Morinville Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Barrhead-Morinville-westlock |
| Submission |
| I believe that there should be a even number of ridings so no one in the province be ignored by politicians. I also believe that party leaders as well as members of their cabinet or shadow cabinet and the speakers of the legislature should be elected by the people of the whole province instead of a certain region of the province like what MLAs do. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper |

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Highlands-Norwood |
| Submission |
| <p>Why not rewrite Alberta boundaries in synchronization with the Federal Electoral Reform?</p> <p>We can begin among ourselves by demonstrating how to apply the electoral reform, by spreading the Lead's cultivation, moving to align the vote now, from one riding, willing to host the model.</p> <p>This model updates democracy live, by aligning the vote of the school trustee, the civic representative, the Mayor, the MLA, the MP and the Premier's Office.</p> <p>Once we have alignment completed in one jurisdiction in Alberta, we move on to cultivate this alignment across the Province, while the Premier's Office works to bring on board Québec Province and the Alberta MPs, with Québec doing the same.</p> <p>As Alberta and Québec populations grow into the green-knowledge-based economy, all other Provinces and Territories follow suit until we reach the Confederation Consensus Platform who will employ the MPs to work directly with the Privy Council, thereby, transforming federal partisanship into Federal Statesmanship.</p> <p>Once completed from coast to coast to coast, we synchronize the national vote to be conducted for all levels at once across the Nation, each person choosing the team made of the school trustee, the civic representative, the Mayor, the MLA, the MP and the Premier, transforming the PMO into the Prime Ministry Office of We, The People.</p> <p>We then carry on the update of democracy from Canadians to the US to the UN, spreading the culture of</p> |

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Strathmore-Brooks |
| Submission |
| <p>To the Electoral Boundaries Commission.</p> <p>I believe the Strathmore-Brooks constituency should be redistributed. It makes more sense for Strathmore and Chestermere to be together as they share many common features. For instance both are bedroom communities of Calgary and are within the Calgary trade area. The hospital in Strathmore is utilized by the people of Chestermere, Langdon, Indus, Irricana and Beiseker, and of course all of Wheatland County. Brooks has more in common with Medicine Hat or would make sense being joined with the Little Bow constituency where there is more shared services and trade. I believe that taking all of Wheatland County, along with Strathmore also makes sense again as Wheatland has much more in common with Strathmore than Brooks. Whereas Newell County shares more in common with Brooks. From a historical standpoint if combining Strathmore with Chestermere is not workable then Strathmore should be reunited with the old Drumheller constituency, or depending on the population criteria being included in with a new Chestermere-Strathmore-Drumheller Constituency as currently Drumheller being part of Stettler is leaving them at the fringe disconnected from more traditional connections. There is benefit to this as well as the school district encompasses Drumheller, Strathmore and Three Hills areas, as well as the previous health district also contained the forementioned towns. Also many of the emergency and disaster services share mutual aid agreements. It just makes a lot more sense. Brooks and Strathmore have never shared school districts, health districts or trade areas. Even the characteristics of the people are vastly different. It is important that our MLA represent the focused needs of their constituency and that becomes more difficult when there is not any connections. These connections don't exist with the current Strathmore-Brooks but would be greatly enhanced with a new Chestermere-Strathmore or Chestermere-Strathmore-Drumheller constituency. Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit my views.</p> <p>Respectfully</p> |

Einar Davison

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary - Buffalo |
| Submission |
| The constituencies need to be better balanced in terms of their populations. It doesn't make sense that the smallest only has 25,000 people while the largest is upwards of 80,000. One person's vote should not be more impactful than another's simply because he or she lives in a constituency with a smaller population. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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From: Neil Jevning <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:32 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Neil Jevning

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| Fort McMurray Alberta Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Fort McMurray /Conklin |
| Submission |
| <p>Why is it we remove the electoral boundaries every time that the government in power is afraid of loosing the next election because of the in popular things they do on their agenda not what the majority of the people who live in the province would like to see This happens every time this goes on Stack the deck in this case make the outside or country folks smaller because the major election folks for this party live in the city Stack, stack the deck how ever it make take we will change it after the next election Look At what the prime minister is trying to do as well. The electoral sections should be equal so the country folks and small center's have as much safe as the two major votes are Calgary and Edmonton run the province and the rest follow and have NO say as demonstrated in the last two years in this province Strong union and civil servants run this place NOT the people of this province Not sure how to fix this but there a whole bunch of neutral smart people here who figure it out but they will never have a chance to do that either The majority rule and the rest shut up and do as you are told Democracy well I looked up the meaning in the dictionary Not how this place runs any more SHAME on how this is done but I guess that is why we have tilted elections DO as you are told not what we do my my I hope they all sleep good at night when the place is going to hell in a hand basket and they are working very hard to stack the deck again Should be very interesting</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Wetaskiwin Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Wetaskiwin/Camrose |
| Submission |
| [REDACTED] I live 1.5 miles west of hiway 2 and do all my business in Wetaskiwin and have nothing in common with Drayton Valley which is 90 miles from where I live. Pigeon Lake almost divides the county of Wetaskiwin and the biggest percentage of people east of the lake do their business in Wetaskiwin so should be in a Wetaskiwin riding. Even the Wetaskiwin MLA's think we are part of their constituency so I would like to see a Wetaskiwin constituency which includes everything up to Pigeon Lake. |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Klien |
| Submission |
| <p>I hugely support the commission's plan to have the population of each riding not vary by more than 25%. Historically, urban populations have been sorely under represented and rural ridings have been over represented. I hope that this commission is able to fairly distribute voices in the legislature by population. In addition, it is also important that ridings adhere to existing municipal and neighbourhood boundaries so that there is effective representation instead of arbitrary gerrymandered boundaries.</p> |
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| spruce grove Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| spruce grove/st. albert |
| Submission |
| I'm concerned about rural representation being diminished. Edmonton and Calgary cannot have more than 44 seats. |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Address |
| Sherwood Park, AB Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>The horse industry in Canada is robust and significant, contributing more than \$19 billion annually to the Canadian economy and supporting more than 154,000 jobs in Canada — one full-time job for every 6.25 horses.</p> <p>(The study was prepared by Strategic Equine, with funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Copies of the study are available for download. Printed copies can be purchased by contacting the offices of Equine Canada at 1-866-282-8395 ) source www.albertahorseindustry.ca</p> <p>Alberta's horse-breeding industry is the largest in Canada, producing more than a third of the 850,000 horses bred in the country each year. (source www.albertaventure.com)</p> <p>Of course the vast majority of these horses are raised in rural settings. It is imperative that this strong economical sector of Alberta has a distinctive voice. Any changes to the Electoral Boundaries must be based on the sector of the Alberta community that it will impact the most. The rural communities need to have the strongest voice possible on decisions that will affect them directly, and changing the boundaries in any way that does not reflect that is a double edged sword. It can also result in rural communities swaying decisions that do not directly affect them, such as LRT funding and bike lanes.</p> <p>Thank-you very much. A.Lori Briggs</p> |
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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| How does my voice count? You will do as you like anyway. So, why waste public funds with these mail outs? Why can't you just publicly broadcast it in the news? Saves paper, recycling costs and public, our hard earned money which we pay you as taxes. |
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| Address |
| Grovedale Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie Wapiti |
| Submission |
| I believe the current boundaries adequately meet our interests. Dividing our riding into a rural and an urban riding would have many adverse consequences. The rural riding would be geographically too large and difficult to be adequately served by an MLA. The urban riding would be too large 70,000 people compared to many other urban ridings also making it difficult for the MLA to serve all the constituents. Don't mess with what works well. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Olds Map It |
| Submission |
| Re: Rural areas As much as possible rural areas should contain the entire county. This boundary could prevent fragmentation and/or duplication of services. When rural populations are decreasing, rural needs in each county would be made stronger when approaching government. As well, there could be cost savings. thank you Bernice Lynn |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Bow |
| Submission |
| I would like to see the constituencies have a relatively fair and equal representation across the province. That being said, please don't add a huge cost or level of bureaucracy more that it already is. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| David swan |
| Submission |
| <p>I don't mind the concept of adjusting the electoral boundaries, but I am opposed to increasing the number of mla's in Alberta. I believe our current electoral decision making is party focused not individual mla focused and having more mla's would just be an extra cost to tax payers and not add any decision making value.</p> <p>My recommendation would be to reduce the number of mla's not increase them.</p> <p>Thanks for providing me the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Robert knight</p> |
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| Cochrane Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff Cochrane |
| Submission |
| Increased population definitely requires more electoral boundaries to properly represent the people of those districts. Especially in the more rural areas. |
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| Airdrie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Airdrie |
| Submission |
| [REDACTED] |
| <p>Rural must be kept rural and urban must be kept urban. The needs of communities outside of Calgary and Edmonton are different. Blurring the lines between Calgary and Airdrie will do a disservice to both communities and neither will benefit from the conjoining. Airdrie has its own civic management team (Mayor, Councillors, city management and so on), and to involve the city of Calgary on matters concerning only Airdrie and the province, such as the highway construction just completed and the on-going new highway access, will place undue cost, time, and bureaucracy on both communities. Every citizen of Alberta will lose, because the costs incurred will come out of the public coffers. The city of Calgary will not understand our transportation needs (or any other); similarly, whatever the needs of the city of Calgary might be, we, in Airdrie, will not understand them.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other |

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| Airdrie Map It |
| Submission |
| Need to call an election now! |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Mountain View |
| Submission |
| <p>There is still a massive rural-urban disconnect with the number of MLAs in the Legislature. While currently the number of seats held by those in urban and rural communities is almost even, upwards of 80% (+) of Albertans live in urban areas. The seats in the Legislature should reflect this. Rural communities currently have a disproportionate amount of influence over the majority of the population.</p> <p>I would like to see electoral boundaries redrawn to accurately reflect the population of the province, with 80% of the seats being represented by urban ridings.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Grande Prairie Map It |
| Submission |
| I will would like my name put on the voters list. Thanks |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Rutherford |
| Submission |
| I think it is very important that constituencies across the province have an equal share of Albertans within their borders. I believe this gives all citizens an equal voice in the Legislature. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Facebook ● Newspaper |

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| Airdrie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Airdrie |
| Submission |
| <p>Increased electoral weighting should be given according to how much land you own. Land owners are the ones who bring in the greatest revenue to the province and therefore should have the most say. I don't think that it should all be based on land owned because everyone should be able to have a vote just that the more land you own the more your vote counts</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Address |
| Lethbridge Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Lethbridge East |
| Submission |
| <p>I truly believe that one constant in this world that cannot change is change itself. Change will not only happen but it will happen in many cases in spite of efforts to stop it. Electoral boundaries are set periodically to allow an attempt to give legislative representation to those living within the boundaries of specific electoral districts. The makeup of each district is subject an almost constant change and thus it is important that the boundaries are allowed flexibility in their makeup as well. The boundary change is different though as it is determined by human decision making. In many cases human decisions are laced with subjective and emotional input. I believe it is important in making changes to electoral boundaries that the size of an electoral district is almost as important as the number of people within the district. It can be much easier in my mind for an elected representative to represent a large number of people in a very small geographical area than it is to represent a small number of people in a very large geographical area. I believe that the size of rural districts should not be expanded although perhaps some need to be resized geographically to allow the elected representative an easier time to visit all areas of his district in a timely manner. Keep up the good work.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Newspaper |

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| Address |
| Cochrane Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff-Cochrane |
| Submission |
| The Town of Cochrane would have significant concerns if our boundary was to be made larger or shift in any way as this would increase the potential for further dilution of our concerns at the Provincial Level. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| Direct Email |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Hawkwood |
| Submission |
| Each constituency should be based on population. The maximum variance for population should be ~20% to allow rural constituencies to cover a slightly smaller area. The growth rate of the constituencies should be ignored since it's not linear. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Canmore Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff Cochrane |
| Submission |
| <p>Hello, Thank you for this questionnaire. It would seem logically culturally, economically and physically to make a 'Rocky Mountains' constituency from Canmore, through Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper & Hinton. Another logical riding would be Foothills just to the east of the mountains.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>P. Twomey</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Edmonton, Alberta Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Strathcona |
| Submission |
| <p>The Commission has a complex task. I think one of the things that has concerned me, for some time, is the allowable 25% difference from the provincial average in electoral constituency populations. Even though different electoral districts may never have the same population levels, 25% is too large a variation. It adds bias and can effectively "disenfranchise" a lot of people. It may be beyond the scope of the Commission's mandate but: 1) I would rather see more resources given to MLAs because of either high population (urban districts) or large geographic area (rural districts) than see this kind of "large numerical loophole" maintained in the electoral system; and 2) whatever district boundaries you do choose, I hope they will strive to minimize/eliminate this kind of bias. Thank you for your time. C Mowat</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission |

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| Grande prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande prairie wapiti |
| Submission |
| I would like to see the boundaries remain as they are. I believe we have better representation when we have Grande Prairie split between two ridings It also makes the physical size much more manageable for our MLAs. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Constituency office |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>I think that at the moment rural Albertans are over-represented which is unfair. Social media, email, and internet make it much easier for an MLA to interact with constituents over long distances. Thus the classic argument that an MLA cannot cover a huge territory and therefore rural electoral constituencies are allowed to represent fewer voters is not correct any more in these modern times.</p> <p>I also write you over the internet and am not required to travel a long distance to a public hearing. Over-representation of rural districts can lead to inefficient resource allocation and a situation where the majority in the provincial parliament does not have the majority of the public vote. I therefore encourage you to set boundaries such that they better reflect the number of voters. Thank you.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| When delineating boundaries, it is more important to include communities of common interest than convenient geographic areas. Mixing areas that have nothing in common should be avoided if at all possible. Local input is vital to obtaining the relevant information. Mixing urban and agricultural areas, for instance, is at best inconsiderate. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| athabasca, Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| athabasca-redwater |
| Submission |
| [REDACTED] I have long believed that our boundaries are unfair in that they give rural voters more weight than urban voters. I hope your commission makes the weights equal, according to democratic principles. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Millet Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Wetaskiwin- Camrose |
| Submission |
| Electoral boundaries should not be revised if the effect is decreasing rural representation. Reducing rural representation not only alienates agricultural communities further (this government has shown an unwillingness to listen to agriculture despite their "interest" in the environment), but also reduces representation for rural-based school boards in favor of heavy representation for urban centre's. This is a move that (once again) pushes against democracy. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary - Hawkwood |
| Submission |
| The urban centers in Alberta have a high percentage of the population, and therefore great representation. I would like to see the electoral divisions altered in such a way as to increase First Nations representation in government. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Stettler Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Drumheller Stettler |
| Submission |
| Rural tidings can be Hugh, thus putting representation to a disadvantage to high density cities. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Householder (Direct Mail)• Facebook |

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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Highlands-Norwood |
| Submission |
| <p>Why not rewrite Alberta boundaries in synchronization with the Federal Electoral Reform?</p> <p>We can begin among ourselves by demonstrating how to apply the electoral reform, by spreading the Lead's cultivation, moving to align the vote now, from one riding, willing to host the model.</p> <p>This model updates democracy live, by aligning the vote of the school trustee, the civic representative, the Mayor, the MLA, the MP and the Premier's Office.</p> <p>Once we have alignment completed in one jurisdiction in Alberta, we move on to cultivate this alignment across the Province, while the Premier's Office works to bring on board Québec Province and the Alberta MPs, with Québec doing the same.</p> <p>As Alberta and Québec populations grow into the green-knowledge-based economy, all other Provinces and Territories follow suit until we reach the Confederation Consensus Platform who will employ the MPs to work directly with the Privy Council, thereby, transforming federal partisanship into Federal Statesmanship.</p> <p>Once completed from coast to coast to coast, we synchronize the national vote to be conducted for all levels at once across the Nation, each person choosing the team made of the school trustee, the civic representative, the Mayor, the MLA, the MP and the Premier, transforming the PMO into the Prime Ministry Office of We, The People.</p> <p>We then carry on the update of democracy from Canadians to the US to the UN, spreading the culture of</p> |

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| Jenner Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Cypress Medicine Hat |
| Submission |
| We don't have much of a voice in the rural areas as it is. Leave the boundaries alone and don't take away what little representation we have. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Rosemary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Brooks strathmore |
| Submission |
| Please leave the rural boundaries alone we already have a stretched representation but in the cities they could do more with less members... thank you |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Householder (Direct Mail)• Facebook |

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| Pollockville Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Drumheller Stettler |
| Submission |
| I don't want to see rural ridings changed to include more urban people. There is already such negativity towards rural Alberta. We will have even less representation if you do this. If anything we should add representatives for rural so we can have a voice. Please don't have city people making decisions for rural Alberta. This will be disastrous for us. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Centre |
| Submission |
| <p>The population allowance for an electoral district is 49,000 (+/-25% variance, up to 61,250).</p> <p>Based on the rising population of Edmonton-Centre and given the 20% increase in the population of Alberta in the last eight years, the boundaries of Edmonton-Centre will be downsized to serve a more delineated population.</p> <p>I wish to suggest dividing the riding of Edmonton-Centre into two separate new ridings. They can be created north of Jasper Avenue and south of Jasper Avenue: they will each keep all other eastern, western, northern and southern boundaries as they are described for the riding of Edmonton-Centre.</p> <p>The electoral district north of Jasper Avenue can be appointed as MacEwan. The electoral district south of Jasper Avenue can be appointed as Oliver.</p> <p>I am honoured for your attention to my submission.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary - Mountain View |
| Submission |
| <p>NO!!!!!!!!!!!!</p> <p>Please don't spend tax-payers dollars on this, especially with the current unemployment levels and uncertain economic conditions. This is so wrong!</p> <p>If anything is to be done, it should be done at a minimal cost and the boundaries changed to reduce the number of MLAs. Unemployed and worried Albertans need to see their provincial government reducing current and future costs to taxpayers not adding more politicians to support.</p> <p>Additionally, what is effective representation? Do you know of any Albertans that feel they are effectively represented by any current Alberta constituency representative? I don't. Why add more?</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff-Cochrane |
| Submission |
| I would prefer if Bow Valley mountain communities (Banff, Canmore, Exshaw, Lac des Arcs, Deadman's flat, Lake Louise), which in my opinion all share similar values, were not pooled with Foothills agricultural areas and Cochrane where lifestyle and social values are very different. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Little Bow |
| Submission |
| <p>I truly believe we need less electoral constituencies for several reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) People achieve more in smaller groups than larger ones 2) Government can achieve more with fewer MLAs (IE schools, hospitals, etc have had to do it for years) 3) My tax \$\$\$,s are stretched about as far as they can go. Eliminating a few MLAs(5) by making the regions larger(1 MLA for 50000 people) would save the province approx 1 million dollars. 4)MLAs working together, compromising, and listening to all suggestions respectfully will achieve solutions to Alberta's issues. |
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| <p>Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission</p> <p>As the Commission undertakes its review of Alberta's electoral boundaries, I submit that the primary goal should be to maximize democracy. As democracy is simply political equality, this means approaching the ideal of one citizen/one vote as closely as is reasonably possible.</p> <p>In the past, this ideal has been consistently violated by making urban ridings more populous than rural ridings. This was usually defended on the basis that rural ridings were so large as to make representation much more difficult. This was never justified. Any problems arising from size should have been alleviated by providing rural representatives with whatever extra assistance was required to mitigate additional challenges. Effectively discounting the value of urban citizens' votes was undemocratic.</p> <p>In any case, there is little substance left in the argument. Modern communications allow constituents to contact their representatives instantly. I can communicate with my MLA in Edmonton as easily as attending her constituency office or having her knock on my door.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the bias toward rural ridings persists. In its 2009/2010 report, the Commission stated, "This raises a question about how large a division can be before it involves so many non-common interests that it is impractical for the disparate interests of the electors to be represented, and for the MLA to represent them." In fact, a profusion of non-common interests is much more likely in an urban riding than a rural one. Cities are characterized by variety. In some urban ridings, an MLA will have to communicate with constituents who speak a dozen or more different first-languages. In fact, disadvantaging urban ridings disadvantages ethnic minorities as most immigrants settle in our cities.</p> |

In the report, deviation from the average riding population (except for two special divisions) ranged from 23.4 per cent below in West Yellowhead to 16.65 per cent above in Calgary-Hawkwood. In effect, a citizen in West Yellowhead got one and a half votes, a citizen in Calgary-Hawkwood one vote. (A voter in the "special" division of Dunvegan-Central Peace, has almost two votes relative to a voter in Calgary-Hawkwood.) The situation is now likely worse as urban populations have grown much faster than rural populations. Our sister province, Saskatchewan, manages to keep the range within plus or minus five per cent. We should do no less.

I urge the Commission to ensure every Albertan has an equal vote. I see no reason why my voice should count for less than any other Albertan's simply because I live in the city.

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| My preference is to leave the boundaries as currently exist. Any modifications will be considered political. |
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| I don't know if this is reality or not, but its my understanding that the government of the day is in charge of setting electoral boundaries. After elections results are studied even down to a street by street of who voted which way, then redraw boundaries in such a way as to ensure the greatest likelihood of being reelected. Again, I'm not sure if this is this case but its my perception, so I don't know if this is a public relations issue, or an actual issue, but I wouldn't mind it being cleared up. If it is the case then that needs to be taken away from the government and put firmly in the commission's hands. Either way public awareness would be a good thing. |
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| <p>I think the Commission should have waited until the results of the new federal census were released prior to soliciting feedback. Incorporating that data will be vital for the Commissions new boundary proposals. Beyond that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ridings should be kept as close together in population count as possible. I would encourage the commission to try and keep ridings within a tighter range than even the current laws require. Keeping each riding within say a 5% variance from the average population, to either side, helps to preserve the idea that all votes are equal. Use the up to 4 special districts as required, but beyond those, strive for equality in population count. 2. Do away with all riding names that involve politicians or other historical people. I often meet voters who are confused about which provincial riding they live in, and if the names of the ridings were drawn from the towns or communities, people would have less of this problem. I live in Edmonton-Mill Woods and almost no one in my community is confused by this name. However Edmonton-Decore, Manning or McClung are meaningless to people, in terms of where they live. I hope the commission will suggest to the Legislature the elimination of riding names that are not clearly descriptive of the places they represent. 3. Specifically for my home riding of Edmonton Mill Woods, the community of Knottwood, which is made up of neighborhoods known as Satoo, Ekota and Menisa, is currently cut in half. This strange boundary down the minor roads of Mill Woods Road W and 80th Street should be switched east to the major route that is 66th Street, so that the entire Knottwood community is represented by the one Mill Woods MLA, and not divided. The current boundary divides a singular community for no clear reason, I suspect it was |

done previously to make the #s work, but it needs revision.

4. Likewise, for Edmonton Mill Woods, I would suggest the inclusion of the Bissett community. Currently Bissett is part of Mill Creek, which creates an odd boundary where Mill Woods has the eastern tip of the Minchau community, all the way east to 34th St, but just south of 38th Ave the boundary moves west again. This results in split mail routes with Canada Post, and people in these communities receive political literature from MLAs who may not represent them. Moving Bissett into the Mill Woods riding would solve for these difficulties, and given the age of the Bissett neighborhood, it is more in line with all the communities in the Mill Woods riding, rather than the many newer communities inside the Mill Creek riding.

5. Currently the Mill Creek riding has all of the commercial space directly north of the Mill Woods riding. I would suggest that this space be divided evenly between Mill Woods and Mill Creek, so that Mill Woods would extend north of its current boundaries, along Gateway Boulevard and along 50th street, with 63rd ave/Argyll Road/Sherwood Park Freeway acting as the new north boundary. All the commercial space east of 50th street would stay with the Mill Creek riding. The justification for this is that it doesn't change either ridings voter count, as almost no one lives there, but many of these commercial properties north of Mill Woods are frequented more by Mill Woods residents than they are by Mill Creek folks. People I've met with businesses near Gateway and Argyll sometimes wonder why their MLA is someone whose voters reside in far away places like Tamarack and Laurel.

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| I agree to review the provincial constituency boundaries prior to the next provincial election. |
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| <p>I would like to emphasize that the Commission pay special attention to retaining community culture by retaining as much of the original constituents as possible. Communities such as mine have relied on our neighbors and elected leaders to understand our spaces and environment as relative to our surroundings. For example, splitting a downtown riding and sharing it with a more suburban surrounding community might create competing interests if not done with careful consideration.</p> |
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| In the next reallocation of seats, much greater emphasis needs to be placed on increasing the representation of urban areas. Alberta is no longer (and has not been for many years) a rural province and the current allocation of seats disadvantages the growing urban population of the province. The argument in defence of an unbalanced representation by population system has always been that large rural areas have diverse needs and 'lumping together' a geographically dispersed population would mean that more local needs could not be met. But in an era when electronic forms of communication (principally the internet) make it much easier to be in contact with a diverse electorate, the old argument no longer holds. To respect the overwhelmingly urban population, the upholding the democratic process would be much better served by a significant increase in urban representation. |
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| This has to be done fairly with land size and population both given equal weight. |
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| <p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a student of political science and geomatics at Carleton University. My hometown is Bonnyville, and I have also lived in Lac La Biche, Sexsmith, Grande Prairie, and Red Deer. In this submission I wish to address several points with regards to representation in Northern Alberta (which I note is not represented on the Commission).</p> <p>I will also preface this submission by noting that any private citizen participating in this process would be empowered to make a much more substantial submission if the deadline for this round of feedback were extended past Statistics Canada's scheduled release of population counts from the 2016 Census. While I realize this information will be available in time for the feedback on the Commission's initial proposal, I strongly urge the extension of the February 8th deadline to allow for better quality submissions in both rounds of feedback. It is simply not reasonable to expect private citizens to give the Commission quality information about their communities without access to the statistics it will use in its proposal.</p> <p>Firstly, the Commission will find that the current districts in Grande Prairie require revision. Although Northern Alberta in general is (in my opinion, deservedly) over-represented, Grande Prairie-Wapiti was one of the most populated ridings in the last census and the estimates show that Grande Prairie-Smoky may have even grown larger. The census numbers will probably prove that the County of Grande Prairie and the communities within it could be divided into two ridings that each fall approximately at or above the provincial average, enabling areas further east and south to be transferred to other ridings, preferably West Yellowhead and Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, which are both well below average population. This would solve the problem of having two urban/rural ridings, and the Commission could create an entirely urban</p> |

riding containing most of Grande Prairie — the MLA for the rural riding would not have an exceptionally large distance to travel, which was the justification for abandoning such an arrangement at the last redistribution. If the Commission chooses this configuration, it would make sense to place the Grande Prairie neighbourhoods north of Highway 43 (and perhaps those west of Highway 40, if necessary) with the rural riding to balance their populations and ensure connectivity. This arrangement would also distribute the anticipated growth areas of the city into both ridings, which should be an important consideration for the Commission since Grande Prairie is projected to outpace growth elsewhere and it is not desirable to create ridings like Calgary-South East, which end up causing painful underrepresentation well before the next redistribution. (As an aside, I believe the Commission should attempt to do a better job than previous Commissions when considering outer suburbs of Edmonton and Calgary.)

I would also urge the Commission to preserve the two current special ridings, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley and Lesser Slave Lake, because of their remoteness, small communities, and unique needs. Lesser Slave Lake is also the only riding in Alberta that is majority-Aboriginal, which the spirit of the current legislation would certainly encourage preserving. The Commission should not consider placing Sexsmith in D-CP-N given its degree of interaction with Grande Prairie, although it could consider moving Valleyview into either special riding if need be. Of course, this creates the problem of not being able to radically enlarge Peace River, but if the available estimates are accurate, its population will fall well above the 25% threshold.

More importantly, the Commission must carefully consider how it will ensure effective representation for Fort McMurray. While the boundary within the urban service centre should be adjusted to satisfy equal population, keeping two MLAs for the region is absolutely essential, even if best estimates show they would fall under the 25% threshold and the Committee is required to create one or two new special ridings (which it would be entitled to do, given the distance from Edmonton, that both ridings touch the provincial border, and both contain Indigenous communities). The Commission should even consider transferring some communities south of Fort McMurray to another riding in order to ensure representation is effective and not simply equal. This should be done for several reasons:

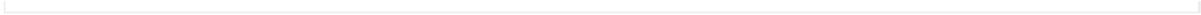
1. available data cannot possibly be as accurate as in the rest of the province, given the circumstances, so the Commission should err on the side of more representation rather than less.
2. the Commission should consider the region's transient population, especially since it is usually larger than at present, and the potential for its permanent population to grow quickly during the next 8-10 years.
3. the rebuilding process will be difficult and will put extra demands on the workload of the city's MLAs and their offices, threatening the effectiveness of local representation.
4. the Commission will avoid an air of partisanship if it preserves the two current (NDP-held) special districts, but also makes special consideration for Fort McMurray. (This is especially true since the urban/rural ratio is probably changing.)

In addition, since the Commission will most likely need to adjust other areas of Northern Alberta in order to ensure equal representation across the province, I would recommend that the Commission abolish the riding of Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, which is geographically unwieldy. If Lac La Biche County is transferred to Bonnyville-Cold Lake, the Commission should consider naming that riding Beaver River — this would be geographically accurate, restore a former riding, and avoid the bad habit of triple-naming. The Commission could also consider the name of Lakeland, either for this configuration or a riding that combines St. Paul with Bonnyville-Cold Lake. It is also undesirable to preserve Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater's current configuration as a riding that stretches from remote communities like Calling Lake right to the edge of Edmonton. Of course, I will also point out that the estimates put all the ridings in northeastern Alberta above the 25% minimum, if the Commission can find a way to preserve them.

As a final aside, please fix the Crime Against Geography that is Calgary-MacKay-Nose Hill. I have no personal knowledge of the area but there can be absolutely no excuse for squeezing two ridings between the two populated parts of another riding. I can't tell who might have been advantaged, but it smacks of gerrymandering.

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| Due to the increase in the population of Alberta, I believe we should have an increase in electoral constituencies, which would be a more fair representation of voter preference. |
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| <p>With a 2016 population estimate of 42,971 Edmonton-McClung will have somewhat less than the 49,000 average but will be well within the +/-25%. As development in the Cameron Heights area will continue to increase the riding's population it seems sensible to maintain the current boundaries.</p> <p>However, as the 2016 population estimate for Edmonton-South West is 66,489 and this is over the +/-25%, it may make sense to move the Glastonbury and Granville areas from Edm-SW back to Edm-McClung. It may also make sense to move the Twin Brooks area from Edm-SW to Edmonton-Rutherford, as Rutherford has a population estimate of 45,255 and the natural boundaries of Twin Brooks easily make it part of Rutherford.</p> |
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| <p>Pleased to note that seat count will stay the same. We now hope you do a better job of equalizing the numbers in each constituency. The currently allowed variance of 25% is too great. It should be reduced to 20 or even 15%. Also eliminate the option of allowing up to four constituencies to have even more variance. The number of urban seats must be increased to better represent the realities of Alberta today.</p> <p>PS: I was raised on a farm, have relatives I like who are farming, and have always voted and will continue to vote right-of-centre. However, I believe in the ideals of democracy. Keep the voter numbers lower in rural constituencies but make it reasonable. It is totally out of line now.</p> |
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| Submission |
| Rural areas need equal representation. I have a feeling that this current government is going to use this as a way to gain more in the urban areas. Diversification in our province is part of what makes us great. But part of that diversification is the rural voice along side the urban voice. |
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| GP Wapiti |
| Submission |
| I would like to support a change in the electoral boundaries to have one rural and one urban seat for MLA. I feel this would better represent the population of this area. As it stands in the current model, the City of Grande Prairie has not had a representative from the city in either riding since the Honorable Gord Graydon was our rep. How can the current elected members have the city's best interests in mind when they both reside in rural community's Valleyview and Grovdale as well they both reside in the Municipal District of Greenview. Why splitting the urban vote into two different ridings makes no sense. Please consider this change to properly allow for the better representation of the people in the urban area. Thank you and you have any questions or would like to discuss please feel free to contact me. |
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| I live east of highway 36, north of highway 16 in Minburn County. Currently I get lumped in with the towns east of me, but I am a part of the Vegreville community, not Minburn. I have never even been to Lloydminster. I feel my community boundaries are Mundare to Innisfree, and Two Hills to Viking. I would like to vote in Vegreville, the community I work and participate in. I also feel that Vegreville has no connection to Fort Saskatchewan, which it currently gets lumped in with. This ultimately makes the voices of those in Vegreville mute because the population in Fort Saskatchewan is so much bigger. I think the Fort Saskatchewan views are more in line with Edmonton, so the rural voice is snuffed out by the boundaries of that electoral district. I think it is a real problem when people feel like it is pointless to vote because their voice is overshadowed by larger populations that do not reflect their local community. If the boundaries could represent the actual communities that would be great. Thank you! |
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| Calgary Glenmore |
| Submission |
| <p>My thoughts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the principle of one person/one vote is of overriding importance and the greatest priority must be placed on respecting this. A variation of 10% in the ration of number of people represented is the absolute maximum acceptable. - there are a handful of districts that are truly massive and have unique challenges; the special needs of a few districts should not drive what is implemented for the rest of the province. Nothing that you do is going to result in these districts being anywhere close to a reasonable size. - regardless of where they live most people never see their MLA in person - I just don't see this as being necessary. We have telephones, Canada Post, email, video conference. The argument that not all people are able to use technology is not relevant; the other low-tech channels of communication still exist. Besides it should be possible to set up a video conference in a community hall or in whatever facility is available. - What would would it look like if, instead of aiming for equality of representation in each riding we took an approach in which we said that the average representation ratio of rural ridings must be the same as the average of the Calgary/Edmonton average? |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Rahman Ismail
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:04:17 PM

From: Rahman Ismail <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Rahman Ismail

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Foothills |
| Submission |
| Please, for the love of god, stop over representing rural Alberta! Representation by population is the right way to do things. Urban the urban ratio can be 1 MLA for 50,000 constituents while the rural ratio is 1 MLA for 30,000 people. This is very unfair to the larger portion of Albertans |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Thomas Bonifacio
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:04:25 PM

From: Thomas Bonifacio <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:00 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Thomas Bonifacio

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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Rutherford |
| Submission |
| I believe that right now the system is unfairly over representing rural ridings. I believe that true democracy is based on representation by population. On that thread of thought, the cities and urban areas are being robbed of their power to affect democracy in the province. Right now the previous governments have rigged it so that rural ridings have more than their fair share of say, which to me isn't fair or democratic. I would like to see more actual ridings be given to the cities where the majority of Albertans live, work and are affected by government policy. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| Mail, email from work, boss |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Thomas Bonifacio
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 3:43:56 PM

From: Thomas Bonifacio <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Thomas Bonifacio

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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Rutherford |
| Submission |
| The name "Edmonton-Rutherford" is often confused with the neighbourhood also called Rutherford in south edmonton which is actually in another riding (Edmonton-Southwest). The name of the riding should be changed to something that doesn't confuse people. Edmonton-Century or something else. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| Work |

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Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:15:58 PM

From: Gregory Harlow <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Gregory Harlow

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Varsity |
| Submission |
| Please make the constituencies as equal in population as possible. It distorts the principle of representation by population to give some citizens more voting power than others simply because they live outside of urban areas. While this may have been justifiable before everyone had a telephone, in this day and age it provides NO justification for giving rural citizens more voting power. The province has underrepresented its urban citizens for years. This practice is unjust, it is an affront to democracy and it should be ended in this next redistricting. Thank you. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Andrew Kirschenman
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:29:23 AM

From: Andrew Kirschenman <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 5:50 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Andrew Kirschenman

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| Address |
| HILDA Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Cypress-Medicine Hat |
| Submission |
| Electoral boundaries need to be changed to maintain equal representation per vote but i do not support increasing the number of seats in the legislature. I would like to see a decrease of seats to about 50 and have the boundaries adjusted accordingly. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Trevor Norris
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From: Trevor Norris <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:18 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Trevor Norris

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| Address |
| Spruce Grove Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Spruce Grove - St Albert |
| Submission |
| <p>I relocated to Alberta in 2005, and was lucky enough to settle in St. Albert. In 2014, I moved out to Spruce Grove. Despite these two cities both being in the Capital Region, and despite being located within the same provincial constituency, these cities have very different issues, and due to this, the provincial constituency, as it is, is ineffective.</p> <p>Spruce Grove is a small city, about half the size of St Albert, with what is still a largely rural feel to it. St Albert is a fairly wealthy bedroom community of Edmonton, which feels as if it's just another suburb of Edmonton.</p> <p>Here in Spruce Grove, our municipal government often cooperates with that of Stony Plain and Parkland County, two similar municipalities in what has been deemed the "Tri-Region". Together, our municipal governments have completed some amazing projects, the most prominent of which may be the Tri-Leisure Centre on the West end of Spruce Grove. More recently, Spruce Grove and Stony Plain came together on a plan for a new RCMP detachment, to be located in a convenient location to serve both cities. Spruce Grove rarely, if ever, works with St. Albert on these kinds of projects.</p> <p>St Albert often works with Edmonton on projects, much as Spruce Grove works with Stony Plain. Currently in the news is a plan in the works to amalgamate the transportation organizations within these two cities.</p> <p>One common issue that I've noticed, having lived in Spruce Grove for the past 3 years, and in St Albert before that, is that Spruce Grove's issues often go ignored by the provincial representative, typically hailing from St Albert. This has become a serious issue, where we have little access to our MLA, and our</p> |

MLA places us as a second priority. This is regardless of party, as the same issues existed under the previous government.

What I would like to propose is the creation of a new riding, to be named "Parkland", which would encompass the City of Spruce Grove, the Town of Stony Plain, and much of all of Parkland County. Meanwhile, St Albert could be split into two separate ridings, along with part of Sturgeon County, conveniently split along St Albert Trail.

This would ensure that the people of the Tri-Region are properly and fairly represented in the Legislature, and would likely make the current relationship within our region even stronger. St Albert's needs, as a very quickly growing city, would be better represented as well, as the MLAs in the city would be able to focus on the issues that face their portions of the city without having to also focus on another city located a half-hour away, which has a very different set of circumstances to deal with.

I appreciate the time taken to review my submission, and I hope that the Electoral Boundary Committee will accept this submission when drawing new riding boundaries for the 2019 election.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Radio
- Facebook
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Richard Schneider
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Subject: Website submission from Richard Schneider

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| Address |
| Beaver County Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Battle River - Wainwright |
| Submission |
| I believe that there should be clearer distinction between urban and rural voters because the values and priorities of each are quite different. To that end, electoral boundaries in Edmonton and Calgary, and probably Red Deer and Lethbridge, should be redrawn to avoid dilution with the surrounding rural regions. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: maximum variance 5%
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:31:48 AM

From: Breezy Brian Gregg [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: maximum variance 5%

I hope this is where I should send my opinion on changing Alberta's Electoral Boundaries.

I would like to see the number of voters per district to vary no more than 5% between districts.

thank you
Brian Gregg
Edmonton Centre

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marlene Hurton
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:32:01 AM

From: Marlene Hurton <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:21 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marlene Hurton

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Cross |
| Submission |
| <p>Please don't recommend adding any more MLA's as we are currently well represented. BC is doing well with fewer MLA's and a larger population. As a comparison Ontario MLA's each represent more than 135,000 people while each Alberta MLA represents under 50,000 people. More can and should be done with less.</p> <p>Please feel free to forward my comments to the appropriate government body.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Shelley Biendarra
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:32:14 AM

From: Shelley Biendarra <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 5:09 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Shelley Biendarra

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| Address |
| Clairmont Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| County of Grande Prairie |
| Submission |
| I want to keep things as is. I lived in Grande Prairie, and we moved to the country over 6 years ago. Separate issues and I like how it is run. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Feedback
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:32:21 AM

From: Carmin Lastiwka [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Feedback

Hi there,

For my submission in regards to the constituency for Vermillion-Lloydminister I believe since it has a smaller represented area as well as the proximity to Tofield I believe the border should be moved to accommodate Tofield, the townspeople there are more likely to do business in Ryley or Holden than Vegreville and have more common issues.

On the note of common issues many constituents travel from Willingdon and Two Hills area to Vegreville to conduct their business, which means many of them come to the Vegreville office hoping to receive help with provincial government matters and are dismayed to find out their closest office is in St. Paul, these communities used to fall under the same jurisdiction in Vegreville and are used to going to that office for their assistance and that person being their MLA. I live in the constituency of Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills. I heard about the review through facebook.

Thanks for considering my submission, should you wish to follow up my phone number is

[REDACTED] 

Carmin Lastiwka

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from DUSTY ERKER
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:35:09 AM

From: DUSTY ERKER <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from DUSTY ERKER

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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Clairmont Map It |
| Submission |
| I would like to see the boundaries reflect our population +/- 5% like Saskatchewan. 25% is too much! Also I would like to see Grande Prairie as a whole riding not split between two rural ones. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Charles Doyle
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:35:53 AM

From: Charles Doyle <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Charles Doyle

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| Address |
| Donnelly Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley |
| Submission |
| <p>Please consider having the Village of Donnelly within the same subdivision boundary, at the present time the subdivision line splits the village down the main street. The subdivision area I would recommend is 45, the reason being that during the 2015 election the resident on the west side (subdivision 42) drove past the polling station 45 (two blocks from my house and in my subdivision) and had to drive approximately 10 km to the polling station in the community of Falher. Last election I called as many people as I could from Election Alberta, from Drew Westwater down and no one thought this was a good set up but there was nothing that could be done at the time. Family and Community services set up a bus to transport people to the proper poll as many of the west side residents did not even realize, until they got to the poll, that they could not vote there.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dalton Duncan
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:36:51 AM

From: Dalton Duncan <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dalton Duncan

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| [REDACTED]  |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Beverly Clareview |
| Submission |
| [REDACTED]. I think the urban populations of the larger cities should not be geri-mandered into the surrounding rural areas in order to dilute the rural vote. Rural areas should have their own representatives and urban areas should also have their own representatives. It might be a good idea to wait on redrawing the voting lines as the 20% increase in population might be leaving over the next couple of years due to the imposition of the carbon taxes on the economy and the negative effect that will have. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Terry Boettcher
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:16:24 AM

From: Terry Boettcher <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:00 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Terry Boettcher

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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Two Hills Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Lac La Biche - St.Paul - Two Hills |
| Submission |
| My concern is that rural Alberta continues to have fair representation in government. The health of Rural Alberta Communities is paramount to the health of our province. While populations in urban centers is much higher it is important to maintain the current number of rural seats to properly represent the voices who will keep rural Alberta viable and vibrant. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Owen Neal
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:16:32 AM

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| Address |
| Cochrane Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff-Cochrane |
| Submission |
| <p>I don't believe there is any need to make significant changes to the current electoral boundaries. Any effort to do so would be seen by the public as blatant political interference by the current NDP government.</p> <p>For example, an outcome where seats were added to the Capital Region and then rural ridings consolidated in Southern Alberta, would reinforce the view that the government was manipulating the electoral process to their political advantage.</p> <p>Specifically regarding my constituency, Banff-Cochrane, there are persistent rumours that the Town of Cochrane will be rolled into one of the Calgary constituencies. This would have a very negative impact on our community as we would become a small appendage to a much larger urban riding) and our voice in government would be greatly diminished.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Clifford Rogers
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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Fish Creek |
| Submission |
| The Cities could use less representation as Cities have Aldermen and a Mayor, a strong government presence. I recommend the number of 87 constituencies be cut back to 80 thus saving the province millions of dallars |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Penny Greenough
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:16:50 AM

From: Penny Greenough <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Penny Greenough

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| Address |
| Spruce Grove Map It |
| Submission |
| I think that it is time for Spruce Grove and Stony Plain area to have their own representatives, instead of being put in with Saint Albert area. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| Flyer in mailbox. |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Leah Kirtio](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bruce Randall
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:16:59 AM

From: Bruce Randall <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bruce Randall

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| Phone |
| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| St. Albert Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| St. Albert |
| Submission |
| Strongly believe that one person equals one vote, but understand that Alberta's rural geography can impact such a simple approach. As such a 25% variance seems too large an amount, and some lower percentage may be more appropriate. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Wade Nellis
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:17:05 AM

From: Wade Nellis <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Wade Nellis

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| Phone |
| [REDACTED] |
| Address |
| grande prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie Wapiti |
| Submission |
| <p>Hello,</p> <p>I believe that Grande Prairie has a large enough urban population to warrant having its own MLA. I feel that my issues as a urban citizen aren't being addressed properly, since my MLA has to balance his attentions between county and city residents.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Beverley Baltimore
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From: Beverley Baltimore <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Address |
| Stettler [REDACTED] Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Stettler Drumheller |
| Submission |
| the number of seats in rural Alberta should be increased because rural seats should be considered a balance case necessary to preserve a balanced representation of views of all Albertans and not just those in large urban centers who do not clearly understand the need of rural Alberta. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Peter Duerholt
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:17:28 AM

From: Peter Duerholt <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Peter Duerholt

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| Phone |
| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Claresholm Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>There is absolutely nothing wrong with the current distribution. Yes some areas may have larger districts or larger populations, that's life. Not everyone in life has exactly the same job responsibilities as the next person. Elected officials should quit being such pussies, and do the job they were elected for. It was their choice to run. They were not forced. Furthermore, if the redistribution calls for more elected officials, I'm dead against such a result. We have enough elected officials. Some of them bored to tears when I sat in the gallery. We do not need to increase government expenses at this time in the faltering economy.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Daryle Martin
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:28:07 AM

From: Daryle Martin <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary, Fish Creek |
| Submission |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Tim Rutter
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From: Tim Rutter <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Address |
| Spruce Grove Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Spruce Grove-St. Albert |
| Submission |
| I want the major cities have the majority of electoral power when determining the provincial government. I believe people in the urban centres are more likely to vote for a party that will implement policies that will benefit our economies and environmental management. The rural communities tend to vote for candidates that have a sometimes old-fashioned quality that impedes forward movement in these concerns. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Mary McPhail
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:33:46 AM

From: Mary McPhail <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Mary McPhail

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Central |
| Submission |
| Saskatoon urban residents have effectively denied vote impact, being wagon wheeled with rural ridings. Gerrymandering is my biggest concern - if the maps look too convoluted in layout then it must be a failure. One vote should be as equal as possible - 1 seat should be worth a very similar number of votes. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marcia Jacula
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:34:01 AM

From: Marcia Jacula <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marcia Jacula

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| Address |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Vermilion - Vegreville |
| Submission |
| Do not make the rural constituency boundaries too large. Our rural towns and farms are an integral part of Alberta and we need to have a voice. People who work in the oil patch, especially the less populated areas also need to be heard. The executives in head offices can provide information, but the workers may have a different view that is also valuable in making governmental decisions that affect us all, either directly or indirectly. Farmers have an everyday relationship with our land. They need a voice too. Do not base the location of boundaries on population only. RURAL CONSTITUENCIES NEED A VOICE TOO! |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

January 16, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway
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Dear Commission Members:

Town of Hanna Council at their January 10, 2017 Council meeting passed a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission identifying the concerns the Town of Hanna has with any potential changes to the Drumheller Stettler Constituency Boundary.

Town Council is aware of the legislated time period of review and support the requirement for such a review to insure that the electoral boundaries are working well for everyone equally across the Province. Council however, did want to make the Commission aware of their concerns if the boundary is enlarged or divided into other electoral regions. These concerns include:

- A potential loss or representation from our region.
- The existing Drumheller – Stettler constituency is roughly 200 km east to west and 150km North to South. If the boundary is increased in size it becomes even more challenging for the MLA to understand and represent the residents within his constituency primarily as a result of the large geographical distance.
- There are significant challenges for rural Alberta currently and if the cities receive more constituencies it most likely means it comes at the expense of the rural ridings.
- If changes are being made to the Drumheller – Stettler riding it is important to keep the Special Areas and the municipalities within it together. The Special Areas and the municipalities within it have a tremendous cooperative relationship with a number of regional agreements and working relationships. These cooperative agreements allow the region to operate effective fire and emergency services, regional water



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commissions, regional waste commissions and regional planning commissions among other municipal services.

Thank you for your time and for considering the information in this letter. Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or via e-mail at [REDACTED] if you require any clarification on the information above.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Kim Neill
CAO

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: NO MORE Politicians!
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:08:32 PM

From: yourECOfriend [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: NO MORE Politicians!

Alberta has gone so far in debt in the last year we don't need more politicians.

This is not the time.

We need to fix our government, not add to it.

Terry Kruse
Calgary, AB

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundary Changes
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:22:00 PM

From: Larry Hanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:22 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundary Changes

Upon reviewing the Alberta Electoral boundaries as based on population division, there seems to be a large disparagement of population distribution by district. The highest population is Calgary SE at 79,034 compared to the lowest of Lesser Slave Lake of 30,094.

I recognize that it's unfair to compare rural and urban ridings, but there should be a more even dispersment of population between ridings. This may mean redrawing the urban area ridings or even adding MLAs to urban areas to bring a more fair population based representation.

Kind regards,

Laurence Hanson



Red Deer-North

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: electoral boundries
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:26:20 PM

From: Warren Steckelberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 7:46 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: electoral boundries

As a resident of Edmonton I have always felt partially disenfranchised because the number of voters in each city riding has been so much higher than those in rural ridings. The defence of this imbalance has been that representatives of rural ridings have a so much greater distance to travel to keep in touch with their constituents. There is need for some attention to this fact. However, today's roads and vehicles have made a very great improvement in the ability of our legislators to cover their areas than was the case when the current differential between rural and city ridings was established.

Therefore I urge that the new boundaries be drawn so that the number of constituents in each riding be as nearly equal as possible, with perhaps a fraction of differentiation for the rural ridings. Realizing that it is impossible to draw boundaries to keep the number of constituents exactly equal, it is urgent for good representative democracy that the difference between the greatest number and lowest number of constituents be kept to be no greater than 10%.

Please!

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:33:05 PM

From: Alan Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Hello,

Here is my proposal to equalize the populations of the 87 electoral divisions.

<https://goo.gl/DcCPF0>

I will submit a revised proposal after the 2016 Census figures are released on February 8.

Thanks and best wishes,

Alan Hall

P.S. I was a Researcher for the 1996 Commission, and enjoy doing this stuff for fun.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:33:15 PM

From: Marjorie Bridge [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.

I wish to submit a comment with regard to my boundary. I wish to be put back within the boundary of the MD of Bighorn for the following reasons.

I now live in Canmore, but the Town will not include my neighbours and I within it's Urban Growth Boundary, which we object to. We have approximately 4.42 acres between us.

In 1991, this land was in the MD of Bighorn, which we would prefer. However, the Town of Canmore negotiated a contentious deal with the MD to get Harvie Heights Hamlet enclosed within Canmore. The Harvie Heights people objected voraciously and so it was decided that this small strip of land, about 1 kilometre of road be included within the Town of Canmore Boundary, Canmore claiming that they needed the land for future development. This was all recorded in the local papers. However, I leased this land (the old Forest Rangers' Station - 2.44 acres) from the Provincial Government in 1992 and subsequently purchased it a few years later. My neighbours bought theirs from the current owner as it had been sold a few years prior to my moving into my half of the Ranger Station.

We have tried to have the land subdivided and developed into medium priced and subsidised housing for low income workers several times over the course of 25 years and have been told by the Mayor at the time, Ron Casey, and his friend, John Borrowman, who is now the mayor that we will never be able to develop it as long as he is around.

It has cost us thousands of dollars, we are not on a wildlife habitat patch or breeding ground or wildlife corridor. The planning department say they do not intend to have the land developed and therefore I request that we be put back within the MD of Bighorn, where we were before.

I would be glad of your feedback to this frustrating problem.

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Rose Bridge.

Submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission 2017

January 16, 2016

By Irene Hunter and Marie Pang

Together, we come as representatives of an Edmonton Women's Breakfast group who meet monthly to discuss the political situation in Alberta and Canada. Our membership hails from nearly every riding in the City of Edmonton.

Most of us women take a keen interest in the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission of 2017. We encourage the size of the Alberta Legislature to remain at 87 seats and we look forward to the 2017 proposed Electoral Division Areas to be more equal in population.

First, I'd like to explain to anyone who does not live in the large metro cities of Calgary or Edmonton, the way we live. Our community leagues though the sizeable 3000-8000 residents do not isolate us; we rely on our entire city for our needs and services. Like the Breakfast Club women who come from all corners of the city, Edmonton residents use the entire city to shop, play, attend religious and spiritual groups, take part in leisure and recreation activities, attend educational facilities as well as attend to our medical needs.

Our electoral districts do not provide all services either, for example Edmonton-Riverview, population of 45,517 residents where I live does not have a post office, no library, no swimming pool nor a high school however, Riverview has a university and an ice arena. Our junior high and high school students ride the public transit to school. City dwellers often ride bus or take rapid transit to work since rush hour traffic in the morning and evening can take 2 hours each way. Our cities are prone to traffic jams and gridlocks.

Like city residents, Metro MLA's often travel outside of the riding boundaries to reach and support constituents and act as provincial representatives for City, Province, National and Global events. Metro MLA's can be seen at International events, National Health Councils, Global Conferences, City Festivals and greeting visiting dignitaries. They are also seen presenting funding cheques to various organizations since headquarters are often in Edmonton.

Personally, I have seen urban MLA's at Ghandi dinners, Alberta Global Council conferences, International Speakers event, International Peace Day and Daughter's Day, at Gay Parades, Women's Marches, Environment week, Heritage Days and Book talks. Most often these events are out of their ridings.

Urban MLA's face similar traffic and parking problems as metro residents. To avoid traffic snarls and find parking spaces which are both a premium financially and numbers one leaves earlier. Once I witnessed Rachel Notley before becoming our new premier circling the block in apparent desperation to find street parking so that she may give the opening speech at a Women's Day March at the University of Alberta which is out of her riding.

Urban MLA's are extra ordinarily busy so they don't need extra large ridings.

We also are supportive of using the Federal 2016 census stats that are to be released in February of 2017 rather than Municipal surveys which have been challenged by Alberta Municipal affairs, specific to the issue of permanent residents versus non permanent (shadow) residents. For our calculations we will use the provided best estimates from Alberta Treasury Board and Finance and Statistics Canada anticipating the differences to be slight. If stats are disproportionate, may we have the ability to adjust? 1.

Our Recommendations

1. That the size of the Alberta Legislature remains the same.

The 2009/10 Alberta Electoral boundaries Commission failed to do the hard work of redrawing the provincial boundaries to reflect the increased population in cities and simply increased the number of seats and continued making hybrid rural-urban ridings. The 2006 Canadian Census (Stats Canada) used was 4 years old.

The table below compares the number of MLA/MNA's in the 4 largest Canadian provinces.²

| Province | Population 2011 Census | # of MLA | Population per MLA | Land Area (KM2) | Area per MLA |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ontario | 12,851,821 | 107 | 120,110 | 917,741 | 8,577 |
| Quebec | 7,903,001 | 125 | 63,224 | 1,365,128 | 10,921 |
| British Columbia | 4,400,057 | 85 | 51,765 | 925,186 | 10,885 |
| Alberta | 3,645,257 | 87 | 41,900 | 642,317 | 7,383 |
| Alberta (2017) | 4,252,789 | 87 | 48,883 | 642,317 | 7,383 |

According to the table, Alberta has the most MLA's per population and per land size. The cost of adding more MLA's is not feasible or reasonable.

2. That Good Governance and the Laws of election be followed to meet needs of ALL Albertans

That good governance and electoral rights as defined in the Charter of Rights and Freedom be followed to meet the needs of all Albertans. ²

Indicators of unfair representation:

- When government legislation differs from public opinion
- When entitlement sets in 44 years of one party governance
- When the right to fair transition of government is thwarted

Historical Progression of democratic rights for Albertans

- In the late 1980's, the Alberta Government challenged the Electoral Rights of the Chartered of Rights and Freedom. In April 1989, *Madame Justice McLaghlin* granted an order stating that the British Columbia provincial election boundaries were inconsistent with the right to vote in section 3 of the Charter. A population variance of 25% above or below the norm should not be tolerated. At the time, Alberta had 51 constituencies over or below the acceptable variance. ³
- In December 1990, the government introduced legislation to reform the discrepancies and the challenge was dropped. It provided for 43 urban and 40 rural ridings. To overcome the discrepancies, it created 'hybrid constituencies' consisting of urban and rural votes, and thereby diluting the urban voice. ⁴
- Since 1990, Alberta has decreased the number of constituencies which are outside of the acceptable variance from 51% to 11.4%.
- 2010 Boundaries, the largest discrepancy was Dunvegan-Central Peace population 24,584 and a variance of 40% and Calgary-Hawkwood 47,686 and a variance of 17%. The voting disparity between the 2 ridings reached 57%.

Today in Alberta. Alberta Electoral Boundaries Website 2017 used for following calculations:

- 26 years later, Alberta has 87 constituencies. Edmonton (19) and Calgary (25) together have 44 constituencies with the rest of Alberta accounting for 43 constituencies. Respectfully the totals are 973,409 and 1,317,772 for a total of 2,291,181 and for the rest of Alberta the population total is 2,291,181. 5.
- In 2017, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley will have a population of 25,192, whereas Calgary South-East will be at 79,034. In terms of individual voting power, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley vote would count 3 times to Calgary-SouthWest.
- Manitoba allows for a variance of 10% except for the region above latitude 53 and BC is proposing a variance of 15% for 12 constituencies. The Province of Manitoba allows for a variance of 10% except frt regions above the 53 parallel.
- The Province of British Columbia is proposing a variance of above /below 15% for 12 electoral districts. 6 The 2017 Alberta Electoral Boundaries commission has 29 electoral districts above/below a variance of 15%.

To provide fair and just representation the current variance of 25% should be decreased. Based on 48,883 provincial quotient, Edmonton should have 20 constituencies and Calgary would have 27 while the rest of Alberta has 40 constituencies.

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Push back the deadline!
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:34:24 PM

From: Ann Gariano [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 10:03 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Push back the deadline!

Let us use the best, most recent data that the commission itself will be using. Push back the deadline so that we can use the 2016 census!

Ann Gariano

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:34:41 PM

From: MARY ANNE HENDERSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries

Good Day

I am just writing to voice my opinion regarding the Alberta electoral boundary reform. Alberta has seen a significant increase in population that makes this reform very important to democracy in this province. I would like to submit my believe that the commission should base electoral boundary reform on the latest census data. Not only should the reform concentrate on ensuring the boundaries are fair to Albertans, but basing the electoral boundaries on accurate census data will ensure that MLAs are able to effectively represent their constituents by ensuring that ridings have an equitable number of constituents in each.

If you require follow-up to my email, please feel free to contact me at this address.

Regards
Maryanne Henderson
[REDACTED]
Edmonton, Alberta
[REDACTED]

January 13, 2017

Re: Comments to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to have input into the Alberta boundaries for legislature representation.

My main comment would be **that we do not increase the number of MLA's from the present number**. My argument is based on the following criteria.

The State of California and the Province of Alberta have very similar demographics in that both jurisdictions have their population based in a few large metropolitan areas. Both jurisdictions' populations are primarily urban.

Basic Statistics:

| | California | Alberta |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Population | 39,140,000 | 4,500,000 |
| Legislature/MLS members | 80 | 87 |
| Senators | 40 | |
| Total Representation | 120 | 87 |
| Representation per member | 326,166 | 51,724 |

Based on the above statistics I feel it would be prudent and fiscally responsible to adjust the boundaries to reflect a larger number of members per constituency as opposed to increasing the number of MLAs.

In this age of new modes of communication our MLAs now rely on electronic modes of communication more and more. Thus, by increasing the number of members in a constituency the ability to communicate would not be adversely affected.

As far as trading areas go, the population is now very mobile and people now work, shop, worship and socialize outside the area they live in more than ever. I feel that using the above criteria (work, shopping, worshipping, socializing, etc.) to increase the number of MLA's is no longer a valid argument. The population will soon adjust to new constituency boundaries.

The ability to represent 50,000 or 100,000 constituents would have little effect on services, provided the MLA has the ability to have staff to match the required work load. More MLAs does not necessarily mean better government.

I feel the present number of MLAs is adequate for them to carry out their fiduciary responsibilities to govern the Province of Alberta in a responsible manner.

Thank you,

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Don Gustafson

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta's Constituency Boundaries Review
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:34:58 PM

From: Ryan Berry [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta's Constituency Boundaries Review

It is only fair in a representative democracy that all people are equally represented. The new Alberta electoral boundaries should ensure that each riding has an equitable number of residents, within a reasonable variance. In the past, rural ridings with small populations have had a disproportionate influence in the legislature. This should be adjusted so that people living in dense urban ridings have just as much voice.

Ryan Berry
Edmonton, AB

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Ridings
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:35:05 PM

From: Jim Tra [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Ridings

If you are going to re-evaluate the current ridings please just adjust the boundaries. Do not create more ridings just because of the population increase. Albertans are already way over governed and we do not need any more politicians.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Boundaries, Submission Date and Census Data
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:35:19 PM

From: Steven VN [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:56 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Boundaries, Submission Date and Census Data

Hello,

I am writing to ask you to please delay the submission deadline from the 8th.

Given that the next round of census data is released on the 8th, this data will not be able to be considered if your submission deadline is the 8th.

Now, these common-sense approaches are foreign to the NDP in Alberta...I know, but here's to hoping!

If this is not delayed, it is yet one more example of the NDP not listening to the residents of Alberta.

Steve

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Submission deadline
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:35:27 PM

From: Susy Cote [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 8:28 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Submission deadline

Hi,

I think you should extend the period for written submissions on the electoral boundary re-design so that the 2016 census data is available to people in formulating their comments.

Sincerely,
Susanne Cote
[REDACTED], Calgary

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral boundaries
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:46:05 PM

From: Margot [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral boundaries

I think this is the wrong time to redraw boundaries. Because of the downturn in the oil patch, Calgary's population has dropped off. In the meantime, the government has greatly expanded the civil service in Edmonton. Doing this now would give an incorrect advantage to Edmonton based on population that would be out of sync with the normal population situation in the province. Also, many Fort Mac residents are still not back home yet which would also skew the population densities.

Margot Hodgson

Sent from my iPad

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: a comment for the Alberta Electoral BOUNDARIES Commission
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:46:22 PM

From: Ken & Lorraine Weller [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: a comment for the Alberta Electoral BOUNDARIES Commission

To Whom it may Concern Jan. 13, 2017

Somehow, all levels of government must come up with a formula for fair representation of all Canadians at the 3 levels of government but **this event is for provincial boundaries.**

(I do not know the urban versus rural representative count for Alberta provincially at this time. Can't seem to find this stat on the internet).

There is **no need** for MORE REPRESENTATIVES coming out of the URBAN centers, yes, the high concentrations of voters, but really the diversity of their needs is LESS within the small area of the city, compared to the **diversity of needs** in many RURAL areas with must less populations.

We also need to note, that some urban communities have DECREASED their populations since the last census 2011.

How about constructing a system in ALBERTA that:

Urbans:

- for every incorporated city with a population of 1,000,000 or more **eight representatives**
- for every incorporated city with a population of 500,000 to 999,999 **six representatives**
- for every incorporated city with a population of 100,000- 499,999 **four representatives**
- for incorporated cities 50,000 to 99,999 **three representatives**
- for incorporated cities 20,000 to 49,999 **two representatives**
- for incorporated cities up to 20,000 **one representative**

Going by the 2015 population census of Alberta's 18 listed cities, the above table would see elected 46 representatives of urban centers. That would leave $87-46 = 41$ rural representatives. Not quite equal, but there are seven (7) cities of populations under 20,000 , five (5) of which are under 15,000. One could state that these cities are RURAL centers.

Rurals:

- there should be a limit to the total miles from one constituency border across to the next, say; ? 400 km (how are the rural boundaries selected now?)
- similar geographics should be included in each constituency, say: foothills and mountains; prairies; parklands; forests;

---northern remoteness comes into the equation for sure.....(somehow..... maybe the reps here need air mile accounts..... lol)

---if areas are too diverse, they should be **divided and each have a representative**, boundaries placed more to the geographic factors of the areas.

Bottom line: the URBAN number of representatives should almost MATCH the number of RURAL representatives.

Thus, AB has to **decrease the number of URBAN constituencies** and **increase the number of RURAL constituencies**.

Perhaps these suggestions can help.

Thank you,

Lorraine Weller
Calgary-Hawkwood

[REDACTED]
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Deadline
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:47:15 PM

From: Chase Mayer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Deadline

Good afternoon,

I am writing to request that the deadline for written submissions to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission be extended. StatsCan data is released on the same day as the deadline. This is a reasonable request, and granting such a request will allow sufficient time to analyze the most recent StatsCan data. This will ensure that changes to the electoral districts are not politically motivated.

Chase Mayer
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Redistribution: - Redrawing the electoral map for greater fairness

The purpose of redistribution is to redraw the riding boundaries so as to give all voters an equal say. Your task is to readjust the constituency boundaries so as to put the same number of voters in each, and avoid gerrymandering for the benefit of one party.

Should Rural Constituencies Have Fewer Voters?

The number of voters in a rural constituency should be the same as the number of voters in an urban constituency. Both deserve the same degree of representation.

I do not accept that rural constituencies should have fewer voters because the distances are larger. The population density is decreasing in rural areas, and the remaining population is concentrated in the towns. When one farmer farms thousands of acres, there are few truly rural voters. Rural constituencies will have to get bigger.

In today's world, we no longer need to meet face to face thanks to the internet, email, and Skype. Young people are used to conferencing via internet devices. Everyone has a cell phone. MLAs can just as easily contact voters in Edmonton as in Fort Vermillion. Distance is no longer an issue. The size of the riding does not matter. Each MLA must be representing the same number of voters.

The smaller cities, like Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, and Vegreville have the same box stores and curved sub-divisions as Edmonton. Why are the 23,000 voters of Dunvegan-Central Peace and the 26,000 of Fort McMurray-Conklin twice as worthy as the 52,000 voters of Spruce Grove-St. Albert and Calgary-Northern Hills?

Anticipate Future Population Changes

We should also try to anticipate future population changes. We know that the outer rims of Edmonton and Calgary are scheduled for continued development, and the new homes are going to result in a large population growth. Unless these constituencies start with fewer voters, in ten years they will be grossly under represented.

In the same way, by looking at recent trends, we can predict which areas will continue to decline in population. In these regions, we should start with extra voters, so that in ten years there won't be a large disparity.

Who is Against a Fair Redistribution?

- Rural areas that presently have more power than their numbers warrant.
- Rural MLAs who might lose their soft jobs and large travel allowances.

In conclusion, the citizens of Alberta do not want more M.L.A.s. Both the Wildrose and New Democrats represent rural ridings, which will have to become larger in the interest of fairness. Redistribution is going to cause some crying, but please put equality first. We hope the result of your work be fair to all Albertans.

Ken Zinyk

[REDACTED]

Edmonton, Alberta

[REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta's electoral boundaries
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:47:34 PM

From: Yogi Schulz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 1:59 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta's electoral boundaries

I want to add my support for the following positions that are not new:

1. Too many rural electoral constituencies currently in an effort to minimize large geographic areas given low population.
 - a. I don't buy the argument that larger areas will be difficult to represent well. We now have widespread access to the technology that can make this MLA work effective. I'm thinking of videoconferencing, Skype and FaceTime.
 - b. I favour reducing the number of rural constituencies.
2. Too many urban ridings to avoid having to make rural electoral constituencies even larger in area and keep the range of population across the set of electoral constituencies from becoming excessive.
 - a. I think the urban areas are well represented at present.
 - b. I believe MLA's can represent a larger number of citizens in the existing constituencies.
 - c. I favour not adding more urban constituencies.
3. Try to reduce the wide range in population from largest to smallest electoral constituency.
 - a. In the end, there will still be a material difference in population across the set of electoral constituencies.
 - b. I favour reducing the number of rural electoral constituencies to reduce the wide range in population across electoral constituencies.
 - c. I know it will be difficult to resist the complaints of MLA's and rural citizens that benefit from the current unequal situation.

Yogi Schulz [REDACTED]
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Debra Ewing
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:18:41 AM

From: Debra Ewing <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Debra Ewing

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| Parkland County Map It |
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| I realize that most of Alberta's population is urban, but please don't lump us rural residents in with them, nor give them a stronger voice. The needs of rural Albertans are quite different from those of our urban neighbors and we need to keep our representation distinct. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:18:49 AM

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Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 12:15 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Jonathan Teghtmeyer

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| <p>I would like to see the Electoral Boundaries Commission find a better balance in constituency sizes. Alberta is an increasingly urban province that has undergone considerable population growth in recent years. There are many urban areas that have become seriously underrepresented. The allowance of a 25% variation from the provincial average is much too high. A 5% variance to maintain equality of voters is needed. Geographic issues posed by geographically larger rural constituencies are less relevant with the increased availability of digital technologies. MLAs in these areas could be provided with greater support and resources to meet the needs of their constituencies.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:19:00 AM

From: Neil Evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Thank you the opportunity to make a submission to this very important Commission. I have voted in every election since the late 1960's and have felt for many years that the disparity in size between most urban and rural constituencies was unfair and anti-democratic creating a considerable amount of political inequality in the province. Until the last election this has created a political advantage for the party in power. It may be that historically there was an argument in defense of larger rural constituencies, but we live in a new world today. Alberta has the largest paved road network in the country making transportation between places relatively easy. The Internet and computer technology makes communication between constituents and MLA's easier than ever before. MLA's have an array of means to engage in communication with constituents electronically, making it quite easy to keep in touch in spite of distance. **The arguments in favour of geographically larger rural constituencies are no longer valid. The arguments in favour of equality of representation are compelling.**

I therefore request the following:

1. A return to representation by population to ensure that every vote counts equally and that no segment including geographic areas is favoured by the distribution of seats.
2. Allow variations in the size of constituencies only in circumstances where there may be compelling reasons. Solid and binding criteria should be established so that we do not see a return to the present situation of large population disparities between constituencies.
3. Continue to have reasonably frequent periodic reviews of constituency boundaries to ensure the principles of representation are consistently applied over time.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Neil Evans

[REDACTED]
Edmonton, AB.
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Election etc
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:19:45 AM

From: lpeter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Election etc

With such an increase in number of voters it is high time you start to restructure our anarchistic voting system to represent democratically voter interest by changing to a form of proportional election system. Consequently, boundaries then become less important and not so much subject to meandering by the party in power. Wouldn't that be nice! ..Peter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Please extend the deadline
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:23:02 AM

From: Bill Cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:52 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Please extend the deadline

Hi folks,

I plan to submit comments to the Electoral Boundary Commission, but I recently learned that the current deadline (Feb. 8) is the same day that StatsCanada releases its 2016 Census results. I believe it is important to extend the submission deadline to allow people to consider the latest data before submitting comments.

Thank you for your attention,

William Cook

[REDACTED]
Sherwood Park, AB [REDACTED]
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries Reform
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:23:43 AM

From: Cliff Jamieson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 5:05 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Reform

I would like to appeal to the Alberta government to delay the deadline for the written submissions until February 28. This will allow written submissions to include the most current Statscan census data which is due to be released on February 28. A decision not to delay extend the written submission period would be nonsensical and would lead to submissions submitted based on out-dated information. I trust that this is an oversight on the part of the government.

Thanks

Cliff Jamieson
[REDACTED]
Calgary Ab

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta electoral map - please delay the date for written submissions
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:41:25 AM

From: Anita Arab [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta electoral map - please delay the date for written submissions

Hi there,

I am writing to ask you to delay the deadline for submissions to Feb 28th instead of Feb 8th. The reason for this is that Feb 8th is the day that Census Canada releases their 2016 Census data.

Regular citizens need enough time to look at the Census data and be able to use that data in our submissions. Without the latest Census data, our submissions will not be of the highest quality that they could be.

Since the Commission is using the 2016 Census data to draw up the map, regular citizens should have the same opportunities to consider the latest data. For these reasons, I urge you to delay the deadline for written submissions.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Anita Arab
[REDACTED]
Edmonton, AB
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Push back the submission deadline...
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:41:38 AM

From: Ron Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 12:53 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Push back the submission deadline...

So that people can see the latest census data before submitting. Duh.

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Please, push back the date
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:44:05 AM

From: Chandra Clarke [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Please, push back the date

To the hardworking people of the AEBC,

Thank you for the opportunity to provided feed back. I recently read an article that brought to light the fact that the 2016 census data will not be available to the public until February 8. Please, push back the deadline for written submissions so that we can use the best data to formulate our submissions. Also, please consider improving the online submission process to allow for attachments.

Again, thank you and all the best to your team as you move forward with this important work.

Sincerely,

Chandra Clarke

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Date for submissions re electoral reform
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:50:46 AM

From: Richard and Laurie Mack [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:02 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Date for submissions re electoral reform

Could you please push back the deadline for written submissions for provincial electoral reform so that we can use the best possible data. It will only make a difference of a few weeks if we wait for the 2016 census information. Thank you for considering our request.

Richard & Laurie Mack
[REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Push Back Deadline for Written Submissions
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:52:19 AM

From: Karlie Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Push Back Deadline for Written Submissions

Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern about the deadline for written submissions on the electora boundary review. I would like to participate in the process by providing my input, but feel that input would be more constructive if I had the 2016 census data first. Therefore I'm hoping you will consider pushing back the deadline from Feb 8 to Feb 28th.

Thanks for your time,

Karlie Nelson
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Delaying the written submission date
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:53:02 AM

From: Jason Ronald [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Delaying the written submission date

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

It has come to my attention that you are redrawing the electoral boundaries for ridings within our province. This seems like an important thing to do, we want to ensure everyone is as close to equally represented as possible.

It has also come to my attention, however, that unless you delay the submission timeline till the end of February you will be using old data.

Choosing to delay the cutoff for written submissions by a mere two weeks could allow for the incorporation of data released from the most recent national census.

In a province as dynamic and quick-changing as Alberta, it is highly important to use the most relevant data possible.

Please delay the written submission date to no sooner than February 22.

Regards,

Jason Ronald

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Fw: Please push back the commissions deadline to Feb 28, to allow citizens to incorporate new Stat's Canada data in their submissions.
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:53:29 AM

From: Sam Gunsch [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Please push back the commissions deadline to Feb 28, to allow citizens to incorporate new Stat's Canada data in their submissions.

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Please consider my request as in the subject line:

1(Please push back the commissions deadline to at least Feb 28, to allow citizens to incorporate new Stat's Canada data in their submissions.

I am responding to and agree with the arguments in this alert:

The commission needs to push back the deadline for written submissions a few weeks to Feb. 28, 2017 in order to give Albertans the necessary time to consider and analyze the latest data and integrate it into their submissions.

If the commission does not push back its deadline and does not give Albertans the time to analyze and consider the latest census data this first round of written submissions will be of poor quality, of little use to the commission and ultimately a waste of its time and of the time of Albertans who are going to the effort of participating in this critical process.

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It makes a very sound point. The Commission will not be materially delayed in its work by permitting the extended deadline for submission.

2) And also, please redesign your online submission form to allow attachments.

Thank you.

Sam Gunsch

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Please Extend Deadline to February 28
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:53:50 AM

From: Zachary Penner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Please Extend Deadline to February 28

Good Day,

I am writing to urge the Commission to extend the deadline to February 28 for the first round of submissions. I intend to use the Census data for my submission and as you are aware the first round will not be available until February 8, the date of your initial deadline.

It makes no sense to have a deadline that denies us the ability to use the most up-to-date census data in our submission, especially since your mandate explicitly mentions the 2016 census.

Regards,
Zack Penner

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Edmonton AB [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Daniel Wiebe
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:02:42 PM

From: Daniel Wiebe <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Daniel Wiebe

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| <p>Dear Honourable members of the Electoral Commission</p> <p>Today I took part in your Public Hearing for Drumheller-Stettler constitutional Electoral Boundries. This is the first time I have participated with anything like this. I was apprehensive at first but with coaxing from my wife I partook. I am happy to say I did, for it opened my eyes to the political process. I now have a greater understanding on how our government works for the people on fair ground. I wish to thank all of you for your direct participation in these matters. I applaud each of you. This is a great and difficult undertaking and a very short period of time to accomplish such a large agenda. Unfortunately I feel we will have to visit this issue often with our ever changing enviroment and social conditions. Such as global warming ,Job loss and world political stage. How to keep the most people happy with your decisions while keeping within the laws and juggling all the issues that each one rises. Not to mention geography and who has things in common with whom. Then their is the issue of Federal Boundaries and how they overlap the provincial boundaries because like it or not they do effect one another.</p> <p>One issue that came up was using technology for the MLAs who have large areas to manage to connect with their constituents and create dialoge using phones and internet. Many people today brought up good points for and against our technology such as internet and telephone however I wish to point out that face to face is always best and it can not ever be replaced by electronic communication for you as the Electoral Commission have acknowledge this very position and by conducting these meeting face to face. Why ? So now that we both agree that face to face is very important in this governing process and you have driven the fine rural roads of Alberta you have a far better understanding on the challenges facing our rural MLAs. In may opinion the areas can not be made larger when they can barely maintain what they have now. Maybe they need to create a new riding or ridings to bring down the population average or use a different lens to look through to weigh the issues that arise in urban and rural</p> |

communities.

Maybe the Government should create industry or jobs in the areas in our province that are decreasing in population thereby move the people instead of the boundaries. Just a thought. Thanks for your precious time. If I think of anything else I am sure I'll write.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Card in Mail

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Larry Hryniuk
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:02:50 PM

From: Larry Hryniuk <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:14 PM
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| <p>I understand that there is a significant discrepancy between the various rural constituencies and urban ones with respect to the population in the different ridings. My concern is that the rural constituencies have many more government bodies such as school boards, municipalities, Indian reserves, metis settlements as well as many service and religious boards to be dealt with. For example in the Peace River constituency there is over 10 municipalities that the MLA has to attend, 4 school boards (I believe) a metis settlement, 3 reserves, and of course each community has numerous churches, and other service bodies that require the attendance of the MLA for their annual meetings or such political meetings which are required for the MLA to do the job required. One must always consider the distance that the MLA has to travel from Edmonton to the constituency and then travel to the various communities in order to attend that meeting. Please look at the size of some of the northern ridings and for that some of the southern ridings to review the distance between various communities together with the distance from Edmonton. A MLA from the city area does not have those obligations, and in fact may not attend the various council meetings or board meetings. The former MLA Al Adair and MLA Frank Oberle always commented how they missed their children growing up since they were always on the road. Check with the rural MLAs to determine the kilometres they drive each year to serve the constituents of their riding. Various submissions will say it is only fair that one vote equals one vote however as the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled one must look at the various facts that constitute the duty and requirements of a MLA. To increase the area size of a rural constituency will only discourage potential Albertans from seeking office, and also will affect the rural populace in the fact that it seems that the government is not taking their viewpoints into account.</p> <p>Be very careful before altering the boundaries of the large rural constituencies.</p> <p>I thank you for your time in reviewing this submission and your effort in attempting to hear from the people of Alberta.</p> |

Larry Hryniuk

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| <p>STP (Same Ten People)</p> <p>As I watched the presentations to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission yesterday in St Paul, I was struck by the unified message coming from the municipal leaders and other presenters about the possible threat to Rural Alberta. All presenters thought the current boundaries should be left alone even though they were getting out of whack with Alberta's electoral ratios that provide equal representation. Over and over, the municipal leaders referred to the challenges of distance and the need to communicate with our people and deal with the problems that arise.</p> <p>I reflected over my time working in the entire region, trying to get many projects to move forward both in my working life, my volunteer projects and my family life. I feel the core of the issue lies in the concept of STP (or Same Ten People) that underlies all rural life. In the urban world most organizations are large and have many members. Duties are spread out. Sports are run by large community leagues. Charities are run by large organizations with staff and resources.</p> <p>Most rural organizations are run by small organizations with little or no staff. In my experience very small rural locations have up to 10 people who run everything. In Tulliby Lake (a community of 100) the School Board, the arena board, the 4 H and everything else was done by the same 10 people. In Ashmont, we have the fire department leading many community projects. Mallaig (a community of 300) has a few core groups as STPs that manage many aspects of the Community. This arises from the wants of the community to have all aspects of a modern community, but not the resources to accomplish their desires. It is hard on these volunteers and they need much more support from their municipality and, as they grow, from the province, whose role is centralized in the office of the MLA. Whatever the political persuasion of the STPs, they are supported and encouraged by their municipality and any other levels of government they come into contact with.</p> <p>As communities get larger and their wants become greater they get more groups of STPs often</p> |

interlinked. Their service clubs take on many roles but often with only 10 people active and working. In Elk Point (a community of 1200) there may be 30 to 40 organizations, often with multiple roles, and yet there will not be 300 people active but more likely 50 active volunteers, and no staff. The town and county depend on the efforts of these volunteers to keep the community going and the MLA is often the point of contact for many government agencies and programming initiatives for both provincial and federal programs. The volunteer base is always stretched thin and in danger of collapse. This causes rural municipalities, when looking at sustainability, to see an ongoing crisis as they are usually responding to crisis in this volunteer sector.

In St Paul (a community of 6000) some organizations get larger, still operated by STPs but many organization run on the passions of their small STP volunteers. The economies of scale are not there but that does not stop them from soldiering on. For instance, the St Paul Chamber had 200 businesses but only 8 directors actively involved when I worked there. They did keep going through the efforts of their paid staffer. They try to run active programs and services for their members just like their big city cousins.

Why should this be of interest to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission?

Rural Alberta runs on the STP model at every level. Rural Alberta seems always to resist any change by government. When I studied change management for my master's program, a truism was that "people resist change when it threatens their ability to get work done." STPs, like many people, depend on their connections, their network, and their friends to get things done in their milieu. Changing the boundaries of anything will change where they shop, where they access health care, their learning choices and their political connections. It changes how work gets done.

For 15 years I have worked for a nonprofit group, Riverland Recreational Trail Society, that runs the 288 km Iron Horse Trail that goes through 10 municipalities. The Iron Horse Trail is just a dirt trail through the bush. However many issues arise each month. The STP involved is active and diligently sorting out issues with 10 municipalities and occasionally the Alberta Government. We all, municipalities and nonprofits, work hard at keeping our organizations efficient at grooming the STPs we depend upon in each community for support. Changes to the political boundaries are just one more issue every so often. Each municipal election also brings more newbies to the table who need to be worked with so they can understand the complexities of this new environment. We learn to adjust to changing government but this adjustment effects our efficiency at getting things done.

In my career I served a local college, Portage College, as a regional director in the Lac La Biche – St Paul constituency and the Bonnyville – Cold Lake constituency as well as some parts of Vermilion and Vegreville constituencies. As a regional college we had the many problems working in 18 or 20 communities at the same time, but we found ways to use the STPs to make it work, always individualized to fit the community. We did not work on Goodfish First Nation the way we did in Cold Lake, nor did we work in Frog Lake First Nation the way we did in Saddle Lake First Nation. We worked through the local municipality and through the network of STPs in the community.

So when I hear the Mayor of Bonnyville talking about putting in sewers in Bonnyville costing the same as in Edmonton, I understand the infrastructure issues he is espousing but I also understand that it is his STP network that is so much smaller but has to deal with the same issues. The MLAs presenting are trying to talk of the number of stops they have to make to deal with their many communities issues. Partly they are all referring to the issues of scale when comparing themselves to the large communities but they are also talking about the hidden dimension of the issues of their STPs. STP networks operate on personal contact. The rural community depends on these STPs to a much larger extent and this is why they seek to keep it the same; it preserves the ability of the community to get things done.

How should the Commission respond to Rural Alberta's concern's?

As you approach changing electoral boundaries I think you need to keep in mind the needs of the various economic drivers such as shopping, employment, industrial basis and regional organizations such as municipalities, school boards and First Nations as has been well stated. However, the needs of the volunteer base in Rural Alberta, its very lifeblood, need to be considered. For instance, if Lac La Biche has to go together with another area, choose Athabasca over Fort McMurray for location and similarities of economic base as well as the historical connections that the STP folks have that will enable them to work together. Try not to put Cold Lake in with Fort McMurray as was done federally as they are the geographically distant and have few connections within their STP communities. Onion Lake's connections are with Lloydminster; Frog Lake is connected more today with Bonnyville than its historical connection to St Paul, although it is increasingly connected to Lloydminster.

Your task will be difficult, trying to balance the electoral vision of equal voting, although I think if you look

at the historical connections of the people and the changing demographics you should be able to find ways to support the networks of STPs in each community, large and small, who do much of the work in Rural Alberta. Try not to cut these networks apart. Try to enhance them where possible.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper

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| Hello, I think that we should ensure that reserves such as Blood 148 and Piikani are in one riding. This will allow their voice to be heard in the legislature. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

File 11-02-02
January 19, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
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Constituency Boundaries Review Submission:

Clear Hills County is a rural municipality located in the Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley electoral district in northern Alberta, Canada. The constituency is one of two in the province that is considered a special district and allowed to have less than the average population due to the lack of population and distance between communities.

As detailed in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the population of a proposed electoral division should vary no more than 25% from the provincial average except for some unique and special cases.

For 2016, this means that, with 87 seats in the Alberta legislature, on average each riding should have approximately 49,000 residents. With the possibility of 25% variance, this means that each riding should be between 61,250 and 36,750 residents. As outlined on the 2017 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's website, the majority of existing ridings currently fall within this range, and as such, Albertans should not expect a significant readjustment from the status quo.

Clear Hills County along with Alberta's other rural municipalities and the residents they represent are concerned that the 2016/17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission recommendations to alter the boundaries due to population rather than considering the rural geographic sizes and locations will result in fewer rural seats and a reduction in the ability of Alberta's legislature to adequately represent the interests of rural Albertans and rural communities.

In closing, it is the position of Clear Hills County that the current rural electoral boundaries are already at their maximum size and that expanding the boundaries of any of Alberta's larger electoral constituencies will only increase the existing challenges facing those constituents and their elected representatives.

Yours truly, 


Jason Ruecker,
Reeve
JR/bm

Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61

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OFFICE OF THE REEVE

January 24, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5
Attention: Honourable Myra Bielby, Chair

Dear Ms. Bielby:

RE: 2017 ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES REVIEW

The M.D. of Wainwright is pleased to provide its submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. We understand that the Commission is reviewing existing constituency boundaries based on population changes in the province over the last 8 years.

In our view, there has not been enough change in Alberta's rural population to warrant modification of the electoral boundaries. We acknowledge that many constituencies have grown or at least remained stable and viable. However, the provincial average for each constituency has remained fairly steady at about 49,000 each based on 87 areas. According to our calculations using the plus or minus 25 percent factor, this brings the minimum population requirement to 36,750 and the maximum to 61,250. In consideration of the current population data available, the majority of existing constituencies fall within these two thresholds with the exception of only a few exceeding the minimum and maximum limits. In our view, this seems completely adequate to meet the requirements set before the commission.

In closing, we encourage the commission to keep the rural boundaries the same as the geographical size of the existing rural constituencies are large enough. Increasing the size any further would, in our opinion, erode grass roots democracy and move the M.L.A.'s further away from being in touch with the people. We encourage the commission to keep the status quo for rural Alberta to preserve our rural voice and representation in the Alberta Legislature.

We appreciate this opportunity to bring forth our concerns to you and your committee. We ask for your kind consideration of our submission when making your final decision in the Electoral Boundaries Review process.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (780) 842-7309.

Sincerely,

Bob Barss
Reeve



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| Address |
| Coaldale Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Little Bow |
| Submission |
| The boundaries should be more regional in nature taking into account adjacent services and not subject to municipal boundaries. For example, Coaldale and Coalhurst are bedroom communities of Lethbridge and share water services. Additionally, many people who live in these communities work in Lethbridge and in several instances, their children attend school in the City as well. What happens in the City affects Coaldale and Coalhurst residents more so than what happens in the county and so those two communities should be included within Lethbridge East and Lethbridge West constituencies. The rural constituencies should be in place strictly for rural residents and businesses, not for municipalities that are so intricately involved with larger Cities. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Other |
| news, word of mouth |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Gerrymandering prevention
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:04:26 PM

From: Shane Knysh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Gerrymandering prevention

Greetings!

I am interested in what if any processes are in place to prevent gerrymandering. I like that the Commission has a clear set of goals stated and I like that in Alberta and Canada we have less or less obvious politically motivated jurisdictions. Is there anything in place to prevent and protect against party based advantages?

Thanks
Shane

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from bradley bustard
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:04:36 PM

From: bradley bustard <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from bradley bustard

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| Address |
| Pincher Creek Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| highwood?? (should be more reflective of actual areas!) |
| Submission |
| <p>I understand equal votes for population, but there is a great disconnect between urban and rural voters! In their thoughts, dreams, desires, and wants.</p> <p>The way of elections in Canada, with ridings to elect a provincial or national leader are wrong. You should at least be able to vote for your potential leader rather than an MLA (or MP) hoping they get enough seats to get that leader from some other random riding gets elected.</p> <p>In Alberta right now, and certainly in the last election, the wave of new Alberta's skewed the results making the voice of rural voters irrelevant. There is simply no way that rural concerns are heard or considered if the ruling party is highly urban.</p> <p>This is a self fulfilling situation, where rural people, and rural youth, leave the 'farm' or small town, to get that job in the city. Their votes become lost and the population continues skew urban. This breeds contempt and mistrust in the system, and frustrations grow. Divides expand and interest drops.</p> <p>Somehow, the system, and these new boundaries, needs to find, or search for a balance point where both sides have a fair chance to be represented without one being squashed as being unimportant.</p> <p>This is crucial to the future of a democratic society, where the gulf between sides becomes so wide that there is no longer any respect for either side.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from marianne garrah
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:05:00 PM

From: marianne garrah <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from marianne garrah

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| jasper Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| west yellowhead |
| Submission |
| <p>West Yellowhead...a vast riding that covers communities dependent on industry...all except one community...Jasper. For many years (I sent notes in in the 90's) I have thought that Jasper would better be linked in a riding with Banff and Canmore...the industry of that riding would be similar to all and the voice of the MLA would be more significant in the Legislature.</p> <p>There is no way that Jasper is getting fairly represented by an MLA who got to the Legislature on the votes of most of his riding OUTSIDE of Jasper. Its not realistic to the voters, to the MLA or the needs of the riding to have Banff Canmore and Jasper lumped into ridings with nothing in common...</p> <p>This is a very brief summation of my concern...but i am sure you understand what I am saying. Feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] </p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Leah Kirtio](#)
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission Submission
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:05:21 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 2:59 PM
To: Info - EBC
Cc: reddeer.north@assembly.ab.ca
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission Submission

Alberta Electoral Boundary

January 2017.

Previous Alberta Electoral Boundary Commissions have taken special efforts to preserve the power of Alberta's rural voters. When Alberta's population was primarily rural, rural power was legitimate. When urban population growth outpaced rural growth, Electoral Commissions created devices to ignore where the Albertans actually lived, rouses preserving power disproportionately. While the rhetoric was simpler than the deferments and epicycles used to explain the Ptolemaic System of Planetary Orbit, the effect was the same. Obfuscation! My goal here is promote electoral boundaries that treat all Albertans equally. After this discussion, I will debunk one popular reason for deviating from the principle of one person, one vote.

Our neighboring provinces do better; their electoral districts have nearly equal number of electors. They do so because their politics are different. There is no advantage to gerrymandering because voters change party allegiance from time to time. An advantage to one party would become the other party's advantage in some future election. Further, because Alberta voters outside of Edmonton and Calgary always elect Conservative MLA's, wide-sweeping rules favoring one party over another are dressed up as a defense of principle rather than as a crude power grab. Rural Alberta has always held a hammer. They use it. They want it still. As urban Alberta grows, defending this disparity becomes trickier. Now is the time to ignore the sophistry that supports the notion that the space between voters should determine our representation.

In the late 1990's, I presented to the electoral boundary commission. There I heard that the cities could get by with fewer MLAs than rural Alberta because the cities all had the same interests. It was as if cows or crops in rural Alberta were all different and needed special management considerations. One management consideration is the claim that since their districts are so large, effective MLA service requires fewer electors; service area trumped the number of people served. I wonder if the supporters of this theory ever spent time in traffic in Edmonton or Calgary or even in our smaller cities. When I lived in rural Alberta, I spent less time travelling across large electoral divisions than travelling through Calgary or Edmonton. The space between us is no justification for unequal representation in this age of good roads and fast vehicles. And everyone knows it. Distances within an electoral district has no impact on effective service. Voter disparity is nothing more than a device to hold onto power. So too is the two culture theory of rural and urban purity.

My thesis is that setting electoral boundaries is about distributing power and that this distributed power should leave all electors equal. Other considerations are secondary. Our last redistricting created some urban/rural districts. Excellent but expect blowback and deal with it. In my lifetime, rural folk are comfortable shopping in urban centres, going to school in urban centres, and worshipping in urban centres. For generations, rural voters have found work in urban centres while countless urbanites work in rural settings. Sometimes electors cross boundaries and inter-marry.

None of this mixing has been problematic. If our two “cultures” don’t always understand or agree with each other, intermingling can only help. Of course, application of egalitarian principles is not easy.

There are reasons why boundaries exist. Boundaries reflect geographic facts, as well as social, economic, and cultural ties. Electoral boundaries reflecting where people live and work are desirable in so far as possible. Friends who live outside of Red Deer have found themselves in different districts with each boundary change. Perhaps it is unavoidable. Your task is challenging, requiring careful study and reflection. Rather than preserving old and dated power structures, focus on doing equality better. Best wishes.

Dale Boddy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Please Note: I filled out all this information on the web-page. I hit the send button and was told the address was out of date. Disappointing. Inferior service does not promote the goals of this process.

I know about this commission by reading, by knowledge of the legislation and generally paying attention.

Kim Schreiner: Please confirm your receipt of this e-mail by acknowledging receipt. thanks.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Concern about an Alberta Electoral Boundary
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:05:28 PM

From: JUDITH L BOPP [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 1:42 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Concern about an Alberta Electoral Boundary

Dear folks at the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

We are writing to share our own particular dissatisfaction with the constituency in which we have been placed. We live about 21 km west and north of Cochrane, but have been placed in the Airdrie constituency. Our address is 270240 Range Road 54.

This means that we are separated from most of our neighbours, who are in the Banff-Cochrane riding. We have no ties whatsoever with Airdrie. We never heard from any of the candidates in the run up to the provincial election, and we have never subsequently heard from our MLA. She cannot possibly represent us, since she has no interest in us whatsoever. We get our mail in Cochrane (which is a 15 minute drive away on the main roads), this is where we do our shopping, meet friends, work out at the local gym, belong to the Rotary Club, etc., etc. In other words, Cochrane and its immediate surroundings is our "neighbourhood". And yet, we are stuck in the Airdrie riding, which is a long drive away on back roads and has no natural connections to us whatsoever.

You seem to have carved out a small deviation westward at the southwest corner of the Airdrie constituency that includes our home. Cannot this be corrected? The number of people that this would remove from the Airdrie riding and place in the Cochrane-Banff riding is surely not large enough to make a difference to your numbers.

Please tell us how the existing boundaries were determined and whether there is any chance that this can be changed.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of any further help in explaining our concerns. You can reach us at this email address or by phone [REDACTED] .

Sincerely,
Judie Bopp

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dan Wong
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:06:02 PM

From: Dan Wong <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dan Wong

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| Address |
| Grande Prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie - Smoky |
| Submission |
| <p>I believe the basis for boundaries should continue to be principle based as they are now. Grande Prairie is currently split in half which hasn't favoured the interests of the City very well. It would be appropriate, based on population, for one of the ridings to exist solely within the city boundaries and another to represent the remainder of Grande Prairie and the donut urban/country residential area around it. Drawing of boundaries around urban centres in concentric rings as opposed to pie-shaped pieces would be more consistent with the values and concerns faced by residents. Rural boundaries based on natural or manmade geographic boundaries/obstacles also makes sense.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Carl Ogrodnick
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:06:18 PM

From: Carl Ogrodnick <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:03 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Carl Ogrodnick

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| County of Minburn Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Ft.Sask.-Vegreville |
| Submission |
| <p>My feelings are we should leave the boundaries alone right now.Rural ridings are very vast in size as they stand now.A rural MLA may have to work with 4-6 different municipalities within his/her riding.Whereas in the two major cities a number of MLA's only work with 1. We are going through tough economic conditions in our province, and with the recent statements made by the Prime Minister about phasing out oil sands development,our populations may start to decrease in our cities. Alberta is a vast province ranging from agricultural land to Boreal Forests to oilsands to the mountain regions, which all require adequate representation. I think at this time is is prudent for us to stay the course for now. Thank-you.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Christine Nothof
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:06:27 PM

From: Christine Nothof <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:57 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Christine Nothof

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| Address |
| Sylvan Lake, Ab Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Rimbey/Rocky Mtn. Hse./Sundre |
| Submission |
| <p>I am requesting consideration be given to changing the Innisfail/Sylvan Lake electoral boundary. We live 4 miles west of Secondary Highway 781. All our support services are out of Sylvan Lake and Red Deer, including doctoring, banking and shopping. Our mailing address is 2169 TWP Rd 382, Red Deer County and the Sylvan Lake Post Office sorts and delivers our mail.</p> <p>Therefore, we have more reason and connection to be represented by the Innisfail/Sylvan Lake riding than by Rimbey/Rocky Mtn. Hse./Sundre riding.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jacqueline Maisonneuve
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:07:23 PM

From: Jacqueline Maisonneuve <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:31 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Jacqueline Maisonneuve

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| Address |
| Donnelly Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Dunvegan-central-Peace-Notley |
| Submission |
| In the last election one side of the Village of Donnelly had to vote in neighboring town of Falher and the rest in Donnelly. I would like to propose that the electoral boundary for the village of Donnelly be changed so that all residents of Donnelly can vote in the village and not have to go to Falher. |
| Thank-you for considering this change. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Other |
| another resident of Donnelly |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Derek McBurney
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:19:49 AM

From: Derek McBurney <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:55 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Derek McBurney

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Currie |
| Submission |
| <p>Please make absolutely every effort to ensure that constituencies are redrawn so that every vote is equal. As an example, from 2016 data, there are 51,611 voters in my constituency, but only 29,533 voters in WRP Leader Brian Jean's Fort McMurray-Conklin constituency (this is just one example, there are far greater imbalances in many other other constituencies across this province). This means that a voter from Fort McMurray-Conklin has a vote that is 175% the weight of my own. Or, in other words, 4 voters in Fort McMurray-Conklin have the strength of 7 voters in Calgary-Currie. This marginalizes my vote based purely on where I live and is an affront to our democracy.</p> <p>Some defend the status quo of population inequality amongst constituencies by citing that a large geographical area can make a constituency more difficult to represent. In our digital era, physical distance has never been less of an obstacle than it is now, and one could easily argue for any number of other factors that make representation difficult, such as the % of a constituency's population living in poverty, the number of head offices in a constituency, the number of languages spoken in a constituency, etc. To favour only geography as a reason for strengthening the power of some votes over others is not only disingenuous, it's discrimination.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Heather Chan
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:20:11 AM

From: Heather Chan <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 7:24 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Heather Chan

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| Lethbridge, Alberta Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Lethbridge West |
| Submission |
| <p>The interests of the constituents in the Lethbridge West constituency are quite diverse, especially the geographical division made by the Oldman River, which separates the bedroom community of West Lethbridge from downtown Lethbridge. Further, the current east/west division line along 13th Street S cuts right through the middle of the London Road neighbourhood.</p> <p>I suggest instead that Lethbridge East and Lethbridge West be re-divided into three constituencies, namely Lethbridge North/Central (from the Oldman River extending east to Mayor Magrath and everything north of 6th Avenue S), Lethbridge South (from the Oldman River extending east to Mayor Magrath and everything south of 6th Avenue S), and Lethbridge West (everything west of the Oldman River). While arguments might be made that the north/south division line should be along Highway 3, I think the population would be more evenly distributed if divided along 6th Avenue S.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this issue.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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From: Aaron Chute <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Aaron Chute

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| Phone |
| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton South-West |
| Submission |
| The riding of Rutherford in Edmonton is continually being confused with the community of Rutherford (which is in Edmonton South-West). I feel a rename needs to take place in order for less confusion to be taking place. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook• Google• Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Barb Chapin
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:20:18 AM

From: Barb Chapin <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Barb Chapin

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary - Fish Creek |
| Submission |
| With our modern technology 87 is an adequate number of ridings. Possibly consider combining some of the smaller ridings and some adjustment of boundaries for changes in population. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| from my MLA |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lana Yakimchuk
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:20:24 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Lana Yakimchuk

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| Address |
| Cremona (Mountain View County) Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Olds Didsbury Three Hills |
| Submission |
| <p>I had the privilege of attending the hearing in Olds, and found the presentation to be intelligent and reasonable.</p> <p>I could see that the map around our constituency (Olds Didsbury Three Hills) is fine as it is, but the constituencies north and east are underpopulated while those south are overpopulated, and the imbalance will probably continue and increase.</p> <p>If the Olds-Didsbury constituency is to be altered, I would agree with either of two options: 1. Include Sundre with Olds-Didsbury, and allow Rocky Mountain House to extend east towards Sylvan Lake; OR (possibly more effective) follow Hwy 22 south past Water Valley to Hwy 290 and include everything West of that line with Rocky Mountain House. To increase Olds-Didsbury, add population from Airdrie constituency up to the town of Airdrie and/or East of Olds-Didsbury towards Drumheller. Adding the Water Valley area will increase the population of Rocky Mountain House by up to 1000 people.</p> <p>While I understand the concern about a given county having to deal with more than one MLA, I can also see the opposite advantage: if you have two people working for you, that is twice as much voice in the legislature. As well, if one of the two proves to be less effective then you still have the other.</p> <p>I somewhat agree with your goal of keeping communities fairly homogenous for representation most pleasing to the population, and I completely agree that it is not good practice to mix large urbans with rural areas which will have conflicting issues.</p> <p>Having observed you in action, I am confident that you will make the choices that work most effectively,</p> |

given the need to get the numbers right.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit my suggestions.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lorne Merrick
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:20:30 AM

From: Lorne Merrick <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Lorne Merrick

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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Bonnie Doon/Edmonton |
| Submission |
| <p>I strongly believe that due to the increased urban population within Alberta (over 50%) that the EB should be weighted to reflect that diversity and fact. Of course we cannot place less emphasis upon smaller/rural representation, but at this time they have actually more sway in electoral results than the majority and therefore, as in any democracy, majority should decide outcomes.</p> <p>A redistribution to more urban weight will also address the major cultural, ethnic, urban - aboriginal needs and viws of the urban populations. Urban municipalities are much more diverse and representative of the truth of Alberta and the future of same.</p> <p>It could also be argued that within the urban vote, with the youth and environmental concerns, that the urban constituents would find help, support and empathy.</p> <p>Regards</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Angela Gauthier-Laurin
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| Donnelly Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| dunvegan Central Peace Notley |
| Submission |
| <p>During the last provincial election, our household voting members had to travel to Falher to vote even though there was a polling station just seconds from our house--we live next to the polling station. It was horrible how the village of Donnelly was divided in two using 3rd street (Range Road 210) as a means of separation. This left half the town having to venture 15 minutes to vote instead of 1-2 minutes. What is worse is that the polling station was on the west side of the dividing line but all residents on the west side of town had to leave town to vote. I strongly believe a town should not be divided when drawing up polling stations within an electoral constituency. Putting too many polling stations in one building also causes problems as was seen during the federal election.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Newspaper ● Other |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Brenda Dale
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:40:51 AM

From: Brenda Dale <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Sylvan Lake Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Rimbey, Rocky Mountain House, Sundre |
| Submission |
| <p>I reside south of the Town of Sylvan Lake, we were moved into the Rimbey,Rocky Mountain House, Sundre Constituency in the last provincial review. I must have missed the notice for input as I would have pleaded then to remain as Innisfail- Sylvan Lake Constituency. I makes know sense for us in this area as we have absolutely no affiliation to Rimbey, Rocky Mountain House and Sundre. Our Schools are Sylvan Lake, our commerce is Sylvan Lake, our medical care is Sylvan Lake, our policing and fire protection is Sylvan Lake and I volunteer several hours at the Sylvan Lake and district archives and our district is archived there. If the east boundary south of Sylvan lake was to be moved westerly 20 miles it would involve less than 300 people, I reside [REDACTED].</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ken Kernaghan
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From: Ken Kernaghan <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Lougheed |
| Submission |
| <p>The most important aspect has to be per-person representation. The range of +- 25% for representation seems too broad (values between 61,100 and 36,700 not requiring a consideration of revision of boundaries results in almost doubling the value/influence of some voters over other voters). I would support special circumstances justifying values lower than 25% for the sparsely populated Northern regions. However, I believe the stated target ranges for revision of boundaries should be +- 15% (population range of 56,200 to 41,600). That change of range would mean that based on 2015 population numbers 12 rather than 5 Constituencies need to be smaller, and 12 rather than 3 should be larger (special circumstances do justify the Northern constituencies being smaller). I also do not think that any constituency should have a population value that is more than 15% above the average of the census data that is the basis for establishing the boundaries.</p> <p>I also believe a rule should be added about the shape of constituencies to avoid the type of bizarre boundaries that a political group may push to have created based on demographic data to maximize their chances of winning. Any adjustment of the current shapes should be done in a way that makes the shapes more regular, closer to square shapes.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Fern Snart
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:42:20 AM

From: Fern Snart <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Fern Snart

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Whitemud |
| Submission |
| <p>Over time, with population fluctuation, the Alberta circumstance for ensuring that each vote is fair, carrying essentially the same weight towards the final decision, has changed. It is very timely that a review of electoral boundaries and their impacts occur, and I'm impressed and pleased that the current government has undertaken to do such a review .</p> <p>My brief comment/opinion would include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Numbers of votes per constituency should vary much less than the current 25% allowed - perhaps 5%, but maximum 10%. 2. To provide comparatively equal numbers of votes within electoral constituencies, rural MLAs will be required to cover a larger geographic area and thus would need to be provided support for communication in areas of technology infrastructure etc 3. MLAs from large urban areas will also need supports to allow them to engage meaningfully with the people in their constituencies who represent a very diverse and complex set of needs, eg. language translators. <p>This is an exciting time to refresh the way that we operationalize fairness for the voting process in Alberta. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and all the best in the committee's work.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other |

Conversation with colleagues

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:42:44 AM

From: P. G. Skinner [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 4:40 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries

I'd love to go to a public hearing and take part in this process of re evaluating Alberta's electoral boundaries, but...

The NDP has disposed of my job and I can't afford to drive anymore with the Carbon Tax. So...

Paul Skinner
Leduc. AB.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Scott Semenyina
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:42:59 AM

From: Scott Semenyina <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 3:41 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Scott Semenyina

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| Lethbridge Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Lethbridge East |
| Submission |
| I urge the commission to consider and recommend a proportional representation system for elected officials in Alberta. Specifically, a mixed-member proportional representation system wherein citizens can vote for their local representatives (local vote for a specific representative that wins via "first past the post"), as well for the party they most favour (province wide proportional representation). It is my strong belief that such systems allow for a more balanced representation of political opinion within the province, works against gerrymandering, prevent majority governments with a minority of popular support, and ultimately force political parties to cooperate more fully in the best interests of the citizens of Alberta. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sharon Ward
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:49:22 AM

From: Sharon Ward <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sharon Ward

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| Webberville - near Town of Peace River Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Peace River |
| Submission |
| <p>I hope that whatever you decide for the new boundaries that you accurately count residents - using their home land location and not the mailing Postal Code address.</p> <p>As a result of using the mail receipt address for us we were asked to vote in a riding that did not include our residence by legal land description. Like everything else governments due rural residents numbers are gathered on systems that only work in urban areas!</p> <p>The need to update is very evident but it is important that residents be accurately represented.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration in this very important task.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| <p>Friend - I do not facebook, etc. as I do not have internet service in my residence. No flyers in mail box!</p> |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Vic Walker
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:49:31 AM

From: Vic Walker <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff-Cochrane |
| Submission |
| <p>RECOGNIZE, need to re-balance, so as to more closely align MLA's with the number of electors within each riding. i.e. equalize representation.</p> <p>EXPECT, that there is a risk of gerrymandering, but would hope that, of all the political parties, the NDP may be above that.</p> <p>STRONGLY OPPOSE, any increase in total number of MLA's. Especially in times of restricted growth/high unemployment/deficit budgeting/seriously constrained forward growth opportunities this should NOT even be on the table for consideration.</p> <p>FWIW.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: electoral boundaries
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:22:39 AM

From: Jan Murie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:56 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: electoral boundaries

Dear Commission Members,

I write to urge you to redraw boundaries in such a way as to reduce the discrepancies in number of voters between ridings. No longer is it necessary to minimize the areas of rural ridings--the internet and social media make it possible for constituents to contact their MLA much more easily than in the past, and it is high time that rural and urban votes are more equivalent than in the past. Please give short shrift to the arguments to maintain many smallish rural areas.

Thank you.

Jan Murie

Jan O. Murie

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Edmonton AB [REDACTED]

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Pat Marcellus
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:22:39 AM

From: Pat Marcellus <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 12:23 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Pat Marcellus

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| Red Deer Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Red Deer South |
| Submission |
| <p>I support the submission of Public Interest Alberta in that the Electoral Boundaries commission should work to limit population variance by 5% rather than by 25%. I believe that increased support to MLAs to properly represent difficult ridings is a much needed change. I also believe that democracy would be better served if rural ridings included mostly rural voters and urban ridings included mostly if not all urban voters when the urban centres are the larger cities. That way the constituents needs in each riding would be similar enough that MLA'S could better represent the interests of their constituents.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

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From: Bradley Congram <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 7:11 PM
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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>I appreciate the importance of having electoral boundaries which facilitate voting. For many rural voters there can be a challenge in simply reaching a polling station due to the distances involved. However, I do worry that a side effect of drawing boundaries as they are now is that rural voters are disproportionately weighted in elections. Calgary, Edmonton, and Red Deer compose more than 2.5 million people, more than half of Alberta's population. They are where most of Alberta's economic output is generated, they are where the most tax dollars come from, they are what drives the entire province. It seems silly to adopt electoral boundaries which minimize their importance to provincial affairs in the name of convenience.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Erik Soderstrom
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:22:43 AM

From: Erik Soderstrom <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Strathcona |
| Submission |
| <p>My greatest concern is that electoral boundaries be revised to reflect a better balance between urban and rural voters. Modern technological and demographic trends have rendered the need for smaller populations per riding in rural areas unnecessary and it is negatively impacting public policy. Most of the Alberta population lives in urban centres, most in the GEA or Calgary. Changes should increase representation in Edmonton in particular, but all urban centres province wide.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Radio ● Twitter ● Newspaper |

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From: Glenn Moss <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Calgary Map It |
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| <p>In a democracy it is important that all citizens are provided with an equal say on the selection of a government that will work for us. In order to do that we need to continually ensure that the value of each vote is the same, within practical limits.</p> <p>I understand that the legislation requires a review of electoral boundaries at regular intervals. I agree with the timing as it currently stands, more frequent reviews would be an unnecessary expense. Less frequent reviews might skew the voting to deprive certain constituencies of the representation they deserve.</p> <p>With the premise that all citizen's votes should be treated equally, we have to recognize that there are other practical and logistical limitations that would prevent a strict adherence to the principle. The guideline that all constituencies should be within +/- 25% of the average is a reasonable compromise.</p> <p>It is also important to understand that the interests of the various constituencies can differ greatly. Urban interests can vary significantly from rural interests. It is therefore important that those differences be considered when changes to boundaries are being decided. From a practical perspective it would not be possible to have strictly urban or rural constituencies but, the goal should be to avoid mixing urban and rural. To do this would be create divisions of interest within a constituency and mute the voice of one or the other of the groups.</p> <p>Considering the goal of equal weighting for all constituencies I believe that the current divisions meet that target with only a few minor adjustments required.</p> <p>The estimated population of 4,252,879 (Statistics Canada as of July 1, 2016) spread over 87</p> |

constituencies yields a target size of 48,884 people per constituency. Assuming that a variation of 25% higher or lower that the target size gives us a range of between 36,663 and 61,105 citizens per constituency.

With the downturn in the Alberta economy it is unlikely that we will see the sort of growth that Alberta has had in the past couple of decades or so. The 2016 estimates should give us a fairly accurate basis to consider any required changes to boundaries for the next 10 years.

Of the 87 constituencies there are a total of 8 that fall outside of the stated target size.

I recommend that for the smaller mainly rural constituencies that no changes be made based solely on the population. The constituencies of Dunvegan-Central Peace, Fort McMurray-Conklin and Lesser Slave Lake although smaller in population size, all cover vast areas. In order to adjust the population to conform with the target would require increasing the physical size of the area. Reasonable representation would become more difficult if the area is increased in any meaningful way, just to level that population.

The Banff-Cochrane constituency is currently marginally larger than the target by a little less than 3,000 people. Adjusting the population to simply get it within the +/- 25% range would be a short term fix due to significant growth that is ongoing. It would be advisable to move the population closer to the mid point. The physical footprint of the constituency should be reduced to a tighter circle around the towns of Banff and Canmore and move parts of the more rural portions of the constituency into the neighbouring constituencies of Rimbey Rockyview (under by about 20,000) and Livingstone Mcleod (under by about 20,000). Both of these ridings are below the target by approximately 8-10%. This would also meet the goal of keeping similar interests urban, rural, and in this case Parks in each constituency.

In Calgary McCall the constituency is over the target by about 10% or 7,000 people. Redistributing 3,000 to Calgary Mackay-Nose Hill, 2,000 to Calgary Cross and 2,000 to Calgary Greenway would keep all 4 constituencies within the target range. It would also meet the goal of avoiding significant mixing of urban and rural interests.

Calgary Northern Hills is only slightly over the target (200 people) A proactive adjustment of approximately 2,000 people to the Calgary Foothills constituency would keep both within the target and not impact any of the more rural ridings.

Calgary South East is over the target by a significant margin approximately 18,000 people. The constituency is bordered by Calgary-Shaw (under by 11,000), Calgary Hays (under by 14,000), Calgary Fort (under by 10,000) all of which are below the target. By redistributing the 4 ridings together they could all easily be brought into the desired range.

Edmonton Strathcona is over the target range by approximately 5,000 people. The neighbouring constituencies are Edmonton McClung (under by 18,000), Edmonton Rutherford (under by 15,000), Edmonton Whitemud (under by 8,000). Redistributing the 5,000 to the other ridings would easily keep all the constituencies within the target range and would keep the urban and rural nature intact.

Overall I believe that the current distribution of populations within the constituencies is quite workable and that with some minor adjustments referred to above the electorate in Alberta will be reasonably represented in the legislature.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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From: William Dolman <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from William Dolman

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Ellerslie |
| Submission |
| All votes and all voters should be equal - period. That means that all constituencies should have the same (or within a very, very small difference) population - like within 5% or so. To suggest that rural voters should have "heavier" votes (in other words, that rural constituencies should have smaller populations) because there are special problems in rural areas is to deny that urban or suburban voters have problems. The problems may be somewhat different, but they have problems too. And the whole matter of accessibility is irrelevant - what with email, skype, etc. (Note, these days, you can drive the entire length of the Province in under 12 hours.) |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from David Nichiporik
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:23:25 AM

From: David Nichiporik <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Edmonton Whitemud |
| Submission |
| Need to consider "area" into the equation and not only population. When you have a 10 story building, it is the same services required equally for all. The MLA for a rural riding needs to travel considerable to talk to his constituents. Services in rural areas are more in demand and they need to be better represented. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Adam Linnard
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:23:28 AM

From: Adam Linnard <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 3:56 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Adam Linnard

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| Banff-Cochrane |
| Submission |
| <p>I'm pleased to see "Common community interest" listed as a factor in redesigning constituency boundaries. Both federally and provincially, it makes sense to me to realign boundaries in geographic and economic terms.</p> <p>The Lake Louise-Banff-Canmore stretch of Banff-Cochrane has very little in common with the Cochrane end of our constituency, particularly in terms of environmental concerns (like wildlife corridors) and economic drivers (tourism, primarily). Our current MLA, Cam Westhead, is the first in my memory to recognize the distinctness of our mountain communities, but it makes more sense to me to have a constituency along the Rocky Mountain front, perhaps including Jasper, Hinton, Nordegg, Lake Louise, Banff, Canmore, and nearby communities depending on population. The geographic dispersal of this riding shouldn't be very significant in a modern context, and I believe would be compensated for by allowing the region's residents to select a representative who understands their unique needs and interests.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Leah Kirtio](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ian Weetman
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:23:29 AM

From: Ian Weetman <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:33 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ian Weetman

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Highlands-Norwood |
| Submission |
| Please limit the variations in riding populations to no more than +/- 5% from the median average. It is shameful how many ridings in Alberta have been rigged to allow the over-representation of rural Albertans in the legislature given its stagnant or declining populations compared to urban areas which continue to grow rapidly and have never been given EQUAL representation to date. Thank you. Sincerely, Ian Weetman Edmonton Highlands-Norwood |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Syed Hasan
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:55:54 PM

From: Syed Hasan <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Fort McMurray Map It |
| Submission |
| All boundaries must have equal population base. Hence if Alberta is 3 million people and Calgary is 1.5 million then it should have 50% of the seats. It is not fair for large cities like Edmonton and Calgary to have one constituency have 55,000 people while several small towns in a bigger rural area have one representative for 20,000 people. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from David Gourlay
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:56:41 PM

From: David Gourlay <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:30 AM
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Subject: Website submission from David Gourlay

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| Grande Prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie, Smoky |
| Submission |
| <p>The electoral boundaries must be reviewed with an overall objective of fairness and equity of representation on a regular or scheduled basis, rather than at the whim of the governing party. The only adjustment to representation by population should be to give fair consideration to remote areas. An area sadly neglected in electoral boundaries continues within municipalities, both urban & rural, where the ward system is in place. The inequities in these jurisdictions still fall within the provincial government purview & authority and must be included in the review to assure equitable representation.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Census deadline: push it back
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:58:53 PM

From: Jolan Kent [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Census deadline: push it back

Please push back the deadline for written submissions so we can ensure the best data is used

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Census Data
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:59:00 PM

From: Michael Janz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Census Data

Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to clarify which census data that you will be using.

I would ask you to delay the deadline for written submissions until Feb 28th— an additional 20 days that would allow you to use the latest StatsCanada 2016 Census population numbers which are scheduled to be released on the 28th.

This would make for a more accurate representation and better analysis. I do not believe that a brief delay of a couple weeks would impact your ability to use the latest data to make a sensible decision.

Michael Janz

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Let us the best data - Push back the written submission deadline
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:59:08 PM

From: Duncan Kinney [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 12:50 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Let us the best data - Push back the written submission deadline

Hello

My name is Duncan Kinney. I'm the executive director of a non-profit called Progress Alberta. I plan on participating in a public hearing and submitting a written submission but there is an issue that needs to be addressed by the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission immediately in order for it to credibly do its job.

The deadline for written submissions to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission is February, 8, 2017. StatsCanada is [releasing the first population results from the 2016 census](#) on February 8, 2017.

The commission needs to push back the deadline for written submissions a few weeks to Feb. 28, 2017 in order to give Albertans the necessary time to consider and analyze the latest data and integrate it into their submissions.

If the commission does not push back its deadline and does not give Albertans the time to analyze and consider the latest census data this first round of written submissions will be of poor quality, of little use to the commission and ultimately a waste of its time and of the time of Albertans who are going to the effort of participating in this critical process.

Especially given that the 2016 census data will be the data that's used by the commission to draw its boundaries it's a disservice to Albertans to force them to rely on outdated 2011 census data for their written submissions.

From your [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

The Commission will obtain and consider census information, including that obtained in the 2016 federal census (to be released in February 2017), to determine the current populations of each of the 87 provincial constituencies, and any changes in that population since the last Electoral Boundary Commission review in 2009-10.

Let us use the best, most recent data that the commission itself will be using. Push back the deadline.

A smaller but still important issue that needs to be addressed is that there is no way to add attachments to a written submission [that is submitted through the online form](#). Without being able to attach anything to your submission there would be no maps, no appendices, no supporting documents. By making it possible for people to add attachments to their online submission the commission can ensure a higher quality written submission.

Thank you for your time.

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Duncan Kinney
 Executive Director
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Written submissions deadline
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:59:31 PM

From: Terry Korman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: re: Written submissions deadline

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please postpone your deadline for written submissions regarding electoral boundary changes until February 28th - the end of the month.

This would be greatly appreciated, and would allow for a more accurately balanced appraisal of size (what with the latest Census results), and thus lead to a more Democratic outcome (the very purpose of your Commission).

Thank you,

Terry Korman

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Census data
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:59:40 PM

From: Barret Weber [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 7:00 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Census data

Hello there,

I'm working in my formal submission to your commission and have noticed that the new census data is not yet available. I would ask that you extend the submission deadline until the newest data is made available.

Thank-you for consuse ring this request.

Best,

Barret Weber

Edmonton Centre NDP EDA President

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Census and redistribution of constituencies
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:59:47 PM

From: Linda Granholm [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 11:59 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Census and redistribution of constituencies

Dear Madame Chairman and Committee members:

I note that the deadline for written submissions and the release of the 2016 census numbers coincide. I would urge an extension for written submissions be made so writers can use relevant numbers in their submissions. A better quality of submission will result if up-to-date numbers are referred to and dare I suggest a better basis for future decisions will be formed using the latest census.

Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Granholm
Edmonton

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Subject: Fw: Provincial Electoral Map
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:00:15 PM

From: McArthur [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 8:06 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Provincial Electoral Map

I encourage the Commission to let regular citizen of Alberta to use the latest census data by delaying the deadline for written submissions until Feb. 28. The current deadline for written submissions is Feb. 8th

By not giving us, the general Public, time to analyze and consider the latest census data in this first round of written submissions the submissions will be of poor quality and ultimately not very useful to the commission. The 2016 Census data will be what's used by you, the Commission, to draw up the Provincial electoral map. Again, I urge the Commission to delay a few weeks so that regular citizens have the same opportunities as the Commission will have to consider the latest data.

Thanks

Brian McArthur
[REDACTED] 
Cochrane AB

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Please delay submission deadline
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:00:21 PM

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Roxie Gordey
[REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 6:59 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Please delay submission deadline

Hello!

I would like to offer a suggestion in regards to the new electoral boundaries, but it works be very difficult to do so without proper census data. Please consider delaying the submission deadline so that the proper data can be interpreted and included in the debate

In general, however, I would like to see greater efforts be made to diversify representation. Rural ridings currently are too under populated and lead to unfair representation. In my home city of Grande Prairie, the riding seems to be split between urban and rural residents. As a result, the vote in my riding was very divided.

Please take these things into consideration.

Thank you very much for your time and effort!

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundary Changes
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:00:28 PM

From: Bob McInnis [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 7:18 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundary Changes

I appreciate all the work the commission is undertaking and the public engagement that will be occurring in January and February. I am hoping that you will delay the deadline for written submissions until after the release of the 2016 Stats Canada data which should be released on February 8. I understand that you have deadlines and that there is some urgency but since we are very unlikely to see a writ until spring 2019, it seems that adding another month to your process, so that the latest population numbers can be used, would seem reasonable.

Make Today Remarkable,

Bob McInnis
Provocateur
Coach/Consultant

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Online survey
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:00:46 PM

From: Stephanie Robison [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Online survey

Please consider developing an online survey for us to convey our input, similar to the recent federal survey - that was fantastic!

It's not like the matter is wide open. You're only considering changes within given boundaries. Empower all Albertans to have a voice by designing an online survey which will gather the input you're seeking and couple it with the public and written submissions.

Stephanie

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral reform
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:00:59 PM

From: Robert Henderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral reform

Sir/madam;

1. Recommendation - reduce the number of sitting MLAs.

Reason: The City of Calgary has 14 sitting Councillors at the municipal level, and 24 sitting Members of the Legislature at the provincial level. Calgarians are better represented by population in Edmonton, than they are in Calgary. Reduce the size of government. Thank you.

Robert Henderson

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Michael P. Cecile
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:01:25 PM

From: Michael P. Cecile <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Michael P. Cecile

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Northwest 22 |
| Submission |
| I would like to see an equal number of voters in every constituency. It is unfair when some voters have twice the weight of my vote! |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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Subject: Website submission from Ina Storeshaw

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Innisfail-Sylvan Lake |
| Submission |
| There is absolutely no reason to redraw boundaries...it is yet another waste of our tax dollars at a time when all Albertans are already struggling to survive with the NDP socialist/leftist tax regime |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jim Davis
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:02:51 PM

From: Jim Davis <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jim Davis

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Jim Davis

Email

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Phone[REDACTED] **Address**edmonton
[Map It](#)**Submission**

at a time we should be thinning out government and conserving money better spent on people hardest hit by incompetent government you want to waste more cash on this. it's bad enough we spend near 10 million on lies that pop up everywhere there's a screen now you want to waste money on this. there's a storm coming and this will add to the intensity if you go through with it.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook
- Newspaper

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from P Smith
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Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from P Smith

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| Ardrossan Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Fort Sask - Vegreville |
| Submission |
| <p>First, population of all ridings needs to be +/- 10% of the mean.</p> <p>Second, the riding needs to be covering the smallest geographical area possible.</p> <p>Third, for efficient representation, smallest area geographical ridings need to be above the mean and the largest need to be below the mean.</p> <p>Fourth, historical dividing lines should be considered, ie river or highway.</p> <p>Fifth, the people appointed to the boundary commission are partisan-political and that is a slap in the face to the majority of Albertans They should be immediately replaced by people like George Cuff and Gary Peck.</p> |
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| Stettler Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Drumheller Stettler |
| Submission |
| <p>I personally can not receive fair representation by my MLA in a constituency as large as this one. Even though we have remote area's with little population the MLA can not possibly travel their constituency in the time or fashion that an urban MLA can. Even with multiple offices which is a higher cost to the constituency it is not humanly possible for a person to travel the entire constituency in a day where an urban MLA can travel their constituency in probably less than 30 minutes. Many in rural area's have to travel miles and miles to see and speak with their MLA. It is even difficult to get to a constituency meeting without travelling a few hours no matter where it is held. This is really unfair representation. Representation should be by area not population.</p> |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:01:55 PM

From: Garry Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Albertans cannot afford the extra taxes that will be required to pay for more provincial constituencies .

Take into account the recent migration from Alberta to other provinces because of unemployment and increase taxation causing small business failure and the population increase is probably significantly reduced.

Garry Harris.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: response to boundary changes
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:01:51 PM

From: Linda Pyne [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: response to boundary changes

I think you are missing something very important

In my area of Taber Alberta we have been seeing steady growth of Mexican Mennonites over several years. They come here for our health care. They send their kids to our schools only to grade 6 because they have no value in their lifestyle for education. **THEY DO NOT RUN IN ELECTIONS NOR DO THEY VOTE.** You would be changing boundaries for a growing population who do not vote. they are also transient moving from small community to small community looking for jobs and living with family members. Save your time and money!!!

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kim Milne
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:47:29 PM

From: Kim Milne <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 8, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Kim Milne

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| Stony Plain Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Stony Plain |
| Submission |
| I am not sure why the need to change everything. Maybe try focusing on things of more importance. JOBS SCRAP THE CARBON TAX UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOOD BANK USAGE LESS GOVERNMENT JOBS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TAKE A PAY CUT SUICIDE RATE UP VERBAL ABUSE BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS - CONTINUED NAME CALLING OF THOSE NOT IN AGREEMENT DOES CONSTITUTE VERBAL ABUSE |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Russ Tynan
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Lougheed |
| Submission |
| <p>I offer the following thoughts. I hope they are useful to the Commission.</p> <p>1. A the core, representation should be equitable for all in the province. A general target number of constituents per MLA insures perceptions of fairness. But that would not be equal representation.</p> <p>There should be tolerances for constituencies that are geographically spread out, and the distance from Legislature should also be a consideration. Travel times to and from the Legislature might be considered as a factor. I think representing a rural jurisdictions involves huge travel and time just to meet people. Less access to their MLA can effectively reduces the representation rural residents, when compared to the level of service that a more urban Member of the Assembly might be able to offer.</p> <p>Similarly, a Member of the Assembly representing a riding adjacent to the Legislature, would be able to provide the highest availability and level of service, so possibly the number of citizens in that riding might be slightly higher, than a riding in Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray or even Calgary.</p> <p>2. I believe that we have too many Elected representatives.</p> <p>So while addressing the geographic distribution, and travel times from the Legislature, if the number of elected representatives dropped by 20 or so, I believe that would serve our democracy well. Citizens might more quickly understand that the role is one of representation in a representative democracy. Our civil service would be easily adjust service models to compensate and hopefully our day to day interaction with government would be less political.</p> |

Generally I think we expect too much from elected officials - as it relates to the transactions and day-to-day interface with government. Elected representatives should be looking at the longer term, and of course providing structured oversight.

I would like to see fewer elected representatives, more focused on the longer term values of our citizens.

3. I believe that constituency boundaries should align, where possible with the natural affiliations of the riding. If boundaries can align to federal constituencies, municipal wards and school boards, it would be helpful.

Each part of a city and communities are be unique. By example, I would not have all constituencies as slices of a pie trying to consider all citizens as being the same. We are different. It is reflected in the communities we live in, the things that we do once we are home, and a common set of needs based upon geography and situation.

People from certain areas may align politically and there may be a desire to blend them to force a broader perspective - I think such a forced union to be unwise. Please try to keep the 'politics' out of boundary work.

I think it is up to municipalities to best plan communities, so I don't that using the boundaries commission for such purposes is a good idea. I believe Municipalities can do a better job in this regard, of 'master planning' to insure diverse and well engaged communities providing advantages for all, but I still believe that is there job.

How did you hear about the review?

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- Other

email note from a political party

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Subject: Website submission from Robert Campo

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Calgary
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Submission

I would like this province to get to one citizen, one vote principle. I am tired of seeing the votes of rural residents having a disproportionate value and weight on election results. When you couple that with the fact that urban voters, on average, pay greater taxes, it makes a mockery of our existing system.

The reason that we used to hear about rural ridings being so large in size that elected representatives could not get around to hear from their constituents is no longer valid in this age of electronic communications.

Some political parties in this province have absolutely no incentive to change this system as they are the beneficiaries of the status quo. It is up to this Commission to ensure that we return to the "one man, one vote" principle.

In addition, I think the Commission should consider bringing in a system whereby voters could vote without having to go to polling stations. Aside from the obvious amount of money it could save, I would respectfully suggest that it would increase voter participation which is always a good thing. Surely experts could design a system which is secure and would yield reliable results.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| Honestly NDP you need to back down now. All your changes are expensive and unnecessary. No more, the destruction of this province has been huge. Figure out your stupid tax before you move on to another costly ill thought out blunder. Your government, your policies are disasterous...it's seriously like Alberta allowed an bunch of grade 2 children to run the place....just stop no changed or costly government interference is required. I have followed politics my whole life and have no idea what my current electoral constituency is...so must not be important and probably does not need "your help". You guys are the opposite of Midas...everything you youch turns to crap. Please sit in a corner for 2.5 years, so when the adults put you out the damage is not so severe...and in case you are wondering I voted for you...god help me |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Rockyview chestermere |
| Submission |
| <p>I'm not aware of all the issues that effect all of the province as related to boundaries. My issue is only related to the riding I'm in. As you know Rockyview Chestermere wraps around the top of Calgary and includes several diverse Communities. It seems to me to pose a difficult challenge for any candidate/MLA to campaign or to serve the constituents. There are so many conflicting issues from transportation/infrastructure to inter municipal relationships such as annexation and growth that I really have difficulty seeing how anyone could juggle everyone's wishes and represent them in an unconflicted way. Also travel and physical presence given the congestion of Calgary in the middle seems impractical. I have no answers or suggestions but just putting my thoughts out to you and would be available to discuss it further. A previous submission # 083 seems to have a related issue.</p> <p>I appreciate all the volunteer work that you are doing for Alberta.</p> <p>Andrew Melton</p> |
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| Email from PC association |

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Submission

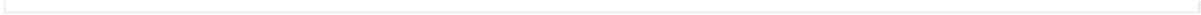
It is time to improve our electoral system and empower those who are in the system and working hard every day to safeguard the Albertan values and prosperity.

Here what I suggest in short:

- 1- The provincial government cabinet should be approved by the senates, and city mayors and aldermen. By this way, all who are in the governing system had a say on who will represent them in the upper government.
- 2- The premier should be elected based on a number of voters in the province and not based MLAs winning seats.
- 3- The premier should be allowed to select whoever in the governing cabinet from the MLAs regardless of their political affiliation. The ministers should be focused on the work and not the parties agenda.
- 4- All Albertans are allowed to vote as long as they fulfill the following conditions:
 - 4.A. They are citizens and resident of Alberta.
 - 4.B. They are 16 or above.
 - 4.C. Their Taxes Records are Current!
- 5- The electoral regions should be defined based on a number of people served and not based on geographical area. In other words, the geographical boundary should remain flexible all the time depending on the official census numbers.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)



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| Bragg Creek Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Foothills |
| Submission |
| I believe the Foothills electoral boundary is far to large for one MP to properly manage. |
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| St. Albert Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| St. Albert |
| Submission |
| It is quite clear that over the decades that the urban/rural representation numbers have become more and more lopsided. We need more parity within the system and fairer representation. The objective of this process should be to get an even amount of constituents per MLA. Rural MLAs should be given larger budgets to consult with their constituents but they should no longer have more power within out democracy then urban MLAs. |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Riverview |
| Submission |
| <p>I would like to write in support of the following:</p> <p>a) I support drawing constituency boundaries along natural borders and creating a process which does not allow them to be redrawn at a whim. My own neighbourhood moves around between three constituencies, I presume in order to better segregate more liberal voters under previous PC rule.</p> <p>b) Population representation should be as close to even as possible between rural and urban areas - i.e., one representative should stand for approx 47,000 people (4.1 million/87 representatives). An individual representative can only hear from so many people and it is ridiculous to have such over-representation as currently exists in rural areas. As we have seen in the recent American election, this leads to absurd differences between the direct and representative votes.</p> <p>c) I would like to see a robust process created to limit the opportunities for gerrymandering in the future.</p> |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Meadowlark |
| Submission |
| No flat out no no changes. We have a big enough government we don't need to waste anymore money |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Subject: Website submission from Kevin Outhet

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Klein |
| Submission |
| <p>Hello,</p> <p>Quite simply I believe every Albertans vote is equal and all ridings should have an equal number of eligible voters (with a statisitcally reasonable margin.)</p> <p>I am willing to accept this would mean geographically small ridings in inner cities and very large ridings in rural areas and that more expenses and funds may need to be distributed to larger geographical ridings to provide similar access and services (both election and after.)</p> <p>I can accept if this means an increase to the number of ridings.</p> <p>I would be very frustrated if rural ridings are geographically convenient, but ridings have large discrepancies in voter population.</p> <p>We elect our premier as the leader of the party with the most riding victories. Why should a vote in a small population riding have more influence on that decision than a vote in a large population riding. A vote is powerful and we are all equal Albertans.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Leah Kirtio](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Syed Abdul Raheem
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary - Varsity |
| Submission |
| <p>Hello,</p> <p>I spent some time going over the current Electoral division maps and the rules governing them. Here are some observations that stood out and the EBC should consider rectifying these issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allowing a 25% variance in Electoral districts. This allowance is very lax in my opinion. I think the maximum allowable variance should be 10%, with no exceptions. 2. There have been a lot of debate over the size of urban and rural constituencies in many of the submissions I read. I strongly believe every citizen's vote should be counted equally, and therefore (in the current system), every ED should have the same number of people. 3. There is a big divide in the issues a person living in rural vs urban Alberta faces. So rural ED's should be separate from urban. 4. An example of #3 is the awkward division of Fort McMurray. The MLA for FortMac-Wood Buffalo represents both an oilsands worker living in Fort McMurray and also a person living in the national park in Peace Point,AB. Certainly these people have different points of view on the environment. 5. Grand Prairie's division is also similarly awkward. 6. Lastly, the province of Alberta has a very dynamic population. The population of communities change with the booms and busts in the Oil & Gas sector making reviews like this imperative. A better solution would be to move to a proportional system of representation in the Legislative assembly. |

How did you hear about the review?

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ted Youck
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:49:38 PM

From: Ted Youck <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 9:26 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Ted Youck

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
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| Submission |
| <p>With today's electronic information and the instant ability for communication to be share with constituents there is a need to review whether there is a need for 85 MLA's, can this be reduced to 45 MLA's. This should still be enough to meet the Cabinet positions, and opposition membership to maintain a strong democratic system .</p> <p>This would create a large tax saving which could be as high as 120 M.. Presently there are far too many electoral boundaries in Alberta. Thanks for this opportunity to voice my opinions.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Sherwood Park Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Sherwood Park |
| Submission |
| Hello, Sherwood Park and environs (Strathcona County) is the 4th largest municipality in Alberta, yet only has 2 electoral divisions. We are severely under-represented for our population and monetary contribution to the province. Please give our community a bigger say in how we are treated and valued. Thank you. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

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| Brooks Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Strathmore-Brooks |
| Submission |
| Leave our boundaries alone. They're not broken and do not need fixing. The end. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Householder (Direct Mail)• Facebook• Newspaper |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Doug Koroluk
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Currie |
| Submission |
| <p>There is too much variation in population of Alberta electoral districts. This ranges from less than 25,000 people in Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley to more than 50,000 in Spruce Grove-St. Albert and Calgary-Northern Hills. This disparity dilutes democracy in that the voting power of urban residents is unfairly less than rural residents.</p> <p>In the past the argument was made that rural ridings could not be made larger due to large areas required for travel. With the advent of more electronic means of being engaged in the democratic process (i.e. telephone town halls, etc.) the travel argument has less merit than before. For the update of Alberta Electoral Boundaries, consideration needs to be made to more evenly distribute the number of electors more equally across ridings even if this makes some ridings larger. An elector's vote in Alberta should have the same 'weight' regardless of where it is cast in the province.</p> <p>Note that there are much larger (in area) federal ridings and their representatives seem to be able to manage the larger geographic area. Larger ridings - to more evenly represent electors - should be considered where needed in Alberta.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other |
| E-mail. |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| CALGARY-LOUGHEED-BRIDLECREST SW |
| Submission |
| <p>Demography has changed significantly.</p> <p>As a democratic society, it is time for us now to reconsider the proportionate representation principle and revisit the geographical boundaries to have say from every citizen of our great province and our great nation.</p> <p>I am of the opinion that we must follow the principle of inclusiveness, togetherness, and above all fairness of our democratic processes that can empower our people, our communities and societies.</p> <p>We shall only be able to choose our political, economic and environmental destinies through just, fair, inclusive, responsive, and equitable election processes wherein every citizen can have his or her say. We owe to our future generations in terms of political, economic and environmental heritage that we are going to leave behind.</p> <p>We must ,at the same time, rise beyond religions, cast, creed, compartmentalized sociopolitical thoughts such as right, left and centre to build better communities and vibrant societies across our province and our nation.</p> <p>If the present election processes are not responsive to adjust these realities, we must change them.</p> <p>if the smaller geographical block could serve better purpose to have better representation, we must do that.</p> |

Thank you for hearing my thoughts as responsible citizen of this great province and our nation being the greatest democracy on this planet.

I can be reached at phone number listed in the communication and by way of the email. I would feel myself proud if I could be of any help to serve our province and our nation.

Thank you very much to all.

Best Regards,

Umed Lodhia

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Rebalancing the Equation
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:55:33 PM

From: David Armstrong [REDACTED]
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Subject: Rebalancing the Equation

Most rural constituencies have populations significantly less than constituencies in cities. This results in inequality in representation such that the vote by an MLA in rural areas has greater value/strength than that of MLAs in urban areas. Constituencies need to reflect one person/one vote so that the needs of the city residents have more weight.

David Armstrong
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Edmonton, AB

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Subject: Website submission from Ron & Judy Plett

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| Lloydminster Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Vermilion-Lloydminster |
| Submission |
| <p>Thank You for sending a hard-copy bulletin to our rural mail box.</p> <p>One of our main concerns is that there will be good regional representation in the Alberta Electoral boundaries.</p> <p>We do not want mega cities controlling what is good and what is not good for us in out-lying areas.</p> <p>We are very concerned that mega cities want the revenue from our regional resources but leave us with little say. We do not want to be a "backwater" that is simply "milked" by mega-cities.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Other |
| Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency Rep |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Lougheed |
| Submission |
| <p>When tinkering with our electoral boundaries, the Commission must act with the basic principle of fairness in mind. All votes should count equally.</p> <p>As a resident of Calgary-Lougheed, my family lives in one of the nine most populated electoral districts in the entire province. With a 2011 pop. count of 47,285, our riding has more than double number of residents of Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley. With all due respect to folks in Fairview, I don't believe they should get two votes for each one of mine. That's unfair.</p> <p>And I don't mean to pick on the rural ridings. But, given the state of our finances, it's important to find cost-effective solutions to this imbalance. In my circles, there's no appetite to put more politicians in the Legislature. Something has to give.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to share some thoughts.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

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| Hazel Anderson |
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| Red Deer County Map It |
| Submission |
| Leave them alone. Quit wasting money. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Clint West
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From: Clint West <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Airdrie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| 47 Airdrie |
| Submission |
| <p>Though the population has grown 20% in the last 8 years, we can not have the lines redrawn or additional seats provided to the larger urban centres. The balance of urban and rural seats must be kept or the erosion of rural communities will continue. We need to do better at supporting our rural communities. They are a major contributor to our food sources and centres of family values, and need to be treated fairly and balanced in their political representation.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Rocky View County Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Chestermere-Rocky View |
| Submission |
| I live in the Chestermere-Rocky View Electoral Division and I wonder how our candidates and MLA can adequately engage with such a large geographical area. Perhaps the size of this electoral division should be reviewed and reduced. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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Subject: Website submission from Jim Palmer

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| Jim Palmer |
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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary North West |
| Submission |
| I believe every Albertan in every region should have a say in electing our governments. I also believe the electoral districts should be established so that all parties give attention to all regions during campaigns and that governing parties likewise are incentivized to invest in all regions of Alberta. Determining electoral districts by population only will serve to focus election campaigns on the most populated areas and once elected, governments to invest in those areas with less regard for lower populated areas thus alienating a portion of Albertans. In addition, a concentrated population should make it easier to service constituents with obvious economies of scale coming into play. Needs can be different between urban and rural areas and both must be given equal attention recognizing their unique and collaborative contribution to the well-being of Alberta. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Party email |

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Subject: Website submission from Jason Leslie

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary SouthEast |
| Submission |
| I am happy with the current boundaries for my riding. Please do not change anything. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Alane Boudreau
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:09:11 PM

From: Alane Boudreau <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 5:11 PM
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| [REDACTED]  |
| Address |
| CALGARY Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Bow |
| Submission |
| We are in Bowness, but have recently seen our constituency combined with communities in the SW, who have completely different concerns than our community. We are on the border of the inner city, are in the NW and are on the river. We have been combined with communities that do not share these special considerations. Please create a NW constituency that has communities that face similar challenges and concerns with Bowness. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Chestermere |
| Submission |
| No changes need, leave the system as is and quit spending money. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lesley Doell
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Subject: Website submission from Lesley Doell

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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary NW |
| Submission |
| [REDACTED] |
| After spending most of my life in rural and small city Alberta, it is essential that the boundaries DO NOT change. We need a voice for rural Alberta and this will be lost otherwise. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| Email |

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| Address |
| La Crete Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Peace River |
| Submission |
| <p>Thanks for the opportunity to provide input for the electoral boundaries. I believe you need to change boundaries every 20 years or so. We live in the most remote part of the province so to just divide by population only doesn't work for us. Our needs are very different in remote areas versus in the urban areas. So just make sure that these remote areas not divided by population only but also by area. The worst thing that can happen is what happened in our federal riding. They sliced the Peace country, north and south in a narrow area, with no input from us. Our MP that represents La Crete lives in Barrhead, 650 km away. They have no idea of our needs are, even if they're the best MP in the country. Representatives that live more then 100-150 km from their voters can not do their job properly. Make sure that no riding is more then 200 km from the most northern town to the most southern town.</p> |
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| Spirit River Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Margaret McCuaig-Boyd |
| Submission |
| <p>Hi my name is Trevor Lazoruk and I have lived in the peace country all my life. I have travelled though most of Alberta through both it's prosperous and negative economic times and I have seen first hand the blatant biased between rural and urban Alberta. As the urban centres grow in population or rural voice has been intentionally silenced. I would like to make changes to our voter ballot, as i feel there should be a "none of the above" option for the candidates we do not feel should represent us as our MLA or MP, This way, the parties will be more mindful of who is chosen to represent their constituents in their respected areas instead of only stacking the deck to achieve the sole mission of the respected party without concern of the constituents they represent.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>The rural population is increasing much more slowly than the urban population, therefore reduce the number of Rural constituencies, while increasing the size of urban constituencies. This should allow the total number of constituencies to remain the same in the short term while only increasing slightly over the long term (as population of urban areas increase). This also allows the number of elected officials to remain the same or be decreased.</p> <p>Bring in on-line voting capability for provincial and municipal elections. Make all MLAs (especially cabinet ministers) more accountable through annual performance contracts that are available to the public on-line.</p> <p>Encourage higher density housing and sustainable water, wastewater and distributed energy generation in urban centres, especially with respect to new subdivisions.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Currie |
| Submission |
| It is important that rural areas are NOT underrepresented. L |

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From: Tammy wood <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Westerose Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Drayton valley |
| Submission |
| Please leave the way it is...there is absolutely no reason to change it.the current government is just trying to fix the next election..if i hear the boundaries have been changed for next election ill know the ndp have bought the commission.. Thank you |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

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Subject: Website submission from Joan Nellis

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| Grande prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| GP Wapiti |
| Submission |
| Grande prairie should really have their own dedicate representative. Having the split and having 2 people both from the county does not represent the cities best interests. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Roy Klyne
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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Northern Hills |
| Submission |
| Rural voters should be as equally represented as urban. They shouldn't be underrepresented to favour urban based parties. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Brooks Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Strathmore Brooks |
| Submission |
| Leave shit alone! |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Leah Kirtio](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Chibunna (Theodore) Ogbonna
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:13:25 PM

From: Chibunna (Theodore) Ogbonna <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 3:15 PM
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary McCall |
| Submission |
| I believe in inclusion geared at diversification and to give multiculturalism a balanced structure that is well represented. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| Party mailing list |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton - Decore |
| Submission |
| I feel that rural ridings have been given too much sway in Alberta. Their low population deviances compared to the averages do not reflect the population correctly, especially with the over averages that have been given to urban ridings. This should be corrected by amalgamating rural ridings and creating new urban ridings to better reflect the distribution of population. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries Feedback
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:47:22 AM

From: Kerra Chomlak [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Feedback

Alberta's electoral boundaries need to be revised to improve proportional representation. More people are living in urban centres and they need to be represented fairly in the Legislature. It is not appropriate for boundaries to be focused on land area, effectively giving rural voters more power than urban voters.

Thank you for considering this feedback.

Kerra Chomlak,
Leduc, AB

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:47:49 AM

From: Alain [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

It is imperative that Alberta has equal representation between rural and urban areas. You need to create a formula that will create such equal representation. As an example you can add or multiply the physical area represented in square kilometres X the number of people in every riding. You will have to insert several factors to make the formula work but in the end we must have equal representation based on that criteria alone.

Looking at the last provincial election, Calgary & Edmonton alone gave us this disaster of a government we are currently stuck with. Looking at the last federal election, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver alone gave us this disaster we are stuck with at the federal level !!! DO NOT MAKE THIS PROBLEM WORSE.

Sincerely,
Alain Leclerc
Rocky Mountain House AB

Sent from my iPad

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Barbara Daum
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:47:57 AM

From: Barbara Daum <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:07 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Barbara Daum

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| Evansburg Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Whitcourt/Lac Ste Anne |
| Submission |
| <p>While I sympathize with the travel duties of an MLA from a large rural riding, it really is only fair to have one person- one vote and the same amount of people voting for their candidate. In this day and age of internet and social media, it is much easier for MLA's to keep in contact with their constituents. Perhaps the MLA's from these larger ridings should have a larger travel budget.</p> <p>It is really important for the MLA's to be able to visit in their ridings and to make contact with as many constituents as possible. The urban ridings have a similar problem when they have such a large population in their ridings.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Facebook ● Other |
| <p>I believe I read about it on the news - CBC Actually, I can't remember whether we got a direct mail info.</p> |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries Review Input
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:49:32 AM
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Review Input

My recommendation is to move St. Paul and the County of St. Paul into the Bonnyville-Cold Lake Riding. Take the Bonnyville-Cold Lake south west border line extend it west following the Southside, Westside, up to the North County of St. Paul border lines.

I recall at one time St. Paul was with Cold Lake Bonnyville.

We have more in common with these communities such as: we all pay for policing, close population numbers to Bonnyville, in the same Alberta Health Services area, ties to the oil industry.

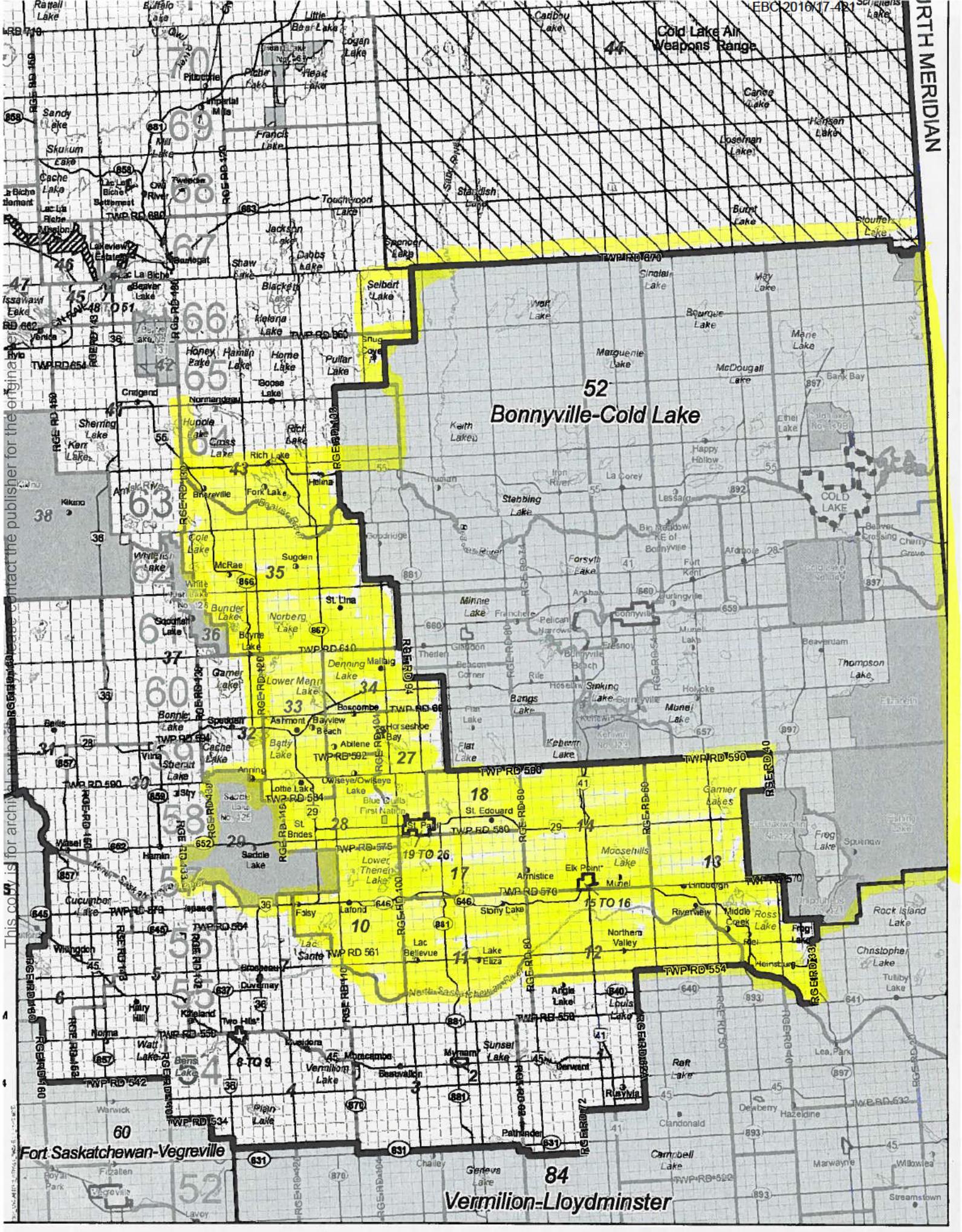
By moving St. Paul into this riding would reduce the amount of travel for the elected MLA who from St. Paul riding has a travel distance from the south border to North border of over 2.5 hours. Where the west County of St. Paul border line to Cold Lake is 1.75 hours.

Also check out my Highlighted map attachment I am recommending. Leave out Saddle Lake because of their population base of over 4500 residents. This Rez could be moved to the west with County of Smoky Lake area.

Sincerely,

Don Padlesky

[REDACTED]
St. Paul AB [REDACTED]
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44 Cold Lake Air Weapons Range

52 Bonnyville-Cold Lake

60 Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

84 Vermillion-Lloydminster

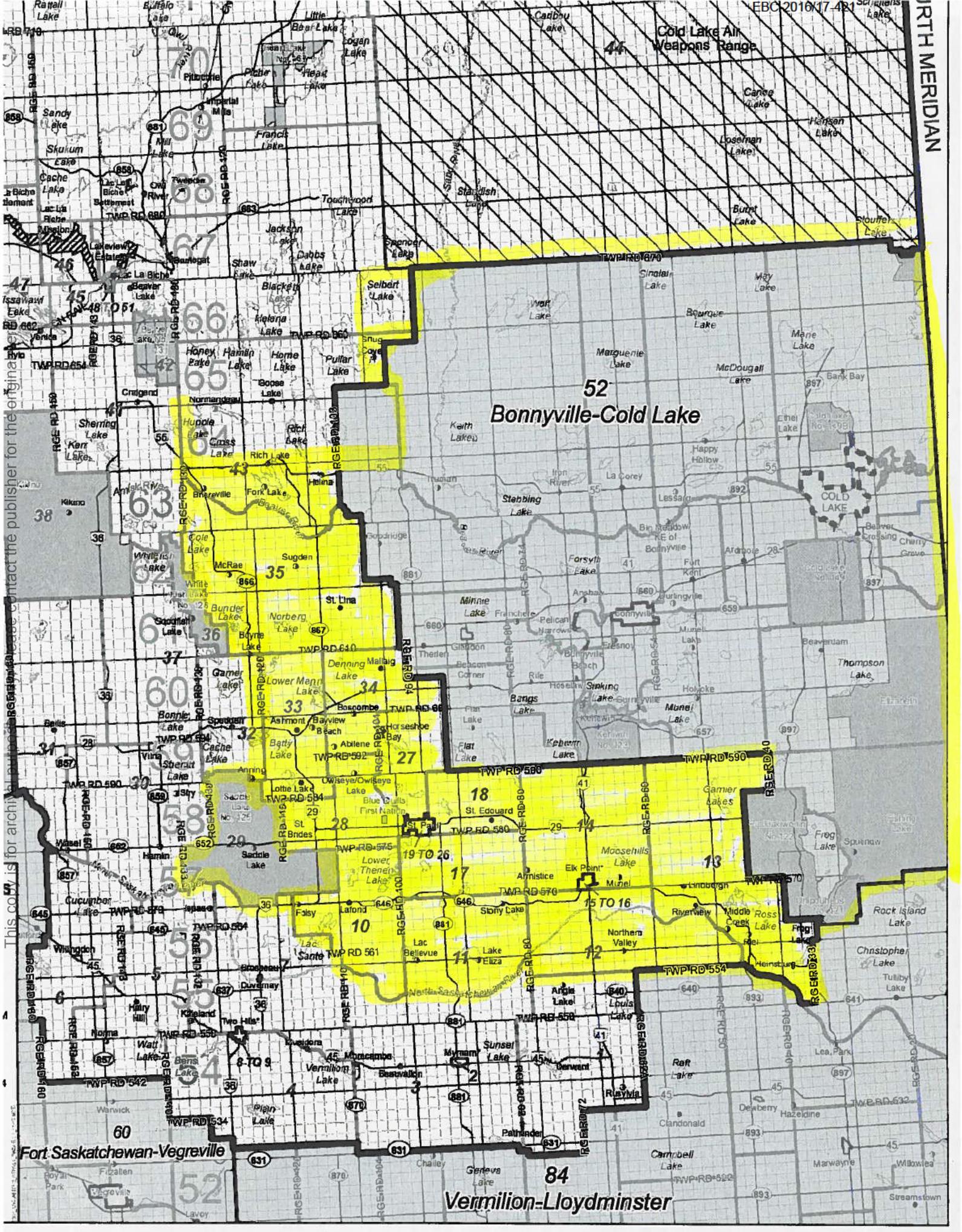
COLD LAKE

Rock Island Lake

Christopher Lake

Lea Park

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Acadia |
| Submission |
| I live in a urban area (Calgary) but my extensive career has been involved in agriculture. I have therefore spent a lot of time in rural areas. I am very concerned that due to large urban population growth that rural constituents will have lower representation and their interests and needs will be further eroded. Division of the electoral bounds must take this into consideration. |
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| Cochrane Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff Cochrane |
| Submission |
| [REDACTED] Alberta is long removed from being a rural province however the rural areas still hold more sway over provincial matters. This is not proportional democracy. While I recognize the challenges of geography in low population densities the fix is not to give a disproportionate number of people a greater voice in the legislature. 1 MLA per 25,000 people in Dunvegan compared to 1 MLA per 79000 people in Calgary southeast or 1 MLA per 68000 in my own riding. That gives people generating far more tax dollars one third of the voice. It also gives a far smaller population generating much less revenue the ability to shove policy down the throats of the majority. While large low density ridings have their challenges the answer is not ignoring proportionate representation the answer may be allowing those MLAs bigger budget to run satellite offices and allow them to travel more through their riding. This has badly needed fixing for a long time and now is the time to fix it. Urban dwellers are tired of being screwed by public policy that represents a minority of the populous. |
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From: Ade OLADEINDE <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| CALGARY Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill |
| Submission |
| <p>I strongly recommend that Alberta move to more proportional representation. The current requirement does not give room for fair and just representation.</p> <p>Most importantly, i will recommend getting rid of Rachel Nutley and her government, this is the most recent government that his highly disconnected with the reality and sensitivity of it citizenry with the introduction of carbon tax, they have succeeded in bringing more pain to the already embittered Albertans.</p> |
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| Linden Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills |
| Submission |
| My concern is over the potential for rural constituencies to be underrepresented in terms of geographical significance. Population is one measurement, but the size and location of the territory also needs to be taking into close account as the issues that affect an area are equally as important as the representation of number of people. |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sheldon Warren
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From: Sheldon Warren <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Curry |
| Submission |
| All ridings should have roughly the same population base regardless of whether they are urban or rural. This will allow every individual to have equal say during the vote and will prevent rural constituencies with small population bases to have the same voting impact as urban constituencies with larger populations. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| County of Rocky View Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Airdrie |
| Submission |
| I live the far west part of electoral boundary #47 Airdrie. Given that the City of Airdrie has grown in size in recent years I feel the rural part of the riding has less of a voice and would be better represented in either boundary #54 Chestermere - Rocky View or # 49 Banff - Cochrane. Both #54 and #49 have larger rural base and would be more representative of the area I am in which is west of HWY 22. Thanks for your consideration. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Canmore Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff-Cochrane |
| Submission |
| Our Bow Valley towns are dwarfed by the larger populations in small cities in our boundary (Cochran) so feel very much that our voices are not heard and we never have representation in Edmonton because our MLAs are always from these small cities. Not sure what the solution might be as I know our population doesn't warrant our own electoral boundary, but possibly include instead towns and districts south and east of us. |
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| cowley Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| livingstone-macleod |
| Submission |
| <p>I strongly feel that my vote should not count more than others. This implies that each MLA should represent approximately the same number of voters.</p> <p>At one time there may have been justification in limiting district size by allowing disproportionately small voter numbers, but now there is little problem in communicating within geographically large districts. If some difficulty exists, it can be addressed through providing extra expense money for MLAs in large areas. Buying a few airplanes or hiring a few assistants is a small price to pay for fair government.</p> <p>It is important that the redrawing of electoral boundaries be done with the strict motive of adhering to the democratic ideal of equal representation. Great care should be taken to avoid gerrymandering to favour the party in power at the time of the boundary change. But please, make the number of constituents equal for each MLA.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Beddington, NW |
| Submission |
| Boundaries should be based on population whether the area is rural or urban; neither should have an advantage for representation in the legislature. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary south east |
| Submission |
| <p>Calgary south east is a very large constituency and is not accurately represented in the legislature since we only have one representative for the large population. Mahogany, Legacy, Walden, and Seton are fast growing communities within the area and therefore I recommend that the area be split into three constituencies; to accommodate for this future growth. A logical split would be to make a dividing line along the bow river and another following 52ndst SE to Seton BLVD SE. This would place Chaparral, Walden, and Legacy into one area; Cranston & Auburn Bay into another; and Mahogany, Seton, and part of Rocky View County into the third area.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| Urban areas should have fair, proportional representation in the legislature.Hugh Esch |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Householder (Direct Mail)• Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Chestermere - Rocky view |
| Submission |
| I am a native Albertan and "senior" citizen. Whatever recommendations are made, I hope that they do NOT include expanding the number of legislative seats. The costs associated with each MLA are not just individual salaries and expenses, but the ancillary costs of support staff, committee work and offices spaces. Given modern day communications and social media, each MLA should be able to communicate with and support an increased number of constituents, and Alberta needs less government not more. I would also encourage you to establish a relatively equal number of constituents within each boundary. I see no reason why rural residents should have less constituents per MLA than any other Albertan. |
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| Spruce Grove Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Spruce Grove/St Alberta |
| Submission |
| Spruce Grove and St Albert are very different communities and should each have their own constituency. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Reddit |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Klein |
| Submission |
| <p>Provincial constituency boundaries should be redrawn to ensure that an equal number of people live in each riding, regardless of how large or small geographically some ridings end up being. This is of critical importance, as democracy is founded on the principle of equality - one -person one-vote, regardless of where you live, or what your income, gender, ethnicity, religion, et cetera, is. It is well known that more visible minorities live disproportionately in urban areas. As a result, efforts, for example, to reduce the geographic size of rural ridings (and thereby deviate from representation based on population) will necessarily result in discriminating against visible minorities, who often are disadvantaged and marginalized already. Diminishing their electoral voice will only result in deeper divisions and risk their further marginalization. In addition, such a policy would promote a unjustified view that the views of rural voters deserve to have greater power and say than urban voters. There is no reasonable basis for discriminating on this or any other basis. As a result, I implore the AEBC to ensure the new electoral boundaries uphold the fundamental principle of democracy - one-person one-vote. Thank you.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> |
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| Anzac Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Fort McMurray |
| Submission |
| We are part of a very large municipality, but being so far north our population isn't as high as it is in the south. Our municipality has very diverse cultures in each of its different communities. In order for representation to be fair, we need to be able to elect people so that all have a voice. Population should not be the only consideration. |
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| Airdrie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Airdrie - Banff |
| Submission |
| <p>As the City Of Airdrie has expanded so much, I feel I can equate to the issues surrounding this area. I lived here for the last 12 years and have a good understanding of what needs to be done to bring our population into the 21st. century as far as input to our government.</p> <p>With the increasing population of one of Canada's fastest growing cities, it is necessary to have all of the residents of Cochrane, Crossfeld, Banff and the surrounding native Indian reservations included in this expansion.</p> <p>Thank you for reading my application.</p> <p>Your Servant, Steve Klein</p> |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Elbow |
| Submission |
| We already have enough overpaid members in the Legislature, we don't need to add anymore (Best and Brightest) to the Tax Payers Dime, yes we pay your SALARY!! IN CASE YOU FORGOT!! ps Found it hard to get to this Website Thank you John Gallant |
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Hello,

Some input for you on future electoral divisions.

Please separate Banff/Canmore from Cochran. Cochran belongs more to areas such as Airdrie or Bragg Creek than with Banff/Canmore.

Thank you, James Rogala (Canmore resident)

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| ALBERTA BEACH Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| WHITECOURT |
| Submission |
| THERE SHOULD BE ONE FOR LAC STE ANNE AREA/ COUNTY OFFICE IN WHITE COURT IS TOO FAR AWAY... CLOSER TO GO TO EDMONTON. |
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| Grande Prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| GP Smoky |
| Submission |
| <p>Grande Prairie is the only small city in Alberta which has a rural/urban riding. Not only that, we have two. It's dumb. It's also grossly unfair to both rural and urban residents in this region. Neither has proper representation.</p> <p>When compared to Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Red Deer and other small cities, they have urban ridings (two for most cities) and a rural riding outside of city limits.</p> <p>Please change it so we can have proper representation in the urban area, and those in rural areas can have rural representatives, equal to other areas in the province.</p> |
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| Olds Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Olds-Didsbury=Three Hills |
| Submission |
| British Columbia has about 500 000 more population than Alberta, yet we have two more MLA's than BC. If you must, amend the electoral boundaries without creating any new electoral constituencies requiring more MLA's. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Deborah Drever |
| Submission |
| Rob Anders once told me both Fed. and Provincial election boundaries favour rural voters. If this is true, I would expect this commission to work towards correcting any disparity. Thanks, LS |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Ellerslie |
| Submission |
| Equal representation by population with no advantages to sparsely populated constituencies. 5% maximum variation allowed. Representation by population is the only fairness. 25% variances are totally unfair. Political equality! |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Leah Kirtio](#)
Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:36:37 AM

From: Joan Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries

My first , and really only, suggestion is that each riding has equal numbers of voters.

Gibson Brown

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| Airdrie Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:</p> <p>There are four very general things that I've learned over the past few years concerning electoral boundaries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It seems to me that there should be roughly the same population in each electoral constituency. 2) Urban voters should be represented equally in population when compared to rural voters or vice versa for electoral constituencies. 3) We should stay away from 'gerrymandering' election boundaries like what was done by the Harper government and what has been done in Republican States in the United States. Because the governing party knows the results of the polling stations they will change the electoral boundaries to work to their advantage. In short this means that the Conservatives or Republicans can win for example 60% of the seats with 40% of the votes by moving the boundaries around to make this happen. 4) I question whether in Alberta over many years whether we have seen a similar type of situation whereby rural voters have had a disproportionate percentage of the votes when compared to the population of the cities. If (for example) the rural population is 33% of the population in Alberta the rural voters shouldn't make up 53% of the seats in the Alberta Legislature. <p>In my opinion the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission should address these four very general points to make sure that the next election is the fairest possible in Alberta's history.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Whitemud |
| Submission |
| I believe in strong communication and understanding between various sectors of society. In Alberta I believe and fear that there is a deep division and mistrust between urban and rural populations that only serves to divide our province. There is a lack of understanding on either side with regards to knowledge and understanding of The Other. I think electoral districts should be distributed to ensure that an even balance between urban and rural sectors occurs so either side is properly heard in elections in every individual riding. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Canmore Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff/Cochrane |
| Submission |
| <p>The Banff/Cochrane district (including Canmore, Exshaw, and Dead Man's Flats) census is projected at 639000 for 2016. Despite being over the maximum number of constituents, these communities vary greatly in terms of needs, conversations, and location. Banff, Canmore, Exshaw and Dead Man's have vastly different concerns than Cochrane, which was evidenced by the 2015 Federal Election where Cochrane (and Airdrie) results drowned out representation in these other communities. It is time to separate Cochrane which is quickly becoming a suburb of Calgary, from these smaller communities who have specific needs/concerns around protecting the environment, affordable housing, un-livable wages (\$23.40 is the required living wage for a single person in Canmore based on a 2016 study commissioned by the Town of Canmore), and the added pressures on infrastructure, services, and quality of life due to tourism and visitation. The town of Banff is technically supposed to have only 8000 residents as per the lease and incorporation agreement with Parks Canada, but the 2014 census revealed 9386, and it is widely know that at least 10000 residents live in Banff to support the tourist economy which peaked to 3,894,332 million visitors in 2015/16. This annual influx of visitors means the community's concerns should be weighted and represented differently, especially as Banff is projected to support the entire population of Alberta (over 4 million visitors) in terms of usage in 2017.</p> |
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| Red Deer Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Red Deer South |
| Submission |
| The foundation of democracy is Representation by Population. Regardless of community interest, municipal or natural boundaries, population densities or other factors; electoral boundaries should contain equal amounts of population so as not to give an advantage in representation to small groups of people. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| All votes should have equal weight. Each MP should represent the same number of voters, regardless of geographical distribution. It's not right that my presence in a higher density riding decreases the weight of my vote relative to someone living in a low density rural area. When redrafting boundaries, please give all corpuses equal weight. |
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| Red Deer Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Red Deer-North |
| Submission |
| <p>It is no secret that Alberta's current ridings are gerrymandered to give rural areas greater representation. It is essential that the Commission take this opportunity to adjust the province's riding boundaries so that there is no substantial difference between the population of urban ridings and those of rural ridings. The rationalization that rural voters must be compensated for being less numerous must end. Fair democracies require all citizens to have an equal a say as possible.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| 1) a variance of 5% or less between the population size in constituencies |
| 2) greater financial and/or technical support so that MLAs can represent their populations more fairly |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Millwoods (Federally) MM Edmonton- Ellerslie (Provincially) |
| Submission |
| My concern is in regards to the re-organization of Electoral Boundaries. All votes for MLA members deserve an equal weight. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper• Other |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Electoral oundary
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:43:35 AM

From: Ottavio Savignano [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral oundary

Hello I am Ottavio Savignano.

I like to make the following Suggestion:

- 1) Reduce the number of MLA's to one per 100,000 people
- 2) Each riding should be 100,000 people +/- 5%

NOTE: Ontario has 107MPP's with a population 4Xthat of Alberta.

With 50 less MLA's we could pay the rest better,and spend the rest on social housing.

Thanks,

Ottavio

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| St. Albert Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| St. Albert |
| Submission |
| <p>Thank you very much for the opportunity for input into this process. I am a resident of the St. Albert constituency but am a block away from the Spruce Grove - St. Albert constituency where I grew up. I have had the good fortune of running for nomination of a political party in Spruce Grove St. Albert and therefore have a unique perspective that few have about lack of provincial common interests between the two cities. I have also spent time on St. Albert City Council and I teach in Morinville and can tell you that St. Albert NorthWest would be better aligned with municipalities to the North instead of to the West.</p> <p>The purpose of my submission is to share with you my belief that the North West corner of St. Albert would be better aligned with Sturgeon County, the Town of Morinville, and the Town of Legal to the North instead of with Spruce Grove.</p> <p>St. Albert proper is not large enough for two constituencies and should therefore continue to be split. The current dividing line within St. Albert city boundaries is clear and well established with the three distinct neighbourhoods North of McKenney and West of St. Albert Trail excluded from the St. Albert constituency. I believe this should remain the case, however instead of being aligned with Spruce Grove, I believe there are many reasons North West St. Albert should be aligned with Morinville, Legal, and Sturgeon County instead.</p> <p>St. Albert, Morinville, and Legal currently share a school division (Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools) because of the traditional french-Canadian heritage.</p> <p>St. Albert, Morinville, Legal, and Sturgeon County also share a trade corridor along Highway 2. The City has partnered with Sturgeon County and Morinville on a variety of transportation issues, many of which</p> |

have provincial oversight - a commonality not shared by St. Albert and Spruce Grove. Two examples of this are the partnership and construction of Ray Gibbon Drive, a provincial road intended to provide a bypass around St. Albert Trail. Another example would be the thousands of people from Morinville, Legal, and Sturgeon County that commute through St. Albert and use St. Albert transit and park and ride.

St. Albert, Morinville, and Sturgeon County have also partnered on many intermunicipal issues over the years including our intermunicipal development plan, the development of the commercial corridor at the North end of St. Albert and various recreational facilities.

Another major provincial issue affecting the municipalities is the provision of health services. Sturgeon Hospital serves more of Sturgeon County and Morinville than it does Spruce Grove, and our ambulances are often shared between these three municipalities rather than with Spruce Grove.

Lastly, there are contiguous residential boundaries between the City of St. Albert and Sturgeon County residential areas, whereas there is not with Spruce Grove or Parkland County.

St. Albert, Sturgeon County, Morinville and Legal have much more in common, have a stronger working relationship, and share in a number of provincial issues. I believe that the MLA for St. Albert North West would be able to better serve their citizens if the boundaries of their constituency were aligned with the communities to the North instead of the communities to the West.

Furthermore, I believe there may be a natural realignment of the communities of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain. These two communities along with the County of Parkland already have a very good working relationship and are a more natural grouping than with St. Albert. They share more common provincial interests than they do with St. Albert, and Sturgeon County.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to have input into this process.

Neil Korotash

How did you hear about the review?

- Radio
- Twitter
- Other

My MLA

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| Airdrie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Airdrie |
| Submission |
| Rural people and values should have a strong voice in the legislature. A directly proportional system would diminish this voice. It is important to maintain balance with rural tidings so they can be fairly represented. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio |

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| Innisfail Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre |
| Submission |
| As a large school board representing over 40 rural schools, Chinook's Edge School Division is concerned about the continued erosion of the rural voice and representation in the legislature. By slicing the rural ridings and combining them with portions of the urban centres, the imbalance becomes greater and the rural perspective is not fairly represented. We are concerned that a change to the boundaries may results in challenges in accessibility to an MLA who understands rural issues or alternately that too many MLAs may result in party divisiveness. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other |
| Trustee was contacted to submit feedback |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary McKay-Nosehill |
| Submission |
| I feel that being a part of Calgary McKay-Nosehill doesn't make any sense. We don't share a lot of the same issues that the rest of the riding does, being so far apart. We would be better off being included with Calgary Foothills. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
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VIA EMAIL

Email to: info@ABebc.ca

Subject: 2017 Alberta Provincial Electoral Boundary Review

Commission Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the 2017 Electoral Boundary Review.

Currently, Sturgeon County falls within three (3) electoral divisions, those being:

| Constituency Name | 2011 Census Population Counts | 2016 Population Estimates |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater | 37,060 | 38,051 |
| Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock | 40,670 | 45,030 |
| Spruce Grove-St. Albert | 51,795 | 59,453 |

As detailed in the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*, it is our understanding that the Commission will generally look to achieve a population of 48,883 per constituency, subject to a 25% variance. Special circumstances may exist for up to 4 electoral divisions, whereby such divisions may have a population that is 50% below the average population of the electoral divisions.

We are confident that as the Commission reviews the boundaries, that population figures will not be the sole determinant of boundaries, and that existing municipal boundaries, community character and geographical/transportation features are also considered, per the Act. These items are crucial to ensure accessibility to, and accountability of elected officials; and that diverse and under-represented populations have an efficient path to have their voices heard within the Legislative Assembly.

Within a Sturgeon County context, we are a diverse municipality that spans over 2,300 square kilometers and possesses significant provincial transportation corridors. Many of the issues we face are increasingly complex in nature, in part given our proximity to major urban centres, yet we still retain our traditional "rural" heritage and lifestyles. We are home to approximately 20,000 people, including those who reside at CFB Edmonton; we have significant industrial activity throughout the County, specifically within Alberta's Industrial Heartland; are home to some of the best agricultural land in the Province; and have a large concentration of residents within the Sturgeon Valley (adjacent to Edmonton and St. Albert).

As you determine which boundaries will best serve Sturgeon County residents and Albertans, we encourage you consider the following:

- Achieving a constituency boundary which reflects our community, meaning that community characteristics indicative of 'rural life' need to be balanced within 'rurban' ridings;



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- The existing community ties we have with our urban neighbours within our boundaries (Morinville, Redwater, Gibbons, Bon Accord, and Legal);
- The shared County-to-County boundaries we share to the West, East, and North; and
- Our inclusion in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments, we look forward to seeing the interim report later in May.

Warm Regards,

Tom Flynn
Mayor, Sturgeon County

cc. Mr. Colin Piquette, MLA for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater
(athabasca.sturgeon.redwater@assembly.ab.ca)
Mr. Trevor Horne, MLA for Spruce Grove-St. Albert (sprucegrove.stalbert@assembly.ab.ca)
Mr. Glenn van Dijken, MLA for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Fish Creek |
| Submission |
| Redraw the boundaries to reduce the total number of MLAs. My concern is that we have 14 city councillors for Calgary, yet we also have 25 MLAs. Given that the Alberta legislature is a more senior level of government than the City of Calgary, we do not need so many MLAs. I suggest cutting the number of MLAs province wide from 87 down to 41 - this would also reduce the cost of governance. I concede more office staff might be required, but the overall cost would decline. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| fort mcmurray Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| fort mcmurray wood buffalo |
| Submission |
| <p>Hello,</p> <p>As the MLA for the area, i would suggest a more even distribution of population and rural areas, with simpler borders, specific to FMM Wood Buffalo and FMM Conklin.</p> <p>A north and south boundary might be appropriate.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Tany</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| legislature letter |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Buffalo |
| Submission |
| <p>Alberta is a rapidly-growing province, and cities are the drivers of that growth, both in terms of population and economic activity.</p> <p>It is very important to appreciate where growth has happened in Alberta. Urban areas are generators of the majority of economic activity, as well as the concentration of population. Yet, in the past, they have been dramatically under-represented politically.</p> <p>Given that movement within Alberta, and within Canada generally has been from rural areas TO cities, or between urban areas, if discretion must be given, it ought to be given in the favour of urban constituencies, with the expectation that those ridings will continue to grow in population, particularly by comparison to rural ridings. Calgary's population, for example, is growing about 3% per year and has been for some time. The province as a whole is only increasing by about 1.7%. That suggests that urban growth is substantially driving overall growth. That is to say that if an urban riding has fewer people immediately upon redrawing the boundaries, urban growth should offset that advantage in short order. On the other hand, if a rural riding has fewer people (and thus more political influence), that imbalance is likely to grow substantially before the next boundary review.</p> <p>The 25% variance rule has traditionally been used to substantially weaken the appropriate political power of cities. I strongly feel that a variance closer to 5% would be the appropriate amount. We have the technology and detailed survey information to make the calls closer than they have been.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>As the government engages in this process I think it is important to ensure that changes to boundaries are not subject to partisan politics or undue influence to the benefit of a particular party.</p> <p>I feel that cities are largely under represented compared to some rural areas and the new boundaries need to take into account the large increases in Alberta's cities.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: Susan Wagner <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:26 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Susan Wagner

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| Crowsnest Pass Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Livingstone-MacLeod |
| Submission |
| <p>I recognize that our population is less than the 49,000 average identified as the size of most constituencies. I urge you to consider access to MLA offices as a criterion. When rural areas are identified, it would make sense to consider boundaries including roads and highways that allow access to MLA offices. Please minimize the distances to obtain the 49,000 population. The current boundary includes a leg north to include Turner Valley and Black Diamond. It might make more sense to adopt some of the territory from the Cardston-Warner constituency to make up the population but maintain reasonable distances.</p> <p>Thanks you for the opportunity to contribute my opinions.</p> |
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| Claresholm Map It |
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| Livingston-Macleod |
| Submission |
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| I know that likely any review of boundaries s going to result in likely more urban constituencies than rural but our MLA has a huge area in which to cover. Please give this area some consideration. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Rutherford |
| Submission |
| <p>Alberta's electoral boundaries should be redrawn to eliminate the excessive inequality between urban and rural ridings that give a rural resident a voting power that can be twice that of an urban resident. The current 25% variance above and below the average population of all electoral divisions effectively discriminates against urban residents. Widespread internet, telephone, and mail services give all provincial politicians easy access to their constituents and vice versa, so rural residents are as able to communicate with their elected representative as urban residents, regardless of the physical size of the constituency. The disenfranchisement and marginalization of urban voters must stop.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Newspaper |



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January 23, 2017

SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL: info@ABebc.ca

Honourable Myra Bielby
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100
11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Honourable Myra Bielby,

RE: Electoral Boundaries Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide preliminary input on the review of Alberta's Electoral Boundaries. The County of Stettler No. 6 has concerns about revising Alberta's electoral boundaries. We are concerned the review will result in pulling political representation away from our rural areas by expanding our electoral borders, diminishing political presence in our region while shifting more power to the urban centres whose goals and priorities are vastly different from agriculture and rural development.

When electoral boundaries are expanded in rural areas it becomes very difficult for elected representatives to adequately and efficiently access his or her large ridings, not to mention extremely difficult for citizens to access their elected representatives.

Our citizens have the same rights and deserve to have the same access to our government as those residing within urban centres. We would not support a proposal recommending the expansion of our geographical electoral boundaries, and urge the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission to give rural Albertans the voice and consideration we all deserve.

Sincerely,



Wayne Nixon
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| Address |
| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| I cannot believe how useless this government is. On issues that matter there is no input and when they should be leaders and just make a decision they waste taxpayers money. Electoral issues exist federally but the same problems are not worth the \$500000+/- you are wasting to do this. Do away with the carbon tax and use this money instead. The inexperience and complete incompetence is shining with this complete waste of time and money. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| I hope that everyone in Edmonton including areas outside of the Anthony Henday Freeway are properly included in municipal, provincial and federal elections. |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Drumheller Stettler |
| Submission |
| <p>1) NO MORE SEATS! we are over represented now with 87 for the population we have. Communication is much easier today with phones and electronic methods, it is no longer necessary to meet face to face with your M.L.A.</p> <p>2) The plus or minus 25% variation between constituencies should be reduced to 10% to make a better balance in the weight of an M.L.A.'s vote. It's not right for one member's vote to carry that much more power than another's.</p> <p>3) Todays rural voter is a highly educated successful businessperson and should have the same opportunities as his or her urban counterpart</p> |
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From: Neal Neigel <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-centre |
| Submission |
| <p>The constituencies should be decided by impartial algorithms that consider population first, and natural boundaries second.</p> <p>Does a person in Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley pay twice as many taxes, or need twice as much representation as someone from Calgary-Northern Hills? Absolutely not! Then why is a vote in Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley worth more than twice as much when deciding our government?</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundary reforms
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:52:18 PM

From: Debby Kronewitt-Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundary reforms

Hello:

First and foremost, I am pleased that you are undertaking this exercise and that you are doing it in an open and transparent way. This demonstrates honesty and integrity.

One of the primary issues facing provinces across Canada, as well as the Federal Government, is the urban/rural divide and its increasing impacts on various programs, including elections. While strict representation and distribution of funds and services based on population, sounds initially like a fair way to organize elections and programs, it also intensifies the impacts of the urban/rural divide and does not address the issues.

When it comes to elections boundaries should consider as the primary condition, representation by population. It should also consider the different needs and challenges of municipalities (including size and location) as well as rural areas. They should also consider the practical capabilities of an elected official to represent that geographic area. The current boundaries do not appear to have any logical boundaries. Some are long and thin and appear to stretch out along highways, others combine rural and larger urban areas with distinctly different needs, making it extremely difficult for representatives to balance the diverse needs. Please, no gerrymandering. This has happened historically and damages the integrity of the entire process. In summary, and by priority, the primary considerations for the electoral boundaries should be:

- 1) Representation by population - primary but does not have to be completely equal numbers in each boundary area.
- 2) Recognition of the diverse needs of the larger urban and rural areas - avoid having portions of larger urban areas mixed in with rural areas
- 3) Boundaries that make sense - e.g. geographic divisions that create boundaries and distinctly separate areas.
- 4) Boundaries that will allow elected officials to represent their areas, i.e. avoid configurations that make it difficult for officials to travel to their entire constituency easily.
- 5) Special provisions to allow rural areas with small populations to have a voice. This could be in the form of requiring sub-committees to have representation by the MLAs of these areas.

On a secondary note, several years ago I was in Norway. At that time I was meeting with political representatives of the urban centres. They explained that a large portion of their funding was provided by their Federal Government as that is the level of Government that collected taxes. While this was done at their Federal level, they did not have the second level of Government that we have with provinces so I believe it could work at the provincial level here. The money was distributed in a unique way. Specifically, it was not distributed strictly by service area or population. Instead the funds were distributed as follows:

- Each service area, e.g. Education, Seniors Services, Environmental Services, Transportation, etc. set basic service standards that each area must adhere with.
- Funds were allocated based on a formula that considered both population and geographic area covered. It was a special formula that factored in both the high density population areas (efficiency of scale), as well as the fact that it is often more costly to provide services in areas that have a small population and a large geographic area.
- Funds for all service areas were provided as one sum. They were not provided by numerous different grant programs. It was then left to the elected officials in the geographic area to distribute the money to each program area, based on the needs of that area, as long as the basic service standards were met. In this way, if a geographic area had a decline in student populations, and an increase in seniors residency needs, they could allocate the money accordingly. Likewise, areas that may have decent transportation (roadways) but increased health care needs due to distances to medical care centres, had the ability to reallocate funding accordingly. This placed the decision making of strategic priorities on the political representatives closest to the public, which is counties, MD, municipal and school trustee levels.

I appreciate this would be a radical change, and it is a logical change because it would greatly reduce the GoA administrative costs and decrease the time from collection of taxes to delivery of services. It gives the areas rural and urban autonomy to allocate funding to where it is needed the most. The elected officials I spoke with said this worked extremely well for them and they could not understand how we managed to operate with the constant changes to different grant programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views and ideas.

Regards,

Debby Kronewitt Martin

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Edmonton, AB, T5X5X4

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Centre |
| Submission |
| <p>I believe it is essential that the Commission recommend a significant restructuring of the electoral constituencies. Currently, the rural parts of Alberta are significantly over-represented in the Legislative Assembly. This is a legacy of one-party rule, and must be dismantled.</p> <p>Each electoral constituency should have the same number of voters. Also, the constituency boundaries should be drawn in such a way as to ensure that a riding is either urban or rural, not both.</p> <p>Urban and rural voters have different interests, and should be represented by different MLA's. Urban voters represent a majority of Alberta's population, and so should constitute a corresponding majority of electoral constituencies in this province.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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From: Harry Prest <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Camrose Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Wetaskiwin--Camrose |
| Submission |
| <p>Having lived in Alberta for the past 39 years -- one year in Lethbridge and the other 38 in Camrose -- and having witnessed the work of a number of previous Boundary Commissions, I have come to the conclusion that the large urban centres of Edmonton and Calgary are chronically under-represented in the Alberta Legislature and that the rural areas in the province have been chronically over-represented. To me there appears to be a significant distortion when some rural constituencies have populations one quarter the size of the largest city ones. While I believe that all parts of the province need to be properly represented, I find this huge discrepancy undemocratic; just because I live in rural Alberta, my vote should not count up to 4 times as much as one cast in Edmonton or Calgary. In the past the difference was largely justified by the sparsity of the rural population and the huge distances rural MLAs had to cover to meet with their constituents but I think that argument no longer obtains, given the major improvements in both travel and communication we have experienced in the past few decades. If the majority of our population live in our two major cities then the majority of the seats in the Legislature should be allocated to them. Anything less is undemocratic in a representation-by-population system. It is time to end this significant rural-preferring gerrymander which may at one point have had a some justification but for as long as I can remember primarily served the interests of the previous government's desire to stay in power by constantly appealing to (and even pandering to) the social conservatism which tends to thrive in rural settings.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton - Strathcona |
| Submission |
| Please try to make the boundaries more closely match the principle of one-person, one vote; constituencies should have similar populations. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Brooks Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Strathmore-Brooks |
| Submission |
| I do NOT want anymore MLAs added to the payroll for Alberta. Our NDP government seems to have no end to the money the want to spend and tax from those of us who earn the money in which they take from us. I would advocate for smaller government office and staffing levels for less money spent. I would rather have more firefighters, police officers, doctors and nurses than money wasting government officials. They need to roll back taxes and reduce their frivolous spending. |
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From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Richard Wirth

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City/Town

St. Albert

Electoral Constituency

St. Albert

Submission

Boundaries need to change to properly fix the representation by population. The Spruce Grove - St. Albert riding has approximately double the population in its riding than Fort McMurray- Conklin. Does the member from Spruce Grove - St. Albert get two votes to the other member's one? No, of course not.

One can argue that the population in rural areas is spread out and if we properly divided up representation, the ridings would be too big. My answer to that is, with a less concentrated population, the member's pressures will be more on travel than the intricate problems of urban representation. All MLA's work hard to represent their constituents, so it shouldn't matter the physical riding size. Running for election is a choice made by citizens. If you know your riding size is really large and you can't manage the job to represent the same number of people as an urban MLA, don't run. With modern technology, they can figure it out or find other ways to ensure they're reaching/communicating with their constituents.

For far too long the urbans have been underrepresented in this province, likely for political gain by certain political parties. It's time to properly divide up our province to ensure my voice is as equitable as possible to someone in the north or south.

Thanks

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Facebook

Submitted on: 2017/01/06 at 9:06 am

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Larry Harris
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:58:25 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Larry Harris

Name

Larry Harris

Email

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City/Town

[REDACTED] Wetaskiwin

Electoral Constituency

Drayton Valley

Submission

We live on the extreme east of this constituency, but we have no association with the Drayton district, as it is too far away. It is over an hour to drive to Drayton, and only a half hour to Wetaskiwin. Our common community interests are with Wetaskiwin, with which we would like to be adjoined. We are involved much more there for shopping, health care, hospital, etc.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/06 at 12:42 am

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Davis Lazoski
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:58:32 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Davis Lazoski

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Gold Bar

Submission

Two independent pieces of comment.

1. The commission notes that every riding should have population within 25% of the average. Yet this is too high -- probably no riding should have no more than 5% deviation from the average. It is better to cut up a community or region into two ridings than to deprive some Albertans of, effectively, 1/4+ of their vote.

2. It seems that the commission has sent every house in Alberta mail asking us to comment on electoral boundaries. This must have cost a significant amount. Yet the commission provides no information on its website, or on social media -- I've checked them all-- about what changes it is proposing, or any areas in which Albertans should focus their comments. I appreciate the notice, and the opportunity to comment. Yet I find it a waste of public funds to spend money advertising that Albertans should comment, without giving any useful information on ways we could helpfully comment.

Probably as a result of this the commission will receive a mass of unfocused, unclear comments. The

commission will then need to waste extra time and resources categorising them, further making this process difficult. This is a further waste of public funds.

Seriously: it's not that hard to give an impartial summary of what is worth commenting on. And you can always leave an "Other" box.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 10:46 pm

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Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Jerry Chou
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:58:40 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Jerry Chou

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Jerry Chou

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Phone

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City/Town

Calgary

Electoral Constituency

Calgary- Mountain View

Submission

I want representational boundaries redrawn to create equal areas based on population.

How did you hear about the review?

Other - Wife

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 9:13 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Sylvie Croteau-Willard
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:58:51 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Sylvie Croteau-Willard

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City/Town

Calgary

Electoral Constituency

Calgary- Mountain View

Submission

I would like to see the boundaries changed to create equal representation by population province-wide.

How did you hear about the review?

Facebook

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 9:08 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Kate Shaw
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:58:56 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
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Subject: Website Submission from Kate Shaw

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City/Town

Calgary

Electoral Constituency

Skyview

Submission

I hate having my community split by 2 different boundaries sky view for Harvest Hills and Nose Hill for any homes past Centre St. NW Calgary. We are never serviced by Skyview as it is too Far East. Kang does nothing for the North Central. Michelle Rempel is awesome and works very hard on our behalf.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 7:58 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Kenton Shouldice
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:59:04 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
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Subject: Website Submission from Kenton Shouldice

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City/Town

Calgary

Submission

Hi,
I would like the commission to consider using the "Shortest-Splitline Algorithm" as a method for re-drawing boundaries. This method ensures there is no intentional gerrymandering, which helps ensure faith in the electoral system. In addition, this could represent significant cost savings over time which is worth considering given the current state of the economy and sizeable budget deficit in our province. Please see the following video link for an explanation of this method. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUS9uvYyn3A>
Thanks,
Kenton

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 6:55 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Robert Harlton
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:59:24 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Robert Harlton

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Robert Harlton

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City/Town

Spruce Grove

Electoral Constituency

ST. Albert

Submission

I believe electoral boundaries should only be changed to reflect population changes, after ensuring that rural constituencies are adequately represented.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 6:47 pm

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From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Ron Forhmzway

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City/Town

Vulcan

Electoral Constituency

Little Bow

Submission

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I feel that allowing the population of constituencies to be +/- 25% of the provincial average is far too generous. With the average being 49,000; constituencies can now legally range from under 37,000 to over 61,000.

That means a person living in a constituency with 37,000 has a vote worth 1.65 times the value of a person in one with a population of 61,000 ($61/37 = 1.65$).

I would suggest +/- 15 % would be sufficient variation to allow.

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Householder (Direct Mail)

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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Steve Babiak

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City/Town

Olds

Submission

There seems to be enough of you politicians collecting a pay check now I do not think we need any more.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 4:19 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Submission re: electoral boundaries
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:59:58 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 11:09 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Submission re: electoral boundaries

We don't need more representatives. We need better representation.

Population figures and population density

I wonder when these figures are from? Everyone knows that people have returned to their origin provinces to wait things out. I think it is dangerous in a time of extreme upheaval to even consider realigning electoral boundaries. People that feel their voice has been removed will react to that. Hence the protests.

Having said that, this is my input. Please note that my comments are directed less at physical boundaries, more at the rule boundaries and examples of what makes it necessary, which would lead to effective representation that should be in place for political parties.

Change management

Change management in an effective representative government is in part about causing the least amount of damage to the least number of people in accomplishing your goals. Our elected officials need to understand the cost and consequences of every choice they make. The people who are in government must implicitly understand the needs of their people. They cannot be willfully blind.

Willful blindness is evident when:

- any leader says that the population the leader represents needs to make better choices. People make choices based on reality not idealism. Examples:
 - o Rural Albertans typically need vehicles that are reliable in extreme weather conditions. The vehicles that meet that criteria are not necessarily the most fuel efficient.
 - o Alberta has a lot of trees and in the winter tends to be buried in snow. In the winter the sun is lower in the sky. Such realities make solar energy a less efficient alternative than what it would be in places closer to the equator. I am not saying don't do it. I am just saying be real about it. I am certainly reviewing whether it would be cost efficient or practical for my home. But I am not cutting down my shelterbelt (trees) to do it. Whether this is reasonable or affordable is going to depend on your personal circumstances.

- o Certain basic needs such as natural gas to heat the home are not alternatives. They are not a choice; they are a reality. Any tax or government policy that negatively impacts the affordability of the basic needs of Albertans is unethical and immoral. The theory of change management demands that reasonable and affordable alternatives be presented and available before any such taxation of the existing system is done.

We need representatives that understand this. City folk cannot represent country folk because of the lack of understanding, and vice versa. We need workable solutions, not rhetoric.

- the Premier does not take seriously credit ratings, deficit reduction or business interests. When business does well, everyone does well, and this is what would make the change the Premier seeks possible. Willful blindness to practical matters.
- a government that serves its own activist interests is willfully blind to the interests of Albertans. You know this for sure, when the Premier cannot even look at the camera when she says she will work to get the pipelines going. As with everyone, people deal with what they know. This Premier knows about transgender issues, not about business. In fact, this Premier has expressed activist views that Alberta should not be involved in Oil and Gas at all. Change management dictates that you know where you are at, you know where you need to get, and you work a path to that. If you skip the small steps everyone will suffer.
- if you look at the government's propaganda and have any math skills you can research whether or not the math fits the government's claims. One claim they have is that by reducing the small business income tax they will create jobs. Now do the math. Tax is on profit. A 1% decrease in tax equates to \$1 for every \$100 in profit (not revenue, profit). Let's add four zeros. For every \$1,000,000 in profit this is \$10,000. Now I ask you does this equate to a job? Now look at the limits on the small business deduction in the Income Tax Act. And I ask you again, for small businesses out there, presuming their profit is that high – does this equate to a job? To say that it does is willful blindness. At best it mitigates some of the increase in minimum wage. I challenge you to go over the government's website and check whether their math matches their claims. Certainly, the math needs to be checked on the population density figures.

Respect

I have said this prior to this government and I am going to repeat myself. A debate in the Legislative Assembly is not about making snide incomprehensible irrelevant comments about previous leadership or anyone else for that matter – watch Notley clips, you will see what I mean. The Legislative Assembly calls for respect.

Experience and associated pay

There are too many MLAs, and far too high of a salary budget for the Legislative Assembly. There is a certain point where less is more. Restructuring should reduce the number of city MLA's, and possibly replace them with lower paid, not severed come an election, non-partisan civil servants. These people would report to the MLA's for North, South, East and West Calgary and Edmonton.

We need people who are competent professionals who are experienced in the right areas. The candidates that are put forward by any party must have a certain content of experienced professionals specializing in finance, accounting, business law, social services, human services, negotiation, etc. People who have the maturity and experience to grasp that even in a bad economy government policy matters. People who know that blaming a bad economy doesn't balance the books. We need political parties that take responsibility for the quality of experience in the people they put forward as candidates. We need voters that demand quality candidates.

Nowhere in this government do you find a conscientious objector. Nor do you find the experience necessary to read a contract before you cancel it (a sign of a fundamental lack of business acumen). Nowhere do you find a person who has Alberta's back. It doesn't matter how much you waste on marketing, it doesn't change the facts. It doesn't matter how many buzzwords like "diversify our economy" you use, it changes nothing for Albertans if your idealistic mind doesn't know how to follow through (experience matters).

There are too many people out there who are unable to see or simply exhibit willful blindness of how they harm others when they pursue their own activities, desires, addictions and wants. There are too many people out there who are unable to identify the consequences of their actions. Inexperienced persons lack understanding that the things they prioritize with an inexperienced mind will be put into better context in an experienced mind.

Our representatives in the Legislative Assembly must have mathematical skills. But more than that the experience to identify what the math means, and shove aside the political spin. Political spin does not produce the intended result of legislation. Experience. Running the province is not an entry level job.

If a political party treats these positions as entry level jobs then the elected official should only receive entry level pay.

Conscientious objector

When you get too many people thinking the same things, you get something called "groupthink." Groupthink does not produce the best result.

How about the leader of the opposition joins Notley's cabinet? There is your conscientious objector. In all honesty Notley would do better in a conscientious objector position than she does as Premier. That is a role that I would trust her in. As leader, she doesn't seem to care what Albertan's need, want, think or feel.

I recognize that the question being posed is how should we realign the electoral districts. I feel that the reason it is being posed is that Notley wishes to create electoral districts that are most likely to support the NDP, and to remove any voices that don't. The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, "an independent body" that no doubt answers to the Premier.

So, with all of the above in mind, I believe we need to create rules about who may be selected by a political party as a candidate, and put in place recall legislation for when we make a grievous error. We learned last election that as long as they have a heartbeat they are in. Apparently they don't even have to work out the details of a Bill before it is passed – lack of transparency, lack of research, lack of consultation of affected parties, etc. Everything that we don't need. We need rules in place to force political parties to take steps to understand the consequences of their actions before a Bill is passed and implemented.

Are we receiving effective representation? Not now.

We don't just expect better. We demand it. We require it. We need better than what we have. We need to ensure our future will be secure.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Increasing the number of boundaries
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:00:06 PM

From: Ken Schauenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 4:34 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Increasing the number of boundaries

This is the wrong time to increase the # of boundaries because-

- 1) the economy is in the tank
- 2) unemployment is high and increasing
- 3) government hasn't got a grasp on spending to control spending
- 4) We need less government right now not more bureaucracy
- 5) If Interest rates increase many Albertans will be really in trouble with the banks and many will probably loose their homes due to poor financial planning.
- 6) Food bank usage is at an all time high usage.
- 7) Small and large businesses are struggling with the economy

Ken Schauenberg

Dapp, Alberta

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Michael Robb
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:00:16 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website Submission from Michael Robb

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Michael Robb

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

We live in Edmonton Riverview

Submission

I would like to see more representation for the urban areas that roughly reflects the same number of people in all ridings. I believe we could do this and give the rural MLAs more resources to travel to and from their ridings and enhance their office budgets to reflect the higher costs of getting their jobs done. Canada is now an urban nation and our political institutions should reflect that.
Sincerely, Michael Robb

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 2:53 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Keith Carter
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:00:27 PM

From: Ryan Phillips
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Keith Carter

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City/Town

Calgary

Submission

Gentlemen:

It has bothered me for some time, that the size of constituencies vary so widely in population. If one rural MP is elected in a Constituency of 40,000 people, the urban MP is elected in a Constituency of 400,000 people (as an example). I know there is a percentage difference allowed, but I feel that rural votes count far beyond their weight.

As most people moving to Alberta, from what I've heard, move to the Cities, I think it time to re:examine the size differences of ridings and an allowable difference between rural and urban ridings. My own thinking is that Cities are underrepresented. It undermines I think, the one person, one vote system.

I would also be open to reviewing the FPTP as far as Alberta Elections are concerned as well. I think we've seen enough deliberate corruption of that system Federally, to have much confidence in it at all either Provincially or Federally.

I have no opinion really on any pre:determined size of the Legislature (in the number of seats).

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

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City/Town

Sherwood Park

Electoral Constituency

Strathcona - Sherwood 40-79

Submission

This small area is split out of the urban area of Sherwood Park. I'm not sure the logic but it should be part of the urban area of Sherwood Park not Strathcona.

How did you hear about the review?

Householder (Direct Mail)

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 2:09 pm

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Fw: Website Submission from Conrad Nobert
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:00:49 PM

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City/Town

Edmonton

Electoral Constituency

edmonton strathcona

Submission

I believe that Albertans should be represented equally. Right now, the votes of urban dwellers don't count as much as those of people living in rural areas, and I strongly disagree with that.

All constituencies should have a very similar number of people in them.

How did you hear about the review?

Twitter

Submitted on: 2017/01/05 at 12:25 pm

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ruth Sorrentino
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:02:18 PM

From: Ruth Sorrentino <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 10:49 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Ruth Sorrentino

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| Calgary North West |
| Submission |
| <p>Thank you for the considering my thoughts.</p> <p>I think it is imperative for all ED's be as equitable in terms of population, as possible (I do recognize how hard this can be but +/- 5,000 people could be a realistic goal. This gives voters equitable representation in the LA, which is in my mind is key to democracy.</p> <p>In terms of names for the ED's. I am the RO for Calgary North West. This particular name causes much confusion, as many people think this encompasses all of NW Calgary, not the small portion of NW Calgary it really represents. If more localized names/descriptors could be used which better describe the actual area rather than generic direction type descriptors it would assist voters and reduce confusion. For example the current ED of Calgary North West encompasses Lynx Ridge, Tuscany, Scenic Acres, Rocky Ridge and Royal Oak. If the name could be drawn from the community names it would better help people know which area it covers i.e. Royal Tuscany, Tuscany Ridge, Rocky Acres.</p> <p>When creating ED's I also believe only major roads, preferably those which do not contain residential homes, should be used to divide the areas. It is very confusing for people who reside across the street from one another to be in different ED's from one another. That also makes it hard for community groups who advocate for those residents and they don't know which MLA to go to for assistance. For example in the 2000's the residential community of Scenic Acres was divided along a residential street between two ED's. It was both confusing and challenging for voters to understand.</p> <p>In rural areas where this is challenging GPS locations could be used to divide ED's rather than roads.</p> <p>Thank you again for your consideration, Ruth</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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Letter from the Boundaries Commission

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Submission |
| <p>Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission</p> <p>First off, I do not know what Constitutional/Statutory obligations might restrain options for the commission to consider. If the Alberta electoral divisions are unfettered by legalities, here is an idea to bring Albertans together giving us all stronger representation in provincial matters.</p> <p>In the past, "Divisions" have done just that, dividing Albertans into special interest groups lobbying for trends and novelties to suit their own immediate goals rather than for the welfare of all Albertans. This does not mean that we must somehow ignore our diversity, but rather to recognize diversity while providing everyone with equal representation.</p> <p>Simply adding constituencies gives us more government but no more fairer legislation. 87 seats is ample.</p> <p>The rural population is shifting as more people leave the farming community and find employment in urban areas. This does not make rural populations any less important to the province but rather increases their importance to Alberta.</p> <p>In view of that, representation by population alone is too simple and does not benefit all Albertans. We can provide equal representation by implementing a formula considering Population, Land Mass, Tax Bases, and on an areas capability of support to the whole. This is a major change to that could produce a new "electoral quotient".</p> <p>To physically comprehend this idea, it would manifest itself as a wheel with a major centers as hubs (Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Lethbridge, etc.) with constituencies radiating outwards as spokes on a wheel. Far reaching areas such as Northern Alberta and possibly sections of Eastern and Western areas representing a partial rim to the overall picture.</p> |

In conclusion, we do not need additional government, we must embrace diversity and not divide people, and we must give all Albertans fair representation.

Barry Kropielnicki

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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| Wetaskiwin Camrose |
| Submission |
| <p>The riding of Wetaskiwin Camrose has alot of historical importance to Alberta and i feel that a part of our riding is missing with the reservations of Ermineskin and Louis Bull in the riding of Drayton Valley, these 2 reservations have more in common with Wetaskiwin Camrose, as for meeting with their MLA it is alot easier to have meetings in Wetaskiwin rather than travelling to Drayton Valley or Devon. They also have many issues in common with Wetaskiwin Camrose, such as healthcare and legal services, when they access these services locally it is a far better use of tax dollars. They also utilize the roads and infrustructure of Wetaskiwin Camrose and if they are not in this riding then tax dollars are not allocated to maintain our recreation facilities,roads and other infrustructure that they utilize. I believe that it is in the best interest of the people of the 4 bands to be included in Wetaskiwin- Camrose.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Red Deer County Sylvan Lake Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Sylvan Lake and Innisfail |
| Submission |
| We are 4 miles from the Town of Sylvan Lake and 50 miles from Rocky. We want to be in the Sylvan Lake constituency boundaries. Please do not change electoral boundaries. We have no connection with Rocky, Rimbey or Sundre. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Cheryl Anderson
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 9:25:34 AM

From: Cheryl Anderson <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Peace River Map It |
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| Peace River |
| Submission |
| <p>Good day</p> <p>I have worked Alberta elections since 1975 and have some concerns. Yes the north does. Not have the population that is in the cities, we have huge distances between communities. So when aligning the boundaries please take that into consideration. The travel distances when training for an election, I am gone from. The day after nomination day u till the advance polls are opening. When dealing with First Nation communities two training sessions can turn into five or six. One of the First Nations is fly-in or train over then phone and put the ballot box and ballots on the mail plane. The Peace River Constituency covers a vast area of the Province. The farthest town is five hours from the office if the roads are good, and the fly-in is seven or more hours away.</p> <p>I cannot agree with using postal codes to determine subdivisions as people live in rural areas And get to their mail in town which is in another. As an example, Fort Vermilion hamlet, their is one polling subdivision in the hamlet but their are five other and parts of to three more subdivisions who get their mail there, thus have the same postal code.</p> <p>I am so sorry that I had other commitments when you were visiting Peace River and could not attend the open forum.</p> <p>Part of the problem with camps and temporary workers in that they are not informed about the absentee voter ballot especially in the remote areas. The absentee ballot was an request was put forward from the Peace River Constituency about eight elections ago.</p> <p>I am very passionate about the whole election process.</p> <p>I do have other concern so if you wish to chat, give me a call at the above number.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Bon Accord Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| 48-Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater |
| Submission |
| <p>I am writing to the electoral commission today to submit feedback from a 10 year resident of Bon Accord.</p> <p>Over the past 10 years our constituency boundary has changed. The needs and interests of residents in Bon Accord, Gibbons and Legal are very different then the residents that live in the immediate vicinity of Athabasca. Bon Accord residents are closer to the cities of St.Albert and Fort Saskatchewan.</p> <p>I feel that inclusion within the boundaries of Sturgeon County are feasible as the majority of residents commute to either Edmonton or St. Albert for work, shopping, entertainment etc...,</p> <p>In addition, our town is directly affected by annexation from Edmonton or St. Albert. Therefore, any issues or concerns that originate from the cities directly affect us residents of these hamlets as we utilize the infrastructure and services provided by Edmonton and St. Albert.</p> <p>I have never visited the Town of Athabasca as it is too far. We utilize the recreational facilities, libraries and shopping centres of St. Albert, Fort Saskatchewan or Edmonton.</p> <p>Bon Accord's tourism and economic development are directly related to our physical location from the City of Edmonton. I feel that our municipalities close location to the City of Edmonton/City of St.Albert be considered when boundaries are established. In addition to the location of the Town of Bon Accord, the commission should take note that Bon Accord is directly situated on the highway corridor to Fort McMurray/Cold Lake. We are a common stop for fuel fill ups. The needs and activities of residents of this town and it's residents differ tremendously then Athabasca. We are directly affected by all changes made to the Capital Region and St. Albert.</p> |

Morinville to Bon Accord-19.5km
Redwater to Bon Accord-30.7

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Ave., NW,
Edmonton, AB., T5G 2Y5.

Edmonton, AB.,

19 January, 2017.

Dear Commission Members;

I am responding to a printed invitation I received via Canada Post to make a written submission to you concerning your review of Alberta's current 87 electoral constituencies.

Assessment of Existing Boundaries

The extent of underrepresentation of suburban voters vis-à-vis some rural voters is appalling and must be rectified. I live in the suburban riding of Edmonton Millcreek which has a reported population of 56,995 and is permitted one Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). In comparison, I understand that the northern Alberta ridings of Dunvegan-Central Peace Notley and Fort McMurray-Conklin, which have populations of 25,192 and 29,533, respectively, also elect one MLA each. This means that my single vote as an Alberta suburban resident is worth only 44 per cent of the vote of a Dunvegan-Central Peace Notley resident and only 52 per cent of a resident of Fort McMurray-Conklin. This extreme disparity is completely unacceptable to me.

Recommendations

1. Do not increase the overall number of electoral constituencies as a solution to the problem of underrepresentation of suburban voters. Former Premier Stelmach's addition of ridings in Edmonton and Calgary, instead of redrawing electoral boundaries, was a poor and short sighted solution to the problem of rebalancing out-of-date electoral boundaries. Eighty-seven MLAs are more than enough. In fact, it is my understanding that Alberta has proportionately more MLAs by population than most other Canadian provinces. We don't need any more, and could probably do with fewer MLAs.
2. Revoke the existing law that allows a variance of 25 per cent plus or minus the provincial average in the number of residents per riding, and replace it with a law that no riding may have more than 5 per cent plus or minus the provincial average. This would ensure fairness for suburban voters.
3. Revoke the existing law which allows Alberta's four biggest rural ridings to have a population 50 per cent below the provincial average. Today's road network and enhanced telephone and electronic communication render this special advantage to these rural ridings unnecessary. Retaining this special advantage would be prejudicial to other rural voters, in addition to urban and suburban voters.

In conclusion, I believe it is essential that Alberta's electoral boundaries are revised to reflect today's population realities and ensure fairness for all Albertans in electing MLAs. The existing electoral boundaries are unfair to suburban Albertans, in particular.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. I applaud your endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Richardson, RN (ret), PhD

The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
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Dear Sirs,

This submission is in response to your public request for submissions regarding a review of our provincial constituency boundaries prior to the next provincial election.

On reviewing the existing Electoral Boundaries Commission Act current as of May 27, 2016 I have no difficulties with the existing act regarding the relevant considerations regarding the area and boundaries that refer to the number of constituencies or to the use of existing municipal boundaries of counties or cities or the principle of community of interest in determining the boundaries. I do however submit that the existing variance of 25% above or 25% below the average population of all of the proposed electoral divisions is too great by far.

In general - a basic democratic principle is that all citizens should have equal sway in electing their representatives. A situation where a constituency with 12,000 fewer voters (25% of 48,800) has the same democratic effect as a neighboring constituency with 12,000 more voters than average is patently undemocratic and lends itself to blatant gerrymandering. TIGHTEN up the variance to 10% above or below and correct this democratic deficit.

The existing act provides for 4 (Four) electoral divisions that are essentially remote, sparsely populated areas and allows these 4 electoral divisions to have a variance of 50% below the provincial average. This variance should be tightened up to 25% ~~above~~ below the provincial average.

FINANCIAL means to subsidize the travel costs of

The elected members of the Alberta legislature who represent these 4 divisions should be made over and above the average travel costs. Additional financial resources should also be made for constituency offices in these 4 sparsely populated divisions so that their residents can effectively interact with their M.L.A.

Sincerely

DON RONAGHAN

EDMONTON, ALTA

[REDACTED]
ROCKY Mtn. HOUSE,
ALBERTA. [REDACTED]
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13 - 1 - 2017.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I live 16 miles West of Rocky mtn. House, along with over 100 or more people out here. Our district is HORBURG - and we would like to know why, since we are so close to Rocky, should we have to travel 50 miles West to Nordegg to vote in Elections. I'm not prepared to ~~make~~ make a 100 mile journey just to vote. We used to be able to vote at Ferrer Community Hall - 7 miles east from my place - so why can't we do that anymore?

Since our addresses are Rocky mtn. Houses, and not Nordegg, why are we not on their lists? It doesn't make sense to me. Please include us, (HORBURG) in either Ferrer district, or on the Rocky mtn. House lists. Could you please alter the Electoral Boundaries so that people don't have to travel 100 return trip to cast a vote in future?

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Grasso. (Mrs.)

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Leduc Beaumont |
| Submission |
| Each electoral constituency should contain the same number of residents. I realise that this would create some geographically large constituencies, this can be addressed by providing funding for support for these areas. Equal representation and equal access should be the goal. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio |



January 11, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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RE: Alberta's Constituency Boundaries Review

On behalf of Camrose County Council I would like to take this opportunity to express several concerns regarding the current electoral boundaries that effect Camrose County, and suggest some alternatives:

Issues:

1. **Size:** Battle River-Wainwright Electoral Division covers approximately 250 km east to west boundary and 100 km north to south. For one MLA to represent effectively the needs of a population spread over 25000 km² seems unreasonable.
2. **Community Interests:** Variations in topography, land-use and major industry are significant within the region. In the west half of the constituency, primary agricultural production is the major economic driver, while in the east although primary agriculture is part of the economy, oil and gas production is the major economic driver.
3. **Regional Collaboration:** Camrose County and residents of Camrose County participate in, and support extensively, the facilities and services located in the City of Camrose, which is currently part of the Wetaskiwin-Camrose constituency.

Possible Alternatives/Solutions:

Camrose County is respectfully requesting that the current electoral boundary be adjusted to reflect a more north south constituency, with a possible solution that it include the municipalities Beaver County, Flagstaff County and Camrose County and those urban municipalities within that region. By adjusting the boundaries as such, this Electoral Constituency would meet all of the objectives outlined in the Commission's consideration, population density and numbers, common community interest, existing municipal boundaries and effective representation.

Camrose County appreciates the opportunity to express our concerns and provide alternatives and looks forward to the Commission's conclusions.

Sincerely:


Don Gregorwich, Reeve
Camrose County

Rob Wells
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Lavoy, Alberta
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January 10, 2017

**Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11010 - Kingsway, Ave NW
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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity to make this submission regarding your review of provincial constituency boundaries.

I urge you to address the serious disparity of the number of eligible voters between rural and urban constituencies. For example, I am informed that the constituency of Dunvegan – Central Peace – Notley had 16,392 voters while Calgary Southeast had 46,871 voters. As a result, a voter in this rural riding had almost three times the effective representation and political influence as a voter in this urban riding.

This inequity is unacceptable, and can no longer be tolerated for the following reasons.

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It violates the *Charter* principle of equality and the concept of a free and democratic society. It is clearly undemocratic.

This inequity has led to, and will likely continue to lead to violations of the principles of basic human rights. Article 1 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* states “Everyone is born free and equal in dignity and rights”. However, the existing disparity between rural and urban ridings clearly denies the right to equal representation and political influence of urban citizens.

Whereas hunger and homelessness tend to be an urban problem, more so than a rural problem, this undemocratic rural political influence has likely a significant factor in the government’s failure to ensure adequate social housing, and the cold-hearted cuts to this province’s most vulnerable citizens’ receiving Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped. This resulted in the violation of Article 25 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* which asserts the right of all persons to adequate food, clothing, housing and medical care.



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This disparity between rural and urban voters was probably a significant factor in the Alberta Government's ongoing denial of *Charter Rights* equality to its gay and lesbian citizens. Whereas many members of this minority tend to migrate to larger urban centers to find support and acceptance, the issue of justice for gays and lesbians was rarely a concern in rural areas. Few would doubt that pandering to the homophobic voters in the rural ridings was the reason for the government's continued violation of Section 15 of the Charter by denying gays and lesbians equal protection of Alberta's human rights legislation. Nor would many people doubt that this was a factor in the Alberta Government's refusal to amend their human rights legislation for over 10 years, in contempt for the *Vriend* ruling by Canada's Supreme Court.

This voter inequity has resulted in Alberta earning the reputation as "red-neck", "backward", and sometimes rightfully referred to as "Alabama North".

In this age of electronic communications, the geographic size of a constituency can not justify this undemocratic inequality.

I therefore urge your commission to redraw Alberta's constituency boundaries so that there is as near as possible, equal number of voters in each.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of January, 2017


Rob Wells

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 10:35:17 AM

From: Ursula Ambuehl [REDACTED]
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Subject: electoral Boundries

I would be like to see Alberta move to a proportional representation system, where every vote matters.
Thank you

January 9, 2017

To: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

In response to your request for input into how Alberta should be governed:

I have no idea if this commission is made up of concerned citizens who have the peoples interest at heart if it is a bunch of public servants spending my grandkids future. Over the last few years I have become very concerned with the direction our country and communities have taken. It seems that we are continually being told that we should take less and less responsibility for ourselves and ask and expect that the government will "look after things" for you, **JUST SEND MORE MONEY.**

So having said the above, I am dead against there being any more MLA's added to Alberta. 87 MLS's is more than enough to look after our interests, in fact it is more that the number of MP's for all of Canada 60 years ago. In fact if we use the "current Alberta ratio" for MP's in Canada, we would have 735 MP's.

So if you can't figure out how to re-figure the Electoral boundaries with 87, then do it by reducing the number of MLA's Never take the easy way and just add more spots.

You are going to hear all kinds of arguments for adding more MLA's because there is "so much work to do". Well if you triple the number of MLA's, I am sure that they all would be able to "fill their days" but we would not have any better government, **IN FACT IT WOULD BE WORSE.** Our grandkids would be left with even a bigger problem. (unless they were one of the elected who were able to feed at the public trough).

Conclusion: **DO NOT ADD ANY MORE MLS's.**

Sincerely,

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Gary Zorn

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| Dear Commission Members: |
| Thank you for the opportunity to contribute some ideas to your deliberations. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Constituencies should, are far as possible, be equal in terms of their populations.2. Of course, this standard may lead to some rural riding being very large in area but this ought not to distract from the goal of greater equality.3. If you follow through on this standard then sufficient technology ought to be provided to large rural constituencies to "shrink" distance. This may mean funds for more than one constituency office in such "ridings" along with the appropriate technology for effective communication.4. It is essential that our democracy develop greater equality in representation and that means representation from rural riding must be diminished so that the goal of greater voter equality is achieved. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Why are the 4 nations separated into separate electoral districts? We share a common language and culture and we should have a single provincial representative. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Submission to the 2017 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

January 31st, 2017

Joseph Oberhoffner, private citizen and resident of Calgary

The author wishes to express his sincere thanks to the members of the Commission, and their staff, for undertaking this important work on behalf of all Albertans.

Notes Regarding Cited Figures:

- I. Data and figures regarding the current estimated population within Calgary's present provincial constituencies is drawn from the Treasury Board & Finance/Statistics Canada projections on the Commission's website, at <http://abebc.ca/about/stats/>. Upon the release of federal census figures in early February, some of these figures and submissions may require amendment.
- II. Data and figures regarding population within Calgary's individual communities is drawn from the City of Calgary's Municipal Census 2016, posted at <http://www.calgary.ca/CA/city-clerks/Documents/Election-and-information-services/Census2016/2016-Census-Results-Book.pdf>

How Many Seats for Calgarians in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta?

According to the 2016 estimates posted on the Commission's website at <http://abebc.ca/about/stats/>, the total estimated population of the constituencies within the boundaries of the City of Calgary is 1,317,772. With the Commission's stated provincial average of 48,884 residents per constituency, this suggests that, as of today, the residents within the City of Calgary, in the interest of the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, should be represented by 27 Members of the Legislative Assembly (in an Assembly of 87 Members representing all of Alberta).

As there are presently 25 seats in the Legislature representing Calgary, a fair redistribution reflecting the current population while maintaining the current Legislature membership at 87 (per the Commission's Terms of Reference) requires an additional 2 seats be added to Calgary.

More realistically, however, the Commission should consider population trends in Calgary. Over the past 10 years (such a long-term view necessary in light of the cyclical nature of the local economy), Calgary has seen population growth

averaging 2.94% per annum¹. Extrapolated over the next 8 years until this Commission next sits, this represents growth of over 300,000 residents in Calgary. In just the past several years, despite the recent economic slow-down, Calgary has seen population growth year-over-year of as many as 35,000 people in a single year (April 2014-April 2015).

We see evidence of this when this Commission last sat in 2010 and recommended the establishment of a constituency (Calgary-South East) which at the time had a population of 36,848 and has grown in the 7 years since to over 79,000. The principle of Effective Representation would suggest that efforts to avoid situations where a citizen's voice is diminished by more than 50% in between sittings of this Commission would be desirable. And so, while adding 2 seats to Calgary would effectively redress issues of representation that have come up over the past decade, they do little to set Calgarians up for effective representation in the years until this Commission next sits.

As such, it is respectfully submitted to this Commission that the more fair outcome would be to allocate **3 additional seats to Calgary**, bringing the total to 28 seats out of 87 with an average population of 46,857, or a variance of -4.15% from the average (smaller than the average variance of -4.3 for Edmonton constituencies reflected in the Final Report of this Commission in 2009/10).

A rudimentary look at the estimated population figures on the Commission website suggests that those seats would be at the expense of areas of the province with less population density and slower – or perhaps zero or sub-zero – net population growth.

This author does not purport to be an expert on the needs and character of every community within this beautiful province. As such, there will be no suggestions regarding where specifically to find the 3 seats that must be added to Calgary to ensure fair representation, or of redistribution in the rest of the province, both of which my fellow citizens will no doubt be more than happy to provide. Efforts on my part to suggest new boundaries for constituencies in Grande Prairie or Edmonton would be folly, and a waste of this Commission's valuable time. This submission will instead focus on the City of Calgary, with which the author is much more familiar.

¹ <http://www.calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com/research-and-reports/demographics-lp/demographics/>

Electoral Boundaries in Calgary

Given the Commission's stated provincial average of 48,884 residents per constituency, the acceptable variance by law of 25% from this figure puts the minimum population of a constituency at 36,663 and the maximum at 61,105.

NO CHANGE

Following the doctrine of "*It's Not Broken, So Don't Fix It*", this submission respectfully offers that the following constituencies within the City of Calgary should go unchanged from their current boundaries:

| <u>CONSTITUENCY</u> | <u>Estimated 2016 population</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Calgary-Acadia | 43,000 | -12.0% |
| <i>Calgary-Bow</i> | <i>45,049</i> | <i>-7.8%</i> |
| <i>Calgary-Currie</i> | <i>51,611</i> | <i>+5.6%</i> |
| Calgary-Elbow | 48,363 | -1.1% |
| <i>Calgary-Foothills</i> | <i>54,180</i> | <i>+10.8%</i> |
| Calgary-Glenmore | 48,972 | +0.2% |
| <i>Calgary-Hawkwood</i> | <i>52,223</i> | <i>+6.8%</i> |
| Calgary-Hays | 46,893 | -4.1% |
| <i>Calgary-Klein</i> | <i>49,130</i> | <i>+0.5%</i> |
| Calgary-Mountain View | 47,808 | -2.2% |
| <i>Calgary-North West</i> | <i>51,011</i> | <i>+4.4%</i> |
| Calgary-Shaw | 48,056 | -1.7% |
| <i>Calgary-Varsity</i> | <i>48,107</i> | <i>-1.6%</i> |
| Calgary-West | 45,966 | -6.0% |

CHANGE

It is submitted that the following constituencies see boundary changes, as detailed below:

Calgary-Cross (est. population 59,406): Remove the communities of Vista Heights, Sunridge, Horizon, and Pineridge. New estimated population 46,783. The new Calgary-Cross would contain the fully developed and low-growth communities of Rundle, Whitehorn and Temple.

Calgary-East (est. population 56,618): Remove the communities of Red Carpet, Southview, Albert Park/Radisson Heights, Mayland, Meridian, and Franklin. Add the communities of Forest Lawn and Forest Heights. New estimated population 54,703. The new Calgary-East would contain the fully developed and low-growth communities of Forest Lawn, Forest Heights, Marlborough, Marlborough Park, and Penbrooke Meadows.

Calgary-Fish Creek (est. population 40,566): Add the communities of Woodbine and Woodlands, which share a single community association (Woodcreek). New estimated population 55,669. The new Calgary-Fish Creek would contain the fully developed and low-growth communities of Queensland, Deer Run, Deer Ridge, Parkland, Bonavista Downs, Lake Bonavista, Canyon Meadows, Diamond Cove, Woodbine and Woodlands. The southern boundary of the constituency would be the northern bank of the Fish Creek, and the northern boundary would be Anderson Road.

Calgary-Fort (est. population 51,083): Remove the communities of Forest Lawn and Forest Heights. Add the communities of Applewood Park and Red Carpet. New estimated population 45,325. Due to the continued presence of large non-residential/industrial areas within the constituency, Calgary-Fort would remain one of the largest constituencies in Calgary speaking geographically, however the presence of many major roads in the constituency, including but not limited to Blackfoot Trail, Barlow Trail, Glenmore Trail and Stoney Trail, will make travel for the constituents to their MLA's office very manageable.

Calgary-Greenway (est. population 56,474): Remove the communities of Taradale and Applewood Estates, and add the community of Pineridge. New estimated population 40,797. The new Calgary-Greenway would include the fully developed and low-growth communities of Monterey Park, Pineridge, Abbeydale and Applewood, but also the growing community of Coral Springs and allows for future communities to the east

of Stoney Trail, which may very well be a factor when this Commission next sits in approximately 8 years' time.

Calgary-Lougheed (est. population 54,734): Remove the communities of Woodbine and Woodlands, which share a single community association (Woodcreek). New estimated population 39,631. While this number nears the maximum allowable variance below the average population, it should be noted that the western half of the new constituency, sparsely populated at this time, is due for major development to begin soon including the new communities of Providence, with an expected eventual population of 35,000 new residents (<http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/developer-wants-to-build-in-s-w-calgary-corner-before-ring-road-complete>), making this one of the highest potential growth areas in the city of Calgary.

Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill (est. population 56,625): Remove the community of Evanston, as well as all lands east of Deerfoot Trail and all lands north of Country Hills Blvd. New eastern boundary would be Deerfoot Trail. New estimated population 42,361.

Calgary-McCall (est. population 68,523): Remove the communities of Saddle Ridge, Skyview Ranch and Redstone. New estimated population 38,315, with one of Calgary's 3 new constituencies gaining the communities listed above. The new Calgary-McCall would include the fully developed and low-growth communities of Martindale, Castleridge and Falconridge

Calgary-Northern Hills (est. population 61,377): Remove the communities of Harvest Hills, Country Hills, and Coventry Hills. Add the community of Evanston, as well as all lands between Centre Street and Symons Valley Blvd north of Stoney Trail. New estimated population 44,096. The new Calgary-Northern Hills would include the community of Panorama Hills (Calgary's most populous community, with over 25,000 residents) and the fast-growing Evanston, as well as lands to be developed north of Stoney Trail. By the time this Commission next sits, the riding might once again need to be considered for splitting if populations grow as expected.

Calgary-South East (est. population 79,034): By far, this is estimated to be the most populous constituency in Alberta according the Commission's website. Remove the communities of Cranston, Chaparral, Walden, Legacy and Silverado, which would be constituted as their own, new constituency. The new Calgary-South East would include the developing and growing communities of Auburn Bay, Mahogany, New Brighton and

Copperfield, as well as the lands south of Marquis of Lorne Trail/Stoney Trail which are to the east Deerfoot Trail. The rate of growth in this area has far exceeded the estimates on the Commission's website, as according to the City of Calgary Census of 2016 the population of the new Calgary-South East would be 46,190 (as opposed to the Treasury Board and Finance/Statistics Canada estimates of fewer than 35,000 once the abovementioned communities were split into the new constituency).

New Constituency A: Includes the communities of Southview, Albert Park/Radisson Heights, Mayland, Meridian, Franklin, Vista Heights, Sunridge, Horizon, Harvest Hills, Country Hills and Coventry Hills. Estimated population 44,068. Would also include YYC Calgary International Airport, and lands to be developed between Centre Street and 36th Street NE, north of Stoney Trail. While the constituency would be large in area, particularly from the northern edge to the southern edge, the fact that so many of the communities are adjacent to Deerfoot Trail makes travel for constituents to a centrally-located MLA's office reasonable. Most of the communities within the constituency are low-growth and fully developed, however the potential for growth on the northern edge will bring population in line with or above the provincial average in short order.

New Constituency B: Includes the communities of Taradale, Martindale, Saddle Ridge, Skyview Ranch and Redstone. Estimated population 47,579. With the exception of Taradale, an established and fully developed community, this constituency has the potential for explosive population growth over the next decade.

New Constituency C: Includes the communities of Cranston, Chaparral, Walden, Legacy, and Silverado. Estimated population 44,077. All of these communities are in their relative infancy with high potential for growth, with the possible exception of Cranston which is nearing capacity at 18,013 residents as of the 2016 Calgary Municipal Census.

New and Modified Constituencies

| <u>CONSTITUENCY</u> | Estimated 2016 <u>population</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Calgary-Cross | 47,081 | -3.7% |
| <i>Calgary-East</i> | 54,703 | +11.9% |
| Calgary-Fish Creek | 55,669 | +13.9% |
| <i>Calgary-Fort</i> | 45,325 | -7.3% |
| Calgary-Greenway | 40,797 | -16.5% |
| <i>Calgary-Lougheed</i> | 39,631 | -18.9% |
| Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill | 42,361 | -13.3% |
| <i>Calgary-McCall</i> | 38,315 | -21.6% |
| Calgary-Northern Hills | 44,096 | -9.8% |
| <i>Calgary-South East</i> | 46,190 | -5.5% |
| New Constituency A | 44,068 | -9.9% |
| <i>New Constituency B</i> | 47,579 | -2.7% |
| New Constituency C | 44,077 | -9.8% |

VARIANCE

As submitted, the range of variance in Calgary constituencies would be from a low of -21.6% to a high of +13.9%.

Overall, the variance compares favourably to that in the final report of this Commission in 2010, with 72% of constituencies within 10% variance, and 90% within 15% variance:

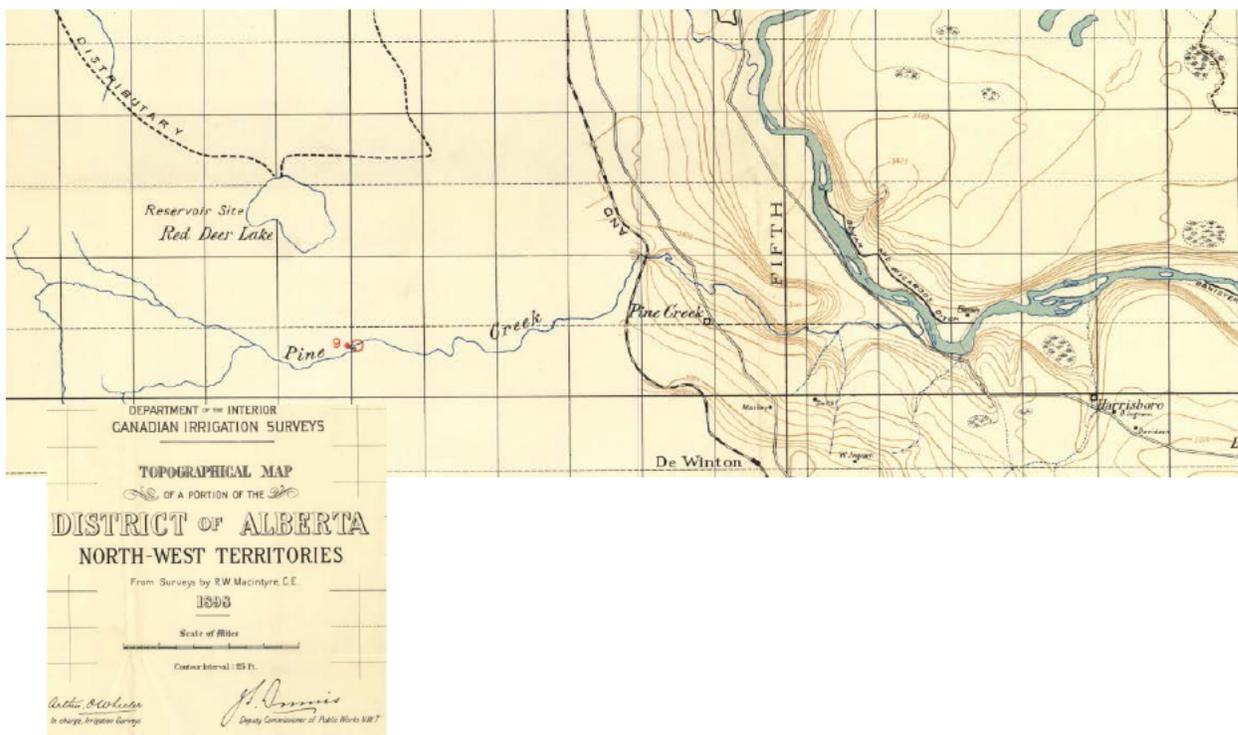
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| 5 to 10 | 11 | 44 | 10 | 36 |
| 10 to 15 | 4 | 16 | 5 | 18 |
| 15 to 20 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| 20 to 25 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Over 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 25 | 100 | 28 | 100 |

Names of Constituencies

In the Final Report to the Speaker of the 2009/2010 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, dated June 24th 2010, the recommendation is made on page 25 that "*The Legislative Assembly may wish to consider adopting a protocol for the naming of electoral divisions for the guidance of future Commissions*". No such protocol appears to have been adopted. Further, the report notes that the Commission at that time "*generally favours the use of geographical names which provide an indication of the location of the electoral division*", though the Legislative Assembly in fact adopted several names of persons, including former Premier Ralph Klein and former Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition Grant Notley, in the final revisions.

- Given the changes that have been made in this submission, it is the recommendation of the author that in light of the removal of several communities which all included "Hills" in their name and lent reason to the naming of the constituency, the provincial constituency of **Calgary-Northern Hills** be re-named to "**Calgary-Nose Creek**", in reference to the creek which runs along much of the newly-designed constituency's southwest edge.
- For reasons of clarity in naming, it is further recommended that the proposed new constituency comprising the northeastern corner of Calgary's current city limits, to this point referred to in this submission and on the included map as "**New Constituency B**", be named "**Calgary-North East**".

- If this Commission agrees with the previous Commission that geographical names are preferable, it is further submitted that the constituency which has to this point been referred to as “**New Constituency C**”, on **Calgary’s southern boundary, be named “Calgary-Pine Creek**”, in reference to the named creek running through the proposed constituency which was noted on late 19th-century maps of the area, and which has in past lent itself to the naming of, among other things, a cemetery, post office and water reservoir site in the area.



If this Commission considers the naming or re-naming of various constituencies to honour the accomplishments and lives of great Albertans, the author would make the following suggestions:

- The proposed new constituency in north-central Calgary will include YYC Calgary International Airport. This presents an opportunity to recognize an important Calgary-born aviator, Ian Willoughby Bazalgette, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his heroic selflessness and sacrifice in August of 1944. While a school in Calgary bears his name, this man who gave his life in defence of democracy and freedom would be appropriately remembered with an electoral constituency bearing his name. This would also, as with Calgary-McCall, serve as a means of

remembrance for Calgary's aviation history in the area that includes one of Canada's busiest airports. For this reason, this author recommends that the new constituency, referred to earlier in this submission as "**New Constituency A**", be named "**Calgary-Bazalgette**".

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2234612>

- While this Commission is doubtless very much aware of the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of MLA Manmeet Bhullar, the author wishes to note on the record that Member Bhullar was en route to Edmonton to do the work of his constituents, when he pulled over to assist a motorist in distress. While attempting to help, he was struck by another vehicle, and subsequently died of his injuries. While it is always unfortunate to lose a respected Albertan who has served in elected office earlier in their lives, it is worthy of remembrance that MLA Bhullar, a former Minister of the Crown and a sitting MLA, died in office, while in an act of selfless service to his fellow Albertans. For this reason, it is the author's belief that a fitting tribute would be to **rename the constituency which he served – Calgary-Greenway, to "Calgary-Bhullar"**, in honour of this great Albertan and public servant. The present name of Calgary-Greenway was only adopted in 2012, and as such no meaningful history would be lost in this change.

Further, if this commission is considering worthy Albertans for the honour of having their names used in conjunction with Calgary constituencies, this author would encourage them to consider the following great Albertans:

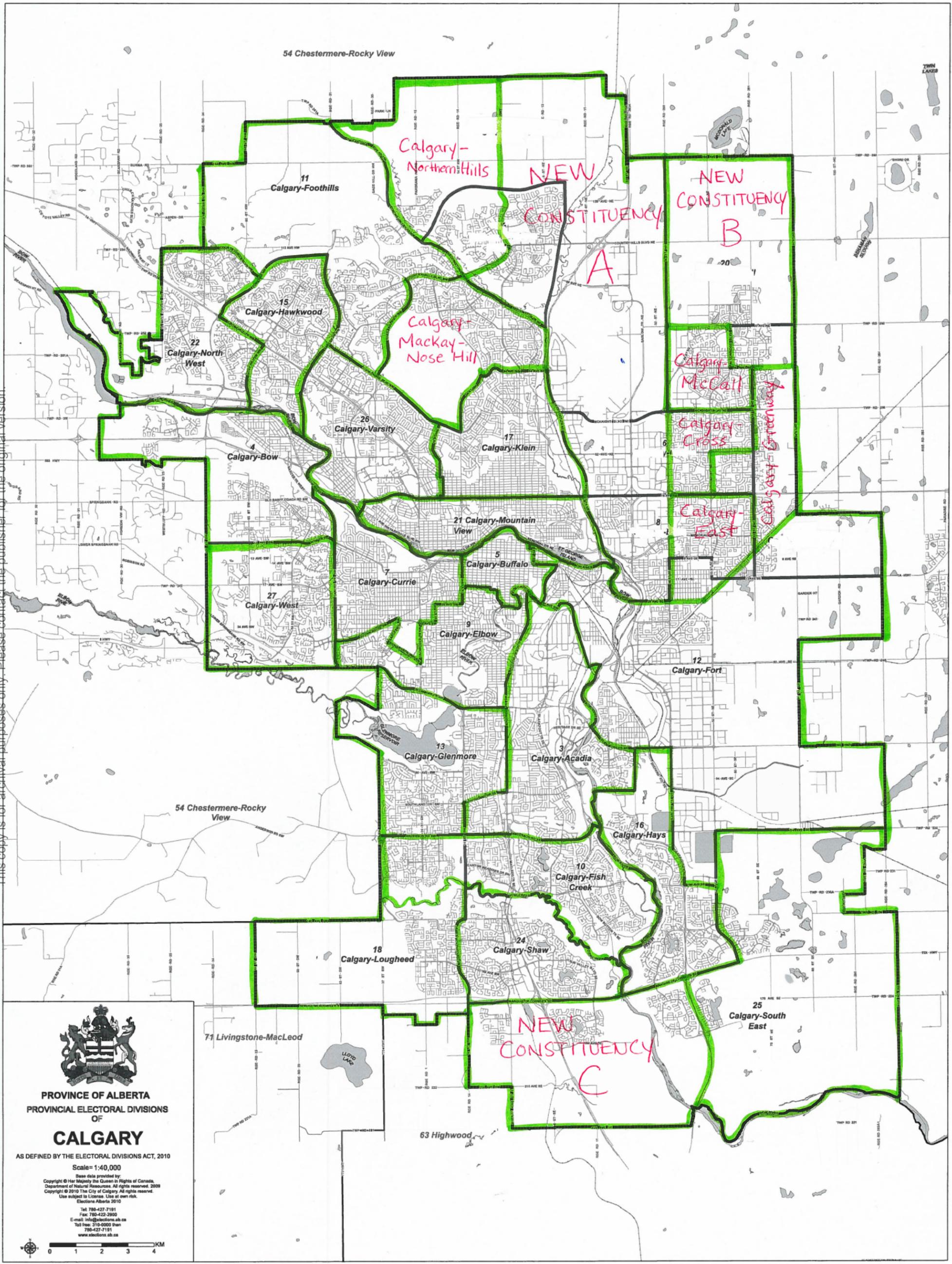
Norman Kwong, Lt. Governor of Alberta, proud Calgarian, entrepreneur, beloved athlete

John Ware, homesteader, cowboy, early settler to southern Alberta, champion of minority rights

Grant McEwan, Mayor of Calgary, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Lt. Governor of Alberta

Attached: Map of Calgary with proposed constituency boundaries

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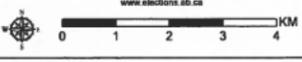


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To whom it may concern:

I am happy to be able to contribute to this process, as I believe it is fundamentally important to a healthy democracy. Frankly, I cannot support the current state of affairs.

I worked as an Alberta public servant for over 30 years, two-thirds of that time in rural Alberta, and the remainder in Edmonton. I mention this to make the point that I have lived and worked in both rural and urban settings, and I have seen at close hand the workings of the government, as well as observing it from the outside as an ordinary citizen and voter. It is plain to me that the current system is badly flawed. I believe it can best be described as an entrenched patronage system, with a transfer of wealth and influence to rural ridings in exchange for ongoing political support. How else can anyone explain the fact that Alberta has had so few changes in government? Alberta is unique in Canada in this regard, and yet there is very little public discussion of why this is so.

For me, the signs are clear. Lengthy political dynasties, ending only when the electorate becomes truly fed up with entitlement politics and abuse of power. Low voter turnout, especially in rural ridings, is also evident. In far too many ridings, the only real contest is at the candidate nomination level, to determine who will dish out favors on behalf of the party in power. These are facts, not opinions. The current system underpins pork barrel government, and is inherently inefficient, corrupt and undemocratic. Albertans deserve better.

I don't know what the current numbers of voters per riding are, nor do I know how many actual votes were cast per riding in the last few elections. But I know that the long-term approach has been to deliberately allow rural ridings to have fewer voters by a substantial margin. Clearly, this means that an urban vote is worth less. Then, combined with the fact that many rural ridings are considered 'safe' seats, this leads to exceptionally low voter turnout. You can check the actual numbers, but I recall previous elections where many rural ridings saw only 10-12,000 total votes cast, compared to many city ridings, where over 40,000 votes were cast. This means that, in many cases, an urban vote was worth only 1/4 of a rural vote. It also means that the only truly contested ridings tended to be in urban areas, while rural voters had little reason to turn out. Real democracy is defeated by this.

In every review of electoral boundaries, we hear the argument that the current bias is fair, since rural ridings are so much larger, creating demands on rural MLAs that are not seen in the cities. In this day and age, this is hardly relevant, and is clearly a self-serving argument to maintain the current broken system. If Alberta is to break out of, or even weaken, patronage government, you must do everything in your power to rebalance things. You have an extraordinarily important responsibility to all citizens of Alberta. Very few benefit from the current system. Alberta deserves better.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]
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January 12, 2017

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Dear Ms. Bielby

Re: Review of Electoral Boundaries

While Big Lakes County Council appreciates the opportunity to comment on the review of the Electoral Boundaries we do express our concern on the absence of a Northern Alberta representative on the Commission. We believe that the commission would be better served by member representation which represents the entire province.

Big Lakes County Council will continue to participate in the Electoral Boundary Review process as it continues to unfold.

We do thank for the opportunity to provide this initial feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours truly,


Ken Matthews
Reeve

cc: Al Kemmere, President, AAMD&C



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Ron Orr, MLA
Lacombe-Ponoka Constituency

January 3rd, 2017

Hon. Myra Bielby, Chair
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 200, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Hon. Bielby:

Thank you for your December 12th, 2016 letter regarding the upcoming review of the electoral boundaries in Alberta.

I am the MLA for the Lacombe-Ponoka constituency and would like to make a suggestion of a name change within this riding.

The Town of Blackfalds has grown to be the 2nd largest municipality in my constituency and yet they have not been recognized in the name of the riding. The population according to the 2016 municipal census is 9,510 which is an 8.2% change from the 2015 municipal census. Blackfalds was ranked as the municipality with the 14th highest population growth between 2006 and 2011. It is located on highway 2A just east of the QE2.

It would be my suggestion that the riding be re-named to Lacombe-Blackfalds-Ponoka.

If you would like to discuss this further, feel free to contact me at my constituency office in Lacombe at 403-782-7725.

Again, thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,



Ron Orr, MLA
Lacombe-Ponoka



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January 5, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Honorable Myra Bielby and Commission Members:

Re: Review of Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Thank you for your letter dated December 12, 2016 informing municipalities of the electoral boundary review.

The County of Paintearth is located in East Central Alberta with predominately agriculture, oil and gas, and coal industries. The County's population like other rural areas has been declining and basing the boundaries on population would not be advantage to taxpayers of rural Alberta.

The County is pleased with current electoral boundaries as the County has one MLA to represent the County. In the past our County was split by electoral boundaries and had two MLA representatives and therefore was not a cohesive voice for our taxpayers. Additionally, the size of rural electoral ridings has increased over the years, and it is very difficult to fairly represent residents. The County of Paintearth residents need and deserve one voice.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the review and please feel free to contact myself at [REDACTED] to discuss further.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18

George Glazier
Reeve

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Municipal District of Taber

Administration Office

January 11, 2017

Justice Myra Bielby
Chair
Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB
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Dear Justice Bielby,

RE: Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission

The Council of the Municipal District of Taber wishes to express its thoughts regarding the Constituency Boundaries Review from its rural context.

We understand that provinces have had the right to establish electoral boundaries since confederation. Democratic rights as outlined in Section 3 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are irrevocable and sacred to Canadians.

We request the Province to consider not only the right to vote but also in your consideration of electoral boundaries, the geography and the size of rural ridings and the resulting demands on elected provincial representatives and the decreased ability of citizens and community leaders to, where necessary, meet with their elected representative. There are certainly instances where representativeness should take precedence rather than the principle of one person one vote – particular in rural ridings.

We ask the Commission consider geographic boundaries of municipalities which reflect similar historical, social, cultural and historical links as well as the question of representativeness along with their consideration of representation in their review of electoral boundaries.

We thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Respectfully,



Brian Brewin
Reeve
Municipal District of Taber

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue N.W.,
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5

January 13,
2017

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Re: Electoral Boundaries.

I acknowledge and appreciate that my submissions herein are likely beyond the scope of the Commission's mandate. However, re-aligning the electoral boundaries in our first-past-the-post electoral system is a bit like re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic - there is action, but nothing valuable will be achieved.

I don't think that either I, or anyone else, need explain how unrepresentative our current system is. Routinely, majority governments are formed with 35 to 40% of the popular vote, which is pretty sad if you believe in trying to "hear as many voices" as possible.

Here are my suggestions for reform:

1. Abolish the current 87 provincial electoral ridings.
2. Establish 45 new ridings with as nearly as possible equal populations.
3. Each political party will be allowed to

run only one candidate in each of the 45 ridings.

4. Voters must rank all the candidates on the ballot in their riding. A rank of 1 must be given to the candidate desired most by the voter, a rank of 2 to the next most desirable candidate, and onwards, with the voter giving higher and higher numbers to less and less desirable candidates. For example, if 5 candidates run in a riding, voters must rank them one (1) to five (5) to properly vote.

5. From each of the 45 ridings the two candidates with the lowest scores (the most ones and twos, for the most part) go to Edmonton to sit as M. L. A.s for that riding.

6. This suggestion not only gives each voter the opportunity to support the candidate they want the most, by giving them a one (1), but it also allows each voter to effectively vote against the candidate they want the least by giving that candidate the highest number.

7. Majorities in the legislature would never result under this system, which is

good, because majority governments behave as though they can ignore the 60-65% of the voters who did not vote for them. Majorities quickly become fat (not literally) bloated, unresponsive and arrogant because they do not have to consider, nor work with anybody else.

8. Under my proposal we would have minority governments, or coalitions, either of which are much more representative of more voters. In these two types of governments M.L.A.s must be more co-operative, they must try harder to find consensus, and they have less real opportunity to be partisan and aggressive in their approach to governing.

If this system were effected I believe more voters would come to believe that their views were being better represented in Edmonton, and, over time, voter engagement and voter turnout would increase.

Thank you,
Yours truly,

Gregory R. Côté

Irving, Alberta

**Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
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Jan 5, 2017

Alberta Municipal and Natural Electoral Boundaries

If changes to Alberta electoral boundaries are to be considered, perhaps the most beneficial ones would be to reduce the dimension of boundaries to more equitably serve all Albertans. Critical issues evolve from too wide a boundary scope. Currently one MP in a constituency with too broad an electoral boundary cannot adequately serve all.

For instance, the electoral boundaries encompassing Flagstaff and Camrose Counties also ironically include such a distant unrelated area as Kneehill County. The County of Red Deer may more closely relate with the needs of Kneehill County according to proximity.

Rule of law in Democracy is replaced by a form of dictatorial rule where some residents are pushed through the proverbial "cracks" by those in office. An example of this incongruity is seen in at least one county that employs a CEO and a CAO. Both appear to use favouritism in addition to apparent conflicts of interest. Arrogant executives conduct affairs in apparent self-serving while adversely affecting the lives of decent residents. ACCOUNTABILITY of "so-called" executives, above all, is therefore mandatory for all actions and non-actions!

Hence an uppermost effect of anarchistic-like policies is an increase in criminality, resulting in UNSAFE COMMUNITIES. Formerly safe rural communities become hideouts for the terrorizing criminals who operate clandestinely by driving out law-abiding citizens. To boot illegal drugs, narcotics, and dangerous chemicals often originate in these locations and are moved easily to urban and other rural areas. Violent home invasions, threats, repeated vandalism, camouflaged cowardly trespassing and other criminal exploits conspire with those who terrorize peaceful, law-abiding residents and literally drive them out of their homes.

Therefore it would appear that electoral boundaries with a more manageable range could work to improve life for most Albertans.

**Sincerely,
[Anonymous due to obvious dangerous element]**



[REDACTED]
Old, AB [REDACTED]

Jan. 17, 2017

Head

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,
Suite 100, 11510 - Kingsway Ave N.W.
Edmonton T5G 2Y5

Sir/Madame,

I would like to provide a comment on the electoral boundaries.

It seems to me a fabrication, a pake, to have boundaries that include both rural and urban areas in one constituency. I suggest that the constituencies should be ~~be~~ either urban or rural, not both. Hence, adjust the boundaries accordingly. This way, there can be a separation of interests and the MLA can represent the people in the constituency. Yes, doing such would make large rural constituencies. That is OK. Perhaps the MLA would have to be supported more fully to cover a large rural area. For your consideration.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]
(Tom Coffrell)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Grant Shantz
Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:56:40 AM

From: Grant Shantz <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 9:53 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Grant Shantz

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Riverview |
| Submission |
| I am concerned about a concentration of power in our large urban centres through the potential addition of provincial ridings in these areas. We need to ensure that the voices of rural citizens - a key aspect of who we are as a province - are still heard and that the shouts of the masses within the large cities, some of whom have no idea where their food comes from nor the associated effort and daily sacrifice to work the land or with livestock, do not overshadow the rights and interests of their country cousins. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Susan Wilberg
Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:56:47 AM

From: Susan Wilberg <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Susan Wilberg

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Goldbar |
| Submission |
| <p>The growth of urban areas, and the decline in population of rural ones, will continue. The only practical way to ensure that the physical size of rural ridings doesn't become unmanageable, and to simultaneously insure that urban votes are not further watered down, is to increase the number of seats in urban areas.</p> <p>Although restricting the size of the legislature may bring economic benefits, it is more important that every Albertan's vote is equally effective. Therefore, additional urban seats must be authorized. This will be a small price to pay for an effective democracy.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Stephen Gosse
Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:58:06 AM

From: Stephen Gosse <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Stephen Gosse

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Rutherford |
| Submission |
| <p>The democratic process should fundamentally operate from a principle of one voter, one vote. The unfair system that was used during the PC dynasty, and has continued to the present day, has allowed huge areas of geography to have a disproportionate level of decision power in favour of rural areas over urban jurisdictions. This aberration must be corrected.</p> <p>Voter ridings should not be manipulated in some un-scientific method that supposes to cluster philosophical viewpoints into the legislative process. That is the purpose of the Legislative Assembly. Voters are individuals with endless variations of needs and interests. Thus a simple population measure (one voter, one vote) should be the one and only determinate of riding boundaries - not residence location, lifestyle, economic or ethnic parameters.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Alison Bakken
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 4:55:31 PM

From: Alison Bakken <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 11:14 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Alison Bakken

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| Rimbey, Rocky Mountian House, Sundre |
| Submission |
| There is a real imbalance between rural and urban voters in Alberta. Is there a way to split all ridings so that they represent both a rural area as well as an urban area? Yes it would mean more traveling for politicians, but the people would be more fairly represented. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Radio |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bill Szabon
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 4:55:53 PM

From: Bill Szabon <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bill Szabon

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Livinston-MacLeod |
| Submission |
| The changing of boundaries smells of Gerrymandering . It will result in more seat to Socialist Cities and less representation from Rural Alberta where common sense is practised . . Unless you ensure that that the Cities can not control the Elections . If you follow the American example of a Electoral Collage which ensures a large population can not dictate to smaller areas . I do not have any faith that this will happen as it appears this is being carried out to gain more seats in the NDP Cities . This Government has destroyed the Province by doing what they think is right for the NDP not the people of Alberta . I wish Grant had used a condom . I truly believe that he would be disappointed with what his offspring is doing . |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Radio ● Facebook ● Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ron Belsher
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 4:55:21 PM

From: Ron Belsher <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:37 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ron Belsher

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| CALGARY Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary west |
| Submission |
| <p>I think the electoral boundaries in Cities should be larger. It doesn't take as much to represent a large population verses a rural area, even though there is less population.</p> <p>I think the overall electoral boundaries through out the Province should be made larger and reduce the number of MLA's for the Province. This would result in fewer bureaucrat employees and reduce the overall operating costs of the Provincial Government.</p> <p>The focus today should be a reduction of operating cost to allow for continue public programs. MLA should be working hard, spending less time on politics & getting elected & more time on ensuring public programs are carried out.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lil Selby
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 4:54:45 PM

From: Lil Selby <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:32 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Lil Selby

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| Edmonton Whitemud |
| Submission |
| <p>No other province uses plus or minus 25% as the outer limits of constituencies populations.</p> <p>With modern communication methods readily available there is no need to have small rural constituencies in order to let voters relate to their MLA.</p> <p>Lets change the limits of differences between constituencies to plus or minus 10% so all voters both rural and urban have similar weight.</p> <p>Redistribution must move more power to the cities where more of the voters reside.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Submission to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 4:55:01 PM

From: Shirley Ennis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 9:10 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Submission to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

February 1, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 10, 11510 Kingsway NW.
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5

To whom it may concern:

I wish to submit the following points and ask the Commission to please ensure that the rural ridings are not swallowed up by urban ridings:

- Redistribution of rural ridings will make them very large and therefore hard for an MLA to access and represent their ridings leaving constituents in rural Alberta not having the same access as urban voters.
- It will decrease the amount of time the MLA will be in their constituency which would be another way all constituents would lose.
- Although electronic devices can reach a lot of the constituencies, there are many in rural Alberta that do not have a reliable internet service to be able to communicate with their MLA.
- A new formula is needed as with the lesser amount of voters in rural areas compared to urban... representation by population is not effective in rural areas and again the rural voter who loses
- Rural exclusion can happen when the urban centre increases in population.
- Issues relating to rural areas are unique and would be swallowed out and spit out and deemed less important compared to the larger urban population which has its own set of issues.
- Electoral boundaries for urban centre should not be more than the rural electoral boundaries, ie total 80 (40 to urban 40 to rural). The numbers of rural to urban ...should not be disproportionate. A suggestion is to use boundaries following closely neighboring county lines.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views.
Sincerely, Shirley Ennis, Drayton Valley Alberta.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Robert Scott
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 4:54:17 PM

From: Robert Scott <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 3:08 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Robert Scott

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| Calgary Varsity |
| Submission |
| <p>Two approaches.</p> <p>1) Divide the total number of people in the province (latest census) by the number of seats (87) provides the number of people per seat. No ruling can have greater or less than 1% of this value. In cities, create ridings from the centre core outward. Problem still exists that the party with the most overall votes may not control govt.</p> <p>2) Assign the number of seats to each party based on that parties percentage of the total votes cast. Get 40% of the votes = 40% of the seats. Possibly increase the number of seats to 100. Party then selects which representatives they which to send to Edmonton. The party can send their best qualified people. I don't see a huge advantage in having a given representative for each riding.</p> <p>I want "representation by population". Simple.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |



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January 24, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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email: info@ABebc.ca

Attention: Hon. Myra Bielby, Chair,

Dear Members,

RE: Electoral Boundaries Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Commission as you carry out your work in reviewing the boundaries and names of the 87 electoral constituencies in Alberta.

As a rural community, the County of Barrhead No. 11 would like to ensure that effective representation is the goal of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. By resolution dated January 17, 2017 of Council, the County of Barrhead No. 11 supports the position of the Alberta Association Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMD&C).

The AAMD&C position, as presented in their January 2017 submission and as discussed at the Pembina Zone meeting, focuses on five main recommendations:

- 1) Balance rural and urban populations to create incentives for elected MLAs to work with and understand all of their constituents.
- 2) Consideration of geographical distances to keep constituencies to a reasonable size.
- 3) Adequate funding for MLAs with geographically large constituencies to equalize efforts required by MLAs to connect and meet with their constituents.
- 4) Avoid fracturing a municipality into multiple electoral districts as fracturing can create unnecessary complexity and confusion.
- 5) Further consideration of unique and special circumstances for deviance from 25% variance may be required to avoid reducing the number of electoral districts in rural areas.

We look forward to reviewing the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's interim report later this year.

Yours truly,

Doug Drozd
 Reeve

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: URGENT...Population= voters?
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 4:53:58 PM

From: Donald Ray [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: URGENT...Population= voters?

Hi Colleagues

The census results will be used to determine the size of ridings. Is the word "population" used to mean voters, or does it include a)children and b)others who are not eligible to vote?

Thanks,
Don Ray,
Calgary

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kris Samraj
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 4:53:36 PM

From: Kris Samraj <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Kris Samraj

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Medicine Hat |
| Submission |
| <p>One of the factors behind the extreme political polarization in the USA is the way their electoral districts have been drawn. Obviously any change to electoral districts will have political impacts. Does the commission consider this when redrawing districts? How does this commission guard against any gerrymandering?</p> <p>Thank-you,</p> <p>Kris.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |



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February 2, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Esteemed Commission Members:

As the Mayor of the Village of Boyle, thank you for the opportunity to provide some input regarding our Constituency of Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater.

Since 1993 we have been part of 4 different provincial electoral districts with dramatically different boundaries stretching from the eastern provincial border to the northern border to the edge of Edmonton. (Athabasca – Lac La Biche, Athabasca –Wabasca, Athabasca - Redwater, Athabasca - Sturgeon-Red water)

I feel dramatic changes interfere with developing a political culture and keeping people connected with the political process. We need an era of boundary stability.

Rural ridings require the allowed deviation from average population. Your mandate is 2 pronged, each vote is "relatively" equal and effective representation. Urban ridings have one municipality and it is a short drive to anywhere in the riding, and one constituency office can easily be visited by any constituent. The 25% allowed deviation should not be avoided, it should be embraced to allow effective representation for rural citizens.

In closing let me add that if our boundaries were to change, we have a great deal of commonality with our neighbours in Lac La Biche. We have very similar economies, a shared major employer in Alpac pulp mill, and Portage College which has been a huge benefit to our area.

I am confident that your decision will be the right one. Thank you.

Yours Truly,


Bob Clark
Mayor
Village of Boyle

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jul Wojnowski
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:08:46 PM

From: Jul Wojnowski <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jul Wojnowski

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| I would like to see more balance between the value of an urban and rural vote. I believe currently a rural vote is worth more than an urban vote and this needs to change. Alberta is becoming more urbanized and the number of ridings should be reflected by increasing the number of urban ridings. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Leah Kirtio](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Wayne Louden
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:08:52 PM

From: Wayne Louden <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 3:22 PM
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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| Thanks to Notley you guys don't have to waste any more taxpayers money, because she has single handedly decreased Alberta's population by those eight years (or 20%) you say it has increased....so DON'T bother changing any boundaries...and quit wasting OUR money! |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

February 1, 2017

To: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Email: info@ABebc.ca

From: Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills Wildrose Constituency Association
Carl Christensen, president

Submission to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

The population of a constituency is one of the determinants of the size and shape of that constituency. Though rural population is gradually becoming a smaller percentage of the total population, we believe rural Alberta needs more representatives in the Legislature, not less. Geographically, rural constituencies cover much territory. The driving time between the north and south borders of the Lac La Biche – St. Paul - Two Hills Constituency is three hours. Significant when put in perspective with some urban constituencies in which only a 30 minute walk is required to go from one boundary to the next.

Rural residents want to have personal contact with their MLA. This means visits to the constituency office to seek assistance in resolving issues often because the constituent has no other place to turn to: in cities there are provincial, municipal or community service providers. There also is an expectation in the many communities within the constituency that the MLA will personally be at community events, celebrations, parades, school graduations, 4H Show Days and more. Constituents generally want to speak directly to the MLA, to share, to discuss views and issues.

Within the Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills Constituency there are numerous local governments: three Counties, four School Authorities, two Metis Settlements, and five First Nations. These authorities communicate regularly with the MLA, often seeking in person meetings. We believe the demands placed on an MLA representing our constituency already are at maximum and would be intensified should the constituency be increased in size.

If there is a concern for equal population in each Alberta constituency, then we suggest that the following inequality be first addressed: that the average expenditure by the provincial government per person in rural Alberta is less than that spent in urban Alberta. Raise expenditures especially on infrastructure in rural Alberta. In northeast Alberta we are in dire need of infrastructure upgrades.

Our recommendation is that the current boundaries of the Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills Constituency remain unchanged.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Peace River constituency
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:09:21 PM

From: Debbie Jabbour [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Peace River constituency

At the Peace River session I said the northern MLAs were trying to submit a joint proposal, however, it looks like we may run out of time. I just wanted to mention one boundary change that I believe worthy of consideration. I suggest that Tall Cree north and south be included in the Peace River constituency. They come to Fort Vermilion and High Level to access services and shop. They are also part of the North Peace Tribal Council (NPTC) and the other council members (Dene Tha, Little Red River Cree, Beaver) are all in the Peace River constituency. The MLA for Lesser Slave Lake is also in agreement as we both feel it provides better representation and MLA access for the community.

I look forward to seeing the results of your work!

Debbie Jabbour, MLA
Peace River Constituency
Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from John Murray
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:09:28 PM

From: John Murray <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from John Murray

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Riverview |
| Submission |
| <p>I know it is not easy to devise a system that will be acceptable to everyone but it seems to me that the way things have been in the past is patently unfair in that it was possible for the conservative party to loose all the votes in Edmonton and Calgary and still win the election. This seems wrong and must mean that some votes have more power than others and this strikes me that the system was rigged to favour one are over another. Surely in a truly fair system, boundaries would be drawn in such a way as not to favour any particular region. Gerrymandering should be forbidden.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio • Newspaper |

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From: R Murray <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from R Murray

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Riverview |
| Submission |
| There is a need for fairness in the establishment of electoral boundaries. The process should not be politically based. My opinion is that riding size should be based on a formula that is based on population size, that the formula should be mathematically and statistically sound, and that it should be standardized for all ridings. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dave Potiuk
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:09:48 PM

From: Dave Potiuk <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 7:28 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dave Potiuk

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Beverly Clairview |
| Submission |
| The reason the dippers want to change the electoral boundries is to create more dipper supportive ridings! Leave things the way they are! |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Noel Somerville
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:09:54 PM

From: Noel Somerville <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Centre |
| Submission |
| <p>The current 25% above and below the average constituency size has seriously distorted the principle of rep-by-pop. It has created an un-necessary and damaging urban/rural split, which the previous government used to its advantage.</p> <p>I recognize the problems created in very large constituencies with sparse populations, but these can be addressed with additional resources and advances communication methods.</p> <p>I believe the maximum variance in population should be reduced to 5%. Saskatchewan can do it, why can't we?</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:10:12 PM

From: Trevor Prentice <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2017 9:04 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Trevor Prentice

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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| This seems like a pretty great idea: http://www.mikerobe007.ca/2017/02/redistricting-in-alberta.html I would suggest using at least this technique or something even better. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| http://www.mikerobe007.ca/2017/02/redistricting-in-alberta.html |

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| Calgary, AB Map It |
| Submission |
| Please take a look at the redistricting suggestion put forward by Michael Ross on his blog post: http://www.mikerobe007.ca/2017/02/redistricting-in-alberta.html . In it he uses a simple algorithm to create a district map for Alberta with populations in each district very nearly equal. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Michelle Height
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:10:29 PM

From: Michelle Height <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2017 10:13 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Michelle Height

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Calder |
| Submission |
| <p>I believe we are long overdue to review the provincial constituency boundaries. The boundaries should be properly redistributed by population. The rural constituencies have a unequal and inappropriate impact per voter. Our votes should all bear the same weight. If we are increasingly urbanized then our constituencies should reflect that.</p> <p>My address is [REDACTED] and I want a fair and equal measure of voter representation in the next election.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Trevor Martin
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:10:35 PM

From: Trevor Martin <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2017 11:15 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Trevor Martin

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Calder |
| Submission |
| I would like to see the use of the 'Shortest Splitline Algorithm' when determining boundaries. Of course some messaging will need to be done to ensure neighbourhoods are not split. By doing this, in theory you should get a deviation of only +/-5% in population and not 100% as seen in Dunvegan-Central Peace. This way everyone vote will more closely be equal in value. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| http://www.mikerobe007.ca/ |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Benjamin Nay
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:10:51 PM

From: Benjamin Nay <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2017 12:10 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Benjamin Nay

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Hays |
| Submission |
| I would recommend following the shortest splitline method, as outlined in this post: http://www.mikerobe007.ca/2017/02/redistricting-in-alberta.html |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:11:01 PM

From: alan castle [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

February 3, 2017

Your recent publication stated that you wanted "input from Albertans", and that one of the factors that you would consider would be "effective representation". My comments with respect to your notification and the task which you have been directed to consider are as follows:

1. The existing boundaries of the present 87 electoral constituencies should be ENLARGED to include both population increases and decreases.
2. Consideration should be given to reducing the present number of 87 electoral boundaries. Alberta has far too many MLAs at present time. Their expense, both direct (salary, pension benefits, travel allowances is exorbitant - few MLAs are worth such benefits), and indirect (staffing, constituency offices, etc.) . Service to the public is no longer a determining factor in individuals deciding to seek election. Benefits weigh far more heavily. Remember, at one time and for many years the goal of individuals was to serve the public. Since the 1970s the remuneration has been a major factor in one's decision to become a MLA. Decisions concerning remuneration are ALWAYS MADE BY THE MLAS - NEVER THE PUBLIC.
3. If you must increase representation - not only reduce the number of electoral constituencies but increase representation in each constituency. For example: 50 electoral constituencies - 2 members each for 100 in total. That, however would be excessive is some of the lower population rural areas. To determine a 2nd member - the population in the riding must exceed a designated level. a 20% increase in population could result in an additional 17 member of the Legislature! God forbid!!

A.D. Castle

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from hannah leibel
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 5:11:09 PM

From: hannah leibel <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from hannah leibel

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| calgary Map It |
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| Please consider using an excel algorithm to split constituencies into equal populations as a starting point. This has been modelled on the blog extreme engineering, and can be achieved with minimal fuss to ensure that everyone's vote counts the same |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook• Other |
| extreme engineering blog |

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Office of the Mayor

January 23, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB
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Re: Submission - Proposed Change to Electoral Division

Thank you for the opportunity to take part in Alberta's constituency boundaries review. As the Mayor of the City of Spruce Grove, I am pleased to respond on behalf of the city.

The City of Spruce Grove currently falls within the Spruce Grove-St. Albert provincial electoral division. We are desirous of moving to a division that better aligns the City of Spruce Grove with its regional partners, Parkland County and Stony Plain. This realignment would also complement our City's strategic direction.

Recent amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* speak to regional collaboration, regional land use planning and shared services. Spruce Grove is actively involved with its regional partners in these areas and sharing a provincial electoral division would further support this direction. Our strategic plan, *Building an Exceptional City, A Strategic Roadmap to 2035*, is built on the principles of sustainability through sound economic development, leadership in quality services, leadership in collaboration to ensure best value and building a complete community for all. These principles and our strategic goals would again be further supported by an electoral boundary that includes municipalities that share our contiguous borders.

Although we are three distinct municipalities, our respective residents do not see borders between Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Parkland County. Geographically, this area lends itself to the creation of an electoral division with roadways and municipal boundaries forming natural division boundaries.

We therefore respectfully request that the commission consider realigning the provincial electoral divisions to align Spruce Grove with our partner municipalities. A shared electoral division will solidify the tri-region of Spruce Grove, Parkland County and the Town of Stony Plain's positive working relationship, its economic development and growth, and will support us in being future focused and forward thinking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Stuart Houston
Mayor

c: Rod Shaigec, Mayor, Parkland County
William Choy, Mayor, Town of Stony Plain
Spruce Grove City Council

The Community of Choice

Jan 26, 2017
EBC-2016/17-547

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission :

Dear Sirs:

As a rural resident I am very concerned about the up-coming changes to Alberta's electoral boundaries.

Most of Alberta's increased population has been in the large cities, while the rural population has generally declined, and its political power with it.

Representation by equal population numbers is far from fair, in that it is easier to represent a larger number of residents concentrated in a smaller urban area, with similar interests, than an ever-enlarging and varied rural riding.

I think it is safe to assume that after your realignment rural Albertans will be even more politically disadvantaged than they are now.

Please do the right thing and prove me wrong. !

[REDACTED]
Irvine AB

Charmaine Wood
[REDACTED]

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission**Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW****Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5**January 30th, 2017

What a Golden opportunity the Commission has been handed. This is a chance to redress the out of control growth in provincial ridings over the last three decades or more. Alberta is one of the most over represented provinces in the country. With a population of 4.2 Million and 87 ridings currently that results in each elected MLA representing 48,600 individuals. By comparison the neighbour province to the west has a population of 4.7 Million and 85 MLAs which means each of their ridings represents 55,400. Both of the provinces are reasonably comparable in size and "sprawling" nature of some of their ridings. But the "Gold" standard for the Commission to work towards is Ontario. This is the largest province in Canada both in terms of geography and population. They have a population of 13.9 Million represented by 121 MLAs or 115,500 individuals for each riding. The target for the Commission should be an initial reduction of 30 ridings for the next election and a further 12 prior to the following election.

The cost savings associated with the recommendation are difficult to quantify. A rough estimate would likely be in the range of \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 annually per MLA when salary, support staff, office and travel expenses as well as the constituency office are counted.

Why should the Commission seriously consider this recommendation? First more than 50% of Alberta's population reside in the cities of Calgary and Edmonton. Those two cities alone each elect approximately 15 councillors / mayors to run their jurisdictions and have strong "lobbying" power with the provincial government. That said however all municipalities report to and are the responsibility of the Alberta government. Provincial ridings covering those two cities alone could be dramatically reduced without any serious dilution in representation. Lastly there will be an argument advanced that every citizen needs to be represented and as the population grows the ridings need to be increased. That argument is no longer valid and hasn't been for some time. The traditional methods for communicating with constituency members have been changed permanently by social media. In fact it could be argued that MLAs using social media are far more efficient at reaching their constituents individually or collectively than ever before. And conversely the constituent have now far quicker access to their MLA.

I strongly recommend a significant reduction in provincial ridings.

Respectfully submitted

Colin MacDonald

Calgary, Alberta

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Chris Bunce
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 2:13:15 PM

From: Chris Bunce <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:47 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Chris Bunce

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Elbow |
| Submission |
| <p>The Alberta Electoral boundaries need to be adjusted (every election) to ensure a more equal representation of each voter. A quick review of the electoral map and the statistics available at http://officialresults.elections.ab.ca/orresultspge.cfm?EventId=31 for the May 2015 election indicates several 10,000's of voters in the least populated ridings (Fort McMurray-Conklin and Dunvegan-Central Peace Notley) effectively got three votes compared to each voter in the most populated ridings (Calgary-South East and Spruce Grove-St. Albert). This is patently undemocratic and needs to be adjusted to ensure an equitable distribution of ridings and voters. A rural voter should not have more influence on policy compared to the urban voter. The average number of voters per riding should be on the order of 32,000. There is no reason the ridings boundaries can not be adjusted to provide a more equal distribution of voters per riding. I recognize this may cause political upheaval between elections but our ability to preserve the democratic process relies on voter equality not the preservation of political affiliations from one election to the next.</p> <p>Chris Bunce</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |



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Honorable Myra Bielby
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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January 26, 2017

RE: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Hon. Myra Bielby,

Congratulations to you and your Commission members on being appointed to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.

On behalf of Daysland Council, the recommendation has been made that in order to serve our electorate in the most efficient way, Flagstaff County should remain in the Battle River Wainwright Constituency.

Thankyou for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,


Gail Watt
Mayor

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kevin Allen
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 2:13:49 PM

From: Kevin Allen <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Kevin Allen

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Buffalo |
| Submission |
| <p>Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commissioners,</p> <p>My name is Kevin Allen and I am the Returning Officer for Calgary Buffalo (Provincially) as well as Calgary Centre (Federally). According to your websites statistics page, the Calgary Buffalo 2016 population estimate is 52,963, which is a 34% jump from the 2011 census count.</p> <p>I can attest that Calgary Buffalo is seeing massive population increases currently as high-density condo and rental apartment buildings get completed in inner city areas like the Beltline, Downtown and the East Village. As part of my Elections Canada work, I have to make population projections in Calgary Centre in order to predict where future pressure points and polling sites will be. Did you know that the East Village is welcoming 12,000 new residents in the next few years? Or that the Beltline, one of Calgary's fastest growing communities over the past 10 years, is on track to be the largest neighbourhood by population in Calgary (it is currently 2nd largest)?</p> <p>In the next two years, we will see even more increases in population density here as there are many additional hi-rise residential towers nearing completion.</p> <p>Here is a concrete example: let us look at the Calgary Buffalo polling subdivision (PSD) with the most names on the list of electors – 035 Colours. During the 2012 Provincial Election there were 662 names listed; during the 2015 Provincial Election there were 1587 – and that does not include electors who were not enumerated but who also live in that PSD.</p> <p>[By legislation, PSDs are limited to 450 electors, so in practice we end up splitting the large ones when</p> |

conducting the election.]

Consequently, when you are determining new boundaries for the Calgary Buffalo Electoral Division (ED) in order to reduce its population, I hope that you will err on the side of fewer electors to allow for the growth that will almost certainly be present in 2019.

I have three proposed ideas for shrinking Calgary Buffalo roughly 10% (using the current polling division breakdown for the ED – there are 72 PSDs). Historical note: Calgary Buffalo was created in 1971 and has always contained the Downtown core and Beltline.

Option one.

Revert back to the ED's previous 17th avenue SW southern border, and eliminate PSDs: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, and parts of 8 and 15 - making 4th Street SW the new western edge, south of 17th avenue. This has the benefit of making the ED simply three communities: Downtown, Beltline and Mission (losing Lower Mount Royal and Cliff Bungalow). This has a disadvantage for the community association of Cliff Bungalow Mission, whose two founding communities associations merged in 1990.

Option two.

Break up downtown by losing the West End which is quite high density and likely to get higher. Eliminate PSDs 51, 52, 53, 60, 61, 62, 63 & 64 – making 8th Street the new western boundary north of the CP Rail Tracks.

Option three.

Break up downtown by losing the East End, which is becoming high density with lots of new residential tower developments near the Bow River. Eliminate PSDs 55, 56, 57, 58 70, 71 & 72 – making 5th Street the new eastern boundary north of the CP Rail Tracks. This might work well if attaching these PSDs to the East Village, but would somewhat arbitrarily break up the Downtown Eau Claire community into an East and West side.

Recommendation:

I see all three of these options as possible, but likely the larger challenge of redistribution in Calgary Buffalo's neighbouring EDs - and Calgary as a whole - would greatly inform your process. For ease of election administration, my preference is Option one.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Allen
Returning Officer, Calgary Buffalo

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary - Northern Hills |
| Submission |
| <p>The communities of Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Country Hills, Country Hills Village and Panorama Hills are connected communities known as the Northern Hills, and represented by the Northern Hills Community Association. There is shopping in the centre of these communities as well as a transit hub, emergency services centre and a recreation centre. Since the creation of Calgary - Northern Hills, it seems we have better representation by candidates and representatives that live, work and play within the district and better understand the needs of constituents. I am thankful that the commission reconsidered establishing this district during the appeal process during the last review, and I am hopeful the commission will see the value to keeping Northern Hills a district as it stands, or at most, removing the community of Hanson Ranch from the boundaries if necessary to reduce the population. However, based on preliminary information, I believe that Northern Hills falls within the maximum 25% fluctuation from the Alberta average with minimal growth expected over the next 8 years. Thank you for your consideration.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| <p>I participated in the last review so was aware of the timelines so searched for the information.</p> |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Pauline Johnson
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 1:28:29 PM

From: Pauline Johnson <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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Subject: Website submission from Pauline Johnson

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Dunvegan-Peace |
| Submission |
| <p>I think that for this review, the Commission's focus should be on political equality and fairness through representation by population because as it now stands in Alberta, all constituencies are not created equal.</p> <p>Because I live in a rural constituency that covers so much area, I can only imagine the challenges our MLA faces trying to address all of our issues! Help would be needed here, but I digress, back to the commission, work on equality of numbers as best you can to ensure a more democratic process. Thank you and good luck!</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio • Newspaper |

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Millwoods |
| Submission |
| A number of years ago, under the previous Government, a section of the Millwoods Constituency (south of 23rd Ave and east of Millwoods Road), was taken from Millwoods and attached to Edmonton Ellerslie. This makes no sense whatsoever; this is part of Millwoods and the Anthony Henday is a natural barrier that should be followed. I would ask the commission to ensure this is recommended when the final report is submitted. Thank you. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| It is time for Alberta to move towards becoming a more true democracy. The electoral boundaries are very long overdue in being redrawn in a way that gives each voting area as equal a voting population as possible. I would suggest aiming for a variance of about 5% in each area. Thank you. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |

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From: Cam Laforest <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Centre |
| Submission |
| Make every vote count equally - reduce the variance in sizes of constituencies as much as possible. This is democratic equality. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio• Newspaper |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Mountain View |
| Submission |
| I agree with the PIA submission, and its analysis of "variance by design." The principle of one citizen/one vote is fundamental to our democracy. A variance of 5% (which translates to above and below to a possible 10a5) is the maximum variance that should be allowed. The suggestion of extra support to MLAs that have particular hurdles to overcome - either extreme distances, poverty, multi languages, etc. Is a fairer way to address these difficulties than not adhering to the principle of one citizen one vote. And is less subject to manipulation for anti-democratic purposes. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other |
| PIA website, many conversations |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Derwent Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Two hills |
| Submission |
| I'm concerned that this review will alter the amount of seats in rural Alberta ridings and we will not be represented fairly in the legislature. Basing electoral boundaries on population will not give all Albertans a fair voice in parliament. I'm also concerned that the last review had rural Alberta lose seats and am worried that even more rural seats will be lost. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder (Direct Mail) • Facebook |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Pamela Cole
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 1:40:40 PM

From: Pamela Cole <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Pamela Cole

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Nose Hill |
| Submission |
| <p>I am writing to express my concern and support of electoral reform for all of Canadian provinces, but particularly, the Province of Alberta where I live. The Alberta electoral process has many flaws, in particular the substantial and unwarranted departures from representation by population. I am disappointment to learn that Fort McMurray/Conklin had three times the voting power of individuals in Calgary South East. It leaves me suspect that this convenient boost in constituency power for Fort McMurray benefits the oil companies in the area.</p> <p>I ask that you reduce the current 25% variance in the constituency population size to 5%.</p> <p>Let us be proud of Canada and not destroy a country from the inside out as our southern neighbors seem to be doing.</p> <p>Sincerely, Pamela Cole</p> |
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From: Petra Clemens [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:52 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Boundaries

Since last October, many people have left Alberta due to our poor economy. People living here cannot get jobs so why would they move here? We already have more MLA's and MP's than alderman in the city of Calgary and I am sure that applies to the rest of the province.

Exactly what services do they provide for our individual communities? We do not need more politicians, we need less, everywhere. We need the people to have more of a say in the decision making process and not more politicians who vote contrary to what the people want.

We also need to have laws that if politicians change political parties in the middle of a term, then they should lose their seat.

Petra Clemens
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Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 1:41:10 PM

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| Medicine Hat Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Medicine Hat |
| Submission |
| <p>There are urban communities on the edges of Medicine Hat that belong to the Cypress constituency; yet, all of these communities share more in common with the city than with rural voters. Those living in Desert Blume, Redcliff and even Dunmore rightly belong to an urban municipality. The rural constituency may become more widely distributed, but at least voters in those areas will share a common agenda and interests.</p> <p>Please consider this in any re-distribution.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other |
| As a City Councillor, I receive much of my information through AUMA. |

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| Thorsby Map It |
| Submission |
| A widespread fear about this review is that the NDP government will want changes that will lessen the impact of rural voters, who are mainly not supporters of their party. So my feedback to you- is to ENSURE that this does not happen. The US has the electoral college to ensure that the highest populated cities do not have the sole power to dictate he direction of government. A province is a much smaller scale I understand, however I implore you to protect the strength of the rural vote. Thank you |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Highlands-Norwood |
| Submission |
| <p>As noted in the Public Interest Alberta's submission to your Commission "Alberta has dramatic and troubling departures from representation by population, leaving many Albertans significantly over-represented or under-represented. These problems are clearly illustrated by the numbers of eligible voters in constituencies in the 2015 provincial election: Edmonton-Whitemud had approximately 37,000 eligible voters, while Spruce Grove-St. Albert and Calgary-South East both had approximately 46,000. In contrast, Lesser Slave Lake had roughly 20,000 eligible voters, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley had approximately 16,000, and Fort McMurray- Conklin had just over 15,000.</p> <p>This means that in 2015, voters in Fort McMurray-Conklin had three times the "voting power" of voters in Calgary-South East. One Alberta MLA speaks for three times the number of voters represented by another Alberta MLA. This is not consistent with political equality."</p> <p>This certainly indicates that there is a significant issue to be addressed in terms of equal representation and what a wonderful opportunity for your Commission to do so. Democracy at it's best is equal representation!</p> <p>As a result, I strongly support the recommendations and the rationale of Public Interest Alberta which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the current 25% variance in the constituency population size to 5%. 2. The Electoral Boundaries Commission should call for increased support to MLAs to assist them in effectively representing their constituents and addressing their varying needs |

Thank you.

How did you hear about the review?

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Subject: Submission

To Whom It May Concern;

As a Member of Parliament, I value the importance of a fair and appropriate boundary division at the provincial level. I represent the riding of Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan, a riding right beside Edmonton, but also a riding which is a distinct community from Edmonton.

It is important to me and to my constituents that we do not see ridings which cross the municipal boundaries between big cities like Edmonton or Calgary, and neighbouring suburban and/or rural communities like Strathcona County or Fort Saskatchewan. Our distinctiveness needs to be respected. Major cities and neighbouring communities alike will be better represented by MLAs who do not have to straddle such boundaries.

It should be noted as well that less than half of Alberta's population live inside the boundaries of our two major urban centres. It would, therefore, be natural to assume that a majority of the seats will be where a majority of the population is, and I hope that this is indeed reflected in the recommendations of the commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Garnett Genuis
Member of Parliament for Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton-Meadowlark |
| Submission |
| <p>Over the past 40 years the government, mainly the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta, have manipulated the electoral boundaries to ensure their continued power. We a wholesale review of all electoral boundaries and a review of the populations contained within each.</p> <p>Since 1986 we have seen an increase a 40% population increase yet the number of seats remains unchanged until 2010, when 5 additional seats were added mostly in rural Alberta. After the 2012 review the the gerrymandering continued and electoral boundaries created provided the rural areas with greater electoral power yet these boundaries make up a smaller percentage of the overall population. Of the 18 new ridings created only 6 were created in Calgary and 1 in Edmonton, the remaining were rural ridings, even through the majority of the population is based with the urban boundaries. How is this representative of our population?</p> <p>Our MLA representation is by population yet the urban populations are lacking the necessary representation. This needs to be corrected.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Radio ● Facebook |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-MacKay-Nose Hill |
| Submission |
| Would it be possible to have contiguous boundaries for Calgary-MacKay-Nose Hill? Thanks. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Fish Creek |
| Submission |
| Electoral Boundaries in Alberta must all be changed to representation by population in order to ensure political equality for all voters:every vote must count. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Google |

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| Sherwood Park Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Sherwood Park |
| Submission |
| Every vote should count equally. This is not the case in our province. There is up to a 25%-50% variation among the populations within the ridings in Alberta, yet each gets to elect one MLA. That worked very well for the Conservatives because farming areas have been very fond of them, however it does not reflect the votes of all the people treated equally! |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Used to be Calgary Klein not sure now |
| Submission |
| Please make the ridings more equal. The current system is an affront to democracy. We will be watching. Kitty |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| Email from pia |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Varsity Estates (Stephanie MacLean) |
| Submission |
| <p>I believe that seats should be allocated by population. I also believe that in the current system, 1 MLA to represent 49,069 constituents is not effective representation (given 87 MLA's and a current population of 4.3 million in the province).</p> <p>I do not know what the optimum equation is for representation, however, I believe that today's system is not adequate. I would suggest bumping up the MLA's to 100 which would bring the representation up to 1 MLA for 42,690 constituents, an improvement. The number of ridings in each area of the province should be allocated by population density.</p> <p>I would also suggest the government consider proportional representation which is a much fairer way to make sure that each vote counts in the legislature. That rural votes do not outweigh urban voters and vice versa. Proportional representation ensures that the each voter's voice is heard in the legislature. First past the post is an outdated model that does not adequately reflect democratic values. Many European countries have had proportional representation for decades and it has been a proven way of governing.</p> |
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| Fort McMurray Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo |
| Submission |
| <p>The current 25% variance allowed for constituency population sizes is simply too high.</p> <p>If we are reexamining our electoral boundaries in Alberta then a much more acceptable margin to aim for is 5% variance (especially considering that with differing population growth and migration over time, the variance between constituencies may diverge whatever boundaries we initially set).</p> <p>It stands to reason that in a democracy we ought to strive for a situation where each citizen's vote is worth approximately equal value.</p> |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Riverview |
| Submission |
| <p>The status quo seems inappropriately imbalanced, and needs to be addressed.</p> <p>I believe that democracy involves the equality of each and every vote.</p> <p>The highly partisan approach that seems to be allowed within the drawing of electoral boundaries in America offers a scenario that we should take extensive pains to avoid.</p> <p>The Commission should ensure that it does not imply any "us versus them" in portrayal of the population in urban and rural areas.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Grande Prairie Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie - Wapiti |
| Submission |
| <p>There is a difference between equality and equity. People in northwestern Alberta are in a sparsely populated region however their education levels are lower and they are less mobile than people in other regions of the province (Statistics Canada). Rural areas, particularly in the north, have more limited access to internet because of sparse population and geography. Huge electoral districts like Lesser Slave Lake and Peace River are poorly represented if their representative cannot effectively visit people in their communities to understand their concerns. I believe that blanket rules like constituency population variance percentages do not reflect the geography of our province. Any plan that the Task Force endorses needs to consider more than one factor (population) in determining constituency size.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Lloydminster Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Vermilion-Lloydminster |
| Submission |
| I also agree that the electoral boundaries be established in proportion to the population in those areas so there is equal size representation |
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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Goldbar |
| Submission |
| I believe provincial and federal boundaries must be developed and altered on a consistent principle based set of rules - alterations should be infrequent and typically done only because of changing population - the decision makers should be independent and non-partisan thank you for taking up this issue |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| a friend forwarded this to me |

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| I'm tired of rural Alberta, approximately 20% of our population, having higher weighted votes. One vote should be equal across Alberta. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>Every riding should have roughly equal number of voters, say within 5%. In this age of highly improved technology and communications, there is no need to give a bigger representation to rural areas.</p> <p>It is said "no taxation without representation". I will offer a corollary - "taxation proportional to representation". As an urban voter, if I get one-third the representation of a rural voter, I should have to pay one-third the taxes.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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| Calgary Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>If this has to do with our yearly census, nothing has changed in the last year. There are still 2 adults well over the age of 40 that live in our household, and NO children, and our NE Calgary address is still the same.</p> <p>I hope this helps you out, so that we don't get another 4-6 phone calls this year, regarding the census.</p> |
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| St. Albert Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>As more people are moving away from rural communities to cities this has decreased the amount of people rural constituencies represent. With a population increase of more than it is very unlikely that the population has distributed itself evenly. I believe new constituency boundaries need to be redrawn to represent even populations in each constituency. This will mean that less constituencies for those in the rural area and more to the urban area.</p> <p>Alberta will need to ensure the new constituencies are broken up in a responsible way. In my last provincial election I reviewed my voting area and it was obvious that the divisions were by the level of income of home types, not the area, one lived in. I know voting is supposed to be anonymous but it was obvious that my vote was organized so demographics of similarity (income, age groups, race, etc.) would be pocketed together and have less of an affect to political parties who may not like the way we vote.</p> <p>I implore the new government to ensure that votes are more evenly weighted.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| <p>Recent information has identified a physical division in Lac Ste. Anne Municipality. There are two watersheds involved, the Upper Athabasca and the North Saskatchewan, this divides LSA County into approximately two equal parts, West the Athabasca, and East the North Saskatchewan. During the identification of watershed boundaries for administration purposes the natural boundary was ignored and LSA County was ALL included in the Upper Athabasca, this creates difficulty and apathy, in who is responsible for surface and/or groundwater within LSA boundaries. It would seem reasonable that with the increase in population that LSA has enjoyed that the electoral constituency boundary should be the natural watershed boundary. Two counties identified, each bare and expect responsibility to and by their associated watersheds, must be legislated.</p> <p>Thank for allowing us to participate in this legislative decision. Mike.</p> |
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Abs population may have increased by 20% although how many out of province workers and companies are there? Do they not take all their earnings back to their home province? Do we albertans not already pay other provinces equality payments? Why do we not impose an additional tax for out of province workers that allows our equality payments to be lower if we're allowing that money to leave the province twice? It does not currently go back into our infrastructure.

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| <p>While I see the reason behind the need for adjustment for the increase in population one factor that I feel offsets this is where the representatives live. In our last election there was quite a number of candidates that ran that did not live in the jurisdiction that they were seeking. That change was put in a while ago but I do feel that this changes the whole idea of equal representation.</p> <p>Thank you</p> |
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| Each riding should have roughly the same number of citizens in each electoral district. I suggest we use the Saskatchewan model where there is no more than 5% difference from one constituency to the next. The geographical size of each constituency is not important in this time of easy and modern communications; some large areas may require more than one constituency office but in order to make our system more democratic it is absolutely essential that each electoral district have roughly the same number of people in it. |
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| In a democracy it is crucial that each person's vote has the same value regardless of where they live. Therefore; all attempts should be made to have each electoral district with roughly the same number of voters in it. A good guide would be to have no more than 4or 5% difference in the number of citizens in each constituency. |

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| <p>When considering redistricting, please ensure the following principles are followed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) representation by population; 2) ridings should, wherever population numbers allow, be either urban or rural, but not a mix of both. <p>To achieve fair rep-by-pop (1), the commission should aim to set a standard population size for each riding within plus/minus no more than 10%. This should be done while keeping in mind the practical ability of a rural MLA to represent a large district. To achieve this, the commission should create more ridings in densely-populated areas rather than increasing the size of any of the large, sparsely-populated rural ridings.</p> <p>In order to achieve (2), it is crucial that large densely-populated areas (i.e. urban) and sparsely-populated areas (i.e. rural) are not included in the same riding. The often-divergent considerations of rural and urban populations dilutes the legitimate voting power of rural or urban voters during an election. For urban areas with populations larger than the normal riding size, there should be at least one fully urban riding, with additional fully urban ridings for each interval of the normal riding population.</p> |
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February 05, 2017

Madame Justice Myra Bielby, Chair
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St. Albert Progressive Conservative Association
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Dear Madam Justice Bielby and Members of the Commission;

Subject: St. Albert Electoral Boundaries

The board of directors of the St. Albert Progressive Conservative Association has reviewed the criteria specified in the Electoral boundaries Act, the population data provided by the Commission, and the current electoral boundaries

The official Alberta Municipal Affairs population count indicates that as of April 7, 2014 the total population of the City of St. Albert amounted to 63,255 people. As the expected benchmark for each redistricted constituency is 48 883 people, St Albert obviously does not have the population base to support two constituencies by and of itself.

Historically, the result of this has been to have one constituency which is solely composed of a portion of the City of St Albert, (constituency of St Albert) and one constituency that consists of the remaining portions of St Albert, some surrounding rural areas, and the City of Spruce Grove (constituency of Spruce Grove-St Albert).

We believe that it is important to keep one St Albert constituency as a purely urban riding. This will allow one MLA to focus on issues relating to St Albert in specific, and issues relating to all of Alberta's medium sized cities in general. The interim population count indicates the current St. Albert Electoral Division contains 48,430 people. This falls extremely close to the expected benchmark for the newly redistricted divisions. As such, we would recommend that no changes be enacted to the current St Albert Electoral Division.

In regards to what areas to combine with the remaining portions of St Albert to fill out the second constituency, there are several nearby population areas that have a much closer connection to St Albert than Spruce Grove.

Specifically:

- The communities of Morinville, Legal and Cardiff,
- The new subdivisions being developed to the south of Big Lake (the Edmonton subdivisions of Hawk's Ridge, Starling, and Trumpeter).
- In general, the west portion of Sturgeon County including the numerous acreage subdivisions which lie on the southern boundary with the City of Edmonton.

The transit patterns for these areas generally run through St Albert, many of the residents of these outlying areas use St Albert businesses, schools, sports and recreation facilities. The nearest major health care facility is the Sturgeon Community Hospital which is located in St Albert. The local St Albert newspaper devotes print space to news from Morinville and Sturgeon County. The St Albert Chamber of Commerce is actually named the St Albert and District Chamber of Commerce because it services and advocates for business throughout the surrounding area. All these connections show the organic and naturally occurring relationship between St Albert and the communities immediately surrounding the city, and lend credence that they should be served by the same MLA.

Recommendations:

The boundaries of the St. Albert Electoral Division continue to be wholly contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Albert, and thus remain unchanged from the current St Albert electoral division.

The Spruce Grove-St Albert Electoral Division be changed to a St Albert-Morinville-Sturgeon County Electoral Division with the following boundaries:

- **Southern limit is the Anthony Henday Drive and the western portion of the Yellowhead Trail,**
- **West border to be Rge Rd 261 (same as the Edmonton city limits) then merging with the western boundary of Sturgeon County**
- **The northern boundary of Sturgeon County**
- **Eastward extant to be a line mid-way through Sturgeon County that is appropriate to bring this new Electoral Division to an acceptable baseline population.**

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Jeff Wedman
St Albert, AB.

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| <p>Good day:</p> <p>I appreciate the Commission's work this year. Allow me to make four key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The principle of one person one vote needs to generate a redrawing of ridings. The transportation and other communication technologies of today mean there are no difficulties in representing a large riding. In the past, alleged difficulties have furnished an excuse for gerrymandering. Anything other than one person one vote would continue to discriminate against new Canadians who predominantly reside in urban areas, as well as others who reside in the cities in our urban and urbanizing province. 2. Attendance at polling stations should be mandatory, enforced by civil penalties such as fines for not attending. Note: I do not say *voting* should be mandatory. Looking at the experience of Australia and some dozen other jurisdictions, mandatory attendance reduces the need for fund raising and therefore reduces the dangers of donations driving policy and representation. There are many other benefits to mandatory attendance. 3. Mixed-member proportional voting should be brought in; the first past the post-system has over rewarded its beneficiaries and has choked down representation of too many views and too many practical options for policy and administration. In Alberta's case, the first-past-the-post system has lead to a corsening of political cultural over my adult lifetime. For example, since the 1990's incumbants feel safe to jeer at other ideas and treat people who are not their partisans as enemies to be disrespected, even in public. We need more of a sense that democracy is where political opponents face and address the same issues and where getting on the bandwagon of partisan dogmatism is a pretty ineffective way to |

have influence on public life, let alone a career in public life.

4. The change to the voting system should be done by the House. For the Legislature has the constitutional power to change how its members are chosen. Also, referenda are not an ethically or practically acceptable option, I think. They are lightening rods for other discontents (viz., Brexit) or are ways for the gov't to jury rig failure and claim popular will (viz., the BC gov't.'s insistence on 2/3 majority support for change, while it deployed various forms of neglect or opposition).

My suggestions above are premised on, amongst other things, there being (a) a basic reflection of a party's percentage of the vote in a general provincial election in the percentage of MLAs it has, (b) no single transferable ballot, and (c) ridings. In contrast to ridings, the Israeli system of all members representing all voters in the entire jurisdiction has problems and, I believe, would not fit Alberta. In any event, the Israeli system is an anomaly amongst systems of proportional representation.

As for by-elections, it might be practical to have a run off election between the two leading candidates in case there is no recipient of the majority of votes. Another option might be a single transferable ballot for by-elections only.

Thank you for attending to this submission.

Sincerely,
D. Barker.

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| <p>Alberta NDP Wetaskiwin Camrose Constituency Association 5415 – 52 Avenue Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 0X8</p> <p>February 4, 2107</p> <p>Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission</p> <p>Dear members of the Commission;</p> <p>The Executive Committee of the Alberta NDP Wetaskiwin Camrose Constituency Association met on January 18, 2017 and made the decision to submit to the Commission. The points that were decided to forward to you for consideration were:</p> <p>1. We have received feedback from members of the 4 Cree Nations of Maskwacis that it would benefit them to be included in one electoral district. The concern that the two Bands included in the Rocky Mountain House constituency are not being served within their usual community and service area resulting in a lack of consideration of their concerns. Consequently we are requesting that the entire Maskwacis population from all four bands (Ermineskin, Samson, Montana and Louis Bull) including Ma-</p> |

Me-O Beach be included in our electoral district.

2. The second concern is the 25% variable from the goal size of the electoral districts resulting in an inequity in the weight of each vote in this province. We believe that as a democracy we need to strive toward the goal of each vote having equal value. We urge you to consider reducing the 25% to a maximum of 5%.

Submitted on behalf of the Exeuctive Committee

Sincerely;

Fritz Bitz
President

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A submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission by the Green Party of Alberta

The submission was prepared by Janet Keeping, Leader of the Green Party of Alberta, and sent to the Commission on February 6, 2017

1.0 The Green Party of Alberta

The Green Party of Alberta (GPA) is a political party registered under the laws of Alberta. The GPA is independent of other political parties but adheres to the six principles of the global Green movement which are: Participatory democracy, Respect for diversity, Social justice, Sustainability, Ecological wisdom and Non-violence.

Democratic renewal is a priority for the Green Party of Alberta. Alberta's future can be a healthy one – socially, economically and environmentally. But this outcome is much more likely with a revitalized political culture, one in which citizens feel it is worthwhile to be engaged, for example, to vote. And being treated fairly by our electoral and other political systems is a prerequisite to engagement for most people.

2.0 One person – one vote

The GPA is deeply committed to the one person – one vote principle which we see as the foundation of any democratic electoral system because it respects the equal rights of citizens and treats them fairly.

We recognize that the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that in our country the overriding consideration is “effectiveness of representation” not “absolute parity”, the latter being the Court's characterization of the American standard.¹ But really the two standards are not very different: it's hard to see how representative government functions fairly if some voters have significantly more power than others.

So we encourage members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission to adhere as rigorously as possible to the one person – one vote principle and we note in passing that the

¹ *Reference re Provincial Electoral Boundaries (Saskatchewan)*, [1991] 2 SCR 158.

provisions of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*² allowing for up to 25% +/- deviations from the average number of voters per electoral division (except in up to 4 cases where certain specified conditions are met) do not require the Commission to create such deviations, of course, but only permit them.

We recognize that MLAs representing comparatively large ridings face greater practical difficulties than other MLAs. In the past these greater difficulties may have warranted the creation of ridings with significantly fewer voters than the average. However, with communication even over vast distances so much easier now, we would argue that to the maximum extent possible those greater hurdles should be addressed in ways other than violating the one person – one vote principle. For example, MLAs with significantly larger ridings could be given more funding than others for constituency outreach than those with smaller ridings.³

3.0 The historical tension between Alberta’s urban and rural voters

We are well aware that in the past rural ridings often had significantly fewer voters than urban ones in Alberta and we appreciate too that progress has been made in reducing this discrepancy. But we quote the words of the Alberta Court of Appeal in 1995 when it said “the historic imbalance in the level of representation between agrarian and non-agrarian populations in Alberta ... cannot be permitted to continue if Alberta wishes to call itself a democracy”⁴ and insist there should be no back-sliding in our province’s progress in moving away from such blatant unfairness.

Having said that, we want also to note our concern about the urban/rural divide in the province. Alberta is a highly urbanized province, more so than any other province except B.C. Many Albertans, especially in the cities, are well-educated and well-travelled. Many have been to Istanbul but never to Grande Prairie or Medicine Hat, not to mention the smaller settlements in between those centres and Edmonton or Calgary. Many urban Albertans are quite unaware of the exigencies of rural life, for example, the demands of farming or ranching and even look with disdain upon those occupations. They know about environmental issues in the South American rainforest but not in their own backyards, for example, the rapid disappearance of prairie flora and fauna.

² RSA 2000, Chapter E-3.

³ We note that such additional resources were suggested by the Electoral Boundary Commission reporting in 2009. See page 24 of their final report. We do not know if that advice was acted on.

⁴ *Reference re the Electoral Divisions Statutes Amendment Act, 1993* (1995), 119 DLR (4th) 1, at 17.

That there is such a divide is one of the reasons the province is in an environmental mess. It is critical that the divide be bridged but in our view this is best accomplished through public education to increase awareness that urban and rural Albertans, far from being from different planets as seems sometimes to be the case, are in fact highly interdependent. Many urban Albertans seem unaware that their well-being depends upon the health of the surrounding rural areas – for food production and watershed protection, just to give two examples – and this dependency can only increase in the future. But violating the fairness that must lie at the core of our voting system is not an acceptable way to deal with urban obliviousness.

4.0 Defining “shared or common interests”

One of the primary principles and probably the defining value driving Green politics is sustainability. We would then encourage Commission members to think about this: that overtime electoral division boundaries should be moved so as to be as consistent as possible with the eco-systems in which we are all embedded and which make all life possible. Ecosystem boundaries can be defined in a variety of ways, for example, according to air shed, food shed or watershed. The last – watershed – is likely to be the most salient in Alberta where water quality and quantity and extreme water supply issues, such as drought and flood, are so critical.

How might this kind of thinking have import for electoral boundaries? Well, conventional wisdom might see Calgary, for example, as having a lot more in common with a city such as Red Deer which is located in the Calgary-Edmonton corridor. But given the magnitude of the damage caused by the 2013 flood in the Bow River valley and the virtual certainty that significant flooding will occur again, Calgarians’ interests are probably at least as tied to those of people in towns such as upstream Banff and Canmore and downstream Medicine Hat.

We encourage the Commission to take such ecological factors into consideration when redrawing boundaries so as to make representation in the Legislature more effective. We note that the literature on boundary delineations often points to the use of geographic features such as rivers. But it isn’t rivers, such as the Bow, which should constitute electoral boundary divisions but instead the corresponding watersheds which by definition include both sides of those rivers. Albertans are not divided by their rivers; quite the opposite, they are for better or worse united by them.

Sections 14 (c), (g) and (h) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act may suffice as bases for using, for example, watersheds as a factor in boundary delineations but amendment of the legislation to explicitly provide for the use of ecosystem boundaries might be required.

5.0 Conclusion – Future moves to some form of Proportional Representation

While not certain, it is likely that Canadian jurisdictions are going to be moving to some form of Proportional Representation (PR) in the near to medium future. The GPA is strongly in favour of such a change: as with the need for roughly equal numbers of voters per riding, a move to some form of PR is also demanded by 1) respect for the principle of one person - one vote, 2) the need for representation to be effective and at rock bottom 3) fundamental fairness. Indeed we see the move to PR as the next step – after over-coming historical inequities such as the prohibition on women and Aboriginal people voting and the less egregious but still unacceptable favouritism shown rural voters in Alberta – in realizing greater fairness in our voting system.

We appreciate that it is not the mandate of the Commission to advise the provincial government on adoption of a new voting system but we encourage Commission members to keep in mind that the recommendations they make may well have implications for how easy or difficult it is to implement electoral change when that time comes.

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| <p>Suggestions below are designed to bring some sense of consistency to the riding of Calgary Currie along the lines of geography, community boundaries, and housing (community) style.</p> <p>North and West Boundaries: It seems reasonable to maintain both the western-most and northern-most boundaries of Calgary Currie. This would mean that Sarcee Trail in the West and the Bow River to the North would remain as "natural boundaries" for the riding.</p> <p>Eastern Boundary: This ought to be extended south along 14th Street SW all the way to 33rd Ave SW as well as south down Crowchild Trail SW all the way to Glenmore Trail. Both these roadways are "natural boundaries". Moreover, the extension of 14th Street SW maintains the division the City of Calgary currently uses to distinguish between "downtown" and the rest of the city proper.</p> <p>Southern Boundary: The southern boundary of Calgary Currie extended (east - west) along 33rd Ave SW and then along Glenmore Trail in the south. This, again, would follow both "natural boundaries" within the city as well as ensuring that complete communities are integrated into Currie (such as MRU and those who attend the university or work there and live in the surrounding communities). Further rationale would be that with this change residents on both sides of Richmond Road would be represented by the same MLA, rather than divided as it is today, where parts of the riding are bounded by Richmond Road while others are not.</p> |
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Clyde Corser

Yellowhead County, AB

February 3, 2017

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Dear Madam Justice Bielby and Commission Members,

I live in the West Yellowhead constituency which presently consists of most of Yellowhead County, Jasper National and Willmore Wilderness Parks and a small area in the southernmost portion of Greenview County including the Town of Grande Cache. Your population estimate of 36,901 is 24% below the estimated provincial average.

I propose our revised constituency be named *Yellowhead* or alternatively, *Jasper – Yellowhead* and include within its boundaries all of Yellowhead County and Jasper National Park. Alternatively, the extreme south-eastern corner of Yellowhead County presently attached to the Drayton Valley – Devon constituency could logically remain with Drayton Valley, which is the trading center for its very few, if any permanent residents.

The major West Yellowhead boundary adjustments I propose would:

- ✘ Delete Grande Cache and the small area of Greenview County surrounding it from Yellowhead – thereby losing 2797 (2015) eligible voters to Grande Prairie – Wapiti, or its successor constituency to the north;
- ✘ Delete Willmore Wilderness Park which contains, to the best of my knowledge, no permanent residents and whose administrative center is Grande Cache;
- ✓ Add all that portion of Yellowhead County presently in the Whitecourt – Ste. Anne constituency and circumscribed in general terms by the south boundary of Township 51, the Pembina River to the east, and an irregular line roughly half-way between Highways 16 and 43 to the north. This would add approximately 4470 (2015) eligible voters to Yellowhead.

These changes would **increase** the new Yellowhead constituency's number of registered voters, bringing it more into line with the provincial average.

Once the updated census numbers are available, my proposal may be further refined. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this process.

Sincerely, Clyde Corser

Clyde Corser

Yellowhead County, AB

February 16, 2017

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Dear Madam Justice Bielby and Commission Members,

I wish to revise my earlier proposal for the electoral redistribution of West Yellowhead constituency, taking into account the 2016 census data. Our updated population of 31,551 is 32% below the provincial average. Dropping Grande Cache, which is more aligned with Grand Prairie, and bringing the remainder of Yellowhead County within our boundaries (see attached Figure 1) as I proposed in my earlier submission will raise it to only -27%. I retain my earlier recommendations to delete Grande Cache/Greenview County and rename our constituency *Yellowhead*. Since we must significantly increase *Yellowhead's* population and size, but cannot extend west, north or south I recommend one of the following three expansion scenarios:

- 1) Add to *Yellowhead* all that portion of the western half of the present Drayton Valley – Devon constituency lying west of the North Saskatchewan River including the Town of Drayton Valley, or
- 2) Delete from Stony Plain and Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, and add to *Yellowhead* that portion of Parkland County lying west of Highways 43 and 770, or
- 3) Add to *Yellowhead* that portion of Woodlands County west of Range 10, including the Town of Whitecourt.

As evidenced in the attached summary (Figure 1: Alternatives for Adjusting West Yellowhead ...), each of these adjustments will increase the new *Yellowhead* constituency's population to within 5% of the provincial average. The demographics for each of the three options are similar, municipal integrity is respected where possible, and distinct geographical features taken into account. Your final choice will depend more on population pressures and redistribution priorities in other constituencies adjoining the three affected by these changes, which likely favors Option 2, but all are acceptable to me.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to participate in this process, and I look forward to presenting my proposal in more detail on February 23 in Edson.

Sincerely,
Clyde Corser

FIGURE 1: Alternatives for Adjusting West Yellowhead to Comply with Electoral Boundary Guidelines

| <u>Electoral Division</u> | <u>Poll #/Admin. Unit/ Riding</u> | <u># Reg. Voters</u> | <u>2016 Census</u> | <u>Census/ Reg. Vote</u> | <u>Departure from Mean</u> |
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| 85 | West Yellowhead | 23,063 | 31,551 | 1.37 | -32% |
| Initial proposal for Jasper + Yellowhead County, revised using 2016 census data | | | | | |
| | Jasper | | 4,590 | | |
| | Hinton | | 9,882 | | |
| | Edson | | 8,414 | | |
| | Yellowhead County | | <u>10,995</u> | | |
| | | | 33,881 | | -27% |
| Alternative 1: Add Drayton Valley - Devon West of N. Saskatchewan River | | | | | |
| 56 | DV - Devon | 29,733 | 42,467 | 1.43 | |
| | Polls 1 to 5 (est) | 1,578 | 2,254 | | |
| | Town of Drayton | | 7,235 | | |
| | Polls 47 to 49 (est) | 1,323 | <u>1,890</u> | | |
| | | | 11,378 | | |
| | Total | | 45,259 | | -3% |
| Alternative 2: Add Western Half of Parkland County West of Highways 43/770 | | | | | |
| 81 | Stony Plain | 32,852 | 46,844 | 1.43 | |
| | Polls 1 to 11, 13(est) | 4,396 | 6,268 | | |
| 87 | Whitecourt-Ste. Anne | 28,345 | 39,469 | 1.39 | |
| | Polls 44,45,50-52,65,66 (est) | 3,047 | <u>4,243</u> | | |
| | | | 10,511 | | |
| | Total | | 44,392 | | -5% |
| Alternative 3: Add Whitecourt and western portion of Woodlands County | | | | | |
| 87 | Whitecourt - Ste. Anne | 28,345 | 39,469 | 1.39 | |
| | Polls 6, 24 to 26, half 27 (est) | 1,917 | 2,669 | | |
| | Town of Whitecourt | | <u>9,540</u> | | |
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| <p>My Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain the present number of constituencies. We do not need more MLAs. 2. Strictly implement a maximum population variance per constituency of 5% WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. While I understand and respect that remote parts of the province are more difficult to visit, huge variances in population to accommodate this are not the answer, more resources are! Internet, skype, electronic messaging, telephone, and television to name a few virtually eliminate communication issues for those living in isolated areas; besides this is a never ending situation because there will always be some person living 100 km from her nearest neighbors. Thank you and Good Luck! |
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| The province to the east has it right (5% variation in population by constituency). Rural folks are as hard working as all of us but that hardly justifies giving them more than one vote per individual, especially in the 21st century. It is an anachronism that one hopes the current government finds the courage to correct appropriately. Surely if we have found a way to give women the right to vote and various formerly second and third tier members of society an equal voice, all of our voices should be counted equally. |
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| <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I attended the first public hearing in Edmonton, on January 16, 2017. As there were very few contributors that morning, the chair generously opened the floor to anyone who would like to add their comments or suggestions. I chose to add a few words, but would like to expand on my thoughts from that day.</p> <p>I live in the Edmonton South West constituency, which has a projected number in excess of 66,000 voters, pending the actual census results. This number is really unworkable and like the neighbouring Edmonton Ellerslie constituency it needs to be adjusted, to take into account the ongoing massive population growth in these areas. I was asked to draw a line on the laminated map (posted on the wall) suggesting how the two ridings could be made into three.....and somewhat foolishly I agreed! On reflection, please ignore what I drew, as the obvious split in the Edmonton South West riding should most probably occur on the western side using the North Saskatchewan river, as a natural boundary, with all that area and that which is north to the Whitemud Drive included in possibly either Edmonton McClung or Edmonton Meadowlark.</p> <p>It is quite apparent that some major shifts will need to occur with boundaries, to accommodate the growth on the south side of Edmonton, especially if the number of ridings is to be kept at the current 87. (I understand that a similar population growth is happening in the Calgary metropolitan area too.)</p> <p>The urban and rural divides will still remain, but it is grossly unfair to have certain urban ridings, in particular, with such a high number of voters that is far above the current number of close to 49,000 as an average.</p> |

A few suggestions :-

- 1) That the commission should reduce the current 25% above or below average population to 5%, as it is in our neighbouring Saskatchewan, or to an absolute maximum of 10%.
- 2) Really the whole map needs to be redrawn in Alberta, as there are such huge discrepancies in the voters' numbers in different ridings! Why for example should Fort McMurray-Conklin have one quarter of the number compared to Edmonton South West? There are a couple of remote constituencies that have been granted special treatment in the past, which needs to be revisited, given our changed circumstances.
- 3) It is bogus to claim that distance is an issue in some of the rural ridings, as current technology makes it convenient and possible to maintain contact by letter, phone, mail, email, Skype etc.
- 4) Your task is to level the playing field and it will require some hard decisions to be made, to make the constituencies fairer, without giving an apparent political advantage to certain areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz Acheson
Edmonton South West

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| <p>I would like to make a few suggestions that I think would make constituencies better for representing voters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would you please try to have the electoral constituency boundaries be the same as the rural Municipality or County boundaries since rural people are already use to this political division. Within cities, the city wards are also an existing political division that could be used. - When considering where to draw the boundaries within a Municipality or city, please group areas based on the voting in the last election. For example, put the polling stations that voted NDP in one constituency (try for 75% NDP area) and put the polling stations that voted Wild Rose in another constituency (try for 75% WR area). |
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With regard to any change in the electoral boundaries please **FIRST** give careful consideration to the **SQUARE MILES** of area in each constituency. To drastically enlarge remote areas once again is onerous on the rural MLA who currently drives 10 of times farther than those in Edmonton. Today this likely means 11 hours in snow over a foot in depth. Really think about the actual commitment required to reaching their region on a regular basis never mind the logistics of doing same.

Regions are diverse and need recognition of more than just population numbers. We already have our voices muted by anything that concerns the cities as of first and foremost importance.

Countries that lift up the voices from all regions eg Scandinavia are doing equality much better than Alberta and ultimately Canada.

Thank you.

Sharleen Douglass
Rangewoman
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Hi there,
Please find my input for EDM-SW in the attached document.

Thank you.
Mike

Edmonton-South West EBC Submission

The Electoral Boundaries Commission has an opportunity to draw electoral boundaries that will ensure more effective representation and equality of the voting power in Alberta. There has been massive urban growth in Alberta (more than 20% in the last eight years). Edmonton itself has grown from 817, 867 in 2009 (near the time of the last commission) to 950, 421 in 2015. Specifically, the riding of Edmonton-South West has experienced much of this growth in Edmonton, and therefore should be re-drawn to reflect this.

There are a few things to consider:

Population

- Edmonton-South West is the second largest riding in Alberta, in terms of actual voters (41, 230). According to the 2016 census released by the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission, Edmonton-South West is expected to be at 36 per cent above average. Alberta allows a variance of 25 per cent plus or minus the provincial average.
- The overpopulation of Edmonton-South West means a vote in this constituency is worth considerably less than a vote in many rural ridings with few voters (i.e., Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley has 16, 392 voters and Lesser Slave Lake has 19, 062 voters). Yet, Edmonton-South West is more than double the size of these ridings, in terms of actual voters. This means that a vote in Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley and Lesser Slave Lake is worth more than double a vote in Edmonton-South West.
- 5/10 of Edmonton's fastest growing neighbourhoods are in Edmonton-South West.

Demographics

- The neighbourhood of Twin Brooks is more established, and has an older population. However, most of the neighbourhoods (i.e., Cavanagh, Richford, Windermere) in Edmonton-South West are still being developed, and have many young families. The needs and interests of Twin Brooks is different than the rest of the neighbourhoods of Edmonton-South West. This makes effective representation difficult.

Natural Geographic Boundaries

- The Anthony Henday acts as a continuous natural boundary between Edmonton-South West and Edmonton-McClung, and Edmonton-Whitemud. However, this logical natural boundary is not followed between Edmonton-South West and Edmonton-Rutherford. In this instance, the Anthony Henday boundary is compromised in the inclusion of Twin Brooks in the Edmonton-South West electoral district.
- The North Saskatchewan River is a natural geographic boundary. It is effectively used between the riding of Edmonton-McClung and Edmonton-Whitemud. It is also used as a boundary between polls in Edmonton-South West (poll 76, and poll 65, 70, and 75). Therefore, this could be a logical boundary when re-drawing the electoral boundaries of Edmonton-South West.

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| <p>In a democracy it is important that all citizens are provided with an equal say on the selection of a government that will work for us. In order to do that we need to continually ensure that the value of each vote is the same, within practical limits.</p> <p>I understand that the legislation requires a review of electoral boundaries at regular intervals. I agree with the timing as it currently stands, more frequent reviews would be an unnecessary expense. Less frequent reviews might skew the voting to deprive certain constituencies of the representation they deserve.</p> <p>With the premise that all citizen's votes should be treated equally, we have to recognize that there are other practical and logistical limitations that would prevent a strict adherence to the principle. The guideline that all constituencies should be within +/- 25% of the average is a reasonable compromise.</p> <p>It is also important to understand that the interests of the various constituencies can differ greatly. Urban interests can vary significantly from rural interests. It is therefore important that those differences be considered when changes to boundaries are being decided. From a practical perspective it would not be possible to have strictly urban or rural constituencies but, the goal should be to avoid mixing urban and rural. To do this would be create divisions of interest within a constituency and mute the voice of one or the other of the groups.</p> <p>Considering the goal of equal weighting for all constituencies I believe that the current divisions meet that target with only a few minor adjustments required.</p> <p>The estimated population of 4,252,879 (Statistics Canada as of July 1, 2016) spread over 87</p> |

constituencies yields a target size of 48,884 people per constituency. Assuming that a variation of 25% higher or lower that the target size gives us a range of between 36,663 and 61,105 citizens per constituency.

With the downturn in the Alberta economy it is unlikely that we will see the sort of growth that Alberta has had in the past couple of decades or so. The 2016 estimates should give us a fairly accurate basis to consider any required changes to boundaries for the next 10 years.

Of the 87 constituencies there are a total of 8 that fall outside of the stated target size.

I recommend that for the smaller mainly rural constituencies that no changes be made based solely on the population. The constituencies of Dunvegan-Central Peace, Fort McMurray-Conklin and Lesser Slave Lake although smaller in population size, all cover vast areas. In order to adjust the population to conform with the target would require increasing the physical size of the area. Reasonable representation would become more difficult if the area is increased in any meaningful way, just to level that population.

The Banff-Cochrane constituency is currently larger than the target marginally. Adjusting the population to simply get it within the +/- 25% range would be a short term fix. Due to significant growth that is ongoing it would be advisable to move the population closer to the mid point. The physical footprint of the constituency should be reduced to a tighter circle around the towns of Banff and Canmore and move parts of the more rural portions of the constituency into the neighbouring constituencies of Rimbey Rockyview and Livingstone Mcleod. Both of these ridings are below the target by approximately 8-10%. This would also meet the goal of keeping similar interests urban, rural, and in this case Parks in each riding.

In Calgary McCall the constituency is over the target by about 10% or 7,000 people. Redistributing 3,000 to Calgary Mackay-Nose Hill, 2,000 to Calgary Cross and 2,000 to Calgary Greenway would keep all 4 constituencies within the target range. It would also meet the goal of avoiding significant mixing of urban and rural interests.

Calgary Northern Hills is only slightly over the target (200 people) A proactive adjustment of approximately 2,000 people to the Calgary Foothills constituency would keep both within the target and not impact any of the more rural ridings.

Calgary South East is over the target by a significant margin approximately 18,000 people. The constituency is bordered by Calgary-Shaw (under by 11,000), Calgary Hays (under by 14,000), Calgary Fort (under by 10,000) all of which are below the target. By redistributing the 4 ridings together they could all easily be brought into the desired range.

Edmonton Strathcona is over the target range by approximately 5,000 people. The neighbouring constituencies are Edmonton Mcclung (under by 18,000), Edmonton Rutherford (under by 15,000), Edmonton Whitemud (under by 8,000). Redistributing the 5,000 to the other ridings would easily keep all the constituencies within the target range and would keep the urban and rural nature intact.

Overall I believe that the current distribution of populations within the constituencies is quite workable and that with some minor adjustments referred to above the electorate in Alberta will be reasonably represented in the legislature.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alberta should have fewer MLAs, for example, about 60 MLAs with 75,000 people per constituency. Southern Alberta would be as well represented with 3 MLAs as the current 5 MLAs. The change would result in one(1) MLA for southeastern Alberta and two(2) MLAs for southwestern Alberta. 2. The workload would increase for an MLA's office. This increase would mainly be for support staff. MLAs would require a larger budget to higher additional staff, who mainly handle the requests/inquiries of constituents. 3. The main issues which face Alberta are beyond the old and stale argument of rural versus urban and that rural Albertans will not be represented in the Alberta Government. Municipal Governments are better designed to address the important issues of the different areas. 4. The compensation paid to MLAs supports that they represent a larger number of people. The argument of more travel in rural Alberta in our age of modern technology is outdated and not very valid. MLA earnings are comparable to MPs, and their electoral districts have about 110,000 people. MPs are also in a House which sits considerably longer annually than our Legislature. 5. MLAs are not in an employee-employer relationship to justify the design of the current compensation system. They are independent contractors. They should be properly paid, but the taxpayers are not contributing additionally to the cost of any benefits. The MLAs design their own benefit package and contribute accordingly. For example, the severance package is the first to go. Independent contractors are paid when they are elected, but they are not paid anything if their contract is terminated [lose an election]. |

6. A commission of Albertans[citizens & MLAs] should be appointed to participate in design of the independent contractor system. The first task is to write the job description of a MLA. For example, MLAs should not receive additional compensation for serving on committees of the Legislature. It is part of the job. The chair may receive a nominal honorarium.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper
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Alberta Organizations which monitor economic, fiscal and political issues - internet.



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Brian Malkinson, MLA
Calgary-Currie

February 6, 2017

Electoral Boundaries Commission of Alberta

Re: Calgary-Currie Electoral Boundaries Commission Recommendation

I am truly proud and honoured to represent the constituents of Calgary-Currie. My recommendation to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission for consideration of changes made to the constituency of Calgary-Currie are highlighted in the following points:

- 1.) **North and West Boundaries:** Keep the existing boundaries at Sarcee trail on the west, and the Bow River on the west, as these are natural boundaries that have been longstanding.
- 2.) **Eastern boundary:** 14th street SW from the Bow River up to 33rd Avenue SW. I recommend that Calgary-Currie incorporates the community of South Calgary. {see attached map}

The communities of Richmond Knob Hill and South Calgary form part of the Marda Loop South Calgary Community. I note that 14th street is the same downtown western boundary that the City of Calgary uses in their definition of downtown, versus inner city. It is important that 14th street SW remains a natural constituency border, because it separates downtown from inner city, where the downtown is a business district and the neighbourhoods west of 14th street are residential inner city.

In addition, the existing boundaries at 33rd avenue and 20th street cause daily confusion for the constituents in and outside of the riding at my constituency office and during the election period as to which electoral boundary they live in.

- 3.) **South West boundary:** 33 Avenue SW, Crowchild and Glenmore trail SW. I recommend that the communities of Lincoln Park, Rutland Park and Glamorgan be included in Calgary Currie. Currently, the riding crosses over 33rd avenue into Currie Barracks. The 33rd avenue/Richmond Road cross over should continue up to Sarcee trail and Glenmore trail. Glenmore trail is a natural and significant roadway border to the west and the South.

Lincoln Park - Historically associated with the Currie Barracks as it is directly south of the barracks.



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Rutland Park - Currie Barracks residents currently use Rutland Park's community association as their own. It would make sense to bring Rutland Park into Calgary-Currie. Small sections of Rutland Park currently form part of Calgary-Currie. It makes no sense to split up neighbourhoods.

Glamorgan – Many of the residents in Glamorgan attend schools and churches located across 33rd Avenue in Killarney and Glenbrook and Glendale, and vice versa. Glamorgan is very similar in age and socio-economic statistics to Glenbrook and Glendale.

During the election period, and in day to day constituency enquiries, there is a moderate amount of confusion by constituents as to which riding they live in. Glenmore trail and Crowchild trail will provide strong boundary indicators to alleviate this problem.

These recommendations will allow for between 7,000 and 10,000 new constituents to Calgary-Currie, within the margin set out by the commission.

Thank you for your work. I look forward to the outcome.

Yours truly,

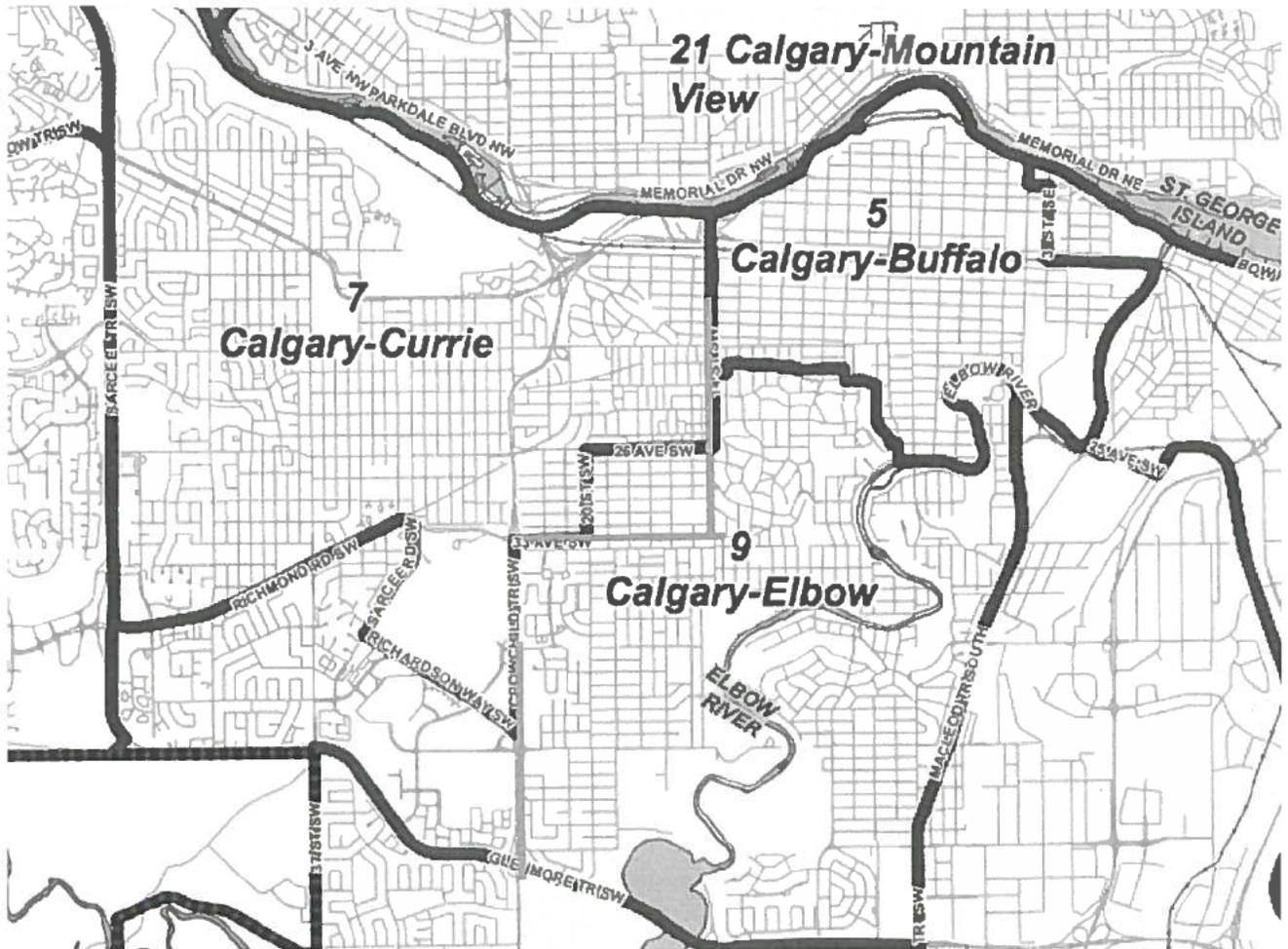


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| <p>Currently the City of Grande Prairie is split into two electoral constituencies. As the City has specific and often varying needs from the surrounding counties and Municipal Districts it should be considered that the boundaries be altered to encompass the City as wholly represented constituency to better serve the needs of the inhabitants in the City. This could alleviate the potential for under representation of issues in rural areas or a bias towards serving the needs of the concentrated populace within the city while missing the needs of those living outside of the densely populated zone.</p> |
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southern bias. In this context, the County is opposed to the loss of any ridings in Northern Alberta. The numbers already indicate that three of our northerly ridings are at risk given the lack of population. While the legislation allows for some special consideration for up to 4 ridings to be created with special circumstances, the temptation to perhaps merge ridings together in the north to allow for even more seats in the south might be somewhat enticing. However, such a move would be detrimental to the residents in Northern Alberta and should be resisted.

The panel may have heard the issue before but it is worth repeating; electoral boundaries are more than just population. It must also consider the geography of the Province, the quality and adequacy of the transportation network, weather conditions, accessibility to the MLA in a timely manner and communication linkages. To this end, rural Alberta is at a severe disadvantage compared to its urban neighbours. This is particularly true about Northern Alberta where weather plays a major role in the ability to service a riding, where airline transportation is virtually non-existent and the roads are in horrible shape after years of pounding by the resource industry. The access to basic services such as medical care, post-secondary education and education is compromised by the continued centralization of services into the large urban areas such as Edmonton and Calgary. The elimination of Regional Health Authorities is a prime example of the centralization model. Additional loss of political representation would continue to erode our ability to move ahead.

There may be some opportunities to alter constituency boundaries but the gains or losses within each constituency will not for the most part be large enough to bring those into compliance. Meanwhile, some constituencies will continue to get larger and harder to serve while others will become smaller and likely easier to serve. Most urbans certainly fall into the latter category. The point to our submission on this issue is that Northern Alberta cannot afford to lose any more seats or political representation. We respectfully request that the Commission carefully consider these points when making a final recommendation.

Specifically with respect to the two Grande Prairie ridings, the County would like to make the point that the current boundaries work well for the region and the County including our smaller urban municipalities. Having two MLA's working on our behalf on the issues affecting the area is important. We cannot emphasize this point enough. The current boundaries allow our MLA's to work on mutual issues affecting both the rural and urban areas. Their combined work on the Mountain Pine Beetle is an example of an issue that transcends riding boundaries affects rural and urban municipalities alike. Other issues include, regional health care, transportation and highway improvements, municipal sustainability funding, policing, resource issues affecting agriculture, forestry and oil and gas to name only a few. Generally the current alignment of the boundaries is supported by the County. Splitting the City on an east-west axis along 100th Avenue creating a north side and south side ensures a fairly even population distribution between the two ridings now and into the future. The issues the region faces are intertwined. They are not urban or rural issues. They are regional issues. Because you cannot create a riding

contains the entire City based on the current population, it is therefore acknowledged that the part of the City must be part of a rural riding. Should this occur, the remaining rural/urban MLA would also be required to attend requests for meetings in the City in addition to all the other demands on their time. City based organizations and other regional bodies will want both MLA's to attend meetings and represent interests in Edmonton.

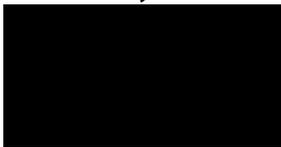
This situation creates a huge imbalance in the workload that the Commission needs to consider. A single MLA in Grande Prairie with one municipality to deal with and a second MLA that must deal with 8 municipalities including the City and travel extensively to do it would effectively put eight times the workload on to one MLA. The current boundaries provide more balance to this workload splitting the municipal workload in particular with six municipalities for GP Wapiti and five for GP Smoky. This situation can be expanded to other organizations such as Chambers of Commerce, School Boards, Seniors Housing organizations, First Nations and so on. As the area continues to grow, both ridings have shared and will continue to share in the growth. The obligations to deal with the growth should be shared equally between two MLA's.

In summary, there are two main elements to our presentation. Firstly, in the Provincial context, the County urges the Commission not to eliminate any northern Alberta ridings. Secondly, the County generally supports the current boundaries of Grande Prairie Wapiti and Grande Prairie Smoky insofar as it affects the County of Grande Prairie. Major change would not be supported.

The Electoral Boundary Review of 2003 clearly dictated that universal equal representation by population was not feasible. The commission at that time decided that effective representation should be the goal. The review weighed rural population scarcity and distance between communities against population density in urban areas. These principles should apply to the current review.

The County trusts that the Commission will give a full and complete consideration of our comments. Thank you for allowing us to make this submission.

Sincerely,



Nick Lapp, RPP MCIP
Acting CAO
County of Grande Prairie No. 1

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| <p>Could you please consider changing our boundary for Innisfail/ Sylvan Lake as we are currently RMH and we are located south of Sylvan Lake and Doctor , shop, and bank in Sylvan Lake . We do not get the newspaper from Rocky and aren't able to keep up on the political advances .</p> <p>Sylvan Lake is 10 Km's from us and Rocky is 90 ! We live 1 mile south of secondary highway 781 and we're always part of Innisfail/ Sylvan Lake .</p> <p>Thank you for your time</p> <p>Wayne and Carol Ramsay</p> |
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| <p>Our community association is Somerset-Bridlewood. It doesn't make sense that the riding cuts us in half. This means that the community must correspond with two MLAs.</p> <p>This is happening with Shawnee-Evergreen too. The smaller community of Shawnee is in our riding, even though the communities are united through the Shawnee-Evergreen community association.</p> <p>Cutting connected communities apart is a bit taxing on the community as community associations have to direct information between MLAs and residents. Given that there is already such low participation in community politics by residents, this just makes this problem worse.</p> |
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| Rimbey-Rocky Mountain Houase- Sundre |
| Submission |
| <p>I live south of Sylvan Lake and as I live west of highway 781, I am part of Rocky mountain house electoral district. We do our shopping in Sylvan Lake as well as we have our doctor there. We also receive the newspaper from Sylvan Lake thus we were aware of the political progresses in our area. Now we are not aware of anything that is going on and would like to be back with Innisfail-Sylvan Lake electoral district. We live 10 kilometers from Sylvan Lake and 90 Kilometers from Rocky Mountain House. Thank you very much.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio • Facebook |

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| Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House |
| Submission |
| <p>We have up until recently been in Innisfail-Sylvan Lake electoral constituency and we would like to return to it. We live 8 kilometres south of Sylvan Lake and do most of our business, shopping and banking there. We are about 45 kilometres from Rimbey and at least 50 kilometres to Rocky. As a result we know nothing about these areas and keep current on Sylvan Lake. If possible please return us to our own area, it would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank You Les and Lynda Tisdale</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| A friend brought it to our attention. |

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Subject: Website submission from Robert Wade

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Livingstone McLeod |
| Submission |
| I would simply ask the commission to consider rural and urban division when changing boundaries. I fear that in attempting to balance population density with area the boundaries will pinwheel out of major urban areas such as Calgary, Lethbridge..ect. in so doing the voice of rural Albertans will be completely drowned out by urban voters. Thank your Robert Nelson |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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| Electoral Constituency |
| calgary-shaw |
| Submission |
| <p>We would like to have Bridlewood be included into the Calgary-Shaw riding, because the community association of Bridlewood is the community association of Somerset too. It's the Somerset-Bridlewood community association, so I feel that the election boundaries shouldn't divide communities.</p> <p>Shawnee-Evergreen is also divided by our riding too, as it has some of it's members in Shawnee, but most in Evergreen.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |

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From: Ryan Robinson <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary northwest |
| Submission |
| I would like to see reduction in rural over-representation. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Naomi Pahl
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:55:11 AM

From: Naomi Pahl <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 8:04 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Naomi Pahl

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Edmonton
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Submission

In 2010, the last time the boundaries were redrawn, Edmonton should have got 2 new seats but only got one.

The PC' s were accused of gerrymandering when they redrew the map last time. This is partisan politics and completely undemocratic.

Edmonton's population has grown exponentially for 2 decades without proper redistribution of electoral votes.

An estimated 90% of the Albertan population is urbanized. How does it seem democratic that a small portion of our province, the rural votes, get to have such a numerical advantage, voting for platforms that directly affect urban policies, policies they never have to contend with.

I don't think urban votes should matter more than rural, but it seems that in a democratic society, the majority should at least have accurate representation.

There are huge fluctuations in population growth, as seen in Fort Mac, according to boom or bust. If Fort Mac has lost a significant amount of their population, their electoral redistribution should reflect that. It should reflect growth as well as loss.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook



Special Areas Board

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February 7th, 2016

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Justice Myra Bielby,

The Special Areas is a unique form of rural local government which serves a large geographical area in east-central Alberta, including three urban areas within the boundaries: the Town of Hanna, Town of Oyen and Village of Consort. While most maps show Special Areas 2, 3 & 4 as separate municipalities, they are administered as a single entity by the Special Areas Board. The Special Areas Advisory Council, of which I act as Chairman, is comprised of 13 representatives elected under the provisions of the *Local Authorities Election Act*. The mandate of the Advisory Council is to give advice to the Special Areas Board and the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the administration and operation of Special Areas. This area falls into the Drumheller – Stettler constituency.

One of the most critical responsibilities of the Electoral Boundaries Commission is to ensure all Albertans are provided effective representation by their elected representatives in the Legislative Assembly. As noted by this Commission, effective representation does not mean absolute voter parity. Additional factors must be considered by the Commission when making recommendations, including ensuring a manageable geographic size for electoral divisions in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions.

The Special Areas, and the larger eastern-central region we are located within, is a rural-remote area of Alberta. Rural-remote regions are distinct from rural areas in the overall larger geographic size of the region, the distance between population centers, the size of the population centers themselves, and the overall level of access to services available. The area of east-central Alberta which the Special Areas resides within is sparsely populated, covers a large geographic area, and is significantly removed from a primary service area – specifically the QEII corridor (Edmonton-Red

Deer-Calgary). Additional characteristics of a rural-remote region include declining and aging populations, declining industrial activity and assessment base, increasing scarcity of access to basic technological infrastructure and service level, and physical isolation from larger service areas.

There are many commonalities which can be found throughout this specific rural-remote region of Alberta, frequently centering on common economic interests, community identity, specific agricultural conditions and industrial development. Common economic interests include agricultural, oil & gas development, and coal-fired power generation. Similar environmental conditions have led to the development of agricultural operations which mitigate the historically low precipitation rates and marginal land quality common to this area. Large areas of native grasslands exist throughout the area; not necessarily by choice, but by necessity due to prevailing conditions. Lack of access to irrigation is a critical differentiation of this rural-remote region when compared to the region south of Red Deer River. The communities throughout this region are generally small (under 1000 population), geographically far removed from one another, and subject to declining populations, assessment and increasing age. These factors all combine to paint a picture of a rural-remote region which has limited resources: economic, demographic, and cultural.

As the Special Areas Advisory Council represents all three Special Areas, and as all three Special Areas are administered by a single body – the Special Areas Board, we strongly recommend the boundaries of the Drumheller-Stettler do not change in any way which would not recognize our municipal boundaries. **In short we operate as one unit and would strongly recommend to you that the Special Areas stay as one unit with one MLA.**

The Special Areas Advisory Council recognizes the Electoral Boundaries Commission is required to make some adjustments to the current composition of the electoral divisions in Alberta to ensure effective representation for all Albertans. Furthermore, we also recognize the Electoral Boundaries Commission is not able to create new electoral divisions to alleviate any challenges when balancing the changes in population which have occurred since 2010. **However, we recommend the current boundaries of the Drumheller-Stettler electoral division do not increase in size as this electoral division meets at three of the criteria for a Special Electoral division as outlined in Section 15 (2) of the *Electoral Boundaries Act*.** The area of the Drumheller-Stettler electoral division is 33,017 km², greater than 20,000 km². The distance from the Legislative Assembly in Edmonton to the nearest constituency office in Drumheller-Stettler electoral division is 202 km, greater than 150 km. Finally, the Drumheller-Stettler

electoral division has a portion of its boundary coterminous with a boundary of the Province of Alberta (Province of Saskatchewan on eastern boundary).

An additional consideration is the Drumheller-Stettler electoral division is already one of the largest in the Province of Alberta, and to remain within a 10% deviation to the provincial population average, it would have to become either unreasonably large or incorporate a large urban area with distinctly divergent and competing needs. Either of these two options would threaten the ability of the elected representative to provide effective representation for the residents of Drumheller-Stettler. Our question to the Electoral Boundaries Commission is: how much bigger can this electoral division be and still ensure effective representation?

The population density issue seems to be typical of electoral divisions along the eastern side of this province where the population deviation from the proposed average are all in the negative. The sparse population in this rural-remote region has implications when it comes to effective representation. The elected representative for Drumheller-Stettler is faced with the issue of time and distance – specifically the amount of time it takes to effectively cover the distance of this electoral division. It would take approximately five hours to travel from one end of the electoral division to the opposite. The average distance between more heavily populated areas (Villages/Hamlets) is 110 km. It requires a considerable commitment of time, funds and other resources by the elected representative to get out to community events vital to good governance and effective representation. This is a critical difference from the electoral divisions that have much more concentrated populations, even if their total electoral divisions are also geographically large. **Drumheller-Stettler is the largest electoral division in the settled part of the province.**

To increase the size of the current electoral division would make it impossible for the elected representative to effectively represent the increasingly large region with disparate communities included within the division's boundaries. Economic and community ties would not exist in a meaningful way as there would be a disruption in the historical pattern in the electoral division. Stable electoral boundaries were recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada as an important contributing element for achieving effective representation. An even larger electoral division for Drumheller-Stettler would reduce the similarity of economic relationships and interests within its boundaries. Different patterns of trade, commuting areas and service areas, and health-care regions would create a disparate and competing interests for a single elected representative.

In the opinion of the Special Areas Advisory Council, any increase in size to the existing Drumheller-Stettler electoral division would significantly threaten the ability for an elected representative to effectively represent the interests of its constituents. No increase in funding or further additional offices or staff would enable a single MLA to effectively represent the Drumheller-Stettler electoral division if its size was increased or composition significantly changed.

On behalf of the Special Areas Advisory Council, I thank you for the opportunity to provide input and context for our rural-remote area of Alberta. The Advisory Council looks forward to reviewing your draft recommendations and would welcome any further opportunity to provide any information which would assist this Commission in its preparation of final recommendations.

Sincerely,

Robert Worobo

Chairman
Special Areas Advisory Council

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:55:30 AM

From: Don Rubuliak [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Sir or Madam,

My primary concern regarding electoral boundaries in Alberta is that we presently have unfair representation in many ridings due to large differences in population between ridings. I believe the most important job of the Electoral Boundaries Commission is to improve our democracy by adjusting our riding boundaries in order to minimize the differences in population. These differences should not exceed 10% and should be adjusted on a regular basis to ensure that riding population differences never exceed 10% as population changes occur.

I do not believe it is necessary for riding boundaries to always follow existing municipal boundaries. The need for fairness in riding population size is most important.

I believe the total number of ridings in the province is sufficient and must not be increased in order to improve rural representation. If all riding populations are to be within 10% then rural Alberta will have to lose ridings and urban Alberta will gain. It is not logical nor is it fair to maintain the present number of rural ridings as rural populations decline and urban populations quickly rise.

There is the argument that the number of rural ridings must be maintained in order to have effective representation, due to the large areas involved. I do not agree with this argument as communication has improved significantly in recent years with the use of mobile phones, email and the internet. As well, roads and air connections are much better than those in the past. For rural MLAs today communication is much easier than it was in the past. Smaller riding areas are not necessary.

I believe we will have a better democracy if we adjust our riding sizes to count each person's vote as equally as possible.

Sincerely,

Don Rubuliak
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Sherwood Park
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Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:55:57 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ron Friesen

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| Submission |
| Hi, I would like to say that electoral boundaries should be such that each riding has more or less the same number of constituents. A variation of 5 to 10 % could be allowed to cover people moving in and out of ridings. MLAs with large geographical ridings should receive assistance to properly represent their constituents. Thank you |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook• Newspaper |

A Submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission of Alberta
Lethbridge, February 6, 2017

From
The Lethbridge East NDP Executive
Terry Shillington, President,
Maria Fitzpatrick, MLA

To
The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, Justice Myra Bielby, Chair

Thanks for the invitation to submit our observations to your commission. Our essential statement to you is quite simple. We think there is no reason to make any changes to the boundaries of Lethbridge East. We note that the projected median population for Alberta constituencies is approximately 49,000. We also note section 14 A) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act declares “the requirement of effective representation as guaranteed by the Can. Charter of Rights and Freedoms.”

OUR CONCLUSIONS – POPULATION

Your commission projects our constituency population will be almost 45,000 in the 2016 census figures. Our own sense of this, after consulting with the city mayor and others is that city grow will push our 2016 census figures probably higher than the figure of 44,927 mentioned at the Lethbridge hearing on Jan. 25, 2017. We suspect the Lethbridge East figures will be even closer to the median of 49,000 and projected city growth over the next few years will likely move the figure upwards even more. So on the basis of population, our constituency would seem to be very close to the ideal suggested by your commission

OUR CONCLUSION – RE THE SPECIFIC PRESENT BOUNDARIES

We would also suggest that the specific boundaries, mostly following 13th St. in dividing the city on a north-south basis makes sense from a cultural perspective. This is a reasonable boundary, familiar to most and as easily explained and communicated as any other one could propose. The boundaries are also appropriate in including the urban developments on the north and south, while leaving farming areas to neighboring rural constituencies where they are better represented. So we would recommend that the present boundary does not need any minor adjustments or tweaking.

IN CONCLUSION

We understand that your commission will face some complex issues in the course of your decisions. However, this constituency of Lethbridge East, we suggest, already meets the criteria you seek, and does not need changes of any kind.

Sincerely,

Terry Shillington, President, Lethbridge East NDP Exec.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:57:17 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Saylor McLennan

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| Spruce Grove - St. Albert |
| Submission |
| <p>As someone who lives in the Spruce Grove-St. Albert electoral district, I am very disappointed with our current electoral district boundaries. So much so, that our family has even considered moving simply because we feel that our electoral district doesn't have a voice.</p> <p>Our family lives in North Ridge in the far North-West quadrant of St. Albert. During a provincial election, our city is forced to be divided; typically with several strong, local candidates in the St. Albert riding but in the Spruce Grove-St. Albert riding, we are often left with inexperienced candidates, "newbies" or worse, no candidate at all.</p> <p>Even more frustrating is that every candidate in this riding is always a resident of Spruce Grove (never St. Albert).</p> <p>I appreciate that Spruce Grove deserves a voice in the legislature; truly they do. However, Spruce Grove and St. Albert are very different communities and typically, we have very unique priorities.</p> <p>At a municipal and provincial level, the City of St. Albert is more likely to be more strongly influenced and have a stronger effect on the nearby communities of Sturgeon County (i.e. Morinville, Bon Accord, Gibbons etc..) than we have with Spruce Grove. Just read our local newspapers (The St. Albert Gazette, The Morinville News etc..) You'll see a strong influence between our communities. Spruce Grove on the other hand appears to have a stronger relationship/influence between themselves and Stony Plain. Much stronger than they've ever had with St. Albert.</p> <p>I would like to see the electoral boundaries change so that the Alberta communities who have the strongest influence on one another and as such, similar priorities, are within the same electoral boundaries. Even if our next set of candidates are once again, not St. Albert residents, it would at least be beneficial if the candidate was from a community within Sturgeon County.</p> <p>I would really like to see candidates who have a stronger connection and understanding of our two cities (St. Albert/Spruce Grove) but, with the current electoral boundaries, as they are; this just isn't happening.</p> |

Frankly, it's unfair to both our cities and I feel that new boundaries need to be considered. I realize that in the past, St. Albert and Sturgeon County have not always been allies but, I believe that this relationship is rapidly changing for the better. The impact of similar priorities and a need for strong relationships between St. Albert with Sturgeon County and Spruce Grove with Stony Plain is essential and the current electoral boundaries do not reflect this at all.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)



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February 7, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Sent via email to: info@ABebc.ca

Dear Commission Members:

Re: 2017 Alberta Provincial Electoral Boundary Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the 2017 Electoral Boundary Review. I submit this letter on behalf of St. Albert City Council.

Currently, the City of St. Albert is represented by two provincial constituencies:

| Constituency | 2011 Census Population Counts | 2016 Population Estimates |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| St. Albert | 44,420 | 48,430 |
| Spruce Grove-St. Albert | 51,795 | 59,453 |

Based on the 2016 population estimates, both St. Albert constituencies are within the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act's 25% variance of the 48,884 average population estimate. However, in the event that the constituency boundary of Spruce Grove-St. Albert be redrawn for any reason, we request that the Commission consider extending the boundary north to include the Town of Morinville instead of including the City of Spruce Grove or extending farther west. We believe this to be the ideal course of action for the following reasons:

- The City of St. Albert and the Town of Morinville are likely to continue to grow in population, as is the City of Spruce Grove. Redrawing the boundary to exclude the City of Spruce Grove and include the Town of Morinville would set the population of the constituency at approximately 41,851. This is within the 25% variance, however provides room for population growth.

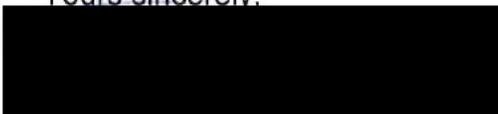


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- The proposed changes to the constituency boundary would more accurately reflect the current sub-region and its municipal planning partners.
- The City of St. Albert has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Sturgeon County, which includes a commitment to undertake joint growth planning between the two municipalities and have undertaken a formal process to do so.
- The proposed changes to the constituency boundary more accurately reflect the planned future growth and municipal boundaries in this sub-region for better provincial-municipal alignment.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments, we look forward to the release of the interim report in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,



Nolan Crouse
Mayor, City of St. Albert
The Botanical Arts City

cc: St. Albert City Council
Kevin Scoble, City Manager, City of St. Albert
Lynette Tremblay, Manager, Government Relations, City of St. Albert

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| [REDACTED] I did not realize I was to put my submission in here. Any changes made should be based on population. There is an existing imbalance between rural riding and urban ridings. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio |

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Written submission
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:57:55 AM
Attachments: [Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.docx](#)

From: Bryan Woronuk [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Written submission

Please find attached a written submission. If you have any questions, please contact me by return email.

Sincerely,
Bryan Woronuk

Written Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

This submission regards the practise of attaching names of notable Albertans to certain constituencies.

To date, the individuals chosen are predominantly past serving provincial politicians. This is not a common practise among provinces as only one other, Quebec, does the same. The standard federally and of all other provinces is that constituencies are named using only geographic references.

The potential pitfalls of the current practise are several, a key one of which is illustrated by the Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley constituency. Although the recognition was intended for a former MLA, it now serves as an unspoken advantage in an election to one political party, given that the MLA's daughter is now the premier of our province. By virtue of name association alone, an unintended consequence is that some voters may be influenced, subliminally or more overtly, to cast their ballots for the party that the Premier represents and to the detriment of other candidates.

While this may, at face value, seem of little potential consequence in terms of numbers of votes cast, it cannot be disregarded. For no reason more so than an election outcome in the constituency affected. It is not uncommon for elections to be decided in this constituency by close margins, the most recent two being a little more than 500 votes or less. A change in a small number of ballots cast would have yielded an individual of a different political party being elected.

Beyond this immediate concern other principles lie at risk. The fact that politicians have been chosen for naming constituencies opens possible inferences of political favoritism or dissent. Any choice of personage is subjective and open to question.

Brevity and conciseness should be the hallmarks of any constituency name. Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley is a model for what a name should not be. It is much too lengthy with too many hyphens and is neither brief nor precise. People at all levels of government and residents of this area commonly express dissatisfaction and angst over the name.

For the initial concerns and reasons, it would be prudent to discontinue naming or adding the names of individuals to constituency names. A policy of using purely geographical names is both unambiguous and prevents unforeseen situations involving personal names and election outcomes.

For the secondary reasons, constituency names should reflect as few words as possible; one or at most two descriptive words. Dunvegan or Central Peace would serve as a naming model. At the least, the naming tie to our Premier should be dropped.

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| Submission |
| I urge you to reduce the current variance in constituency population from 25% to 5%. MLAs should be given proper support to use technology to best advantage to represent their constituents. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio |

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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jim Robertson
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Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 11:30 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Jim Robertson

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Lacombe County
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Electoral Constituency

Lacombe-Ponoka

Submission

In general, I support the principle of equal representation per population, but do recognize the inherent difference between densely-populated urban ridings and large, sparsely-populated rural ridings. I suggest allowing a certain percentage discrepancy (10%? 20%? fewer) in the number of people per MLA in rural Alberta and in those in the cities.

More importantly, I encourage the AEBC to support keeping voters with common interests and needs together. Don't divide up a city and tack on large rural areas to make one riding. Keep the city together (assuming it has the population to justify it), so their MLA can accurately represent them—similarly, keep the rural area together so that those voters can have their say without being overwhelmed by an urban population.

How did you hear about the review?

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| Submission |
| There is no reason other than gerrymandering for adjusting electoral boundaries. |
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| Please pay attention to the census numbers and distribute the constituencies evenly. |
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| Innisfail-Sylvan Lake |
| Submission |
| <p>Many of my constituents would like to see a change in the name of the Innisfail-Sylvan Lake Constituency. It is a broad territory that borders the Red Deer River from Sylvan Lake to Spruce View to Bowden to Elnora to Delburne to Pine Lake to Penhold. For that reason, many have suggested a renaming of the constituency to Red Deer River Constituency.</p> <p>Don MacIntyre, MLA Innisfail-Sylvan Lake Constituency</p> |
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| Whitcourt Map It |
| Submission |
| <p>The gov't of AB is currently looking at possible changes to the electoral boundaries. First and foremost, DO NOT increase the number of seats. One thing we DO NOT need is more politicians!</p> <p>Secondly: Albertans have long complained that federal elections are already decided before Alberta votes are counted. The reality is that most of the voters are in Ont. and Que. Also, Alberta constituencies usually have fewer voters than those on Ont and Que. As a result, each Alberta vote is actually worth more than one in Ont or Que. I'm not sure how those complaining Albertans would like this changed. We have a similar situation provincially in Alberta. While there are more seats and population in our big cities, the number of voters in those seats are also higher than they are in rural Alberta. Given all of the above, it would be hypocritical of the voters in our big cities to want more representation in Ottawa so they can compete with Ont and Que but to also want more seats in Edmonton because they have more people.</p> <p>I believe it is time to freeze the seats where they are right now and just leave it like that. In the US Senate, each state has only 2 senators even though some states may have more than 60 times the population of another. The reason for this is to protect the less populated from being overruled by the more populous. For instance, the people in Calgary may not understand the needs and contributions of the people in Fort Mac. If they were egocentric, they could use their seats to exploit the people of Fort Mac and there would be nothing the people of Fort Mac could do about.</p> <p>So the bottom line is: Just leave it alone! Make no changes!</p> |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville |
| Submission |
| <p>In the interests of equality of votes among the constituency, I would like to see that there will be very little variance in the population of voting age from one constituency to another. I believe that the current +or- 25% is inappropriate and should be reduced to no more that 5% and that the population counted should be that of those of voting age not the total population.</p> <p>At present we have a situation where both at the provincial and federal levels there is considerable disparity in the value of many electors votes. At present you have the power to rectify this at least to some degree by making a fair division of the voters among contituencies.</p> |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| Limit the variance in the constituency population size to 5%. There is no need to have these widely varying sizes of constituencies. It makes my vote, in a dense urban centre, worth much less than a vote in sparsely populated rural constituency . |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House- Sundre |
| Submission |
| <p>Thank you so much for taking time to read this submission.</p> <p>My name is Charlene Preston and I am a resident of Sundre in the Rimbey- Rocky Mountain House – Sundre constituency. Frist thank you for your willingness to serve on this commission it is a thankless job but a very important one. You help shape the future of our legislature and democracy and it will be impossible to make everyone happy.</p> <p>The population of Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House- Sundre as of last year according to the Speakers office was 44,000 which is within the current standards. As you may know Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House- Sundre currently has 12 municipalities and 72 municipally elected officials as well as 4 school boards with 28 trustees 3 significant hospitals, 27 Schools including 11 high schools, multiple agricultural societies and community groups. (While this is a lot, it is by no means the largest in terms of communities) One thing I think is very important and often over looked but is important for the commission to remember is the effective representation requirement. In the rural areas we need to do whatever is possible to ensure we have effective representation. If rural ridings increase size dramatically or the number of stake holders increases significantly we run the risk of creating an even more dramatic divide in representation between rural and urban representation. I do not believe that this will be of a net benefit to Albertans should it happen. As you are well aware the population is one driving factor to consider, so is effective representation. As I mentioned above growing the size both is size or stakeholders would create more challenges for effective representation.</p> <p>Rimbey- Rocky Mountain House- Sundre is unique to many other constituencies due to the 2 First Nations Reserves that fall within our boundaries. There are 2 schools that service the reserves both K-12</p> |

and there are 7 elected officials. Another very unique situation that needs to be taken into consideration is the tourism destination of the west country. In both the winter and the summer months the west country is a popular destination for hiking and camping and quadding/snowmobiling and horseback riding. This is very taxing on the services in the area, especially first responders, medical and policing and on our 3 hospitals.

With respect to the rural/urban divide I am sure you have heard at other public hearings that the current population (and while I accept we are waiting for more data) is made up of very close to 50 percent in Calgary and Edmonton. 28.9 percent in Calgary and 21.07 percent in Edmonton they also hold 50 percent of the ridings. The rest of the Province including the smaller cities also have 50 percent of the population as well as just shy of 50 percent of the ridings in Alberta. The city limits of both Calgary and Edmonton should and need to continue to be respected and kept whole. These population numbers represent that and it would be a disservice to rural voters if the long standing tradition of keeping the two major cities intact was changed.

A possible solution to increasing population to the Rimbey –Rocky Mountain House- Sundre Constituency is as follows- by taking small portions of surrounding ridings. For example- Cremona, Water Valley Eagle Hill (from Olds- Didsbury-Three Hills), Little Red Deer, Dickson, Spruceview, Gleniffer, Markerville and Garrington West (from Innisfail-Sylvan Lake) and Fallen Timber (from Banff Cochrane). All of these areas have similar demographics to Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre.

I know that it has been put forward to the Commission to have Sundre included in Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills. Should this change be an option in the eyes of the committee then it should be Olds joining Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House- Sundre. Rocky Mountain House, Clearwater Country and Sundre NEED to stay together. They all have very good working relationships with each other, they all have similar issues to deal with- tourism, river issues, manufacturing and industrial (West Fraser has a location near Sundre and one near Rocky and it would be detrimental to breaking them up).

At the end of the day keeping rural, rural and urban urban is important. We need to ensure representation is not just equal but effective and always keep in mind municipal boundaries as well as what communities naturally fit together.

Thank you so much for your time

Charlene Preston

How did you hear about the review?

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- Facebook
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| 34 edmonton Glenora |
| Submission |
| Alberta Electoral boundaries need to be modernized. I think it would be much more democratic & fair to all to have representatives based on population. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Whitemud

Submission

I'm surprised to find out that Alberta electoral constituencies can vary 25% above or below the provincial average. This means a constituency maxed out on the plus side can exceed one maxed out on the minus side - by 67!

In actual fact, the variations are worse. The population of Fort McMurray-Conklin (29,533) is 40% of the constituency average (48,860)! A clear violation of the current act. That makes it 37% of Calgary-South East. Which means a vote in Fort McMurray-Conklin is worth more than twice as much as a vote in Calgary-South East. Not fair.

Some serious tweaking needs to take place: first of all with the margins. If Saskatchewan can work with a 5% variance, why can't Alberta?

Secondly, we need proportional representation so that we can put a stop to the unfair majorities that rule our promise. I realize this is not part of your mandate, but I think you should recognize it as a problem.

Good luck with your work and best regards,

Peter Adamski
 Edmonton

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| Submission |
| Please change our electoral boundaries back to the Innisfail/Sylvan Lake area, NOT Rocky Mountain House |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Banff-Cochrane |
| Submission |
| Given the growth of Alberta of the last number of years, I believe it's imperative that all constituencies in the province be given near equal weight in the Legislature. There has long existed a split between rural and urban voters across this province. That I do not believe is fair to the democratic foundations of our system. Whether you're living in downtown Calgary or east of Ponoka; all constituencies should roughly hold the same number of voters and therefore provide all Albertans with an equal voice in the Legislature. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder (Direct Mail) ● Facebook ● Newspaper |

Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership Committee

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February 7, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
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Email: info@ABebc.ca

Dear Sirs:

Re: Constituency Boundaries Review

Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership (FIP) is a regional committee established by the Village of Alliance, Town of Daysland, Flagstaff County, Village of Forestburg, Town of Hardisty, Village of Heisler, Town of Killam, Village of Lougheed and the Town of Sedgewick. Our region, which is currently based in the Battle River-Wainwright constituency, has a population base of approximately 8,350.

Our municipalities are currently undertaking a Regional Governance Project in which we are exploring the possibilities of forming a single-tier municipal government to replace the nine (9) existing municipalities. FIP has the following concerns we wish the Commission to take under consideration:

- Splitting our region into more than one provincial constituency could result in competition within ourselves. Our group of municipalities is working hard to ensure our viability. As small municipalities, we are continually competing for funding for capital projects as well as for special projects. We are concerned that if our region is split into more than one provincial constituency we could encounter even more competition between ourselves. We are also concerned that if regional projects are being undertaken, having to deal with two provincial legislative members could cause delays or even conflict in getting our projects approved. **We are requesting that the Commission not split the Flagstaff area into more than one constituency.**
- Loss of representation for rural Alberta as a whole within the legislative assembly would greatly impede our ability to remain sustainable and viable. We recognize the out-migration that is happening in all rural areas and we are very concerned that the realignment of constituency boundaries could result in even less representation for rural communities within the legislative assembly. **We are**

therefore requesting that the Commission carefully consider the ramifications of moving seats from rural Alberta to the major cities within the Province.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at cao@forestburg.ca or at [REDACTED].

Yours truly;

[REDACTED]

Bob Coutts, Chair
Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary-Elbow

Submission

Dear Commission Members,

The point of my suggestion is simple: that although Alberta has largely succeeded in creating individual electoral districts that are sensible and fair -- which is to say, we have been able to avoid gerrymandering -- there remains one problem, and that is that rural Alberta is still over-represented in the overall map.

Generally speaking, riding boundaries ought to be drawn to ensure that each district has approximately the same population. I do support the existence of a very small number of ridings that have special population size exemptions as long as there are good reasons for it (I believe there are currently two or three such ridings). Beyond this, however, urban and rural ridings should be drawn in such a way that the populations are about equal when compared. Currently, this is not the case: there are rural ridings, which do not fall under a special status, which have populations smaller than the 'target', and there are urban ridings with populations well above the target.

This is unfair. I am not arguing that rural Alberta should have less of a voice, nor trying to pit urban vs rural. Rather, it is a matter of equality and fairness. I want *every* Albertan to have an *equal* voice. Generally speaking, people should not have more or less of a political impact based on where they live. Whether you live in downtown Calgary, suburban Edmonton, or ten minutes outside Elk Point, your political voice, expressed through voting, should be equal. And when some regions are over-represented compared to others, people are not being treated equally, nor fairly.

Therefore, I urge you to correct this unfair situation.

Thank you for considering my submission. I do not envy you the difficult work you have ahead, but I am most grateful for your service and look forward to seeing you discharge your duty in a fair, impartial, rational, and compassionate manner. I feel lucky to live in a place where these values are at the centre of the electoral boundary-drawing process.

Best wishes and good luck,

Brandon Beasley

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
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January 24, 2017

Honourable Madam Justice Bielby
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Dear Honourable Madam Justice Bielby:

I want to thank you and the Commission for allowing our participation in the review of Alberta's electoral boundaries. Please accept this as the submission on behalf of the 44,000 members of the Calgary and District Labour Council.

In Solidarity,



Alexander Shevalier, President
Calgary & District Labour Council

CDLC Submission to the Boundary Commission

About Us

The Calgary and District Labour Council was chartered in May 1905, and is the voice of labour in Calgary. We support 60 affiliated union locals representing 44,000 members. Their diversity of knowledge and experience has joined to strongly uphold the principles of unionism and create solidarity in the struggle to improve the working lives of all people.

More than strikes, contracts and negotiations, the CDLC also plays a key role in our community. We work closely in coalition with numerous non-governmental, social justice, volunteer and faith organizations in Calgary. Our proactive committees organize around issues of interest to all workers, union and non-union alike. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and events.

The Law

The *Boundary Commission Act* directs the commission to divide the province in 87 electoral divisions, with a deviation of plus or minus 25% of the provincial average.

The Act states:

13 The Commission shall divide Alberta into 87 proposed electoral divisions.

RSA 2000 cE-3 s13;2009 c19 s4

14(1) In determining the area to be included in and in fixing the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions, the Commission, subject to section 15, may take into consideration any factors it considers appropriate, but shall take into consideration

- (a) the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*,
- (b) scarcity and density of population,

- (c) common community interests and community organizations, including those of Indian Reserves and Metis Settlements,
- (d) wherever possible, the existing community boundaries within the City of Edmonton and Calgary,
- (e) wherever possible, the existing municipal boundaries,
- (f) the number of municipalities and local authorities,
- (g) geographical features, including existing road systems, and,
- (h) the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries.

1990 cE-4.01 s16;1993 c2 s12;1995 c10 s12

- 15(1) The population of a proposed electoral division must not be more than 25% above nor more than 25% below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions.
- 15(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), in the case of no more than 4 of the proposed electoral divisions, if the Commission is of the opinion that at least 3 of the following criteria exist in a proposed electoral division, the proposed electoral division may have a population that is as much as 50% below average population of all the proposed electoral divisions:
- (a) the area of the proposed electoral division is 20,000 square kilometres or the total surveyed area of the proposed electoral division exceeds 15,000 square kilometres;
 - (b) the distance from the Legislative Assembly Building in Edmonton to the nearest boundary of the proposed electoral division exceeds 15,000 square kilometres;
 - (c) there is no town in the proposed electoral division that has a population exceeding 8,000 people;
 - (d) the area of the proposed electoral division contains an Indian Reserve or a Metis Settlement;
 - (e) the proposed electoral division has a portion of its boundary coterminous with a boundary of the Province of Alberta.

- 15(3) For the purpose of subsection 2(c), the Municipality of Crownsnest Pass is not a town.

RSA 2000 cE-3 s15;2009 c19 s5

The Supreme Court Decision

We are also guided by the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the *Reference Re Prov. Electoral Boundaries (Sask.)*. Justice McLaughlin writing for the majority stated,

"The purpose of the right to vote enshrined in s.3 of the Charter is not equality of voting power per se but the right to "effective representation". The right to vote therefore compromises many factors, of which equity is but one. The section does not guarantee equality of voting power.

Relative parity of voting power is a prime condition of effective representation. Deviations from absolute voter parity, however, may be justified on the grounds of practical impossibility or the provision of more effective representation. Factors like geography, community history, community interests, and minority representation may need to be taken into account to ensure that our legislative assemblies effectively represent the diversity of our social mosaic. Beyond this, dilution of one citizen's vote as compared with another's should not be countenanced."

The Supreme Court has affirmed that there are a number of factors that the province can ensure effective representation. The principles outlined by Justice McLaughlin have been reflected in the *Boundary Commission Act*.

Rural Versus Urban

The Constitution, the Supreme Court and the Electoral Commission Act all try to strike a balance between competing interests in creating as fair electoral boundaries as possible. One of the areas of tension is between urban and rural electoral divisions. I am drawn to a quote from Laurie Blakeman the former MLA from Edmonton Centre,

"I think when I read some of the submissions that came from constituency associations ... there's an expectation that they could, you know, phone and get an immediate meeting with their MLA and chat with them face to face and things like that. Yeah, my folks would like to do that, too, but they don't get the same kind of opportunity to do that because I'm dealing with more people, and it's not possible for me to organize my representation of people in that same way. If my people had the chance to do it the way some of the rural people were talking, I'm sure they'd take it. They'd say, 'Absolutely I want to be able to operate that same way and have that same kind of relationship with my MLA,' but that's not what's available to me as an urban representative."

Expectations from rural residents will have to adjust to the reality that their percentage of population is waning. While the law allows for some variance between electoral districts they have to be reasonable, justifiable and create effective representation.

Population Growth

The population of Alberta has increased by 566,351 people since the last Commission report.

Alberta population in the first quarter of 2010 is 3,702,578ⁱⁱ.

Alberta population on October 1, 2016 is 4,268,929ⁱⁱⁱ.

Section 13 of the Act has not changed and the Commission will have divide the province into 87 electoral districts.

$$4,268,929 / 87 = 49,068$$

The law allows for a maximum variation of plus 25% the maximum riding is 61,335.

The law also allows for a maximum variation of minus 25% below the minimum 36,801.

While the law provides for up to a 25% deviation the lower the deviation the more confidence Albertans will have in the process.

Allowable deviation across Canada

| Province | Maximum Variation |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| British Columbia ^{iv} | 25% |
| Saskatchewan ^v | 5% |
| Manitoba ^{vi} | 10% |
| Ontario ^{vii} | 25% |
| Quebec ^{viii} | 25% |
| Nova Scotia ^{ix} | 25% |
| New Brunswick ^x | 5% |
| Newfoundland ^{xi} | 25% |
| Prince Edward Island ^{xii} | 25% |
| Canada ^{xiii} | 25% |

Alberta Population by Population Type

| Population Centre Type | 2010 ^{xiv} | 2016 ^{xv} | Change | % Change |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Cities | 2,394,041 | 2,790,815 | 396,774 | 16.6 |
| Specialized Municipalities | 200,106 | 243,023 | 42,917 | 21.4 |
| Municipal Districts | 447,474 | 459,790 | 12,316 | 2.8 |
| Towns | 441,647 | 472,414 | 30,767 | 7 |
| Villages | 40,276 | 39,023 | -1,253 | -3.1 |
| Summer Villages | 6,154 | 4,724 | -1,430 | -23.2 |
| Improvement Districts | 1,994 | 6,645 | 4,651 | 233.2 |
| Special Areas | 4,729 | 4,499 | -230 | -4.9 |
| Metis Settlements | 8,106 | 5,054 | -3,052 | -37.7 |
| First Nations | 64,372 | 74,813 | 10,441 | 16.2 |
| Other | 1,150 | 983 | -167 | -14.5 |
| Total | 3,612,059 | 4,103,799 | | |

It is clear from population statistics that the bulk of the population growth has occurred in cities. 70% of the population growth has occurred in cities.

Alberta Cities Population

| City | 2016 Population | % of Alberta Population | No. of Seats | Seat % |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Calgary | 1,235,171 | 28.90% | 25/87 | 28.70% |
| Edmonton | 899,447 | 21.10% | 19/87 | 21.80% |
| Red Deer | 99,832 | 2.30% | 2/87 | 2.30% |
| Lethbridge | 96,828 | 2.20% | 2/87 | 2.30% |
| Medicine Hat | 63,018 | 1.47% | 1/87 | 1.15% |
| Airdrie | 61,842 | 1.44% | 1/87 | 1.15% |
| St. Albert | 64,645 | 1.51% | 1/87 | 1.15% |
| Grande Prairie | 68,556 | 1.61% | 1/87 | 1.15% |
| Wood Buffalo | 91,612 | 2.15% | 2/87 | 2.3% |

The City of Calgary should maintain the number of seats it has within Legislature as it is reflective of its portion of the population.

The City of Edmonton should maintain the number of seats it has within Legislature as it is reflective of its portion of the population.

The City of Lethbridge should maintain the number of seats it has within Legislature as it is reflective of its portion of the population.

The City of Red Deer should maintain the number of seats it has within Legislature as it is reflective of its portion of the population.

Within the 2016 boundaries of the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, and Red Deer there will need to be a redrawing of the maps to be more reflective of the changes in population within the cities. The Commission should respect section 14(1) (d) and respect community boundaries in Edmonton and Calgary. Keeping neighborhoods within one electoral division should apply to Lethbridge, Red Deer, and all cities in Alberta.

When the boundaries are being redrawn I would urge the Commission to keep communities together.

I would note that we do not know what effect the fire in Wood Buffalo had on the population of the region. If there is a decrease in population that may need to be reflected in divisions.

The maximum size of a riding is 25% above the average is 61,335 depending on the population statistics used. There are two cities that will need to have their boundaries redrawn.

Airdrie^{xvi} - 61,842

Medicine Hat - 63,018

Each city is above 25% threshold and yet contains a single MLA. While it is not ideal there may need to be four hybrid city and rural constituencies. There should be one city MLA and one rural city hybrid. The Commission should examine Grande Prairie to see how it can be done effectively.

The boundaries of surrounding constituencies will have to be adjusted.

Special Seats

Dunvegan-Central and Lesser Slave Lake are two seats that meet the criteria under section 15(2) of the Act. Under section 15(2) of the Act the smallest a rural constituency can be is 24,534 under the 2010 population statistics in 2010 Dunvegan-Central Peace has a population of 24,584 it's boundaries may need to be adjusted depending on the population of the region.

Contiguous Seats

The Commission should electoral divisions contiguous. It is unfathomable to the writer of this submission that Alberta has an electoral division that is not contiguous. Westaskawin Camrose is not a contiguous seat and there is no justification and it undermines the credibility of the Electoral Boundary Commission. On it's face it appears that there is gerrymandering and that cannot be countenanced. This Commission ensure all electoral divisions contiguous.

Conclusion

The Commission needs to increase the size of each riding to 49,068.

The Commission should minimize the size of the variation.

The cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, and Red Deer should maintain their seat count and re-draw the maps within city boundaries.

The Cities of Airdrie and Medicine Hat will need to split in a manner similar to Grande Prairie.

The Commission should look at the examining the populations of Wood Buffalo and Dunvegan-Central Peace.

End Notes

The decision was taken from <https://scc-csc-exum.com/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/tem/766/index.do> taken on January 24 2017

The 2010 population was taken from <http://economydashboard.bertha.ca/population> on January 18 2017

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^v The variation was taken from http://bc-ebc.ca/docs/reports/BC-EBC_Fina_Report-Sept_24_2015.pdf page 14 taken on January 25 2017

^v The variation was taken from <http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Statutes/Statutes/C27-1.pdf> page 8 taken on January 25 2017

^v The variation was taken from <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/aws/statutes/ccsm/e040e.php> on January 25 2017

^v Ontario uses the federal electoral boundaries http://aws-oss.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/E-3/Fu_Text.htm section 15 of the act <https://www.ontario.ca/aws/statute/15r31> taken on January 25 2017

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^x The variation was taken from <http://0-ns.eg-edeposit.gov.ns.ca/egcat.gov.ns.ca/deposit/b10653107.pdf> page 3 on January 25 2017

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| <p>If new boundaries will give equal representation to rural Albertans and not create excessively large ridings I would consider it. I offer the following for consideration;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am not sure the expense is needed at this time and my tax dollar is stretched to far already. 2. I am not in favour of adding any extra ridings or MLA'S to this government or any other. Let's become efficient with what we have and be wise stewards of the tax dollar. Careless spending and waste is not acceptable. If ridings are increased to larger geographic areas then here will be a increased cost to serve these people and time delays. 3. It seems that the urban centres have easy access and good representation already let's improve the rural representation. 4. What proof or benefit is there to support the concept of Electoral Boundary change will in fact give better representation? |
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February 6 2017

Justice Myra Bielby
Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission
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Dear Justice Bielby,

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) would like to take this opportunity provide a written submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission as part of your review of Alberta's electoral boundaries.

As the representative of Alberta's rural municipalities, we believe we have a unique perspective in this process and will be sure to remain engaged as the work of the commission continues forward. Please see the attached document for the AAMDC's submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide both verbal and written feedback at this time.

Sincerely,



Al Kemmere
President

AAMDC Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission February 2017



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INTRODUCTION

The Alberta Association of Municipal District and Counties (AAMDC) is a provincial association that represents Alberta's rural municipalities which include 64 municipal districts and five incorporated specialized municipalities. Together, AAMDC members cover 85% of Alberta's land mass and 18% of Alberta's population. Through proactive leadership, strategic partnerships and effective advocacy, the AAMDC works to build strong, vibrant, and resilient communities.

As a voice for Alberta's rural communities, the AAMDC believes it is positioned to provide a unique and necessary perspective to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission (ABEBC) during the 2016/17 review of Alberta's electoral boundaries. The AAMDC's submission below outlines the AAMDC's recommendations and considerations for the ABEBC.

As a necessary step to improve Alberta's democratic process, this process is designed to ensure that a number of different factors including population, community interest, existing municipal and natural boundaries, and effective representation are used in determining Alberta's electoral boundaries. The use of these different factors is essential to ensuring that Alberta's democratic process is both fair and equitable for all Albertans.

DEMOGRAPHICS IN ALBERTA

In the past decade, Alberta has seen considerable population growth which has only recently been slowed by the downturn in Alberta's economy. Much of this growth has been to Alberta's largest urban centres but Alberta's rural and small communities have also seen a net-increase in population – a trend unique in Alberta in comparison to the rest of Canada.

Alberta's rural municipalities recognize these shifting demographics and the potential outcome of the ABEBC's review which may see a greater portion of Alberta's constituencies being made found in urban communities; however, the AAMDC and its members want to emphasize the importance of maintaining adequate and equitable representation for Alberta's rural residents and communities.

EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION

As outlined in the Section 3 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the 1991 *Supreme Court of Canada's Decision Reference Re Provincial Electoral Boundaries (Sask)*, the purpose of the right to vote is not pure equality of voting power but the right to 'effective representation.' Therefore, factors in addition to populations such as geography, community history, community interests, and community identity may need to be taken into account to ensure that Alberta's legislative assembly effectively represents the diversity of Albertans.

In the 2010, the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission's report outlined the following principles of effective representation:

1. Relative parity of voting power.
2. The tradition in Canada of "effective representation," not absolute parity as in the U.S.
3. Recognition that the process of achieving effective representation may involve altering the political power of some votes – but not unduly and not without reason.

4. The balancing of these interests which involves an examination of the social history, geography and demography of communities.

The AAMDC supports these principles for consideration in the 2016/2017 Alberta's Electoral Boundaries Commission's review.

As detailed in the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*, the population of a proposed electoral division should vary no more than 25% from the provincial average with the exception of a number of unique and special cases. For 2016, this means that, with 87 seats in the Alberta legislature, on average each riding should have approximately 49,000 residents. With the possibility of 25% variance, this means that each riding should be between 61,250 and 36,750 residents. As outlined on the 2017 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's website, the vast majority of existing ridings currently fall within this range and as such, Albertans should not expect a significant readjustment from the status quo.

EFFECTIVE RURAL REPRESENTATION

Alberta's rural municipalities and the residents they represent are concerned that the 2016/17 ABEC recommendations will result in fewer rural seats and by extension, a reduction in the ability of Alberta's legislature to effectively represent the interests of rural Albertans and rural communities. Unlike previous electoral boundary commissions that were tasked with the allocation of additional seats to the legislature, the current Commission has not been afforded that ability and, unfortunately, the reallocation of electoral boundaries is a zero-sum-game whereby any additional seats added to Alberta's urban communities is a direct loss to Alberta's rural communities.

The following recommendations are provided by the AAMDC for consideration by the 2016/17 ABEC.

Balance "Rurban" Ridings

Electoral boundaries are intended, to a certain degree, to reflect community differences and in the past, this has been achieved by maintaining a separation between urban and rural communities in electoral boundaries. This was done to reflect the differences in economies and community characteristics, and to ensure that those unique features of "rural life" were represented in the Alberta legislature. In the past in Alberta, and also in other jurisdictions across Canada and elsewhere, electoral boundary re-adjustments have included 'rurban' ridings which combine both rural and urban residents. In some instances, particularly around metropolitan areas, this can make the task of effectively representing all residents challenging for elected officials, particularly when the populations of the rural and urban portions of the constituency are not even.

The AAMDC recommends that where 'rurban' ridings are used that the commission attempt to balance the rural and urban populations as closely as possible. This will ensure that the elected MLAs have an incentive to work with both rural and urban constituents and understand their issues and concerns.

Consideration of Geographical Distances

Given the distribution of Albertans across Alberta's landscape and the attempt to balance relative parity of voter powers, urban ridings tend to be significantly smaller than Alberta's rural constituencies in terms of geographic space. With this comes numerous challenges for elected Members of Alberta's Legislature (MLA) as they may have to travel considerable distances to attend community events and listen to constituent concerns.

The reverse is also true for constituents to connect directly with an MLA's constituency office which, in some instances, can be hundreds of kilometers away. Anecdotally, some rural residents have noted that it takes four hours to drive one-way to their MLA's office and then a four-hour return trip home. This means that a full workday must be used to visit an MLA's office whereas their urban counterparts may need to drive less than ten minutes. The AAMDC and rural residents generally recognize that this is an element of rural life but would emphasize the need to consider relative equity in the effort required to meet with the MLAs. Keeping constituencies to a reasonable size will also ensure that intangible social and cultural values can also be represented by an MLA who understands them.

It is the AAMDC's position that the current electoral boundaries are at their maximum size and that expanding the boundaries of Alberta's largest electoral constituencies will only exacerbate the existing challenges facing those constituents and their elected representatives.

Though advances in technology may ease the burden of distance across large constituencies, it is also important to remember that many rural and remote communities do not have access to high-speed broadband internet which can inhibit the use of streaming or video/audio conferencing services which MLAs may use to connect with their constituents. In addition to improving high-speed internet in rural and remote communities, the Government of Alberta should seek to ensure the Alberta Legislature is properly equipped with the technology to connect MLAs with those constituents who have the access to high-speed internet.

Adequately Funding MLAs in Geographically Large Constituencies

As noted above, geographically large electoral constituencies pose unique challenges to both residents and MLAs that are not found in smaller urban constituencies. To assist in mitigating these barriers, the AAMDC recommends that adequate funding be provided to MLAs in geographically larger constituencies to account for increased travel costs, additional offices, and additional staff. The aim of this funding should be to equalize the efforts required by MLAs to connect and meet with constituents.

Avoid Fracturing Municipalities into Multiple Electoral Districts

Unlike most provinces in Canada, municipalities govern Alberta's entire landmass with the exception of national and provincial parks. This expansive system of governance reflects the communities Albertans live in and can make for logical boundaries for Alberta's provincial electoral boundaries – especially outside of Alberta's large cities and towns.

As the ABEC reviews Alberta's current electoral boundaries, the Commission should consider municipal boundaries and seek to align electoral boundaries where it is appropriate to do so. Dividing municipalities, particularly geographically large rural municipalities, into multiple electoral divisions can create unnecessarily complex governance arrangements when municipal

and provincial elected officials work collaboratively on issues affecting the constituents they jointly represent.

Consider Unique and Special Circumstances for Deviance from the 25% Variance

As noted above, the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* requires the population of a proposed electoral division to not vary by more than 25% from the provincial average with the exception of unique or special cases. In the 2010 boundary adjustment, special and unique circumstances were used to justify the creation of two electoral districts in Dunvegan-Central Peace and Lesser Slave Lake. The 2010 ABEBEC noted the scarcity of population as justification for the deviance from the 25% threshold.

As the 2016/17 ABEBEC has not been tasked with allocating additional seats and may seek to redistribute existing seats into Alberta's highest growth urban areas, the number of electoral districts in Alberta's rural areas may be reduced - creating even larger electoral districts. To minimize the geographic distances that rural electoral districts cover – and their associated challenges – the ABEBEC may need to increase the number of districts that qualify as unique and special and therefore, outside the 25% variance.

CONCLUSION

The AAMDC appreciates the opportunity to provide comment to the 2016/17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission and the important questions it has been tasked with. To conclude the points above, the AAMDC would like to reiterate that much of what the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission must address is a question of means and ends in that, the core outcome and end goal for the Alberta Legislative Assembly is the ability to effectively represent Albertans from all walks of life. The process or means through which the representation is achieved by balancing population and demographics, community interest and characteristics, existing municipal and natural boundaries, and other relevant criteria. Over reliance on absolute voter parity may not achieve the desired outcome and may inhibit the ability of Albertans to be effectively represented – effectively weakening Alberta's democratic institutions.

The AAMDC is pleased to work with the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission on this important task and will continue to provide comment where appropriate.

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| <p>further to our oral submission in Lethbridge, the Lethbridge East Constituency wish to confirm that we like the boundaries just as they are.</p> <p>The City of Lethbridge does an enumeration each year, and the City of Lethbridge currently hosts a 2016 population of 96,828 with a yearly growth expectation of 2.13% in 2017.</p> <p>We believe the current boundaries are pretty much natural boundaries that the Community is accustomed to and would be very upsetting to change.</p> <p>I checked with David Sarsfield, City of Lethbridge population specialist, and he said the current 13 Street dividing line is as fair as can be. if you tried to do a north / south division - it would be very difficult to find a natural dividing line.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Lethbridge PC Constituency Association, thank you for listening |

Submission to Electoral Boundaries Commission

Edmonton Ellerslie Prov. Ndp

Ellerslie provincial constituency is experiencing a major gain in population. Most of this gain is coming in the Walker Lakes subdivision. This area is rapidly expanding to the East. As well the Summerside area is expanding rapidly to the South. Both of these areas are located south of the Henday, between 91 st and 50st. The part of Ellerslie that is North of the Henday has a fairly stable population, if anything it is going down slightly.

We are proposing that our polls 1-10 which are located in the Ekota and the Menisa neighbourhoods, be moved to Millwoods constituency. This move will be an easy one for the constituents as they will be joining neighbourhoods that are very similar to their own neighbourhood. We realize that this is only a stop gap move in terms of dealing with Ellerslie's over population.

We would also like to comment on the City of Edmonton's suggestion that Ellerslie constituency south of the Henday and Windemere area be combined to form a new constituency. Our opposition to this suggestion is based on several factors; The first is that there would be a substantial gap between the two areas. The second and probably the most important reason why this merger should not take place is that the natural movement flow is an north – south flow and not an east –west flow. This north-south flow is facilitated by 91 st.,66st, 50 st, 34 st, and 17 st. A person travelling from Ellerslie district to Windemere has two possibilities for a route, Ellerslie road and the Henday.

On a broad note we ask the commission to seriously examine the disparities between rural and urban constituencies. The 25% variance that is allowed now is too great. A 5% variance would go a long way towards reducing the disparity between rural and urban constituencies.

Respectfully Submitted

W.D. Monro President Ellerslie NDP

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| <p>For several elections now people residing in the north west corner of Saint Albert have been separated from the rest of Saint Albert and have been assigned to the constituency of Spruce Grove, a small urban community several kilometers distant from this part of Saint Albert. It seems ridiculous that a community would be divided in such a manner that the vast majority of residents belong to a different electoral district than this small section of the city.</p> <p>I urge the Boundary Commission (as I have done before) to do the right thing, and return these residents of Saint Albert to the constituency to which the majority of their community members belong. It makes no sense, to me at least, to divide a community that share the same interests, and merge one small section with another community in which the interests may be vastly different.</p> <p>David Forster</p> |
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Submission

The basis of Western democracy is one vote per person - the underlying principle being that each individual's vote should be of equal standing and receive equal representation.

In Alberta, the currently permitted variation of up to 25% in the number of voters per representative undermines the principle of equal representation. This permitted variation is significantly greater than is practised in other provinces, where a permitted variation of 5-10% is more usual.

I am disappointed that Alberta condones what in my view is electoral manipulation in order to overly represent certain communities.

My hope is that the Boundaries Commission will rectify this violation of the principle of equal representation. Alberta should consider the other provinces as exemplars and move to a permitted variation of no more than 10%.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

CALGARY CURRIE NDP EDA BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS

I am making these recommendations on behalf of the Calgary Currie NDP Electoral District Association. Our email submission includes a map for the sake of clarity.

North Boundary

We believe it makes sense to keep the Bow River as the north boundary of the riding.

West Boundary

We also believe that it also makes sense to keep Sarcee Trail as the western border of the constituency.

Eastern Boundary

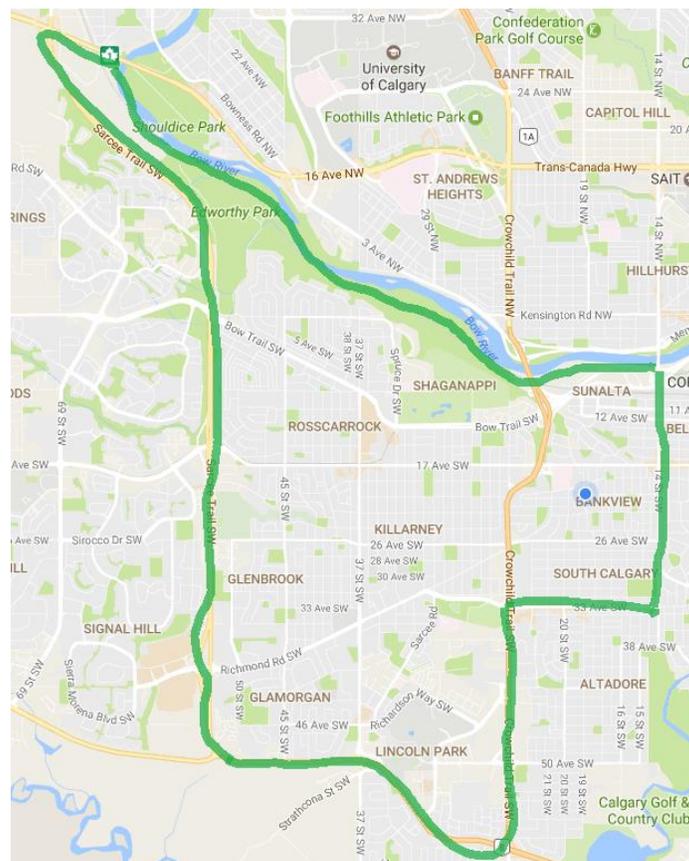
We believe that it is logical for the boundary extended to the east on 14th Street to 33rd Avenue SW, along 33rd Avenue SW to Crowchild Trail, and along Crowchild Trail to Glenmore Trail.

South Boundary

Finally, it would seem logical for the south boundary to run along Glenmore Trail, between Crowchild Train and Sarcee Trail.

Impact on Constituency Size

Based on the most current census, that this will add between 7,000 and 10,000 voters to the existing Calgary Currie constituency.



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| <p>CALGARY CURRIE NDP EDA BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS I am making these recommendations on behalf of the Calgary Currie NDP Electoral District Association.</p> <p>Our email submission includes a map for the sake of clarity.</p> <p><u>_North Boundary_</u> We believe it makes sense to keep the Bow River as the north boundary of the riding.</p> <p><u>_West Boundary_</u> We also believe that it also makes sense to keep Sarcee Trail as the western border of the constituency.</p> <p><u>_Eastern Boundary_</u> We believe that it is logical for the boundary extended to the east on 14th Street to 33rd Avenue SW, along 33rd Avenue SW to Crowchild Trail, and along Crowchild Trail to Glenmore Trail.</p> <p><u>_South Boundary_</u> Finally, it would seem logical for the south boundary to run along Glenmore Trail, between Crowchild Train and Sarcee Trail.</p> <p><u>_Impact on Constituency Size_</u> Based on the most current census, that this will add between 7,000 and 10,000 voters to the existing Calgary Currie constituency.</p> |

We will follow up with an email with a PDF attachment that includes and illustrative map of our recommendations.

How did you hear about the review?

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Dear Commissioners,

My very strong opinion is we are living in the 21 Century and it is high time that every vote is equal. I resent that my whole adult life my vote has been worth less than a rural vote because I live in a city. As a citizen on Alberta all my life please give me an equal voice to my fellow citizen in rural or small town Alberta.

With modern technology, the rural citizen and candidates can access each other with the same efficiency as an urban citizen can access their electoral candidates.

Maybe the inequities in the present system should look at increasing the taxes paid based on the additional political or the rural electorate.

If we believe in Alberta being a Democracy, then act as a Democracy by having each citizen represented equally not giving more political power to less populated constituencies.

Thank you for considering my point of view.

Arnold Thiessen

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| <p>At the January 23, 2017 Alberta Elections Boundary Commission Public Hearing in Wainwright it was suggested by a couple of Impromptu Speakers that Viking and Kinsella would be a better fit in the Battle River Wainwright Constituency than the present Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency.</p> <p>I disagree, as by adding another Town and Hamlet to the responsibilities for the Battle River Wainwright MLA only increases the work load for that MLA. The current boundaries of Battle River-Wainwright Constituency already contain approximately 23 municipalities, which is difficult for the MLA to serve. By adding more municipalities decreases the chances of the added municipalities to garner the voice and assistance of the BRW MLA.</p> <p>Therefore I would ask for the Commission's consideration in leaving Viking and Kinsella in the Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency, as Viking presently has excellent access to our MLA.</p> |
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| The most important way to make more votes count toward effective representation (every voter electing someone that most closely aligns to that person's views and values) is to use multi-member ridings, thus allowing % votes to be reflected in % seats. In urban centres redrawing the boundaries in this way would be easy to do, and Alberta has elected representatives in this way before (using single transferable vote). Most important issues that the Legislature considers are big-picture and do not require representation of one small communities' interests over another. It can not be denied that resources required by candidates to reach voters over larger areas are not nearly as relevant in the age of internet. |
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**Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Submission from the Calgary-Varsity NDP
Electoral District Association**

Submitted February 7, 2017

Presenters

This is a joint submission by Donald Ray and Alan G. McNaughton for the Calgary-Varsity NDP E.D.A.

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Donald Ray, for purposes of identification, is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the University of Calgary. He created the first course at the U of C on Alberta politics, Poli Science 329, in 1977. He taught Alberta politics until the mid 1980s and then changed his teaching focus to Comparative Politics.

Alan G. McNaughton is a businessperson who has lived in the riding of Calgary-Varsity since 1998.

Dear Commission Members:

Subjects of this Submission

This submission addresses two topics:

1. The electoral district of Calgary-Varsity
2. The equity of representation within the province as a whole.

Calgary Varsity Electoral District

The Alberta provincial electoral district, or riding, of Calgary-Varsity was created in 1993 and since then has elected Progressive Conservative, Liberal and New Democratic Party representatives to the legislature.

In 2011 Calgary-Varsity had a population of 40,875, close to the provincial riding average population at that time of 41,900. Calgary-Varsity's population is now 48,107 which is still close to the new provincial average of 48,884, based on the 2016 estimates. In other words, the population of Calgary-Varsity has grown at roughly the same rate as the province as a whole. From 2011 to 2016 the province grew by 17% and the riding of Calgary-Varsity grew by 18%.

The seven ridings that border Calgary-Varsity are all currently within +/-10% of the provincial average with the exception of Calgary-Mackay-Nose-Hill which is 16% above the average. Any adjustment of Calgary-Mackay-Nose-Hill would presumably take place on its northern and/or eastern edge not on its Southern edge that borders Calgary-Varsity as that area is the uninhabited Nose Hill park.

The existing boundaries of the Calgary-Varsity electoral district are very clear and easily understood.

The NorthEastern boundary of the riding is John Laurie Boulevard NW, a major divided road with limited access. A large portion of this NE boundary has Nose Hill Park on the other side of John Laurie Boulevard, an area where no one lives.

Much of the Western boundary of the riding is Sarcee Trail, another major divided road. It isn't possible to cross by car from the community East of Sarcee Trail to the community on the West of Sarcee Trail without traveling a long way around by either Crowchild Trail or John Laurie Boulevard. Sarcee Trail represents a logical boundary. The rest of the Western boundary is SilverSprings Gate NW and then a line running south through the Silver Springs Golf Course and green space to the Bow River.

A large portion of the South boundary of the riding is the Bow River, another major barrier to travel and hence a logical and well understood boundary. The rest of Southern boundary is 16th Avenue North.

The Eastern boundary is largely 19th St NW, with a jog one block east to 18th street NW for a few blocks. While this jog isn't intuitive as a boundary, this little anomaly follows the border of the community of Banff Trail.

All of the boundaries of the riding are also community boundaries. Starting in the NW and going clockwise, the communities that make up Calgary-Varsity are: Dalhousie, Brentwood, Charleswood, Banff Trail, University of Calgary, University Heights, Montgomery, and finally the namesake of the riding, Varsity.

A newly created community within the riding is the University District, formerly known as the West Campus of the University of Calgary. This area is located around the Alberta Children's Hospital. It encompasses the area West of the main University of Calgary campus and West of the community of University Heights, South of 32nd Ave NW, East of Shaganappi Trail and North of 16th Ave NW. This new 200 acre community will see the addition of approximately 11,222 residents over the next 15 years with the first new occupants in 2018. This population number comes from the Land Use & Outline Plan Report, submitted by the West Campus Development Trust, to the City of Calgary first in the fall of 2013 and in its final form on July 8, 2014.

If there is a need to add some more population to the riding, we suggest the addition of the community of Point McKay. This would extend the riding slightly east of the community of Montgomery, still having the Bow River as the southern boundary. Additionally Point McKay is demographically similar to the majority of Calgary-Varsity. Many residents of Point McKay share the same local employment opportunities, and community concerns as by Banff Trail, Montgomery, and University Heights..

Our overall recommendation is to leave the boundaries of the riding of Calgary-Varsity unchanged. The boundaries are all community boundaries and are, with one very minor exception, clear boundaries. Furthermore with anticipated population growth in the University District to be modest (approximately 20% over 15 years), and the relatively slow growth in

Alberta the last 3 years, the population of Calgary-Varsity is unlikely to change significantly before the next review of the Electoral Boundaries.

Equity of Representation

We believe there is a need for better voter parity in Alberta. The goal should be for each vote to have the same weight. Over the past few decades Alberta has made progress in achieving better voter parity, however more is needed.

Currently ridings are allowed to have a population with up to 25% more than the target (average riding population) or up to 25% less. The math on this plus or minus 25% means that there can be 125% ridings and 75% ridings giving those in the 75% riding the equivalent of 1 and $\frac{2}{3}$ votes ($125/75 = 1.667$) compared to those in a 125% riding. In actuality there in one riding, Dunvegan-Central Peace Notley, with a 2016 population of 25,192 where each vote is currently worth 1.94 times the average of 49,000 of riding. This is far from equal representation.

The current legislation allows up to four sparsely populated riding to have up to 50% less population than the average but the use of this allowance is not required. This extreme is allowed but by not using it better voter parity is achieved. This exception was created decades ago to help deal with vast distances that would result in the sparsely populated ridings. Modern, essentially free, electronic communication means that constituents and their representative can easily be in contact with each other regardless of the geographic size of the riding.

While for most ridings the legislation allows a variance of up to plus or minus 25% but the commission is free to craft the ridings within a far more equal population distribution. Since the population of all ridings grow or shrink at different rates over time, it is best that at the time of redistribution that all the ridings be near the average. We suggest that the target be for ridings to be created within a much narrower range of plus or minus 10% from the average. Currently 45 of the existing ridings already fall within this +/-10% goal. Twelve more ridings are within +/-15%. See the attached spreadsheet of current ridings and their projected 2016 populations, sorted by percentage above or below the average.

One common argument against adjusting the sparsely populated rural seats to better represent the population of Alberta is access to resources. Member Services assigns funding to constituency offices in three categories: fixed, variable, and matrix score. While the fixed portions would remain unchanged the variable amounts would increase the funding to the riding as more electors, and population were added. The Matrix score is a fudge factor that is applied to account for other factors such as population density, size of constituency, etc. The Matrix model can also be used to supply extra funding to the constituency if required. There is no loss of resources to the communities if the some of the sparsely populated ridings were increased in geographic size to include more population.

The five seats with the lowest population (furthest below the provincial average) are: Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, Fort McMurray Conklin, Lesser Slave Lake, Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, and West Yellowhead. Each of the above have a greater than 25% variance.

The five seats with the highest population (furthest above the provincial average) are: Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St.Albert, Calgary-Northern Hills, Calgary South East, Highwood, Edmonton-Whitemud. Each of the above have a greater than 15% variance.

It doesn't require a change in legislation to achieve better voter parity. It simply requires the existing law be applied to achieve ridings with similar sized populations.

References:

1. University District <http://www.wcdt.ca/masterplan/2014masterplan/>
2. Spreadsheet of riding populations sorted by percentage deviation from the provincial average.

| Alberta Provincial Electoral Districts, Population, Growth and Over/Under Average | | | | | | |
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| Sorted by Percentage Over Average in 2016 | | | 2016 Est | | | |
| | | | Diff from ave of: | Over/Under % | | |
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| CONSTITUENCY NAME | 11 CENSUS COUNT | 2016 ESTIMATES | | | | |
| Dunvegan-Central Peace-Not | 23,055 | 25,192 | -23,808 | -49% | 9% | 1 |
| Fort McMurray-Conklin | 26,070 | 29,533 | -19,467 | -40% | 13% | 2 |
| Lesser Slave Lake | 27,700 | 30,094 | -18,906 | -39% | 9% | 3 |
| West Yellowhead | 30,995 | 36,901 | -12,099 | -25% | 19% | 4 |
| Battle River-Wainwright | 37,675 | 36,905 | -12,095 | -25% | -2% | |
| Drumheller-Stettler | 36,840 | 37,852 | -11,148 | -23% | 3% | |
| Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater | 37,060 | 38,051 | -10,949 | -22% | 3% | |
| Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills | 30,790 | 38,260 | -10,740 | -22% | 24% | |
| Whitecourt-Ste. Anne | 37,190 | 39,128 | -9,872 | -20% | 5% | |
| Little Bow | 37,755 | 39,627 | -9,373 | -19% | 5% | |
| Bonnyville-Cold Lake | 35,165 | 39,696 | -9,304 | -19% | 13% | |
| Vermilion-Lloydminster | 36,545 | 40,544 | -8,456 | -17% | 11% | |
| Calgary-Fish Creek | 38,455 | 40,566 | -8,434 | -17% | 5% | |
| Cypress-Medicine Hat | 40,345 | 41,148 | -7,852 | -16% | 2% | |
| Peace River | 35,680 | 41,492 | -7,508 | -15% | 16% | |
| Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House | 40,205 | 41,942 | -7,058 | -14% | 4% | |
| Livingstone-Macleod | 42,705 | 42,794 | -6,206 | -13% | 0% | |
| Edmonton-McClung | 39,260 | 42,971 | -6,029 | -12% | 9% | |
| Calgary-Acadia | 37,890 | 43,000 | -6,000 | -12% | 13% | |
| Wetaskiwin-Camrose | 41,890 | 43,350 | -5,650 | -12% | 3% | |
| Cardston-Taber-Warner | 38,505 | 43,467 | -5,533 | -11% | 13% | |
| Innisfail-Sylvan Lake | 42,230 | 43,996 | -5,004 | -10% | 4% | |
| Lacombe-Ponoka | 39,755 | 44,389 | -4,611 | -9% | 12% | |
| Edmonton-Strathcona | 40,315 | 44,400 | -4,600 | -9% | 10% | |
| Medicine Hat | 38,350 | 44,469 | -4,531 | -9% | 16% | |
| Edmonton-Gold Bar | 42,540 | 44,691 | -4,309 | -9% | 5% | |
| Lethbridge-East | 43,175 | 44,927 | -4,073 | -8% | 4% | |
| Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock | 40,670 | 45,030 | -3,970 | -8% | 11% | |
| Calgary-Bow | 39,515 | 45,049 | -3,951 | -8% | 14% | |

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| Edmonton-Rutherford | 40,185 | 45,255 | -3,745 | -8% | 13% |
| Sherwood Park | 41,475 | 45,474 | -3,526 | -7% | 10% |
| Edmonton-Riverview | 40,000 | 45,517 | -3,483 | -7% | 14% |
| Calgary-West | 40,945 | 45,966 | -3,034 | -6% | 12% |
| Lethbridge-West | 40,285 | 46,211 | -2,789 | -6% | 15% |
| Calgary-Hays | 41,510 | 46,893 | -2,107 | -4% | 13% |
| Chestermere-Rocky View | 45,925 | 46,966 | -2,034 | -4% | 2% |
| Strathcona-Sherwood Park | 46,620 | 46,971 | -2,029 | -4% | 1% |
| Stony Plain | 42,430 | 47,018 | -1,982 | -4% | 11% |
| Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills | 43,010 | 47,038 | -1,962 | -4% | 9% |
| Calgary-Mountain View | 40,845 | 47,808 | -1,192 | -2% | 17% |
| Drayton Valley-Devon | 40,215 | 47,883 | -1,117 | -2% | 19% |
| Calgary-Shaw | 43,940 | 48,056 | -944 | -2% | 9% |
| Calgary-Varsity | 40,875 | 48,107 | -893 | -2% | 18% |
| Edmonton-Glenora | 42,000 | 48,138 | -862 | -2% | 15% |
| Calgary-Elbow | 45,760 | 48,363 | -637 | -1% | 6% |
| Edmonton-Mill Woods | 41,035 | 48,364 | -636 | -1% | 18% |
| St. Albert | 44,420 | 48,430 | -570 | -1% | 9% |
| Calgary-Glenmore | 46,090 | 48,972 | -28 | 0% | 6% |
| Calgary-Klein | 42,800 | 49,130 | 130 | 0% | 15% |
| Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville | 42,945 | 49,399 | 399 | 1% | 15% |
| Edmonton-Decore | 43,750 | 49,942 | 942 | 2% | 14% |
| Calgary-North West | 46,455 | 51,011 | 2,011 | 4% | 10% |
| Calgary-Fort | 41,660 | 51,083 | 2,083 | 4% | 23% |
| Calgary-Currie | 44,455 | 51,611 | 2,611 | 5% | 16% |
| Red Deer-South | 46,795 | 51,627 | 2,627 | 5% | 10% |
| Edmonton-Centre | 40,755 | 51,659 | 2,659 | 5% | 27% |
| Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview | 45,475 | 51,834 | 2,834 | 6% | 14% |
| Edmonton-Manning | 44,860 | 51,953 | 2,953 | 6% | 16% |
| Edmonton-Meadowlark | 41,925 | 52,039 | 3,039 | 6% | 24% |
| Calgary-Hawkwood | 47,520 | 52,223 | 3,223 | 7% | 10% |
| Strathmore-Brooks | 44,900 | 52,474 | 3,474 | 7% | 17% |
| Edmonton-Whitemud | 48,860 | 52,574 | 3,574 | 7% | 8% |
| Leduc-Beaumont | 46,545 | 52,734 | 3,734 | 8% | 13% |

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| Edmonton-Castle Downs | 45,745 | 52,775 | 3,775 | 8% | 15% |
| Calgary-Buffer | 39,415 | 52,963 | 3,963 | 8% | 34% |
| Edmonton-Calder | 44,655 | 53,918 | 4,918 | 10% | 21% |
| Calgary-Foothills | 43,015 | 54,180 | 5,180 | 11% | 26% |
| Calgary-Lougheed | 47,285 | 54,734 | 5,734 | 12% | 16% |
| Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood | 43,020 | 54,804 | 5,804 | 12% | 27% |
| Highwood | 48,940 | 56,268 | 7,268 | 15% | 15% |
| Calgary-Greenway | 46,135 | 56,474 | 7,474 | 15% | 22% |
| Calgary-East | 47,740 | 56,618 | 7,618 | 16% | 19% |
| Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill | 42,535 | 56,625 | 7,625 | 16% | 33% |
| Grande Prairie-Wapiti | 48,800 | 56,975 | 7,975 | 16% | 17% |
| Edmonton-Mill Creek | 41,495 | 56,995 | 7,995 | 16% | 37% |
| Grande Prairie-Smoky | 44,110 | 57,580 | 8,580 | 18% | 31% |
| Airdrie | 45,960 | 57,930 | 8,930 | 18% | 26% |
| Red Deer-North | 43,765 | 58,914 | 9,914 | 20% | 35% |
| Edmonton-Ellerslie | 42,545 | 59,091 | 10,091 | 21% | 39% |
| Calgary-Cross | 46,195 | 59,406 | 10,406 | 21% | 29% |
| Spruce Grove-St. Albert | 51,795 | 59,453 | 10,453 | 21% | 15% |
| Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo | 40,860 | 59,576 | 10,576 | 22% | 46% |
| Calgary-Northern Hills | 51,615 | 61,377 | 12,377 | 25% | 19% |
| Banff-Cochrane | 46,075 | 63,990 | 14,990 | 31% | 39% |
| Edmonton-South West | 43,780 | 66,489 | 17,489 | 36% | 52% |
| Calgary-McCall | 45,250 | 68,523 | 19,523 | 40% | 51% |
| Calgary-South East | 48,940 | 79,034 | 30,034 | 61% | 61% |
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| Total | 3,645,260 | 4,252,879 | | | 16.7% |
| 87 | 41,900 | 48,884 | ← Provincial Average | | |

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| Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission: Rural Electoral Districts should not be left behind while urban areas are given additional districts simply because urban areas will gain population increases. Although spread across lower densities, Rural Districts have a diverse cross-section of residential, commercial, industrial and recreational interests. Considerable responsibility is on the shoulders of rural residents and moving their economies and social fabric is very important for rural areas. In doing so, Rural Electoral Districts are taking on an increasing responsibility for Alberta's natural resources and land base. In this regard, the number of Rural Electoral Districts must not be reduced or diminished in anyway. Thank you, David Blades |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Electoral Constituency

Calgary- Fish Creek

Submission

My most important concern is the fact that urban votes are worth less than rural votes. As an urban dweller I feel that my voice should be equal to any other voice, and what I see currently is that because I live in the city, my voice is less heard. This I believe is caused by an ideal in Alberta of the fact that we should still be an agrarian society. This clinging to an outmoded ideal, added to the fact that the prior government had much to gain from gerrymandering the districts.

We should allow voters to select multiple candidates in order of preference. A this system would allow the candidate who garners the most overall support to win. As opposed to now where you have to select just one candidate. This change wouldn't be to radical like a move to a proportional system, but could be a good gateway to move to that.

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Submission

use modern computer technology to automatically redraw electoral boundaries based on building occupancy permits and census and tax info and health and driver registration data...

this would remove gerrymander-like political interest

the algorithms could draw boundaries to make sure every riding has the same number of voters.

to minimize the rural urban divide.... ridings could be drawn like radiating stars..long narrow pizza slices if you will.... including airdrie in a narrow slice that follows number 2 highway straight into calgary... strathmore may have some voters voting in a slice that follows hwy 1....

ridings along highways will be shorter slices due to density.... whereas a riding in calgary radiating nw may reach all the way to the mountains

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From: Colin Connon [REDACTED]
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Good Morning,

Thank you for your work on the committee. Our association recently discussed the processes and I am pleased to make the following submission on their behalf:

We ask that the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission do their best to respect established neighborhoods within urban centres. Specifically that neighborhoods like Deer Park in Red Deer be kept together and more natural boundaries such as major dividing roadways be used to divide the City. We believe that this is important to the region even if it means that Central Alberta ridings vary from the target population size.

Thank you,
Colin Connon
President, Red Deer South PC Association

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| <p>"One person; one vote." That says a lot but it doesn't say it all. Each and every vote, whether it is cast in a city constituency, a mixed town/rural constituency, or an almost wholly rural constituency, must count - must have the same import - as every other vote. The only way to assure that each vote counts just as much as every vote is to ensure that each constituency has the same number of eligible voters. It is unfair that MLAs in rural areas are elected in constituencies that have far fewer voters than urban constituencies. The current system is undemocratic. The current system includes urban constituencies with many more voters than rural constituencies and that undervalues the votes of urban residents. Alberta is a very urban province and rural areas are afforded far too many constituencies – far too many MLAs - for their relatively lower population. It's time to re-balance the system. As an urban voter, I want my vote to count just as much as the vote of someone living in a rural area. This is not an extraordinary request. Effective representation means fair and democratic representation. Please take the steps necessary to bring fairness to Alberta's electoral system. Neil Kirkpatrick Edmonton - Gold Bar Constituency</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| NO CHANGES ARE NECESSARY. We have too many MLA's now. If the Alberta Government would properly staff their Departments, an MLA could look after twice as many people. The MLA is just a figure head who responds to complaints from their constituents. It is the staff that work for the MLA and the staff who work for the government departments who are placed in charge of enforcing regulations and compiling information for the MLA's response. More MLA's will not solve our problems. More government workers will. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Feb. 8, 2017

Dear Commissioners,

My name is David Cournoyer, I am a voter living in the Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood constituency. I have followed the electoral boundary redistribution process for a number of years and am very interested in the process. I have included below my recommendations to your Commission for the redistribution currently taking place:

Population in each district

The previous Commission did a good job keeping the population of most electoral districts within ten percent of the provincial average population per electoral district. But some districts have become outliers as populations grow or decline, which creates a system of unequal representation in the Legislative Assembly.

According to Statistics Canada 2016 Census data made available on Feb. 8, 2017, there has been tremendous growth in Alberta's urban areas, including the Edmonton region, Calgary region and the Red Deer corridor which spans the length between the province's two largest cities. Communities like Airdrie and Cochrane have seen significant growth of more than 40 percent since the last census. Because of this, it would be appropriate to redistribute new districts into these regions of the province.

The census data also shows a decline in population in areas west of the Red Deer corridor and in east central Alberta. It would be appropriate to redistribute the boundaries of these districts to reflect this population decline.

I recommend that the commission attempt to keep districts within ten percent, but ideally within five percent, above or below the provincial average population per electoral district.

Special districts

I would prefer that no district fall below twenty-five percent of the average, as increased funding should be allocated to MLAs in geographically larger rural ridings for additional offices, staff and travel costs. But political necessity will likely lead to the existence of one or two of these special exceptions.

I recommend that if special districts are required, that be created only in extreme circumstances and be kept to a minimum number.

Naming districts

In the past there has been little or no guidelines for the Commission to name electoral districts. Some districts are named after geographical locations and some after prominent figures from Alberta's political history.

I recommend that the Commission or the Legislative Assembly create a protocol for naming of electoral divisions for the guidance of future commissions and legislatures.

Noncontiguous districts

There is currently one district that is noncontiguous, meaning that a portion of the district is completely surrounded by another district. A portion of the Samson Indian Reserve #13 located in the Wetaskiwin-

Camrose district is currently completely surrounded by the Drayton Valley-Devon and Lacombe-Ponoka districts.

I recommend that all districts be contiguous.

On this topic, it appears that the communities of Maskwacis are divided between two districts - Drayton Valley-Devon and Wetaskiwin-Camrose. This appears to be an anomaly as all other First Nations communities in Alberta which are adjacent to each other are kept in the same district. If the commission is seeking draw district boundaries around communities of interest, it would make sense for Maskwacis to be included in the one district.

Rural/urban perspectives

As the provincial population increases in urban communities and decreases in many rural communities, it seems inevitable that outlying districts may be fewer and larger in the future. As stated by the previous commission which existed in 2009/2010, this raises a question about how large a division can be before it involves so many non-common interests that it is impractical for the disparate issues of the electors to be represented, and for the MLA to represent them.

As was recommended by the previous commission, I agree that the Legislative Assembly needs to seriously consider how the urban/rural perspectives will be addressed in the future.

Sincerely,

David Cournoyer

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| If the boyndaries for Lethbridge are redrawn, please try and make the dividing line easy and distinctive. When the line moves around streets and avenues, it is not as clear. Thank you. Gloria Roth |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: SGWhite [REDACTED]
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Subject: Submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Electoral Boundaries Commission Members:

The following are my recommendations:

- The total eligible voters in any given constituency should not vary by more than one or two percent. The current system, which permits a variation of up to fifteen percent and generally favours rural areas, is undemocratic.
- Rural and urban areas should not be combined to establish a riding where the urban area has a sufficient population to qualify as a riding. The needs of constituents in rural and urban areas are different and therefore should be represented by separate MLA's.
- The combined populations of Edmonton and Calgary represent more than half the total population of Alberta. Therefore, these two cities should be represented by greater than half the total MLAs.

Respectfully,
Gordon White
Edmonton, AB

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| <p>It is clear the main intent of the review is to alter ridings to give the sitting government a better chance of winning the next election, sadly this only goes to further erode Albertans trust in our electoral process, out politicians and democracy in general.</p> <p>The reality in Alberta is we have too many politicians for the number of residents, the number of seats should be reduced to less than 50.</p> <p>The current balance of per capita representation and effective representation is good and should be maintained. It is far more difficult for an MLA in a riding like Drumheller Stettler to connect with and represent their constituents than it is for an MLA who represents Edmonton Center. It would be unfair to do a strict per capita distribution. I would urge the commission to recommend the current distribution be maintained.</p> <p>I would also urge the commission to recommend that all electoral boundaries be along well defined lines like main streets, natural divisions like rivers, and municipal boundaries. It is more important to group people by interest and location than to have an exact per capita number per riding.</p> |
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| <p>* I am strongly in favor of updating the boundaries so that each MLA represents the same number of citizens. I realize this will mean larger geographic boundaries in rural areas, but I believe this is still the right way to go. I have lived in both rural and urban/suburban areas and I believe the number of citizens per MLA should be the same, regardless of the size of the geographic area. Currently the rural voters are over-represented which isn't fair and provides unfair advantage to rural items. With current technology I don't believe the travel distance or in-person access to an individual's MLA should be a determining factor in the boundary decision.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Riverview |
| Submission |
| <p>I believe it is time to alter the constituency boundaries to allow for a more equitable distribution of population. We claim to be a democracy, but (as several sources have recently pointed out) with the current boundaries, a rural vote counts significantly more heavily than my urban one.</p> <p>With the current ease of communication and travel, there is no excuse for huge disparities in constituency population.</p> <p>Thanks for your attention</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Rutherford |
| Submission |
| Electoral boundary reform is on the list of issues I focus upon regularly. Imperative to democracy is equal representation which means reassessing the population growth and transitions in Alberta. I look forward to hearing more. |

February 7, 2017

Zachary Penner

Edmonton, AB

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Re: Public Input on Electoral Boundaries

I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard. My submission to the Commission has three parts:

- Part 1: General comments on the weighting of all constituencies
- Part 2: General comments on the total number of constituencies
- Part 3: Specific comments on my (current) constituency of Edmonton-Ellerslie

1. General Comments on Constituency Weight

I would urge the commission to adopt a reasonable variance cap that applies to **all constituencies equally**. I suggest **3% - 5% is appropriate**. Any further variance distorts the relative voting weight of each constituency. Currently, as you know, there are many rural constituencies that have far below the average weighting.

Typically, the argument is that large, sparsely populated, rural ridings are deserving of special variances. I would like to offer the following points in defense of the 3%-5% proposal:

- a) Current technological advancements provide for ease of communication across large rural constituencies. Tools like Skype and email have replaced physical travel and mail.
- b) Rural constituencies may be supplemented with funds for additional resources, such as:
 - i. multiple MLA offices in one constituency;
 - ii. communications tools (such as Skype) installed in public locations such as libraries in multiple towns across a large rural constituency so that residents can access their MLA.

While I realize it is beyond your mandate to include such additional funding as mandatory in the report, I respectfully suggest there is no problem with the

Commission making such a recommendation to the Legislative Assembly to ease the transition to larger constituencies.

- c) Precedents exist for large, sparsely populated constituencies to be effectively served by one elected legislative representative. Examples in Alberta include Federal rural ridings such as Yellowhead, and examples in other provinces include the provincial ridings of Athabasca and Cumberland in Saskatchewan, and the federal riding of Yukon.
- d) Concerns of interest that are unique to rural ridings are heavily represented effectively through various other channels, such as Agriculture special interest groups, rural municipalities associations, and oil and gas groups.
- e) Distorting the weight of constituencies may negatively affect party politics in the province as it effectively gives some areas of the province more clout than others.
- f) Finally, it goes against the fundamental principal of democracy - one person, one vote.

2. Number of Constituencies

The number of constituencies in this province, at 87, is too high. I suggest you look at a number in the range of 71-77. Our number of MLAs per capita is higher than BC, ON, and QC.

3. Edmonton-Ellerslie

My constituency of Edmonton-Ellerslie is currently effectively split between an older section of the city (the section North of the Anthony Henday Drive) and a much newer, including brand new, area of the City (everything South of the Anthony Henday Drive).

I live in Ekota (poll 2). Our neighbourhood is 45 years old, which is typical of most of the homes in the North section of the constituency. The types of challenges that we face in the older communities include:

- aging in place
- university tuition
- aging infrastructure
- declining enrollment in schools

By contrast, many of the new communities in the south section of the constituency do not face some of the age-related problems. The demographic is younger, the schools are much fuller, and the overall concerns are different.

The community of interest that would be more appropriate for the northern communities in the current configuration is that of Edmonton-Mill Woods.

In the next configuration of this section of Edmonton, I propose to the Commission that everything North of the Anthony Henday and west of 50th Street (roughly by

neighbourhood age) be included in the same constituency as the rest of Mill Woods (the area of Edmonton, not necessarily the current constituency with the same name). For example, you may want to use 23rd avenue as the northern boundary/Anthony Henday as a Southern Boundary and create a "Mill Woods South" constituency.

In addition to keeping older neighbourhoods like Ekota in the same community of interest as other, older neighbourhoods, this configuration would allow the communities in the newer, southern part of the constituency to be grouped geographically with other communities that share the same concerns. Most of the growth is happening in the areas south of the Anthony Henday, so it would be appropriate to have that area as one constituency to allow for future population growth.

Conclusion

I want to thank the Commission for extending the deadline for initial submissions. I also thank each of you for considering my submission and I look forward to the interim report.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Zachary Penner.

Zachary Penner

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| M.D. of Peace No. 135 Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley |
| Submission |
| <p>The Municipal District of Peace No. 135 is part of the Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley electoral riding. It would be our position to keep the status quo with respect to our boundary. Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley is a special consideration electoral division and needs to remain so, as it balances our interests, specifically with respect to our large geographic area. Our road networks create a natural barrier. Our demographics fluctuate due to the economy. The social history of our area is a justifiable reason as well. Primarily a robust agricultural region with forestry, and some oil and gas to round things out, equates to citizens dedicated to strong ties to take care of the land and our resources and a willingness and passion for resiliency.</p> <p>We do not support making the electoral riding larger. It would dilute our current representation. Voter parity may not be achievable to allow for effective representation. The rural voice would be diminished if there were less ridings in the north. Face-to-face time with our MLA is still important and should be a welcomed opportunity to build a clear understanding of issues. We need our MLA in our communities from time to time, increasing the boundary reduces the chances we would ever see our provincial representative. The internet and other means of communication do not effectively replace the value of communicating in person. For seniors, we believe this is paramount. Why would the commission choose to have public hearings if they did not recognize the value of meeting people in their communities?</p> <p>We would submit that our region deals with multifaceted issues that are different from the urban area complexities. To say that urban areas are the only regions that deal with hot button issues would be very inaccurate. Balancing sand and gravel pits, oil and gas operations and agricultural practices (to name a few) adjacent to residents brings about its own challenges. We are the same, but different.</p> |

Our biggest wealth is our people. Rural Albertans are an integral part of how the urbans enjoy the health and wealth of this province. Be mindful that the rural voice needs to be well represented. We would add that, going forward, there should be an educational component addressing the rural way of life and how it is key to the success of Alberta. We are all interconnected, all Albertans have the opportunity to enjoy a very good quality of life thanks to the people that preserve our big beautiful province.

How did you hear about the review?

- Radio
- Newspaper
- Other

Member Bulletin from Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties

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Subject: Website submission from Doug Neuman

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Morinville
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock

Submission

I live in Morinville and work in St. Albert, and see problems with two of the existing electoral divisions.

Having worked and lived in Westlock previously, I can say from personal experience the wants and needs of Westlock- and Barrhead-area residents are much different than those of Morinville-area residents. As part of the Capital Region Board, the interest of Morinville and Sturgeon County are much more closely aligned with St. Albert than with the two rural hubs to the north. This difference in culture and needs is in part reflected in the vote breakdown during the last provincial election, which saw Morinville residents vote predominantly in favour of one political party while Westlock and Barrhead residents voted predominantly in favour of another.

The second problem is with the St. Albert-Spruce Grove riding. I have less direct personal experience with that riding, but have heard from many of my coworkers and others in St. Albert that the interests of St. Albert and Spruce Grove don't always align. Spruce Grove obviously has closer ties to Stony Plain and Parkland County than with St. Albert.

The obvious solution to this is, in my mind, to align the existing Spruce Grove-St. Albert riding to the north and east to encompass Morinville and more of Sturgeon County, while grouping Spruce Grove into a riding with Stony Plain and more of Parkland County.

I understand that the commission has requirements to meet in terms of riding sizes, but I believe residents of all the areas I've referred to in this submission would benefit from the kind of realignment I've suggested.

Thank you for your time.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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| Slave Lake Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Lesser Slave Lake |
| Submission |
| <p>Peace River has a MLA office in High Level that is 3 or 4 hours closer to Tallcree First Nation Reserves: Tallcree North, Tallcree South, Wadlin Lake, and Beaver Ranch. Tallcree Fort Vermilion falls within the Peace River Constituency, dividing the Nation's representative MLAs.</p> <p>Tallcree First Nation does a good amount of business in High Level as well, being the location of the North Peace Tribal Council, to which they are a Member.</p> <p>While I am not a member or resident of the Nation, I have friends and family interests therein.</p> |

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| Beaverlodge Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Grande Prairie/Wapiti |
| Submission |
| I support the status quo regarding the electoral division. I am in opposition to the submission and position of the City of Grande Prairie in regards to electoral divisions. |
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| Electoral Division 62 Grande Prairie-Wapiti |
| Submission |
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| Electoral Constituency |
| Electoral Division 62 Grande Prairie - Wapiti |
| Submission |
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Parkland County
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Electoral Constituency

Whitecourt - Ste Anne

Submission

I believe that, geographically speaking, the WSA Constituency is one of the largest.

The poll where I live was moved from Stony Plain into the WSA for the most recent election. Having worked at the polling station, I noted some confusion from the electorate arising from that change.

Despite the already large area covered by WSA, it has a "low" voter density. The Stony Plain constituency is likely to gain density. From this, it might be feasible to move from Stony Plain to WSA that territory which runs west of Highway 770 (being south of Highway 16 and down to the southern Parkland County border).

Thank-you.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

I do not recall. However, I have had several "contact points" on this topic.

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Subject: Website submission from Douglas Lamb

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Calgary
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Electoral Constituency

Calgary Mackay Nose Hill

Submission

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Evanston Creekside Community Association, I would like to draw the Commission's attention to several issues with the proposed changes to the riding of Calgary Mackay Nose Hill.

We would like to urge the Commission to carefully consider the proposed boundaries in North Calgary as they determine the new electoral map. As proposed, there are communities such as Evanston who would be better served if more attention was paid to natural divisions created by roads, geography, neighbourhood boundaries, and especially the interests of each community. For example, Evanston is one of Calgary's newest and fastest-growing communities, which results in different concerns and priorities than commonly found in older communities such as Huntington Hills, which is close to fifty years older. Similarly, the Commission should consider the different concerns and priorities a residential community such as Evanston would have compared to the airport and its associated industrial areas.

Lastly, the proposed boundaries do not match Calgary's municipal ridings. There, Evanston is grouped with other NW communities in Ward 2. The proposed Calgary Mackay Nose Hill boundaries would divide us from the neighbourhoods we most commonly work with.

Speaking frankly, the proposed boundaries for Calgary Mackay Nose Hill do not make a lot of sense. The growth and concerns of newer residential neighbourhoods such as Evanston do not match those of other older residential communities or industrial areas.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

MLA visited our Community Association Board meeting



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Fw: Website submission from Marten Dekker
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Subject: Website submission from Marten Dekker

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Edmonton
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Submission

Good day. I am very much of the mind of one person one vote. So I would like to see each district slash riding to have very close to the same population of Voters. I do not like the fact that some rural riding have far fewer people and so those residents have more power per vote. I'm against that. If they were all riding with more territory is more work to represent... Then the representative should be given additional funding or staff. Not have a smaller number of Voters to Representation. Thank you very much, Marten.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)



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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Riverview |
| Submission |
| Hi. It would be great to have actual population number run the boundary divisions better. Rural ridings get huge quickly that way, but you can give the administration of large ones more staff and the population could be a bit more evened out compared with city ridings. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary Northern Hills |
| Submission |
| <p>If you look at the boundary between Calgary Northern Hills and our neighbour, Calgary MacKay Nose Hill, it is clear that the boundary is quite bizarre. The areas north of Northern Hills used to be rural farmland, but now there is development all along the north side of Stoney Trail. 1000's of new residents will inhabit Livingston and Carrington. These new citizens won't have ties to the population base of MacKay Nose Hill, they would be more tied to the Northern Hills as the community hubs as they exist are all along Harvest Hills Blvd north of Country Hills Blvd (Vivo Place, Notre Dame High School, North Pointe Transit Centre).</p> <p>With the census numbers released today, Calgary now has over 1.4 million citizens. I hope that the current population plus future growth is considered when modifying boundaries. But when you look at the two ridings of Mackay Nose Hill and Northern Hills, it appears that there is something bizarre going on and I feel it needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Thanks for letting the public submit and I look forward to the public consultations.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Calgary-Shaw |
| Submission |
| <p>There are two community associations in our riding that are cut by different election boundaries. The Shawnee neighbourhood of the Shawnee-Evergreen community association is in our riding, even though most residents of that community association live in another riding.</p> <p>Bridlewood from the Somerset-Bridlewood community should also share the same riding. In this case, it would be beneficial if Bridlewood was a part of Calgary-Shaw because the central hub of that area (which includes the Cardel Recreation Centre, recycling centre, Library and other important community resources) is in Calgary-Shaw.</p> <p>I believe it will make it easier for communities to have more participation and impact in political decisions when the election boundaries surround well known community associations and community centres, rather than be cut by them. I believe that when people identify themselves with a specific neighbourhood or association and can see political decisions affect that same space, they will be more likely to take action.</p> |
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| beaverlodge Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Division 62 Grande Prairie-Wapiti |
| Submission |
| I support the status quo regarding the electoral division. I am in opposition to the submission and position of the City of Grande Prairie in regards to electoral divisions. |
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| redwater Map It |
| Submission |
| I have lived in 4 areas of our province and noticed that in some larger electoral districts the economy varies a lot between communities and distances between can be huge. Please keep this in mind when drawing new boundaries or determining how many representatives can effectively serve a particular area. |
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| Electoral Constituency |
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| Submission |
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| Edmonton Map It |
| Submission |
| I believe the electoral boundaries should be set up so that they each contain, to the best extent possible, similar/equal numbers of voters as opposed to geographic regions. In my opinion, the rural regions have too much clout when considering the lower number of voters in those regions. Our government should represent the largest number of voters in Alberta. |
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| Electoral Division 62 Grande Prairie-Wapiti |
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Phone[REDACTED] **Address**

Calgary
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Calgary Northern Hills

Submission

I can see that our population is near the max variance allowed, but I'd recommend not splitting our community into different groups at a Provincial level. I can see splitting off Hanson Ranch as those families go to school in Hidden Valley. However, I do think Harvest Hills, Coventry Hills & Panorama Hills should remain together. They are a similar age (i.e. not new communities) & are represented by the same community association. They would all be represented by the same High School, if one is ever funded for this area.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Other

MLA visited our local community association meeting.



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Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries - Submission
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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries - Submission

1. Proportional Representation for all voters - one voter, one vote

2. No `special adjustments` for rural voters.

If 85%-90% of voters are urban .. then 85%-90% of the MLA`s should be urban based and urban focused.

Rural residents do rely on larger communities and metro areas for many of their services and are generally at ease with travelling larger distances to access those services. Lets limit the number of metro residents who are asked to travel large distances to access minor surgical procedures and services in smaller communities.

3. Reduce the number of MLA`s.

BC has 85 MLA`s representing 4.6M people across .945 M Km².

SK has 57 MLA`s representing 1.13 M people across .652 M Km².

MN has 57 MLA`s representing 1.3 M people across .648 M Km².

Alberta has 87 MLA`s representing 4.1 people across .662 M Km².

Current technologies allow easier communication and access between MLA`s and their constituents.

The number of Alberta electoral constituencies and Alberta MLA`s should be reduced from 87 to between 57 and 71 MLA`s to mirror the efficiencies achieved by their counterparts in BC (basis larger population and larger land size).

4. Alberta`s revenue is down and Alberta has large debts.

MLA`s should be a part of, if not leading, the `turn around` .. to provide Alberta with a new `Alberta Advantage` ... to benefit every Albertan. Savings from a reduction in the number of electoral constituencies and MLA`s could be ploughed back into improved services .. for all Albertans.

5. Names for electoral constituencies should have relevance to the majority of the residents in the constituency .. eg using locational or area names such as Edmonton Glenora, Edmonton Manning, Edmonton South West etc.

Notes: Populations - July 2014

Gillian Hulme

Edmonton



Electoral Constituency - Edmonton McClung
Source: Householder (Direct Mail)

Subject: Fw: Website submission from John Doe
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 11:14:46 AM

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There are groups of people who deliberately harass and destroy those whose political opinions are different than theirs. Most Canadians will see this as American style politics but it is alive and well in Alberta. Uber-Conservative types harass social or economic 'liberals', those in mixed marriages, or those of a non white background. They don't respect any law or social convention. This activity is particularly pronounced when one lives in a riding which is a close race between conservatives and somebody else. The electoral boundaries are important, but far more important is that we bring the shadowy work of what they call cointelpro in the states to light in Alberta. Ask around. Find out how many 'liberals, lefties, etc' have suffered harassment and discrimination at work and in their personal lives.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

February 7, 2017

To: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
 From: Alan J. Gibson (by email from [REDACTED])

Re: Submission on Review of Constituency Boundaries

I agree that we should review electoral boundaries as our population increases and shifts.

However, we should NOT increase number of MLAs. Instead, we should reduce the number of MLAs as part of a reduction in the total cost of government. The direct cost of MLAs and the indirect cost of their staffs and offices may be small compared to other budget items, but every dollar counts.

Some people will argue against this, saying that the constituencies will become too large for good representation.

- Other provinces and countries have very large areas that are well represented by 1 member.
- We have more options than ever for communicating to our government and back to the people. We need to make better use of technology!

In support of my position that large areas can be well represented by 1 member, I list the following.

| State or Territory | Number of Federal Representatives | Area (Sq Km) | Population |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Alaska | 1 | 1,707,584 | 735,132 |
| Montana | 1 | 380,838 | 1,015,165 |
| Nunavut | 1 | 2,093,190 | 31,906 |
| Northwest Territory | 1 | 1,346,106 | 41,462 |
| Yukon | 1 | 482,443 | 33,897 |

At 87, Alberta already has too many MLAs.

- Of the 4 most populous provinces, Alberta already has the highest ratio of MLAs to population.
- British Columbia, with almost the same population and a 44% larger area, has 2 fewer MLAs.
- If we move to the same ratio as Ontario, we will have about 33 MLAs.

Please consider the following list.

| Province | Area (sq km) | Estimated 2016 Population | Members in Legislature | Population per Member |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ontario | 908,607.67 | 13,873,933 | 107 | 129,663 |
| Quebec | 1,356,547.02 | 8,294,656 | 125 | 66,357 |
| British Columbia | 922,509.29 | 4,707,021 | 85 | 55,377 |
| Alberta | 640,081.87 | 4,231,959 | 87 | 48,643 |
| Manitoba | 552,329.52 | 1,303,896 | 57 | 22,875 |
| Saskatchewan | 588,239.21 | 1,142,570 | 61 | 18,731 |
| Nova Scotia | 52,939.44 | 945,824 | 51 | 18,546 |
| New Brunswick | 71,377.18 | 754,735 | 55 | 13,722 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 370,510.76 | 528,336 | 48 | 11,007 |
| Prince Edward Island | 5685.73 | 146933 | 27 | 5,442 |



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February 8, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Panel Members:

On behalf of the Town of Beaverlodge I would like to provide our Councils position in regards to the important work being undertaken by the Commission. Council has echoed the approach and principles driving the Commissions undertaking. We share the view that the assessment of any changes should support effective and clear understandable boundaries.

We believe that the existing boundaries serve the Town and region well. Any proposals that creates lack of clarity in terms of electoral boundaries cannot be supported by our Council since it will not serve the interest of our residents. Taking into consideration all factors the Town of Beaverlodge supports the status quo.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Commission.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Leona Hanson
Town of Beaverlodge

CC: Council Members, Town of Beaverlodge

Maxine Farr Jones

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Edmonton, AB

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February 8, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

Alberta is now predominantly an urban province. The electoral boundaries of the past do not reflect present day where most of us live in the two major cities. The current boundaries do not reflect this and we need to adjust to this reality. I think that it is very inequitable that a vote in Edmonton or Calgary can be worth less than a vote in some parts of rural Alberta. This is totally unacceptable to me. I am not saying that we need to increase the number of electoral divisions beyond 87; in fact, that number is too high and costly now. There should be amalgamation of some constituencies to reduce this total number down from 87 and a better balancing of the numbers within those boundaries. This may seem unfair to some, but the rest of us have been living under this system for our entire adult lives. In the past, this has been an overtly political decision making process and it should not be. The politics needs to be taken out of this process and make it fair for everyone. The gerrymandering in this Province needs to come to an end. Future elections need to be fair and be seen to be fair; we do not have that now but I hope that this review can take us in that direction.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maxine Farr Jones



NAHEED K. NENSHI, MAYOR

February 8, 2017

The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Re: Preliminary Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Chair and Commission Members,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit written input into your deliberations on updating Alberta's electoral boundaries. I thank you on behalf of Calgary City Council and all Calgarians for your hard work and public service.

My office and I have considered this issue and have reviewed the latest demographic data. We have been awaiting the release of Statistic Canada's 2016 Census before drafting this letter and coming to a conclusion. However, a preliminary review of the Statistics Canada data released today, along with Calgary's yearly municipal census, strongly points to the fact that Calgary is extremely underrepresented in the Alberta Legislature. This requires, at minimum, two or three additional electoral districts within the city limits and one more electoral district in the Greater Calgary Metropolitan & Bow Valley Regions.

To maintain the current 87 electoral districts in Alberta, it is clear that at least three rural electoral districts can be amalgamated with their neighbours, evenly distributing populations. If those districts were transferred from rural ridings to the Calgary Region, rural and urban will come into a more equitable balance of population per representative.

Please note that Calgary City Council has not yet considered this matter, so has no official position. However, my office is currently working on a much more detailed proposal, incorporating Statistics Canada's 2016 Census data. This will be submitted by the February 17, 2017 deadline and will be shared with my colleagues on City Council.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide input into your deliberations.

Sincerely,



Naheed K. Nenshi
MAYOR

cc: Jeff Fielding, City Manager, The City of Calgary
Brad Stevens, Deputy City Manager, The City of Calgary
Devery Corbin, Director of Corporate Strategies, The City of Calgary



NAHEED K. NENSHI, MAYOR

February 16, 2017

The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, Alberta
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Re: Final Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Chair and Commission Members,

Once again thank you very much for the opportunity to present a written submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission (the “**Commission**”) to contribute to your deliberations on updating Alberta’s electoral boundaries. Thank you also for giving me the opportunity to revise my proposal after the release of the 2016 Federal Census numbers. My initial position that Calgary is extremely underrepresented is even further validated by the official Census numbers in relation to the estimates I used in my initial submission. The facts clearly show that Calgary must receive two new provincial electoral districts within the city limits.

Key Facts

In my analysis of the provincial 2016 population figures I would like to highlight some facts:

1. Alberta has seven electoral districts that have seen remarkable population growth. These electoral districts are underrepresented according to the act as they are well above the 25 per cent allowed over the average population of 46,697 people. There are three such electoral districts in Calgary, two in Edmonton, as well as Airdrie and Spruce Grove-St. Albert.
2. The electoral districts underrepresented in Calgary are Calgary-South East at 96 per cent above the average (92,148), Calgary-McCall at 37 per cent above the average (64,613), and Calgary-Northern Hills at 28 per cent above the average (59,961). As taken as a whole, Calgary’s electoral districts are on average 5 percent above the provincial average.

3. Alberta has 52 electoral districts or 60 per cent of all its electoral subdivisions with less than the average population of 46,697 people.
4. Of the four exceptions allowed by the act for large rural electoral districts, two electoral districts have populations even lower than 50 per cent of the average population per riding. Fort McMurray-Conklin at 64 per cent under the average (17,129) and Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley at 51 percent below the average (23,094). It is also notable that two electoral districts are close to 50 percent below of the average; they are Lesser Slave Lake at 41 per cent below the average (27,663) and West Yellowhead at 33 per cent below the average (31,551).

Proposal

I am proposing that the Commission create two additional electoral districts within the municipal boundaries of Calgary to absorb the population growth of Calgary-South East, Calgary-McCall and Calgary-Northern Hills and design the new electoral districts to accommodate Calgary's future anticipated population growth. You can easily achieve this if you undertake the following:

1. Divide Calgary-South East into two electoral districts as City of Calgary Administration projects that this area of the city will continue to experience significant future growth. Dividing the electoral district, with a total population of 92,148, in half will create two electoral districts with populations of 46,074 each. The two resulting electoral districts will be essentially equal to the provincial average and bigger than the 45 smallest Alberta electoral districts. Even with this change, significant growth in Calgary's south east is expected to continue over the next decade and these two electoral districts will soon be above the provincial average and among the 20 most populous according to the projections.
2. Insert an additional electoral district into North Calgary by evenly redistributing the population of the four biggest electoral districts among five electoral districts. Calgary- McCall with a total population of 64,613 is 33 per cent above the average, Calgary-Northern Hills, with a total population of 59,961 is presently 28 per cent above the average. The other two electoral districts, Calgary-Foothills and Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill are well above of the average population of 46,697. Distributing the actual population of these four electoral districts into five will result in electoral districts with an average population of approximately 46,163, essentially equal to the provincial average. Once again, according to City projections, these electoral districts will continue to experience rapid population growth, which will eventually bring them back into the group of the most populated electoral districts of the province and well above of the provincial average.

The mandate of the Commission is to avoid increasing the total number of electoral districts beyond the current 87. As Calgary's growth requires two more electoral districts, this proposal includes three options to merge several electoral districts with populations well below the provincial average together in order to accommodate the creation of two additional Calgary electoral districts. I propose for your consideration the following:

1. Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills has a variance of 22 per cent under the provincial average population and can be divided into three parts and its population centres merged and evenly redistributed between Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater (which has a variance of 19 per cent below

the average), Bonnyville-Cold Lake (which has a variance of 19 per cent below the average), and with Vermillion-Lloydminster (which is 18 per cent under the average). Depending on the exact boundary lines, the resulting three constituencies will have a population average of approximately 50,000 or just 7 per cent above the average.

2. Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre has a variance of 13 per cent below provincial average can be divided into three parts and its population centres merged and redistributed between West Yellowhead, which is 33 per cent below the provincial average (as one of the four exceptions allowed by the act), Whitecourt-Ste. Anne (with a variance of 16 per cent under the provincial average), and Drayton Valley-Devon (which is 10 per cent below the provincial average). Depending on the exact boundary lines, the resulting three constituencies will have an average population of approximately of 51,000, just 11 per cent above the provincial population average.
3. Drumheller-Stettler has a variance of 22 per cent below the average population and can be divided and its population centres merged between Strathmore-Brooks (which has just 2 per cent above the average), Battle River-Wainwright (which is just in the verge of the 17 per cent below the average), and Lacombe-Ponoka (which has a difference of 4 per cent below average as well). Depending on the exact boundary lines, the resulting three constituencies will have an average population of approximately 56,000 citizens; 20 per cent above the average. Though not ideal, these rural areas have a history of low growth and within a decade will be of similar size as their urban neighbours.

To ensure fair representation, Calgary is in need of two more additional electoral districts, the data clearly shows this. At the same time, at least three electoral districts can be divided up and their population centres merged in with neighbouring electoral districts. I believe this would provide a more equitable redistribution of representative per population and create boundaries that can endure population growth until review by the Commission a decade from now.

On behalf of the citizens of Calgary, I appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the Commission's important work to ensure Calgarians are fairly represented in the legislature.

Sincerely,



Naheed K. Nenshi
MAYOR

cc: Jeff Fielding, City Manager, The City of Calgary
Brad Stevens, Deputy City Manager, The City of Calgary
Devery Corbin, Manager, Intergovernmental & Corporate Strategy, The City of Calgary

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jarrad Marthaller, President of the Spruce Grove-St. Albert New Democratic Constituency Association. On behalf of the association, we respectfully submit the following feedback for the Commission's consideration when making electoral boundary recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.

The constituency of Spruce Grove- St. Albert includes two major and distinct urban cities, the Alexander First nation, and rural land within the Sturgeon and Parkland counties. It is a large, diverse constituency that continues to experience significant growth in population, a trend that is very likely to continue. Specifically, both St. Albert and Spruce Grove are projecting to add significant population to the constituency in the coming years.

The current population of the constituency is very close to the 25% variance of the quotient (122% as estimated by the Boundaries Commission) and, with growth expected to continue, some parts of the Constituency should be transferred to neighbouring constituencies which have less population. This would ensure the riding remains within the allowable variance.

We urge the Commission to consider these factors when conducting their work in redistribution, and we would ask for particular emphasis on respecting municipal boundaries, keeping communities of interest intact, and ensuring the ability of the elected member to effectively represent constituents.

Sincerely,

Jarrad Marthaller

President, Spruce Grove-St. Albert NDP Constituency Association

Redistribution: - Redrawing the electoral map for greater fairness

The purpose of redistribution is to redraw the riding boundaries so as to give all voters an equal say. Your task is to readjust the constituency boundaries so as to put the same number of voters in each.

Variance

The present Alberta guidelines state that: “The population of a proposed electoral constituency should not vary more than 25% from the provincial average, except in a few special cases.”

The allowable **variance of 25%** is so large, it is undemocratic, and **unacceptable**. Based on 47,000, you could have a range from 35,000 to 59,000 to start with – the maximum is almost double the minimum. In ten years, an urban riding on the rim of Edmonton or Calgary that started with 59,000 can easily have grown to 80,000. So you will have the situation of an urban constituency, having almost three times the population of Lesser Slave Lake (30,094).

Four of ten provinces allow a variance of ten percent. Saskatchewan and New Brunswick allow only a 5% variance. How can we allow 25% and even more in “a few special cases”. Alberta should seek to reduce variance to 5% or 10%.

Should Rural Constituencies Have Fewer Voters?

The number of voters in a rural constituency should be the same as the number of voters in an urban constituency. Both deserve the same degree of representation.

I do not accept that rural constituencies should have fewer voters because the distances are larger. The population density is decreasing in rural areas, and the remaining population is concentrated in the towns. When one farmer farms thousands of acres, there are few truly rural voters. Rural constituencies will have to get bigger.

In today’s world, we no longer need to meet face to face thanks to the internet, email, and Skype. Young people are used to conferencing via internet devices. Everyone has a cell phone. MLAs can just as easily contact voters in Edmonton as in Fort Vermillion. Distance is no longer an issue. The size of the riding does not matter. Each MLA should be representing the same number of voters. The smaller cities, like Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, and Vegreville have the same box stores and curved sub-divisions as Edmonton.

Why are the 25,192 voters of Dunvegan-Central Peace and the 30,094 of Lesser Slave Lake twice or three times as worthy as the 66,489 voters of Edmonton-South West and the 79,034 of Calgary-South-East?

Anticipate Future Population Changes

We should also try to anticipate future population changes. We know that the outer rims of Edmonton and Calgary are scheduled for continued development, and the new homes are going to result in a large population growth. Unless these constituencies start with fewer voters than the provincial average, in ten years they will be grossly under represented.

In the same way, by looking at recent trends, we can predict which areas will continue to decline in population. For example: Battle River-Wainwright declined from 37,675 to 36,905, and Livingstone-Macleod was unchanged 42,705 to 42,794

In these regions, we should start with extra voters, so that in ten years there won't be such a large disparity.

Suggested Boundary Changes

I have developed my suggestions for boundary changes using a ten per cent variance from 46,749: 42,000 – 52,000 voters.

(1) Fort McMurray-Conklin has 29,533 voters and Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo has 59,576 {totalling 89,109}. Move the boundary in the city of Fort McMurray so that each riding has 45,000 voters.

(2) Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater, Bonnyville-Cold Lake, Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, Lesser Slave Lake, and Vermilion-Lloydminster are all below the provincial average. I suggest rearranging these five ridings into four, and using the extra riding to accommodate the new growth areas around Edmonton. Bonnyville-Cold Lake (39,696), Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills (38,260), and Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater (38,051) {total 116,007.} I suggest that 12,000 from the Athabasca section be reassigned to Lesser Slave Lake (30,094), and 8,000 from the Two Hills area be reassigned to Vermilion-Lloydminster (40,544). The remainder can be reassembled into two constituencies Lac La Biche-Bonnyville-Cold Lake and Sturgeon-Redwater-St. Paul.

Results: Lesser Slave Lake- Athabasca (42,000)

Two-Hills-Vermilion-Lloydminster (48,000)

Lac La Biche-Bonnyville-Cold Lake (48,000)

Sturgeon-Redwater-St. Paul (48,000).

(3) Edmonton-South West (66,489) and Edmonton-Ellerslie (59,091) have a total of 125,580 voters. I propose that these new fast growing areas, and 10,000 voters from the Spruce Grove section of Spruce Grove-St. Albert (59,453), be reassembled into three new constituencies of about 45,000. In ten years, these three constituencies will be at the maximum allowable variance.

Our Goals

The citizens of Alberta do not want more M.L.A.s; we are already over presented compared to other provinces, but everyone should be equally represented. Every group of **46,749** voters should have one MLA. We desire fairness and equality, regardless of where we live.

The allowable **variance of 25%** is too large; please aim for 5 or 10 %.

I wish you the best in your efforts in redrawing the electoral boundaries so as to give all Albertans an equal say.

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"The Matrix Myth"

Submission to

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February 8, 2017

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A common theme running through recent *Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commissions* hearings and Reports has been the tension between arguments for more **equal** representation and those arguably concerned more with **effective** representation --- between those who maintain that the Province's electoral districts should contain relatively equal numbers of citizens and those who maintain that factors other than numbers of voters should be taken into account.

Without fail, each and every previous Commission has been sympathetic to arguments for equal representation. Also without fail, however, each and every one of those Commissions has also decided that its' primary responsibility is to consider "*the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*".

As a result, each and every previous *Commission* has maintained the *status quo*, which has meant that electoral divisions in rural Alberta are geographically smaller and more numerous than their populations warrant, and contain fewer voters than do their urban counterparts.

The "Matrix" : Background

Previous Electoral Boundaries Commissions have justified this by accepting and agreeing with arguments (generally made by rural Albertans and their representatives) that it is more difficult to represent rural electoral divisions than urban ones.

The 1995/1996 Electoral Boundaries Commission even developed a "matrix" involving several variables that it thought affected "effective representation." Applying this formula to Alberta's electoral divisions created a "score" for each one, with the notion being that the higher the score the more difficult it was to effectively represent an area. In 1995/96 these scores ranged from -18 for the least difficult areas to represent to +18 for the most difficult areas to represent.

The variables considered in 1995/96 included:

- Geographic area,
- Population,
- Population density,
- Number of households,
- Elected/Appointed Bodies, Indian Reserves and Metis Settlements, and
- Distance from the Legislature.

The 1995/1996 Commission used this "matrix" to help it determine the boundaries (and hence the area as well as the population) of the electoral divisions it proposed, adjusting these so that no division would fall too far outside a range of permissible deviations, and therefore be potentially too difficult (or too easy?) to represent effectively.

The 2002/2003 Commission decided to build on and refine this matrix. *It removed the population variable and replaced it with a Rural/Urban Ratio because it felt that population was a standard requirement anyway. It also replaced the "number of households" variable with one indicating the*

“Dependent Population Proportion” to indicate the proportion of a given population more likely to be dependent on provincial programs,

The variables considered in 2002/2003, then, included:

- Area, and it was presumed that it would be more difficult to effectively represent larger areas;
- Population Density, and it was argued that it would be more difficult to represent lower-density areas;
- “Dependant” Population Proportion, where higher numbers of children 14 years of age and under and seniors 65 years of age and older would result in a higher score as they were seen to be more dependant on government programs and believed to be more difficult to represent;
- Elected/Appointed Bodies, where higher numbers of municipalities, health regions, school divisions, Indian Reserves, and Metis Settlements would result in higher scores and be deemed to be more difficult to effectively represent;
- Distance from the Legislature, where the argument was that the further an area was from the Legislature the more difficult it would be to effectively represent it.

As was the case with the 1995/1996 Electoral Boundaries Commission Report, applying this formula to the electoral divisions recommended by the 2002/2003 Commission resulted in scores ranging from -18 to +17.

And, as was also the case with the 1995/1996 Commission, the 2002/2003 Commission considered these “matrix scores” as it adjusted the sizes, boundaries, and populations of Alberta’s electoral divisions, maintaining that this was being done according to “scientific” principles --- ie the matrix.

Curiously, neither the Interim nor the Final Report of the 2009/2010 Electoral Boundaries Commission contains even a single reference to this “matrix”. However, both Reports go on at considerable length about the need to ensure ‘effective representation’ at some cost to the principle of ‘equality of voting power.’ That Commission also relied directly upon the provisions of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* of 2000, which in many ways enshrined the spirit of the matrix formulae into legislation, and in particular provided for a +/- 25% variance in the populations of constituencies from the provincial average.

The “Matrix”: Questions

The problem with all of this is simply this: *the matrix approach introduced in 1995/1996, applied in altered form in 2002/2003, and simply presupposed in 2009/2010 contains underlying assumptions that heavily favor over-representation of rural electors at the expense of those in urban centres.*

For example, it is NOT clear that a larger geographic area or lower population densities are more difficult to represent than might be a densely-populated area containing a widely diverse electorate having

multiple and varied interests, concerns, and even languages. An elected official does not represent geography but rather people, and it is the nature of these people rather than of the geography that impacts how difficult it may or may not be to represent them. Certainly, it cannot be difficult to represent empty spaces, but this measure suggests that it somehow is.

It is also NOT clear that children under 14 years of age or seniors over 65 years of age are more difficult to represent than are working-age Albertans with families in school, or facing daycare shortages, or receiving AISH or other form of provincial assistance, or facing challenges meeting rent payments on fixed incomes, or becoming unemployed or being under-employed, or experiencing the myriad of other social problems more common to their age group. In fact, quite the opposite may be closer to the truth, and if asked most MLAs would likely admit that the bulk of their work involves working-age Albertans.

It is also NOT clear that an urban area contains fewer elected or appointed bodies, once one considers the numbers of community leagues, schools, voluntary and not-for-profit, faith or religious-based, cultural, business, and interest-based organizations that concentrate there --- including bodies concerned with the welfare of First Nations persons --- and which urban elected representatives must be in relationship with.

It has even been proposed that the number of river crossings in an area can impede effective representation, making one wonder if the MLA who raised that issue had to ford such crossings without the benefit of roads or bridges!

The “matrix” itself, I would argue, is pseudo-science, and it is doubtful that it effectively outlines how difficult it might be to represent a particular constituency.

No previous Commission has looked at scholarly and accredited research from elsewhere on this issue, much less reviewed it or taken it into account. Similarly, no other Commission (or Member Services Committee) has sufficiently reviewed other factors which could be taken into account here, such as the relative incidence of low-incomes in an area; the relative numbers of single-parent households, or persons with high school or less levels of education, or the relative numbers of households where English is not the primary language spoken at home, or the relative number of in-migrants or newcomers to an area, or others too numerous to mention, in determining how potentially “difficult” it might be to represent an area..

It would NOT be a stretch to argue that any one of these could impact the “difficulty to represent” factor as much as if not more than any of the factors included in the “matrix” formula.

Instead, for many years these Commissions have accepted at face value the self-serving arguments raised by rural representatives that their work is more difficult than is the work of others. Since 1995/1996 these arguments have become accepted as “science” even though there is no real basis for this, and they are in fact little more than folk-lore.

Secondly, even if it was true that some areas may be more difficult to represent than others (and it has been argued, unsuccessfully, that inner-city urban areas may be the most difficult to represent) that in no way justifies maintaining a system whereby the votes from those areas count more than do the voters from elsewhere.

This is fundamentally un- and even anti-democratic.

In fact, if inner-city urban areas might be the most challenging to represent, an argument could be made that those areas should be represented in smaller and more numerous electoral divisions, just as rural areas are at present. Interestingly, **NO** report from this Commission has ever included that even as a suggestion, leaving the over-abundance of rural divisions unchallenged.

For **both** of these reasons, this Commission is strongly urged to abandon the “matrix” as a determinant of the size and boundaries of Alberta’s electoral divisions, and move instead towards a model where representation by population is the guiding rule.

Other Issues With the “Matrix”:

Another problem that arises from “matrix-mania” is that these matrix scores have also been used by the Members’ Services Committee to help determine the monetary resources different MLAs receive (ie: their Members’ Services Allowances or MSAs), with more resources going to electoral division deemed more difficult to represent and fewer resources being directed towards divisions deemed easier to represent. *(See Appendix I attached below)*

This compounds the issue, for now we have a situation where relatively numerous and under-populated divisions are receiving considerably more financial assistance (recently up to almost \$25,000 more) than any of their urban counterparts.

In short, rural Alberta constituencies are rewarded twice --- first by the Electoral Boundaries Commission when they are made smaller in area and population than otherwise warranted, and secondly by the Members’ Services Committee when they receive more funds than otherwise warranted.

Although the Members’ Services Committee has heard many times that additional resources may be required to help meet the needs of urban constituents, it has followed the lead of previous Electoral Boundary Commissions here in paying only lip-service to those arguments while continuing to provide extra support to rural areas. (Recently, at long last, the Member Services Committee moved to counter some of this imbalance by providing a basic “matrix adjustment” to the MSAs of areas which had previously received none.)

It is also not at all clear that these additional funds in any way address the issue of how “difficult” it may be to represent a particular area, much less how existing MLAs actually do so.

To illustrate this point, consider the operations of 6 adjoining constituencies from south-east Alberta:

| Constituency Name | Matrix Score | Number of Offices | Number of Assistants | Matrix Adjustment |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Cypress-Medicine Hat | 4 | 1 | 5 | \$9,180 |
| Livingstone-McLeod | 10 | 1 | 2 | \$18,509 |
| Cardston-Taber-Warner | 11 | 1 | 1 | \$18,509 |
| Drumheller-Stettler | 15 | 3 | 4 | \$18,509 |
| Strathmore-Brooks | 15 | 2 | 2 | \$18,509 |
| Little Bow | 17 | 2 | 3 | \$24,679 |

If “matrix scores” were indicative of how difficult it was to represent a constituency, one would expect those areas with higher scores would require more offices and/or personnel to be represented effectively. As these examples show, however, there is no clear indication of this, and areas with lower scores --- and more in terms of the “matrix adjustment” they receive --- may have more offices and/or constituency assistants than those with the highest scores, regardless of the fact that their respective MLAs may belong to the same Caucus.

Although this concern arises directly from the work of the Member Services Committee, that Committee in turn has referred to the work of these Commissions for applying the matrix in this area, and so it is critical that this Commission open debate on the topic of the matrix itself, so that the Members’ Services Committee is encouraged to do so as well.

Albertans will be better served, on the whole, when the fundamental democratic principle of representation-by-population is closely adhered to, and when financial benefits are not disproportionately allocated according to a “matrix” that has little if any sound, scientific merit.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Gibbon

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Edmonton, Alberta

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APPENDIX I: Matrix Scores and MSA Adjustments:**Matrix Scores & MSA Adjustments, by Constituency, 2012-2016**

| Constituency Name | Matrix Score | 2016 MSA Adjustment |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Airdrie | -4 | \$6,120.00 |
| Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater | 10 | \$18,509.00 |
| Banff-Cochrane | 13 | \$18,509.00 |
| Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock | 4 | \$9,180.00 |
| Battle River-Wainwright | 11 | \$18,509.00 |
| Bonnyville-Cold Lake | 9 | \$12,340.00 |
| Calgary-Acadia | -2 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Bow | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Buffalo | -12 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Cross | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Currie | -11 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-East | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Elbow | -10 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Fish Creek | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Foothills | -8 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Fort | -5 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Glenmore | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Greenway | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Hawkwood | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Hays | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Klein | -10 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Lougheed | -8 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-McCall | -7 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-McKay-Nose Hill | -3 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Mountain View | -11 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-North West | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Northern Hills | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Shaw | -11 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-South East | -3 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-Varsity | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Calgary-West | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Cardston-Taber-Warner | 11 | \$18,509.00 |
| Chestermere-Rocky View | -3 | \$6,120.00 |
| Cypress-Medicine Hat | 4 | \$9,180.00 |
| Drayton Valley-Devon | 8 | \$12,340.00 |
| Drumheller-Stettler | 15 | \$18,509.00 |
| Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley | 16 | \$24,679.00 |
| Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview | -7 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Calder | -3 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Castle Downs | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Centre | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Decore | -9 | \$6,120.00 |

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|------------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Edmonton-Ellerslie | -10 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Glenora | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Gold Bar | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood | -16 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Manning | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-McClung | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Meadowlark | -11 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Mill Creek | -11 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Mill Woods | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Riverview | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Rutherford | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-South West | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Strathcona | -18 | \$6,120.00 |
| Edmonton-Whitemud | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Fort McMurray-Conklin | 5 | \$12,340.00 |
| Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo | 0 | \$6,120.00 |
| Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville | -3 | \$6,120.00 |
| Grande Prairie-Smoky | 3 | \$9,180.00 |
| Grande Prairie-Wapiti | 6 | \$12,340.00 |
| Highwood | -3 | \$6,120.00 |
| Innisfail-Sylvan Lake | 8 | \$12,340.00 |
| Lac la Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills | 14 | \$18,509.00 |
| Lacombe-Ponoka | 3 | \$9,180.00 |
| Leduc-Beaumont | -8 | \$6,120.00 |
| Lesser Slave Lake | 9 | \$12,340.00 |
| Lethbridge East | -4 | \$6,120.00 |
| Lethbridge West | 3 | \$9,180.00 |
| Little Bow | 17 | \$24,679.00 |
| Livingstone-Macleod | 10 | \$18,509.00 |
| Medicine Hat | 4 | \$9,180.00 |
| Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills | 10 | \$18,509.00 |
| Peace River | 10 | \$18,509.00 |
| Red Deer North | -3 | \$6,120.00 |
| Red Deer South | -14 | \$6,120.00 |
| Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre | 13 | \$18,509.00 |
| Sherwood Park | -11 | \$6,120.00 |
| Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert | -6 | \$6,120.00 |
| St. Albert | -15 | \$6,120.00 |
| Stony Plain | 2 | \$9,180.00 |
| Strathcona-Sherwood Park | -9 | \$6,120.00 |
| Strathmore-Brooks | 15 | \$18,509.00 |
| Vermilion-Lloydminster | 10 | \$18,509.00 |
| West Yellowhead | 9 | \$12,340.00 |
| Wetaskiwin-Camrose | -1 | \$6,120.00 |
| Whitecourt-Ste. Anne | 9 | \$12,340.00 |

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February 8, 2017

(by e-mail)

Dear Commissioners,

Re: Edmonton Riverview Constituency

On behalf of Edmonton Riverview Alberta Liberal Party Constituency Association, I would like to provide you our submission that our riding of Edmonton Riverview:

1. **Be kept mostly the same.** By keeping *similar* boundaries and populations as it has been since it was established for the 1993 election and won by three different parties in the past decade;
2. **Drop certain areas on the western edge,** namely certain areas on the west of the riding to reduce slightly the size of the riding and to better reflect the similar socio-demographic elements and age of housing stock of the remainder of the riding;
3. **Add certain areas on the southwest of the riding** that have similar socio-demographic elements and age of housing stock to the remainder of the riding.

Equality and fairness for voters and their ridings

We endorse the recommendation of others that the Commission strive to achieve greater equality in population between ridings, as much as possible, to ensure that each vote is relatively equal in terms of representation. If geographically large ridings need extra financial support, technology or flexibility to permit better election campaigning and representation in the legislature, that should be favoured over diluting the value of votes in any particular part of the province.

As rural populations appear to be generally overrepresented by ridings and MLAs compared to urban ones, we would expect that your recommendations would mean rural ridings would grow

in population and urban ones, not just in the two largest cities, would shrink by comparison so that all come much closer to the provincial average. Some other provinces have nearly all ridings under 10% from their provincial average and many US electoral districts are under 5% from their relevant averages. We hope that your recommendations can achieve similar goals to advance voter equality and fairness. Accordingly, we recommend options for **reducing** the population of our riding.

City of Edmonton considerations

We understand that the City of Edmonton proposed a submission that showed many City ridings are less populous than Edmonton's average. This might imply that certain more populous ridings should shrink in population and many others should grow. Accordingly, we recommend options for **increasing** the population of our riding.

The City of Edmonton proposed submission reports that our riding increased in population from 40,000 in 2011 to 45,517 in 2016.

To **increase** the population of the riding and keep the similar socio-demographic population along the river valley, we propose the addition of the following Edmonton neighbourhoods, in order of similarity and proximity to our current riding boundaries:

Adding

(from east to west, along the current southern boundary)

- 1) Rio Terrace**
- 2) Patricia Heights**
- 3) Quesnell Heights**

These three neighbourhoods were part of Edmonton Riverview in prior elections. They are now part of the current federal riding Edmonton Centre, along with our provincial riding's western neighbourhoods of Laurier Heights, Parkview and Crestwood etc.

We recommend **adding** those small areas of **Garneau** and **McKernan** west of 109 street. We believe 109 street forms a natural and distinct boundary for the eastern edge of the riding. The riding already includes other areas immediately surrounding the University.

If further changes are necessary

If you see fit to add even more population to the riding, in keeping with its current socio-demographics and housing stock, we recommend the following three areas along the Whitemud freeway and along the river valley:

Adding

- 4) **Brookside**
- 5) **Brander Gardens**
- 6) **Ramsay Heights**

We note that these three areas would come from Edmonton Whitemud, a riding that you may seek to reduce in size.

If you need to add more population, the next neighbourhoods along the river valley and its ravines could be added north of the current boundary (and also part of the current federal riding of Edmonton Centre)

- 7) **Glenora**
- 8) **Grovenor**

Removing areas less similar

Whether or not you add all those neighbourhoods above, we recommend you remove areas that have less in common with the socio-demographics of the riding population and age of housing and state of renovation. These areas below have greater commonality with the areas in the riding to the west of ours and include more rental and multi-unit housing. Their removal would allow 149 Street to provide a more distinctive boundary for the riding, especially north of 87th Avenue.

Removing**(in the rough order of distance and priority on the west edge of the riding)**

- 1) **Elmwood** (farthest from the core of the riding, the river)
- 2) **Meadowlark Park** (to add to Edmonton Meadowlark Riding to match its name)
- 3) **West Jasper place**
- 4) **Sherwood**
- 5) **Jasper Park**
- 6) **Lynwood** (could be kept if necessary as it is closest to Laurier Heights in the riding and the areas we propose you add south of the Whitemud freeway)

These recommendations come from the cumulative decades of experience of our association's members living in this riding and months of door knocking and campaigning in this riding in many elections over the decades. Much of the housing stock was built in the 1950s and 1960s and has been undergoing considerable renovation in the recent decade or so. Much of the riding population works as professionals and office workers either downtown, at the Universities or in nearby hospitals, including the University of Alberta hospital in the riding.

Other reasons for these recommendations to keep the riding largely intact with some changes include:

- 1) Cohesive geographic boundaries along major roads and ravines
- 2) High voter turnout throughout the proposed riding communities
- 3) The riding has been competitive, with three different parties winning this riding in the past three elections.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this submission and your work on behalf of Albertans.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Fadden,

President, Edmonton Riverview Alberta Liberal Party Constituency Association

Phone [REDACTED] (please omit my phone number if you publish this submission)

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From: Niall Condon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Written Submission - PC Caucus

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached the Progressive Conservative Caucus' written submission with regards to the updating of electoral boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration,

Niall Condon
Research Specialist – PC Caucus

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PC Caucus – Electoral Boundaries Commission Written Submission

We would first like to thank the Electoral Boundaries Commission for their work on this issue. Their efforts will ensure that Albertans are well represented by their elected officials. It is in that spirit of guaranteeing that Albertans feel that their voices and concerns are being heard that we present our recommendations on updating electoral boundaries.

Our first recommendation is that the Boundaries Commission do as much as it can to ensure that rural Albertans are still adequately represented in provincial government. While it is true that too much disparity in riding population presents a problem for democratic representation, there are realities of representing rural ridings that shouldn't be ignored. Rural ridings generally have more local government bodies to coordinate with, as well as varied and widely dispersed civil groups. Although improved technology can help rural constituents connect with their MLA in large rural ridings, there is no substitute for a face-to-face meeting between constituents and their MLA. Having a very large constituency also makes it very difficult to schedule an MLA to attend events, and reduces engagement. We therefore recommend that the boundaries commission do what it can to not reduce the number of rural constituencies, or increase the size of these constituencies, and that the population variance guideline not be reduced from 25%.

Secondly, we recommend that the Electoral Boundaries Commission commit to having updated constituencies that consider the cohesion of the population within that constituency. Wherever possible, constituencies should be aligned along existing community boundaries, geographic boundaries, and practical delineators such as rivers, large parks, highways and major roadways. Further we propose that the Electoral Boundaries Commission should do its best to avoid bundling large rural areas into urban and suburban areas of major cities to form constituencies. We believe that by respecting natural and practical boundaries in the formation of constituencies there will be less chance of constituencies being shaped solely for political considerations, and more respect given to the communities that Albertans themselves have built.

Our final recommendation is a request to the Electoral Boundaries Commission, asking that they help us honour the memory of a former colleague and Alberta legislator. We would ask that the Electoral Boundaries Commission consider renaming Calgary-Greenway as Calgary-Bhullar in memory of the former MLA, the late Manmeet Singh Bhullar. Manmeet was a man of the highest calibre, an exemplary public servant, and a very dear friend. Dedicated to serving Albertans even in his final moments, it is only fitting that the constituency he spent years serving should now serve as a memorial to all of the good that Manmeet accomplished.

As the Progressive Conservative caucus, we hope that our recommendations will assist the Electoral Boundaries Commission in their work. We know that they will work tirelessly to ensure the link between an MLA and their constituents will remain strong, and that their decisions will be well informed by the best interests of Albertans. We once again thank the Commission for their commitment to public service.

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Good day,

Please find attached our submission.

Regards,

David Olinger
Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs

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**Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
February 8, 2017**

Introduction

The City of Grande Prairie is pleased to have the opportunity to provide a submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.

We appreciate the importance of ensuring effective distribution of population and representation. As a growing urban centre, we recognize the need to consider how potential electoral boundary changes might ensure the most equitable representation for the Albertans we represent.

Much has changed in our community since the last review in 2010 when the boundaries remained generally status quo locally (there were minor changes to the border with Grande Prairie-Smoky and Grande Prairie-Wapiti in the City of Grande Prairie, remaining the same in the rural areas).

In 2014, our community celebrated its 100th anniversary since incorporation and has a population of 63,166 as of 2016 Federal Census figures released on Feb. 8. In the 2011 Federal enumeration, the City had 55,032 residents.

In this most recent federal census, the City was the seventh fastest-growing Census Agglomeration Area in Canada with 13.1% growth, well above the national average of 5% and the provincial average of 11.8%.

Grande Prairie continues to be an economic hub in Northwestern Alberta with a market of over 280,000 people that takes in Northeastern B.C., Northwestern Alberta, and the southern Northwest Territories. The community has continued to grow, even during the 2009 downturn and the most recent decelerated economy.

Activity in the energy sector has increased significantly in the past few months, giving rise to a further increase in our population count.

The city is part of two ridings – Grande Prairie-Wapiti and Grande Prairie-Smoky – both constituencies formed in 1993.

The Grande Prairie-Smoky Riding includes the portion of the city north of 100 Ave. (downtown) as well as the hamlet of Clairmont and towns of Sexsmith, Valleyview and Fox Creek. The constituency's population is 57,580.

Grande Prairie-Wapiti includes the portion of Grande Prairie south of 100 Ave. and takes in the towns of Wembley and Beaverlodge to the west. Its population is 56,975.

Position

We believe that Grande Prairie should be served by a fully urban MLA and potentially two within 10 years, hence our position approved at City Council on Monday, Feb. 6.

The City of Grande Prairie requests a minimum of one fully urban MLA for Grande Prairie as well as a second riding that would include the remainder of Grande Prairie and the urban/rural areas within a 25-kilometre radius of the City.

We note that the Commission had originally proposed one urban MLA for Grande Prairie in 2010.

While Grande Prairie promotes a regional approach to service delivery, land use and, potentially, municipal governance, it's vital the community itself is represented by urban MLAs. This will become even more important as the city continues to grow and larger urban issues arise.

The large geographic area the current constituencies comprise means that the existing MLAs have to interact with a significant number of stakeholder groups from a variety of communities.

Under today's boundary structure, there is no guarantee that either MLA serving the community will reside within the community and may, in fact, live some distance away. With Fox Creek being part of the Grande Prairie-Smoky riding for example, it is possible one of our MLAs lives two hours away from the majority of his constituents who reside within the City limits.

Our Grande Prairie-Wapiti riding has not had a representative living within the city since 2008, while Grande Prairie-Smoky has not had an MLA actually reside in the city since the constituency was formed in 1993.

Living outside the city presents challenges in that the MLA may not fully experience urban issues in the same way as the majority of their constituents. Similarly, someone located within Grande Prairie would not be as attuned to life and the issues in Valleyview or Fox Creek.

Rationale

Even by the lowest population projections, Grande Prairie would have 81,967 residents by 2027. This forecast is based on the Canadian annualized growth rate of 1.50 per cent between 1921 and 2011.

Based on Grande Prairie's growth rate of 4.53 per cent between 1921 and 2015 (the last municipal census), the city would have a population of about 116,000 a decade from now.

Of Alberta's five mid-sized cities with a population of over 60,000 only Grande Prairie and Airdrie (58,690) are without at least one fully urban constituency. Lethbridge (94,804), Medicine Hat (63,018), Red Deer (100,807) and St. Albert (63,255) all have at least one fully urban MLA.

We recognize the average population for each constituency should be about 49,000 people. Based on projected growth within the City and in the County of Grande Prairie, boundaries could be adjusted to the maps of both existing constituencies to permit two urban MLAs for Grande Prairie.

Having at least one constituency fully contained within city limits means the MLA can focus on being a voice for our busy, growing community, which is among the youngest in Canada with an average age of 30.3.

Our Chamber of Commerce is the second largest in the province. We have three school boards and active groups such as the Urban Developers Institute and community organizations, including four Rotary chapters.

Under the current structure, both MLAs must advocate for multiple communities and work with numerous agencies, school boards and stakeholders within these communities and the broader region, which often have competing interests, making it extremely challenging.

Our submission could allow the Commission to return to a proposal in the 2010 interim report of placing Fox Creek within the Whitecourt-St. Anne constituency where it is more geographically aligned.

Conclusion

Grande Prairie has reached the size and regional standing to have a minimum of one fully urban MLA. We also propose a second riding to include the City of Grande Prairie as well as the urban/rural areas within a 25-kilometre radius of the City.

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Hello,
Please see attached for my submission on the Edmonton-Calder electoral district.
Thank you,
Alexandria

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Electoral Boundaries Commission Submission

Edmonton-Calder

The Edmonton-Calder electoral district has undergone significant changes in past Electoral Boundaries Commission reviews. These changes have resulted in the electoral district having irregular shaped boundaries, a large geographic size and high population (compared to other constituencies in the Edmonton metropolitan area). Recommendations are based on the criteria specified by the Electoral Boundaries Commission and will help ensure effective representation for the constituents of Edmonton-Calder.

To ensure effective representation for the constituents of Edmonton-Calder, it is recommended that the current electoral boundaries be modified to reduce the number of constituents (based on current and future population projections), increase the demographic homogeneity of neighborhoods within the constituency, and make the boundaries clearer and more easily understood.

Based on the 2016 Census Estimate, the Edmonton-Calder electoral district is projected to have 53,918 constituents, which is approximately 10% greater than the projected electoral quotient of 48,884. The population of the Edmonton-Calder electoral district has grown more rapidly than the Edmonton metropolitan

area average of 13.9%. From 2011 to 2016 the electoral district population increased approximately 20% with the population of certain neighbourhoods increasing more rapidly over the past two years (Figure 1). The population increase has been primarily driven by rezoning and residential construction permits approved by the City of Edmonton.

This rapid increase in population is expected to continue as three previously undeveloped areas within the current Edmonton-Calder electoral district boundaries have been rezoned for residential construction by the City of Edmonton. These areas are the Edmonton Municipal Airport (Blatchford), subdivisions west of 142 Street (e.g. Starling and Trumpeter) and subdivisions in the north portion of the electoral district. The subdivisions in the north and west of the electoral district are currently under construction with homes ready for possession while initial occupancy is expected in 2018 for Blatchford.

Given the expected population growth in these areas, the number of constituents in the Edmonton-Calder electoral district will vary more than 25% from the

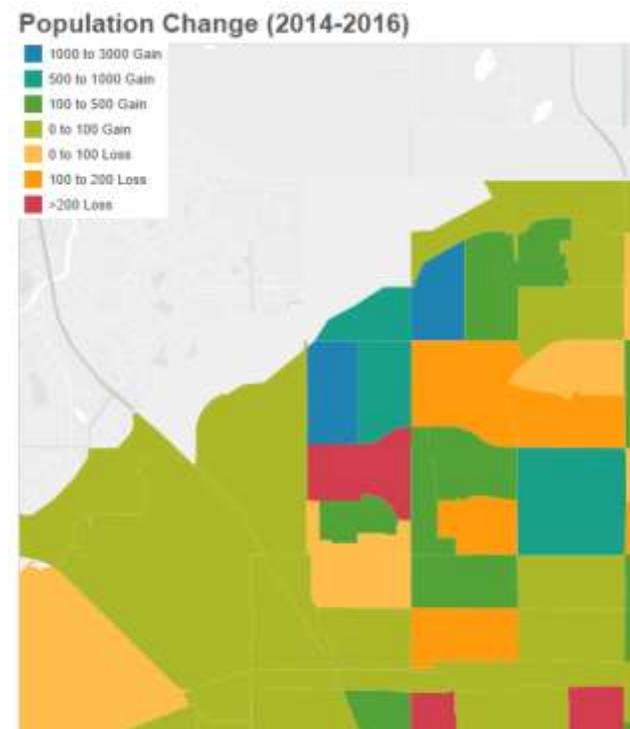


Figure 1: Change in population from 2014 to 2016 in the Edmonton-Calder electoral district (2016 City of Edmonton Municipal Census).

provincial average prior to the next Electoral Boundary Commission review if existing boundaries are not modified. It is recommended the Edmonton-Calder electoral district boundaries are modified to primarily include mature neighbourhoods to limit excessive population increases from approved residential development projects. Limiting future population increases is especially important as the population of Edmonton-Calder is already estimated as greater than the mean constituency size.



Smoothing the awkward geographic boundaries of the Edmonton-Calder electoral district (Figure 2) will allow for more effective representation as boundaries will be clearer (incorporating the natural boundaries of City of Edmonton neighbourhood designations) and population demographics/characteristics to be more homogenous. This recommendation would allow certain constituent populations to be incorporated into neighbouring electoral district better aligned with current demographics. For example, when the neighbourhoods in Edmonton-Calder are analyzed, Rural West Big Lake and Kinokamau Plains Area (on the west side of the electoral district), stand out as demographic outliers. As seen in the graphs below, the neighborhoods of Rural West Big Lake and Kinokamau Plains have lower levels of bilingualism and a higher percentage of household that only speak English (Figure 3).

Figure 2: Current Edmonton-Calder electoral district boundaries.

As seen in the graphs below, the neighborhoods of Rural West Big Lake and Kinokamau Plains have lower levels of bilingualism and a higher percentage of household that only speak English (Figure 3).

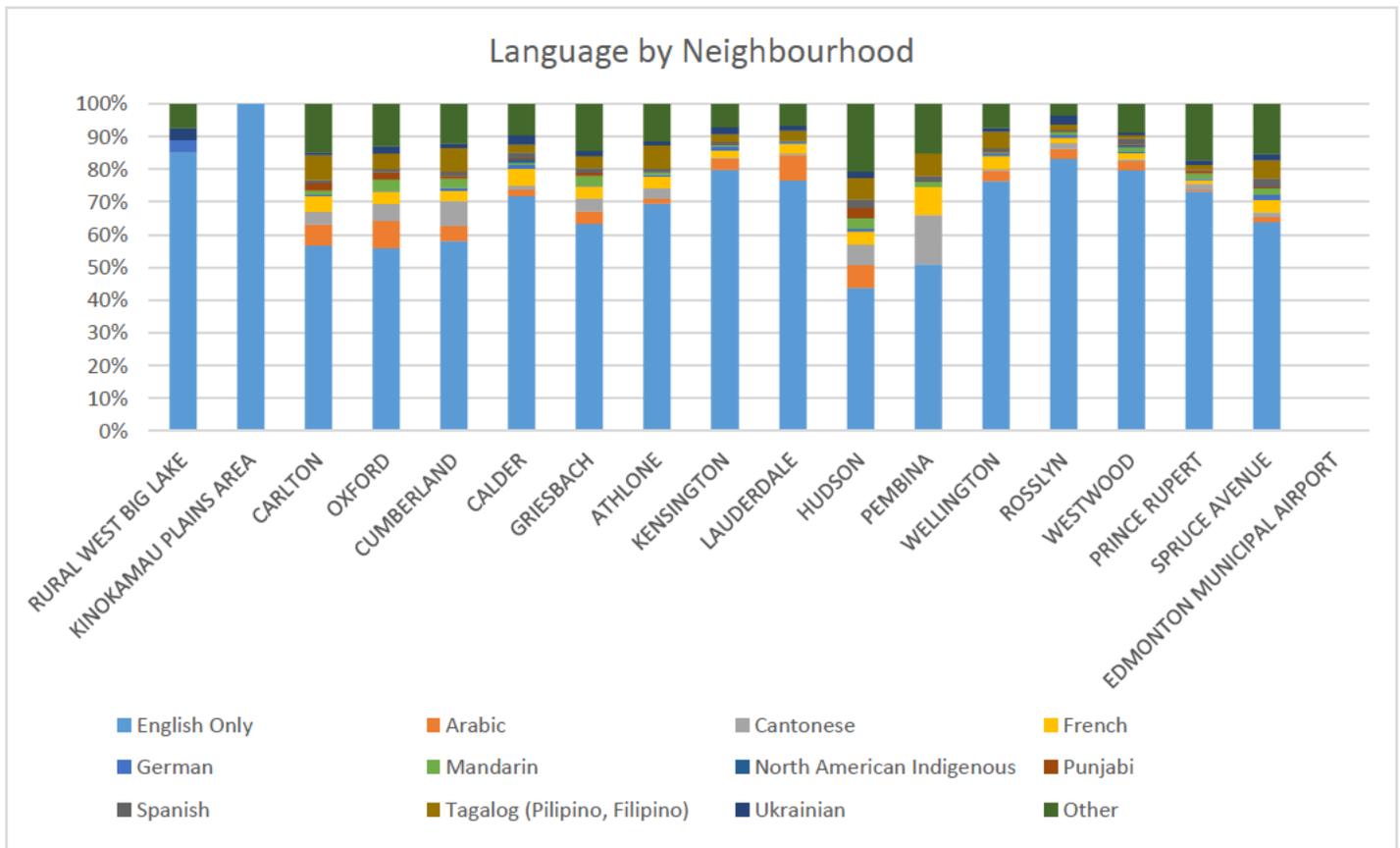


Figure 3: Language spoken by neighbourhoods within the Edmonton-Calder electoral district (2016 City of Edmonton Municipal Census).

Updating the boundaries of the Edmonton-Calder electoral district will allow for demographic homogeneity, clearer boundaries and effective representation. A more detailed submission will be provided to the Electoral Boundaries Commission during the next round of public consultations.



A Written Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission

By Duncan Kinney, Executive Director of Progress Alberta

Introduction

Greetings. It is my pleasure to produce a written submission for this first round of public consultations that the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission is facilitating. And while I know you're somewhat obligated to read what I submit I hope that this is a real, helpful contribution to the discourse and to your decision making process.

Progress Alberta is a non-profit communications and advocacy group that launched in January of 2016. The organization focuses on social justice, climate and energy and progressive political issues.

The executive director of Progress Alberta is Duncan Kinney, a communications and non-profit professional who is based in Edmonton, Alberta.

Progress Alberta has thousands of supporters all across Alberta that help keep us afloat. We also have an email newsletter that reaches tens of thousands of Albertans.

The importance of the work of the Boundaries Commission cannot be overstated.

More than any other single act, the recommendations of the commission will affect the opportunity for everyday Albertans to have their voice heard when it comes to the next election. Small changes in boundaries can have large effects on electoral results. Progress Alberta and its supporters have significant interest in the work of the commission. Fundamentally, there are two questions before the commission: the urban/rural split of seats, and the specific boundaries of each constituency.

Urban/Rural Divide Context

The question of how best to balance urban and rural representation continues to be a struggle. It is a widely held belief that the current rural representation in Alberta is too great, and at the expense of the residents of the major cities, who enjoy something less than representation by population.

However, the gold standard for electoral distribution in Canada is not representation by population but rather "effective representation."

Significantly, two court references – one appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada from Saskatchewan, and one from the Alberta Court of Appeal – lay out the extent which representation by population can take a back seat to other considerations, and have been broadly used to support the smaller size of rural constituencies. Under *Reference re Prov. Electoral Boundaries (Sask.)*, [1991] 2 S.C.R. 158, the Supreme Court justices, by 6-3 decision affirmed a province's right to set out considerations other than population:

The purpose of the right to vote enshrined in s. 3 of the Charter is not equality of voting power per se but the right to "effective representation". The right to vote therefore comprises many factors, of which equity is but one. The section does not guarantee equality of voting power ...

Relative parity of voting power is a prime condition of effective representation. Deviations from absolute voter parity, however, may be justified on the grounds of practical impossibility or the provision of more effective representation. Factors like geography, community history, community interests and minority representation may need to be taken into account to ensure that our legislative assemblies effectively represent the diversity of our social mosaic. Beyond this, dilution of one citizen's vote as compared with another's should not be countenanced.

So while the court affirmed the principle of effective representation, it set the limit to the dilution of one citizen's vote at that which is required to reach effective representation. In its decision on *Reference re: Electoral Divisions Statutes Amendment Act, 1993 (Alta.)*, the Alberta Court of Appeal gives further guidance and boundaries:

43. It is one thing to say that the effective representation of a specific community requires an electoral division of a below-average population. That approach invites specific reasons, and specific facts. The constitution of Canada is sufficiently flexible to permit disparity to serve geographical and demographic reality.

44. It is quite another to say that any electoral division, for no specific reason, may be smaller than average. In [Reference Re: Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, Alberta, 1992 1 W.W.R. 481 (Alta. C.A.)], we affirmed the first, not the second. We affirm again that there is no permissible variation if there is no justification. And the onus to establish justification lies with those who suggest the variation....

According to the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* the following criteria are to be used by the commission to help them in their duties

Relevant considerations

In determining the area to be included in and in fixing the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions, the Commission, subject to section 15, may take into consideration any factors it

considers appropriate, but shall take into consideration (emphasis added)

- (a) the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms,**
- (b) scarcity and density of population,**
- (c) common community interests and community organizations, including those of Indian reserves and Metis settlements,**
- (d) wherever possible, the existing community boundaries within the cities of Edmonton and Calgary,**
- (e) wherever possible, the existing municipal boundaries,**
- (f) the number of municipalities and other local authorities,**

- (g) geographical features, including existing road systems, and
- (h) the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries.

The commission “**may take into consideration any factors it considers appropriate,**” a key point. Past commissions have attempted to quantify the “geographical and demographic” realities that would require a deviation from the mean constituency size. In the case of the last Boundary Commission, the primary factors which guided the Commission’s recommendations included:

- Population
- Scarcity of population
- Community Interests
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Regardless of our recommendations the map will need a lot of work. There are four rural ridings that fall below the 25 per cent variance limit of 35,293

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
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| Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley | 23094 | -50.5 |
| Lesser Slave Lake | 27,663 | -40.8 |
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And there are seven urban ridings that have risen above the 25 per cent variance of 58,641 - Calgary-South East quite dramatically so.

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|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Calgary-South East | 92,148 | +97.3 |
| Edmonton-South West | 79,881 | +71.1 |

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| Calgary-McCall | 64,613 | +38.4 |
| Airdrie | 64,409 | +37.9 |
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Suggested Electoral Map Changes

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Split Drumheller-Stettler in half. The riding is 23% below the average electoral district population.

Merge part of Drumheller-Stettler with Battle River-Wainwright.

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In this case Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre would be the riding getting broken into its component parts. West Yellowhead is 32 per cent below the variance.

Add Rocky Mountain House to the West Yellowhead Riding. Rocky Mountain House shares a common landscape and proximity to the mountains with the West Yellowhead riding.

Take Sundre and add it to Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

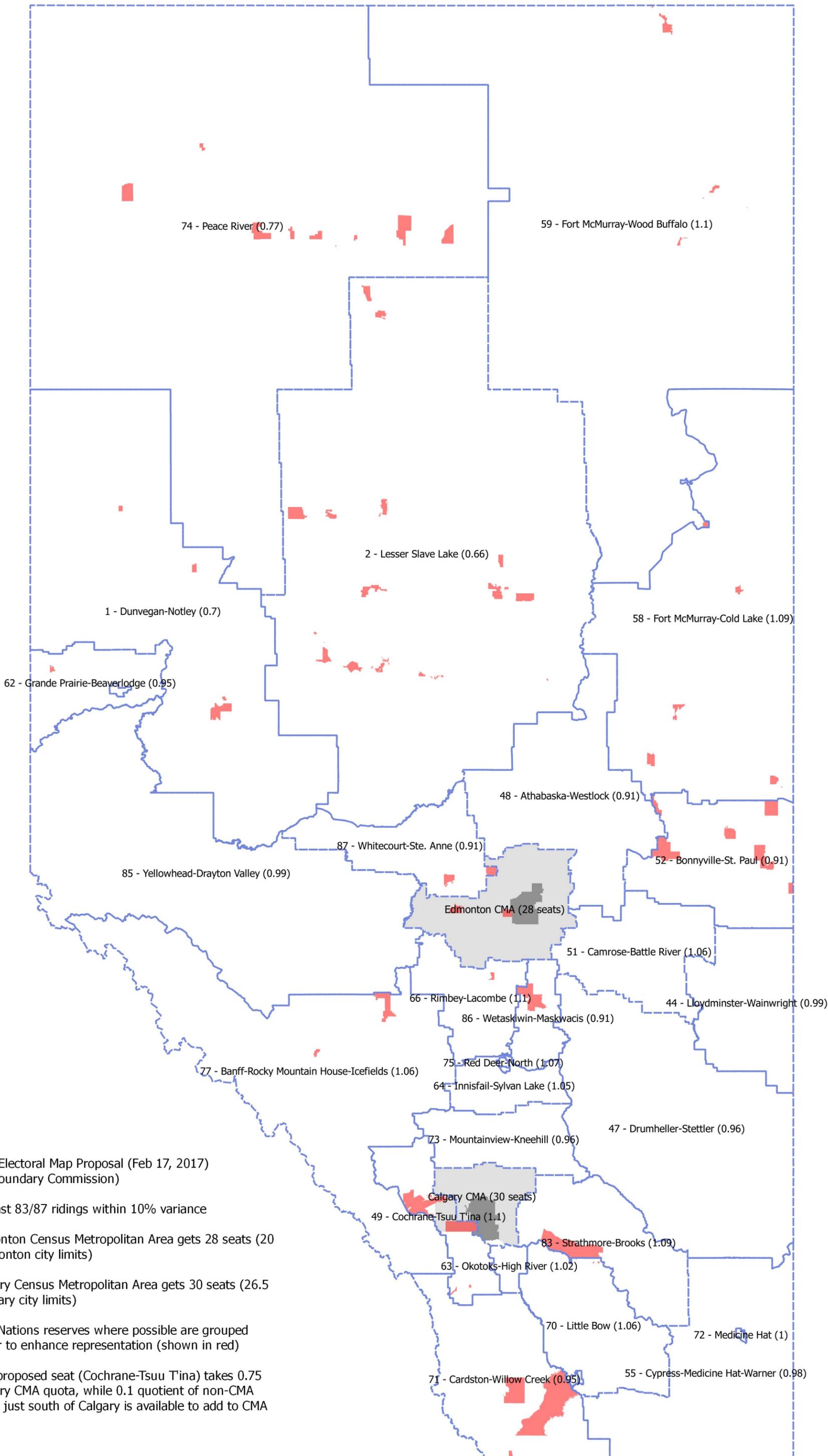
Take what's left of the north-central portion of Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre and distribute it amongst Innisfail-Sylvan Lake and Drayton Valley-Devon.

Submitted Map Notes

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(2017 Boundary Commission)

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| Cypress-Me | 0.98 | 45880 |
| Cardston-V | 0.95 | 44637 |
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| Yellowheac | 0.99 | 46380 |
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| Wetaskiwir | 0.91 | 43696 |
| Innisfail-Sy | 1.05 | 48397 |
| Mountainv | 0.96 | 46777 |
| Okotoks-Hi | 1.02 | 47817 |
| Strathmore | 1.09 | 51544 |
| Drumheller | 0.96 | 44939 |
| Lloydminst | 0.99 | 46256 |
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Attached is my written submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission. I've also attached the map from the 2015 provincial election. I will be submitting an updated written submission and map based on the newly released 2016 census data by the Feb. 17, 2017 deadline.

Thank you for your time.

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Introduction

Greetings. It is my pleasure to produce a written submission for this first round of public consultations that the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission is facilitating. And while I know you're somewhat obligated to read what I submit I hope that this is a real, helpful contribution to the discourse and to your decision making process.

Progress Alberta is a non-profit communications and advocacy group that launched in January of 2016. The organization focuses on social justice, climate and energy and progressive political issues.

The executive director of Progress Alberta is Duncan Kinney, a communications and non-profit professional who is based in Edmonton, Alberta.

Progress Alberta has thousands of supporters all across Alberta that help keep us afloat. We also have an email newsletter that reaches tens of thousands of Albertans.

The importance of the work of the Boundaries Commission cannot be overstated.

More than any other single act, the recommendations of the commission will affect the opportunity for everyday Albertans to have their voice heard when it comes to the next election. Small changes in boundaries can have large effects on electoral results. Progress Alberta and its supporters have significant interest in the work of the commission. Fundamentally, there are two questions before the commission: the urban/rural split of seats, and the specific boundaries of each constituency.

Urban/Rural Divide Context

The question of how best to balance urban and rural representation continues to be a struggle. It is a widely held belief that the current rural representation in Alberta is too great, and at the expense of the residents of the major cities, who enjoy something less than representation by population.

However, the gold standard for electoral distribution in Canada is not representation by population but rather "effective representation."

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The Alberta Energy Regulator has a robust online tool portal that allows you to access everything from an abandoned well map to regulatory proceedings to public notices of application. <http://portal.aer.ca/portal/site/srp>

And those are just three examples. These are services that Albertans could have potentially had to have gone to their MLA for in the past that are now easily available online. There is less of a reason to have a 25% variance and to privilege rural ridings over urban ridings than ever before.

Suggested Electoral Map Changes

Grande Prairie – This is one of the faster growing jurisdictions in Alberta. The current set up where the city of Grande Prairie is split in half and the outlying rural areas are used to fill out the population numbers means the city's urban residents are not effectively represented. Give the city of Grande Prairie one truly urban seat and have the other seat be a mix of urban and rural constituencies. Look to the ridings of Medicine Hat and Cypress-Medicine Hat as an example.

Fort McMurray – There is a massive population imbalance between the two Fort McMurray seats. Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo has seen massive population growth and was already much larger than Fort McMurray-Conklin to begin with. This must be addressed. Much like in Grande Prairie there is a strong argument to be made to have one truly urban seat and the other seat a mix of urban and rural constituencies. Look to the ridings of Medicine Hat and Cypress-Medicine Hat as an example.

Calgary – There are currently 25 seats in Calgary. Based on the commissions population estimates the average Calgary riding would, on average be 7.8 per cent above the electoral mean. This is far too high for effective representation for Alberta's largest city. In order to bring that number down to a more reasonable level one more seat should be added to Calgary. This new riding would most likely be in northeast Calgary and would pull from Calgary-Greenway, Calgary McCall and Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill. Massive population growth in Calgary-South East must also be addressed.

Edmonton – There are currently 19 seats in Edmonton. Based on the commissions population estimates the average Edmonton riding would, on average be 4.8 per cent above the electoral mean. This is again, much too high to ensure effective representation for Alberta’s second largest city. The two southern Edmonton ridings of Edmonton-Ellerslie and Edmonton-South West are bursting at the seams. One riding should be added to the Edmonton area and it should be added in southern Edmonton.

During this iteration of the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission no new seats are to be added. If we want to add new seats in areas of high population growth that means combining ridings that have low populations and low or negative growth. Here are some suggestions to aid the commission in adding urban seats while drafting their interim report.

Turn Drumheller-Stettler, Strathmore-Brooks, Battle River-Wainwright and Lacombe-Ponoka from four ridings into three ridings

Split Drumheller-Stettler in half. The riding is 23% below the average electoral district population. Merge part of Drumheller-Stettler with Battle River-Wainwright another riding right on the edge of the 25 per cent variance. Based on how you split Drumheller-Stettler some of Lacombe-Ponoka should probably be split off to fill out the riding. Then combine what’s left of Drumheller-Stettler with Strathmore-Brooks.

Turn Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater and Bonnyville-Cold Lake from four ridings into three ridings

Take the Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills riding, which is massive and has a variance of 22% and break off the northern part and add it to the Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater, a riding which has a variance 22% below the average. Take a portion of Lac-La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills and add it to the Bonnyville-Cold Lake riding with a variance of 19% below average. And finally, take the southern portion of Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills riding and add it to the Vermillion-Lloydminster riding, an area that is 17% under the average.

Turn Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, West Yellowhead, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake and Drayton Valley-Devon from five ridings into four ridings

In this case Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre would be the riding getting broken into its component parts. West Yellowhead is right on the edge of the 25 per cent variance. Add Rocky Mountain House to the West Yellowhead Riding. Rocky Mountain House shares a common landscape and proximity to the mountains with the West Yellowhead riding.

Take Sundre and add it Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

Take what’s left of the north-central portion of Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre and distribute it amongst Innisfail-Sylvan Lake and Drayton Valley-Devon.

Conclusion

- Keep the decision criteria matrix from the 2009/2010 Electoral Boundary Commission with one addition - language diversity
- Keep in mind that “common community interests” is poorly defined and can lead to poor decisions
- Self impose a population variance of 10 per cent from the average riding for 83 of 87 ridings
- Advances in internet connectivity and availability of government services online make rural ridings easier to serve
- Add one contiguous urban seat to both Fort McMurray and Grande Prairie. Make the second seat in both of those cities a mix of urban and rural constituencies. Look to Medicine Hat as a successful example

- To ensure effective representation add one more seat to Calgary
- To ensure effective representation add one seat to Edmonton
- Merge and combine several under populated rural ridings in order to accomplish this
- We are submitting the last electoral map but will be submitting a revised version based on census data by Feb. 17, 2017.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS
OF ALBERTA
 AS DEFINED BY
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Legend:

- Electoral Division Boundary as defined by Electoral Divisions Act, 2010
- City
- Urban Service Area
- Metis Settlement/Indian Reserve
- National Park

RED DEER

66 Lacombe-Ponoka
 75 Red Deer-North
 50-ST
 39-ST
 76 Red Deer-South

CITY OF RED DEER BOUNDARY

FORT MCMURRAY

59 Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo
 58 Fort McMurray-Conklin

CITY OF FORT MCMURRAY BOUNDARY

GRANDE PRAIRIE

CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE BOUNDARY

61 Grande Prairie-Smoky
 100 AVE
 62 Grande Prairie-Wapiti

LETHBRIDGE

CITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOUNDARY

69 Lethbridge-West
 68 Lethbridge-East

Edmonton

48 Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater
 37 Edmonton-Manning
 60 Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville
 29 Edmonton-Calder
 32 Edmonton-Decore
 28 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview
 39 Edmonton-Meadowlark
 34 Edmonton-Glenora
 31 Edmonton-Centre
 42 Edmonton-Edmonton-Gold Bar
 45 Edmonton-Riverview
 40 Edmonton-Mill Creek
 38 Edmonton-McClung
 43 Edmonton-Butherford
 41 Edmonton-Mill Woods
 46 Edmonton-Whitemud
 44 Edmonton-South West
 33 Edmonton-Ellerslie
 67 Leduc-Beaumont

Calgary

19 Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill
 54 Chestermere-Rocky View
 11 Calgary-Foothills
 23 Calgary-Northern Hills
 20 Calgary-McCall
 15 Calgary-Northern West
 26 Calgary-Varsity
 17 Calgary-Klein
 6 Calgary-Cross
 4 Calgary-Bow
 21 Calgary-Mountain View
 14 Calgary-East
 7 Calgary-Currie
 8 Calgary-Elbow
 14 Calgary-Greenway
 27 Calgary-West
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 12 Calgary-Fort
 13 Calgary-Glenmore
 3 Calgary-Abol
 16 Calgary-Hays
 10 Calgary-Fish Creek
 24 Calgary-Shaw
 18 Calgary-Lougheed
 25 Calgary-South East
 71 Livingstone-Macleod
 63 Highwood

ST ALBERT

79 Spruce Grove-St. Albert
 80 St. Albert

CITY OF ST ALBERT BOUNDARY

MEDICINE HAT

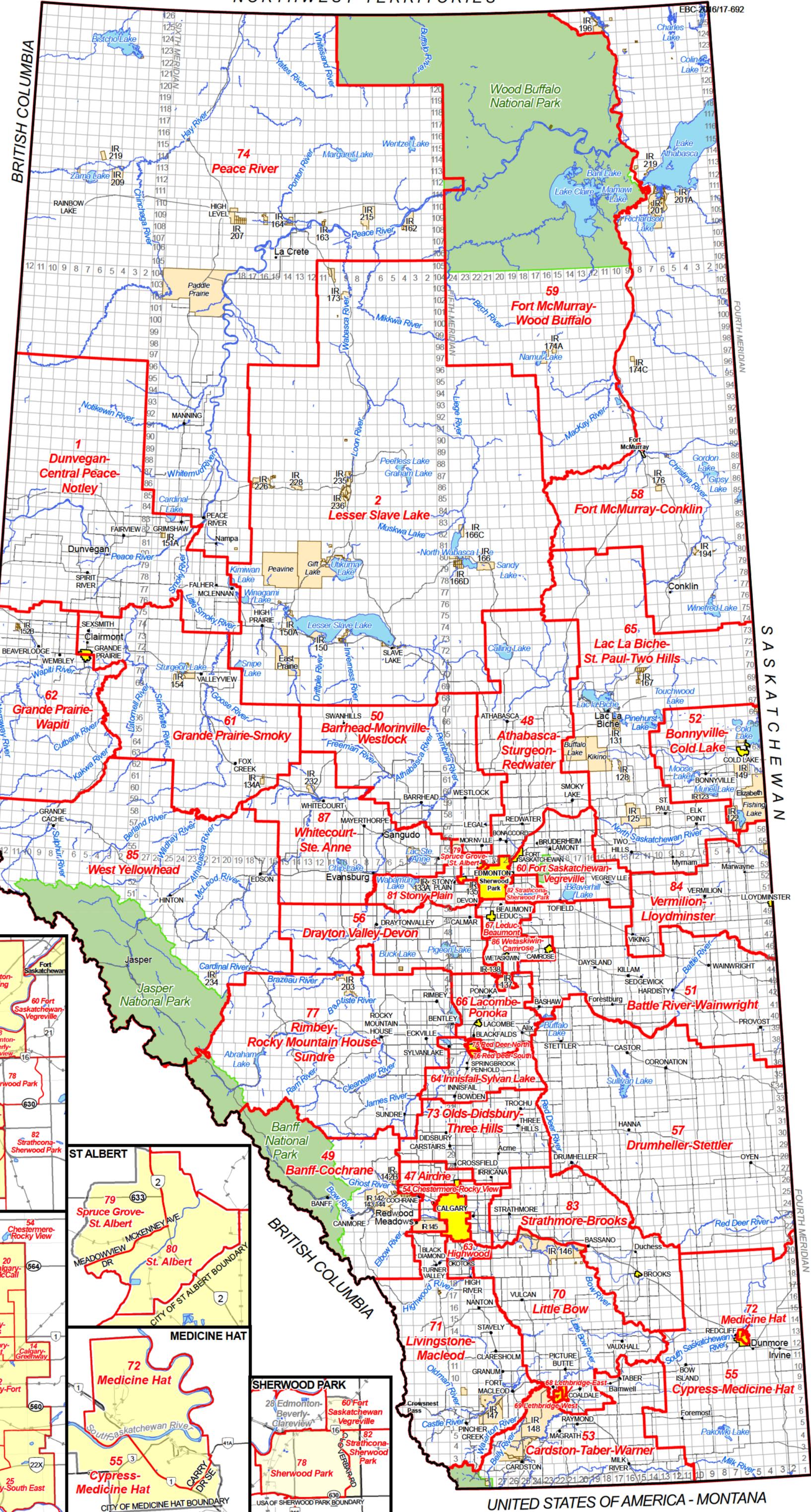
72 Medicine Hat
 55 Cypress-Medicine Hat

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT BOUNDARY

SHERWOOD PARK

28 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview
 60 Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville
 82 Strathcona-Sherwood Park
 78 Sherwood Park

CITY OF SHERWOOD PARK BOUNDARY



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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton - South West

Submission

Dear Commission Members,

The Edmonton - South West Wildrose Party Executive Board preference to the electoral boundary change for our riding would to move the southern-most boundary northward.

In other words, a southern strip of the riding should be subsumed by the adjacent ridings at the southern, south-eastern, and south-western end to the extent necessary to accommodate a fair population distribution.

The remainder of the riding should remain intact.

To be clear, our preference is that changes to Edmonton - South West boundary should all be made at the southern most part of the riding.

A further comment is that, where possible, the boundaries of the riding should be by streets and avenues rather than a geographical marker.

If you require further clarification, please telephone me at [REDACTED].

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Burns,

President, Edmonton - South West CA
Wildrose Party

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| Rural alberta currently has far too much voting power, especially given that most population growth is in urban areas. Please redefine the boundaries so that all votes are equal! |
| Thank you |
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| Innisfail - Sylvan Lake. |
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| <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Hello there. My name is Cameron Galisky and I am a concerned resident of Innisfail - Sylvan Lake. I have seen hearsay that there is some considerations to alter Innisfail - Sylvan Lakes boundaries. Allow me to outline my concerns within the following.</p> <p>1: If Red Deer North or Red Deer South are expanded at the expense of Innisfail - Sylvan Lake. There will be a residual problem with proper representation for rural interests within the confines of an Urban super majority.</p> <p>Both Red Deer North and Red Deer South have a large population who's interests are best reflected within the status quo of electoral riding boundaries.</p> <p>I thoroughly outline this because Innisfail - Sylvan Lake has a significant size about it. Something you are likely quite aware of. The variety of locations with the riding has allowed for an exceptionally varied and pluralistic connection of interests to manifest itself in the legislature. These interests would likely be muted if not entirely removed by having them incorporated in a riding with already present and presiding demands like Red Deer North or South.</p> <p>To this end I implore you to consider my own words and evaluate the sheer demographical difference between Innisfail - Sylvan Lake and the most likely benefactors in alteration.</p> <p>With sincere regards,</p> |

Cameron Robert Galisky.

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Through my own Municipal Council which I attend weekly.

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Edmonton-Strathcona

Submission

I believe it is important to not let population numbers be the only indicator of where we draw Electoral Boundaries.

When we look at rural riding, which sometimes cover many smaller towns and vast expansive areas, and the MLAs responsible for representing these areas, it is important to note the challenges by the sheer geographic size of these.

I believe Rural Alberta has its own challenges and resources that must be adequately addressed. I am firmly opposed to mixing Rural/Suburban ridings as the interests of either group are vastly different and each deserve representation.

It is important to recognize that rural Alberta is home to much of Alberta's natural resources, Alberta's wetlands and wildlife, and Indigenous populations that need adequate representation.

The assertion that rural Alberta is 'over-represented' is simply false as their representation represents geographically vast areas, as well as diverse resources and populations.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

February 8th, 2017

Introduction: Thank you for the opportunity to present my views to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. This is a valuable exercise for any Albertan that is interested in participating in the governance of the province. I have four main issues to discuss.

1. Transactions between MLAs and constituents

Many discussions, and certainly the presentations to these panels, focus on the problems that MLAs have in contacting or meeting with constituents. The panel has heard comments such as “...one heck of a car trip” ...takes hours to drive across” “.....how much area do you expect this guy to cover.” Obviously presenters have shone the light on the work of MLAs and provincial representatives and the time required for them to travel and meet constituents to get their messages out. Most of the presenters holding this view were involved in the partisan political process.

I want the panel to use an additional and different viewpoint. Attention needs to be focused on the constituent as a part of this interaction, and the constituent’s needs when access to the MLA is required.

There are several important aspects in this interaction, but communication is at the centre of this relationship. Several technological formats ease the handicap of distance for the MLA. These communication methods range from the telephone, video-conferences, television, and the internet. In addition there is the distribution of print materials, advertising mediums and the direct mail alternatives. In addition to, or instead of, the face-to-face meeting, there is a great range of possible communication formats for the MLA to choose.

But “good” communication is a two way street, so the communication from the constituent to the MLA is also paramount in this discussion. In simple terms, the above technological mediums are also available to the interested constituent; therefore there is not a huge impediment for the constituent, or the MLA, with regard to a preferred method for communicating with each other. This is particularly true at election time when constituent’s

mailboxes and air waves are overflowing with information from prospective MLAs to constituents.

But there is a specific communication issue for the constituent, and this manifests itself particularly after the election. It would appear that responses to the constituent's concerns are often given a low priority and are characterized by features such as: continuing busy signals, long waits for responses, no returned calls, non-answers from administrative staff, rushed or curt responses, partisan comments and calls referring you to other personnel or agencies. Are the MLAs too busy to attend to the needs of constituents?

It would appear that distance, area and media formats are not really the issue that is hampering 'good' communication; it is the dimension of time. What is most needed is time for the MLA to receive and respond to the constituent's concerns in a quick and efficient manner. And the main variable that directly affects the MLA's available time is the number of citizens in a particular constituency. This assumes that other variables are somewhat similar in nature for all MLAs, and that they have equitable workloads. Let's make the 'listening and responding' part of their workload equitable, by having equitable numbers of constituents for each MLA.

Recommendation: Individual MLAs should not have more time, or less time, than other MLAs for tending to constituent's concerns; but equal time to communicate effectively with constituents. They need an similar number of constituents among all electoral divisions, so the workload is equitable amongst all 87 MLAs and the service is effective for all 4 million plus Albertans. Access to an MLA will then be equitable for all Alberta constituents.

2. Variances (Plus/minus 25% and -50%)

The variances from the provincial average are probably the most difficult consideration that characterizes these hearings. Listening to the presenters will verify this observation. It appears that the variance of 25% has become a target - rather than a limit. Depending upon a presenter's bias it seems probable that citizens want their constituency to have a smaller population in order that their MLA have more time to devote to their concerns.

I implore the panel to keep 'zero variance' as an ideal target, as this is within the legislation. What is crucial to remember is that the variances were established as a limit. There is an implication that the ideal constituency size is close to the provincial average. Let's keep that as a goal. Granted, exact equal numbers may be difficult to achieve, but if you concentrate on the centre of the target, rather than the edges, one is most likely to hit the

bull's eye. I would like to use an axiom from the game of curling, which states "If you keep your eye on the broom, you are likely to hit it!" An allowable variance is no reason to lose sight of the target and overall goal of "effective representation."

Because "effective representation" is an abstract construct, I would like to illustrate how a variance can further deteriorate understanding of this concept by using several analogies that are rather concrete and vivid.

Imagine you enter a convenience store, near an electoral boundary, and want to buy a loaf of bread which was priced at one dollar. You submit your dollar and the clerk says that your dollar is only worth 75 cents (*because of a constituency variance*). Embarrassed, you dig into your pocket and find an extra 25 cents and claim your loaf of bread. You notice that another person is about to buy a loaf of bread. This second person also tenders a dollar, and the clerk says that his dollar is worth \$1.25 (*because of a different constituency variance*). Imagine how the first person feels when his extra 25 cents is handed over as change to the second person (*all because of the variances*).

Athletes would be puzzled if they entered a one kilometer race and were told that, based on the constituency they live in, they have to begin the race further back, one mile from the finish line. (*I use this example because the ratio of kilometer to mile is almost exactly the ratio of a constituency with a 25% under-representation compared to a constituency with a 25% over-representation.*)

It is patently unfair for our MLAs to legislate that the panel apply a variance of 25% plus/minus for constituencies; unless - the same legislators would also insist that all their votes in caucus be prorated according to the votes received in the last election. Would the MLAs also agree to prorate their voting at the assembly according to the number of people they represent at the constituency level? How likely is that to happen? Because a prorated vote by MLAs is unlikely to happen; the only alternative left for the panel is to determine the borders of electoral divisions in an equitable fashion so that there is no need for prorated voting by MLAs – end of problem.

There is a positive way for the panel to use the variances by modestly (+/- 5%) taking into account the potential increases or decreases of the constituency population, and attempt to be close to the target numbers on the day the election takes place. Being right at the moment is easy; being right in the distant future is more difficult and requires prophetic talent.

***Recommendation:** The present 25% plus/minus variance is a feature that compounds the difficulty of reaching ‘equitable representation.’ It stretches the fairness index and promotes further deterioration of democracy; and should be reduced. Only after a provincial average is determined and temporary boundaries have been “penciled in,” should modest variances (5% plus/minus) be applied to anticipated increases and decreases in population numbers.*

3. Engaging the young voter

My grave concern is that the process of setting electoral boundaries will affect the young voter’s and the soon-to-be voter’s participation rate. This group has many cynical views about the political world that adults have constructed. This is most evident when they use excuses for abstaining from voting by saying “my vote doesn’t count for much,” or an expression of defeat when they say “my vote does not count.”

Using the figures from low voter turnouts at previous provincial elections as a guide, I expect that the ‘young’ voter’s turnout are probably continuing. What are the reasons for this abstinence? What leads them to dropout from voting, arrange for vote swapping, or spoil their ballots?

It would be ludicrous to suggest that boundary divisions are the cause of teenage malaise; but it is not unreasonable to suggest that equitable boundary divisions may help to encourage the young voter by demonstrating that there is no built-in unfairness. Explaining the present inequities in electoral divisions to a teenager would be similar to trying to explain that his Slurpee is going to cost him 50 cents more, or less, than his friend’s Slurpee; simply because they live in different constituencies.

***Recommendation:** The panel should keep the young voter’s needs in mind when setting equitable electoral divisions in order to demonstrate the basis of “effective representation” as a vital part of the democratic process.*

4. “Effective” Representation

During the presentations to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission panel, and also in the accompanying materials, many terms have been used to describe the features of the task at hand, namely dividing the province into electoral divisions for ‘effective’ representation. Some presenters have used “fair” and “reasonable” to describe the final outcome. The term “equal” has come up, although it has been countered that to make the

divisions equal is impractical at best and impossible at worst. I prefer to use the word “equitable”, because it takes the hard edge off the word “equal” and suggests there was some accommodation.

The legislation introduces the section on ‘Relevant Considerations’ by citing the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Then the legislation goes on to list several other considerations about the redistribution rules which may appear to be of equal weighting to the Charter reference. Some of these points appear to be countering the Charter, almost to the point that the proverbial “notwithstanding clause” floats into mind. The panel should review this section of the legislation to reinforce the tenet that the Charter criterion is the primary consideration and all other features are secondary in nature. Indeed, some accommodations appear to be actual hindrances or obstacles, perhaps making it impossible for the panel to achieve their objective of equitable electoral divisions which could meet the test of “effective representation.” It would be prudent to have this protocol well developed and prioritized before application to specific boundary issues.

The exercise of adjusting electoral divisions has to endure two significant difficulties; namely, out-of-date statistics prior to the final report, and obsolete numbers once the report is published. This is the nature of the beast; and constituents need to accept numbers which were published in the commission materials e.g. provincial average of 48,884. Further population updates will clarify the overall population distribution picture and the trends therein. These statistics will be crucial because Alberta had substantial growth since the last redistribution and this growth was in the larger urban centres, and not in the rural areas. This recent trend further exacerbates the urban/rural split.

The second handicap for the final report of the panel is the lapsed time between submitting the final report and the call of the next election which could be between 2 and 3 years.

Although some of these issues are not within the panel’s purview, they may be at the root of many dilemmas. The panel should outline these issues in their final report in order to establish an agenda for the next redistribution. In my opinion there are too many electoral divisions. It appears to me that the number of people that a city alderman or a federal MP represents should be similar to that of a provincial representative. The work is similar in nature although that the jurisdiction is different. Provincial representatives are just as capable to represent a similar size of constituency as a city alderman or a federal MP. On the flip-side, I don’t want cities to double the number of aldermen or the federal government doubling the number of constituencies because they want to mirror the provincial sizes of electoral

divisions. Would we really notice if we had fewer MLAs? Probably not, but we certainly would notice if we have too many MLAs!

***Recommendation:** Extensive electoral reforms need to be undertaken to address the perceived democratic deficit with regard to electoral boundaries. The objective would be to increase the participation of Albertans and maintain or reduce the number of MLAs in the electoral process. More consultation and input from Albertans should be undertaken before legislation and guidelines are adopted for the establishment of equitable electoral boundaries*

Postlude:

After writing this submission, I feel cautiously optimistic about your task at hand. I wish patience and understanding in your deliberations; and above all, wisdom in making your decisions. I await your report.

My Background:

- I am not a municipal or civic official,
- not a member of a political party,
- not an official of a political association,
- (There is nothing wrong with the above positions, but there may be a built-in bias)

- I am an Albertan, born here, educated, worked and now retired,
- lived in 6 constituencies, 3 rural and 3 urban,
- voted in every provincial election (14 ?) since I was eligible
- read the legislation and material; and listened to presentations

- This is input from one constituent,
- Thank You

Leonard Sorochan

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| <p>Official Submission by the PCAA to the Electoral Boundaries Commission 2017</p> <p>February 8, 2017</p> <p>On behalf of the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, I submit this recommendation for revised electoral boundaries.</p> <p>Commonalities</p> <p>Our first request is to account for commonalities in constituencies as much as possible. Constituencies in which populations are split apart in the roadways they use, schools they attend, and healthcare facilities they access limits the ability of the MLA to adequately gauge the need the constituency.</p> <p>In general, however, this serves as an example of how the Electoral Boundaries Commission may seek to find commonalities among populations where possible, and that boundary lines be drawn along natural boundaries, including bodies of water, highways and other major arteries, and include shared schools and healthcare facilities. For example, Edmonton-Riverview, Edmonton-Southwest, Calgary-Fort and Chestermere-Rockyview, have disparate commonalities -- they cross natural boundaries like rivers and major roadways, while contorting around other communities with whom they share similar concerns or may have strong relationships with. Edmonton-Riverview, as we've noted here, spans communities that, while they inhabit the same city, may never interact with one another, in addition to spanning the North Saskatchewan River. The constituencies should follow a logical design and nomenclature that does not separate neighbours and is clear to its residents.</p> <p>Ease of Participation and Access</p> |

Another piece of feedback we have received from PC members is that some of the existing rural constituencies are challenging to travel around, and thereby organize volunteers or convene with their elected representative.

In some northern and southern constituencies such as Peace River and Drumheller-Stettler, this distance is unavoidable, and to a certain degree, expected. In some areas, however, this is proving to be an onerous distance. A return trip of four to five hours to attend a meeting or town hall (which itself may be two hours) is untenable for many, and costly in terms of fuel resources. This lack of access can lead to Albertans being disconnected from the political process.

Some argument has been made to this Commission that the advent of new technology, particularly video conferencing, may be an acceptable substitute for direct access to elected officials. We cannot disagree with this sentiment more. Not only is reliable high-speed internet access still a major concern in many parts of this province, but it is not an acceptable substitute for interaction with either your elected representative or other citizens in your area. Many MLAs, across party lines, may attest to the impact that face-to-face meetings have had on their work.

While a number of rural MLAs accommodate distance by having multiple offices, constituency associations, volunteers and residents do not have the same resources. To encourage participation at the local level, we must address some of the barriers that prevent involvement.

Rural-Urban Constituencies

Our final recommendation to the Commission is with respect to the blending of rural and urban constituencies.

It has been customary in the recent past to preserve a stringent divide between urban and rural representation. This is a noble effort, and respects the autonomy of some communities, however it does not perhaps serve the interests of these communities in the long term. For instance, a rural community that is politically separated from its urban centre, yet relies on that urban centre as a major resource may find itself with no representation in a community that it nonetheless belongs to.

The practice of separating rural and urban constituencies has also resulted in entire constituencies being subsumed in another constituency. We believe that citizens and their concerns might be better represented if there was a stronger mix of urban-rural constituencies. For example, Red Deer North and Red Deer South are completely enveloped by the larger, rural constituency of Innisfail-Sylvan Lake. We believe that the people of Red Deer and the surrounding communities might be better served if they were three mixed ridings, since they share economic concerns. Shared commonalities may factor into how this mix is decided.

Conclusion

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta respectfully submits to the Electoral Boundaries Commission this recommendation.

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Calgary Mackay Nose Hill

Submission

The NDP Calgary Mackay Nose Hill Electoral District Association would like to urge the Commission to carefully consider the boundaries in north Calgary as they determine the new electoral map. As it stands currently, there are communities which might be better represented if more attention was paid to natural divisions created by geography and existing roadways, as well as the neighbourhood boundaries and interests of each community. The progression of growth that has happened and that is continuing in Calgary's north should be considered, including the distinct needs and interests of new communities and areas.

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| I do think that consideration regarding a balance between Rural and Urban is important. We as a province do export commodities and therefore a balanced voice should be considered for representation. Urban could overwhelm the rural concerns. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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Subject: Fw: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission submission
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 11:55:44 AM

From: Sharon Rubuliak [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission submission

I've read the description of the AEBC and the FAQs on the Commission's website.

I believe first and foremost that the boundaries should be adjusted to better reflect the principle of "one person, one vote". The vote of people in urban constituencies should carry as much weight as that of rural Albertans as much as possible.

Secondly, I believe the legislated variance of 25% is too large and should be scaled back to 15%. The more Alberta's population grows, the greater the disparity grows in the weight of votes between the largest and the smallest constituencies.

Thirdly, notwithstanding the importance of the above two points, I believe care must be taken to guard against the tyranny of the majority. I agree with Madame Justice Beverly McLachlin's assessment that "factors like geography, community history, community interests and minority representation may need to be taken into account to ensure that our legislative assemblies effectively represent the diversity of our social mosaic."

I look forward to the Commission's recommendations and to their implementation before the next provincial election.

Sharon Rubuliak
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Date:

Fw: Website submission from Rick Lundy
Thursday, February 9, 2017 11:55:51 AM

From: Rick Lundy [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Rick Lundy

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| Calgary Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Northern Hills |
| Submission |
| I worry that changing the boundaries will negatively affect the chances of us ever getting a high school in the area. We continually liaise with Government regarding infrastructure and changing this boundary can affect years of working with Government to educate Government on the needs and wants of Northern Hills. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other |
| Our MLA |

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From: Robert McDonald [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Robert McDonald

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| St. Albert Map It |
| Submission |
| I would like to see the maximum variance reduced to +/- 10% of the mean and the constituency allocation better reflect the true Urban/Rural distribution of the population. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail) |

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From: Michael and Elva Jones [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Michael and Elva Jones

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Riverview |
| Submission |
| [REDACTED] Edmonton [REDACTED] |
| Good afternoon |
| We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the discussion about Alberta provincial electoral boundaries. We have examined population data for each Alberta riding on your website comparing 2011 and estimates for 2016. As well, we have examined the 2015 provincial election results before making our comments. |
| The 25% variance either way is much too generous. Examining both 2011 and 2016 figures it is very obvious that the votes of some people are dramatically worth more than others For example, the vote of eligible voters in Dunvegan-Central-Peace-Notley (population 25,192) is worth three times more than the vote of eligible voters in Calgary-South East (population 79,034) using 2016 population estimates and assuming the percentage of eligible voters in each riding is roughly equal. This is clearly unacceptable and puts voters in the latter riding at a clear disadvantage. |
| We understand the variance in Saskatchewan is 5% either way, and other jurisdictions allow a variance of 10%. Using either of these solutions will clearly make the value of each vote more equal. Our personal preference would be 5%. If boundaries are to be adjusted every five years for example, at the end of the five years the variance for some ridings will likely be greater than the 5% as the 2011/2016 figures for Calgary-South East clearly indicate. As the population increases overall, and the trend to greater urbanization continues it may be deemed necessary to increase the number of ridings at some time in the future. |

Traditionally rural or perhaps mixed rural/urban ridings have been disadvantaged, probably more the former, because population numbers have become lower over time. The practice has been to permit rural ridings to exist with fewer numbers than urban ridings as MLAs face difficulties reaching out to constituents. With available technologies this issue can more easily be overcome. In any event, the concept of ensuring one person, one vote with reasonable variance due to shifting populations, the representation in the Alberta Legislature becomes more democratic as the worth of each vote becomes more equal.

Examining the 2016 estimates indicates several instances of glaring inequality. However, in an overall sense using the 46,749 persons per riding average, it would appear that while adjustments are warranted in a number of cases the changes to be made may not be terribly dramatic in many cases using a 5% variance, and less so with a 10% variance. To assist MLAs in more sparsely populated ridings more resources could be allocated to allow them to be better able to connect with constituents. As all ridings become more equal in population perhaps resources can be reallocated to better serve this purpose.

It is clear that change is necessary. The 25% variance has to go as it is outdated and does not take into account the dramatic population changes we have experienced recently. Our personal view is that a 5% variance will best equalize the worth of each Alberta voter. As well, advances in technology will ameliorate the problem of MLAs being able to connect with constituents over long distances. Reallocation of certain resources may reduce the costs of this extra support. At some point perhaps the number of ridings may have to be increased due to population increase and continued migration to urban areas. The goal should be to better honour the concept of one person, one vote.

Sincerely,

Michael and Elva Jones

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper
- Other

Friends

Subject: Fw: Website submission from Michael Mooney
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From: Michael Mooney [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 4:32 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Michael Mooney

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary-Currie

Submission

1. North and West Boundaries: The north and west boundaries are properly set up along natural boundaries. I believe that this part of the riding should stay the same. With the Bow river and Sarcee Trail acting as these boundaries.
2. Eastern Boundary: I believe that this boundary should be extended along 14th Street SW to 33 Ave. This will help the riding maintain a more community feel. Instead of splitting it up. The boundary should also be extended along Crowchild trail down to Glenmore. This will once again help with keeping the community in the riding as best as possible.
3. Southern Boundary: Here the boundary should go from Sarcee Trail to Crowchild along Glenmore. This will provide a nice natural boundary and allow for better representation for the community.
4. I don't believe that these additions would make Calgary-Currie to large in terms of population.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Facebook

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Subject: Website submission from Emily Haines

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| Electoral Constituency |
| Spruce Grove-St Albert |
| Submission |
| <p>The current composition of Spruce Grove- St. Albert includes two large and distinct urban municipalities, a first nation, rural lands, and parts of Sturgeon and Parkland counties. It is a large, diverse constituency that has experienced a growth in population that is projected to continue. In particular both St. Albert and Spruce Grove are projecting to add significant population to the Constituency in the coming years.</p> <p>The projected current population of the Constituency is very close to the 25% variance of the quotient (122% as estimated by the Boundaries Commission) and growth is expected to increase, meaning that some parts of the Constituency should be transferred to neighbouring Constituencies which have less population in order to remain within the allowable variance.</p> <p>The Commission is urged to consider these factors when considering their work in redistribution, particularly respecting municipal boundaries, keeping communities of interest intact, and the ability of the elected member to effectively represent the constituents.</p> |
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Spruce Grove
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Electoral Constituency

Spruce Grove - St. Albert

Submission

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How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kristopher Barker
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 11:59:02 AM

From: Kristopher Barker [REDACTED]
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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Kristopher Barker

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Gold Bar |
| Submission |
| <p>Refrain from large scale pizza slice shaped boundaries that extend from urban to rural. They are too large geographically, which creates a demographic that is too diverse to effectively serve the needs of everyone. Focus on natural geographic boundaries.</p> <p>Rural Alberta has its own unique challenges and issues - do not intertwine rural and urban boundaries.</p> <p>If the geographic area is too large, both the MLA and Constituents, will not be as well represented because they are not able to easily visit(face to face meetings and interactions) each other on the respective issues.</p> <p>Also, as previously mentioned urban and rural areas have different issues, and as such, need to be represented in a fair manner. Simply dividing boundaries by population will not enable a constituency to be governed fairly when the rural area may have multiple school boards, First Nations lands and different county's and rural municipalities - whereas the urban area has an entire different set of factors that make up their political, economic, socio-cultural, and technological, ecosystem. Consequently, amalgamating urban and rural areas into one electoral boundary will create a more complex area to represent and render it more difficult to be represented by the respective MLA.</p> <p>Do not decrease the number of rural seats. Rural ridings need to be represented fairly and have both, complex, and unique, issues. If the number of seats are decreased and amalgamated with urban ridings, there is a greater risk of the rural constituents not being fairly represented.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |

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Friends.

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Subject: Website submission from Tyler Wright

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary Currie

Submission

Hello and Good Day,

So in regards to my riding, here are the changes that I believe will make it a better reflection of the constituents.

For the North and West boundaries, they are sufficient where they are. Being as Sarcee and Bow trail are natural boundaries, makes changes to these are unnecessary.

As for the Eastern Boundary, this ought to be extended along 14th Street SW all the way to 33rd Ave SW, and then along Crowchild Trail SW all the way to Glenmore Trail. Again, these will serve as "natural boundaries" and the extension of 14th Street SW follows the division the City of Calgary currently uses to distinguish between "downtown" and the rest of the city proper.

Finally for the Southern Boundary, it should run east - west along 33rd Ave and then along Glenmore Trail in the south. This, again, would follow both "natural boundaries" within the city as well as ensuring that complete communities are integrated into the riding.

I hope the commission finds my points insightful, and I appreciate them for taking the time to go over my submission

Regards

Tyler Wright

How did you hear about the review?

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Fw: Website submission from Graham Sucha
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Electoral Constituency

Calgary-Shaw

Submission

As MLA of the area I have had the opportunity to build strong relations with many of the communities and residence in the riding. With that being said, I know that other political parties who have focused on community engagement have done the same. That is why I hope most changes should be minor. I would argue to try to drop and add only one community association maximum.

In south Calgary one thing that I have noticed is that many community associations either work together or exist as one entity. Examples are Sundance and Midnapore being one community association, also Somerset and Bridlewood being another. This sometimes is not taken into account when drawing boundaries and leads to confusion by residence over who is responsible for which area. For example my office quite often receives calls from Bridlewood which is in the constituency of Calgary- Lougheed because they share a community association with Somerset which falls in my riding of Calgary-Shaw.

I also recognize that there is significant growth in the south end of the city which would require ridings to add population. I would then argue because of forecasted growth that is happening along MacLeod Trail in Shawnessy (higher density housing) and the delay in the development occurring in Shawnee Slopes (completion of the area not occurring for approximately 10 years which is when another review would occur) that I add the community of Bridlewood to Calgary Shaw and give Lougheed the community of Shawnee Slopes because the latter is small and Lougheed falls more north than Calgary Shaw does. Lougheed could also absorb the future community of Providence which will start development relatively soon as well as.

I want to thank the panel for its consideration and look forward to findings of its review.

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- Other

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Fw: Website submission from Brandy Mitchell
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From: Brandy Mitchell [Redacted]
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Subject: Website submission from Brandy Mitchell

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| ST. ALBERT Map It |
| Submission |
| Each vote should be counted equally |
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| Lethbridge, Alberta Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Little Bow |
| Submission |
| As the town of Gleichen is cut in half, with part included in Little Bow and part in Strathmore-Brooks, and that Strathmore-Brooks shares the Northern boundary with Little Bow, I would recommend that Strathmore-Brooks be part of Little Bow. |
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From: Darwin Durnie [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 5:17 PM

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Subject: Website submission from Darwin Durnie

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| Sylvan Lake Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Innisfail - Sylvan Lake |
| Submission |
| I believe there to be three options 1. Status Quo - do not change - add more exceptions 2. Fix the number of seats in Edmonton and Calgary - at 17 each and keep all others the same resulting in 76 ED's Rationale is based on algaby and Edmonton gaining city charters that will have disproportionate influence compared to other municipalities 3. Provide new boundaries at 87 that reflect the current 87 but make the boundaries coterminous where possible with municipal boundaries I will be sending maps in .shp under separate cover |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: Matthew Brayford [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Matthew Brayford

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton Strathcona |
| Submission |
| <p>I write with concerns pertaining to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.</p> <p>I believe as an urban Albertan, that we must acknowledge the importance of Rural Alberta and all that they provide to those of us living in Urban Centres. This includes but is not limited to; our agriculture industry, tourism, and much of our resource sector.</p> <p>The proposition to concentrate ridings in urban centres and to lessen the number of ridings in rural Alberta, is short sighted. Firstly, we must bring into account the special economic activities and interests of Rural Albertans. These include rural water issues, agriculture, wetlands, wildlife, as well as the sheer size of rural ridings and the jobs of the MLA's to represent both a diverse geographic area and diverse population.</p> <p>I would recommend the committee not use only population as a marker to determine boundaries.</p> <p>I would also recommend, as per the electoral representation in Canada in our constitution, and following the line that there not be less seats than in 1985, I would recommend we freeze the number of rural Alberta seats to the 2015 level.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook |



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Fw: Website submission from Cheryl Lonsdale
Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:39:09 PM

From: Cheryl Lonsdale [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 5:47 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Cheryl Lonsdale

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| Donnelly Map It |
| Submission |
| I am not the only one that doesnt drive in our village of donnelly. The Village of Donnelly has always been there own electoral boundry. For myself i was able to vote in Donnelly and i have seniors walking the electoral station. Which is more convient for those that dont drive. The last election was a real pain to get to the electoral station like i said before i dont drive. Its easier to be right in Donnelly. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Fw: Electoral boundaries
Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:39:26 PM

From: Don Bartell [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 6:06 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral boundaries

I am concerned that rural ridings will lose representation if hybrid ridings are implemented .

Sincerely,

Don Bartell,
Sundre, AB

Sent from my iPhone



Subject:
Date:



Fw: Website submission from Sabin Cotfas
Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:39:36 PM

From: Sabin Cotfas [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 6:08 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sabin Cotfas

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| Address |
| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Strathcona |
| Submission |
| There is an unacceptable disproportionality in our provincial electoral districts, where some districts contain half the population of others, and yet are granted a similar say in the Alberta Legislature. Please ensure that equal representation is given to all Alberta's citizens. |
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Fw: Submission

Date:

Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:42:44 PM

From: Marshall Boyd [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, February 8, 2017 6:31 PM**To:** Info - EBC**Subject:** Submission

Hello,

It is an important aspect of democracy that all citizens' votes are treated equally. Under our current distribution of electoral districts, this is not the case. Allowing 25 percent variance in the population of districts means that some citizens are able to elect a representative with far fewer votes than others. The Electoral Boundary Commission should do away with the 25% variance and allow for no more than five percent variance in the population of electoral districts.

The argument has been put forward that physically large districts should be allowed a smaller population due to the difficulty of reaching all the constituents. This is true, if representatives were able to receive feedback only directly and in-person. With the technology available today, constituents have access to a variety of methods of providing feedback that don't require them to travel any distance (phone, email, twitter, facebook).

Albertans living in urban areas should not have less representation than those in rural areas, and nor should they have more. A more equal distribution of the population is a more equal distribution of democracy.

Some measure of aesthetics should also be applied to electoral districts. Looking at electoral districts, particularly in urban areas, it is difficult to tell where or why a district ends. Neighbourhoods that share schools, and community associations are, at times, split in half for no discernible reason. Where possible, neighbourhoods should be kept in the same electoral district. Electoral districts that look oddly shaped breed distrust: why were they shaped in such a way. Edmonton-Calder narrows and expands, trading blocks with neighbouring electoral districts; Calgary-MacKay-Nose Hill nearly surrounds Calgary-Northern Hills entirely. They look like they are gaming the system, whether or not this is true.

I appreciate your work and look forward to your report strengthening our democracy.

Marshall Boyd

Subject: Fw: Website submission from Robert Pollard
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:42:44 PM

From: Robert Pollard [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 7:12 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Robert Pollard

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Robert Pollard

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Phone[REDACTED] **Address**Edmonton
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Edmonton Rutherford

Submission

I think that the constituency boundaries should reflect the population within them. True representation by population. Why should sparsely populated rural areas have more seats than more heavily populated urban areas. This is patently unfair and undemocratic to those living in more populated areas by undervaluing their votes compared to those living in sparsely populated areas.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
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Fw: Alberta's Constituency Boundaries Review - Input
Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:42:51 PM

From: DENNIS MILLER [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 7:18 PM
To: Info - EBC
Cc: millerwa; Info - EBC
Subject: Alberta's Constituency Boundaries Review - Input

Commissioners,

I reside in the #48 Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater constituency. A largely rural constituency directly North of Edmonton. I own a small acreage in a country residential bedroom community commonly referred to as the Sturgeon Valley. Sturgeon Valley is not incorporated and is simply an residential area within the County of Sturgeon. There are approx. 1000 country residences and a population of 3000-4000 persons in Sturgeon Valley. The area is immediately North East of the city limits of St. Albert and North of the city limits of Edmonton. Sturgeon Valley has the fastest growing population of the Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater constituency. Sturgeon Valley is a bedroom community of large urban centers and has its own distinct issues and interests very different from the rest of the constituency.

As a bedroom community composed of small acreages lying immediately next to large urban centers I believe our interests are not well served by a large rural constituency composed of farms and small centers stretching far to the North and far from our immediate area. I request our area be included within a constituency that lies close to Greater Edmonton and includes large numbers of other acreages and county residences. Residents of such a "bedroom" constituency would have common issues and needs and could be better served by its elected representative.

Thank you,
Dennis Miller
Sturgeon County



Subject:
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Fw: Website submission from Geneve Champoux
Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:43:55 PM

From: Geneve Champoux [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 7:35 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Geneve Champoux

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| Edmonton Map It |
| Electoral Constituency |
| Edmonton MillWoods |
| Submission |
| There is a disproportionately high weighting on rural votes over urban votes, and our elections do not fairly represent the needs and values of Albertans. I would like for electoral boundaries to be reviewed and for every vote in Alberta to carry the same weight. |
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Subject: Website submission from Ray Fennema

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| Submission |
| I think the electoral boundaries should be looked at very closely. I feel that rural areas have boundaries that include a lot less population than in the cities, meaning that rural voters have more more than one vote per person. Also, Edmonton always seems to get less than their fair share of representation, so that should be looked into as well. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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| My sister told me. |

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From: Colleen Munro [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 8:30 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Colleen Munro

Name

Colleen Munro

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AddressRocky View County, AB
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Airdrie

Submission

I would like to urge the Commission, in the strongest way possible, to please respect the local community history, natural trading/economic patterns and transportation corridors in making its decision to re-balance constituencies.

Please DO NOT diminish the voice of rural voters who live next to growing urban constituencies JUST to balance the voter numbers.

I live in the "western" finger of the Airdrie constituency that was taken away from Banff-Cochrane in the last review. Rural voters are so few here that we make no difference to the local MLA, whose greater audience live in the City of Airdrie. Our provincial/political issues have very little, if any at all, intersection with those urban voters.

Another example of the last Commission's folly was adding the community of Bragg Creek to Banff-Cochrane constituency but leaving the community of Red Deer Meadows in Chestermere-Rocky View. What WERE they thinking??

The Commission should try to rectify these oversights in the current review using the guidelines I have outlined.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

- Radio
- Other

Courtesy email from the Commission to Rocky View School Division Board of Trustees. I am a trustee.



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Fw: Website submission from Trent Auriat
Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:44:27 PM

From: Trent Auriat [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 8:35 PM
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| In my opinion carrot creek peers area should be in same riding as Edson given proximity social economic and cultural ties |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Google |

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| <p>Why is "effective representation" for rural Albertans critical to the well being of all Albertans?</p> <p>We have three types of industries that create GDP in Alberta:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary industries that drive the service industries. These industries include Oil & Gas, Mining, Forestry, Agriculture, Manufacturing and Tourism. 2. Service industries that are driven by the primary industries. These include Retail, Finance, Commerce, Transportation, Construction and Utilities. 3. Industries that are funded by provincial tax dollars. These include Health Care and Education. <p>If good stewardship is not exercised within the primary industries, the service industries will all suffer. If the primary industries and service industries suffer, there will be insufficient tax dollars to fund industries such as Health Care and Education. Therefore the management of resources within the primary industries affects ALL Albertans.</p> <p>Rural Albertans control the land, access to the land and provide a significant portion of the labor force that most of our primary industries depend on. Because the rural population is small compared to the cities, in order to be "effectively represented" the rural population must be granted more than a "one person, one vote" voice in order to ensure that good stewardship is exercised over the resources that the primary industries of Alberta depend on.</p> |

This is critical to the well being of all Albertans.

We are concerned that with the increase in population in Calgary and Edmonton, the Commission may be tempted to increase the number of constituencies in the cities at the expense of the rural constituencies or create "Rurban" ridings in which the high percentage of urban vote would effectively silence the rural perspective in these ridings. We believe that this could have a detrimental effect on all Albertans. We would encourage the Commission to make wise use of allowable variances to ensure "effective representation" for rural Albertans.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

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Thursday, February 9, 2017 12:44:44 PM

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Subject: Website submission from Idris Fashan

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Edmonton
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Submission

I once worked on Elections Alberta website, and in that time I was exposed to an incredible amount of information regarding ridings, the election process. It generated an incredible respect for process and our provincial democracy.

So when I found out that the urban and rural riding divide favours those in rural ridings, I struggled to keep from screaming aloud. How can we tout to have a strong democratic process if it's one that fails our constituents by placing overemphasis on the influence of rural ridings? Should I still believe in everything that I read several years ago?

I long for the day that I can say and believe wholeheartedly in our democratic process. Please seriously consider making changes to our boundaries and how they are structured.

Sincerely, a concerned citizen in the capital region.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

Subject: Fw: Website submission from Vai Mankar
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| Panorama hills |
| Submission |
| WE need effective representation in terms of a public high school a medical centre / hospital and a upgraded recreation centre . Our students have to go long distances for schools and especially high school . These are most common community interests that need extremely high priority . The current government all it does it shows how previous governments did not work on these priorities , however this current government also seems to turn a deaf ear to these community needs ! We need proper representations |
| How did you hear about the review? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Householder (Direct Mail) |



February 1, 2017

Justice Myra Bielby, Chair
Electoral Boundaries Commission
Mail – Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Justice Bielby:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you at the St. Paul public hearing on January 23rd, 2017. On behalf of Lac La Biche County Council, I would like to clarify our position on two matters from my presentation, which are the equality that must exist between rural and urban constituencies, and the desired changes to the constituency that Lac La Biche County is currently in.

We believe that rural Alberta needs more political representation. Any changes that are made to the existing boundaries should create more rural constituencies, not less. Current provincial legislation allows for a +/-25% variance in population for a constituency when compared against the provincial average. We believe this variance should be used to its maximum potential when considering rural constituency boundaries.

Currently, the strictly urban ridings, such as those representing Airdrie, Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Sherwood Park, and a portion of St. Albert, have an estimated population of 2,689,163 and 52 seats. The remaining rural and semi rural constituencies have an estimated population of 1,563,716 and 35 seats. This equates to an average urban riding size of 51,715, which is 5.8% larger than the provincial average, and a rural riding size of 44,679, which is 9.4% smaller than the provincial average.

We propose that urban constituencies give up 4 seats so that there are 48 seats representing strictly urban constituencies, and 39 representing the rural and semi-rural areas. At the same population size estimates, this would result in an average urban riding size of 56,024, or 14.6% larger than the provincial average, and a rural riding size of 40,095, 21.9% smaller than the provincial average. This change would still allow the urban ridings and rural ridings to fall within the allowable population range. Though these population variances are larger, they are in place to account for other relevant considerations.

One consideration is the physical size of each constituency. Rural constituencies cover more geographical space, and the Member of the Legislative Assembly may be harder to meet or contact as a result. This is not as large of an issue in urban constituencies.

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Justice Myra Bielby
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The other important consideration is the number of separate communities within a single rural constituency. By communities, we do not mean an ethnic group or a neighbourhood. By communities, we mean groups of people with shared economic, social and political interests in a given area. Although they may be smaller in population, a single rural constituency often contains many communities, each with separate schools, hospitals, and municipal political bodies. Residents in a rural area could be spread across several towns, each with its own infrastructure priorities, hospitals, and social organizations. It is difficult for a single Member of the Legislative Assembly to accurately represent all of these communities on a provincial scale.

Residents in an urban area could be within several square kilometers in a residential neighbourhood, all using the same roads, using the same grocery stores, and accessing the same schools. Although there are more people, they share similar community interests, and may in fact share similar community interests to the next group of 40,000 people several kilometers over.

We do not deny that multiple seats are needed or warranted in a city, and we acknowledge that population should, to a point, dictate representation in the legislature. However, we believe that one MLA can more effectively represent a given population in a condensed urban area. One MLA is less effective in representing the diverse interests of rural communities in a large area.

Present legislation allows for these population variances between ridings, which should continue to be respected to ensure sufficient representation for rural Albertan communities.

The other area of my presentation we would like to highlight are the changes we would like to see to the constituencies affecting Lac La Biche County. From 1989 to 1993, the provincial constituency that covered the majority of what is currently Lac La Biche County was known as Athabasca-Lac La Biche. As the name suggests, it also included the historical and present day Athabasca County.

We support redrawing the constituencies around Lac La Biche County to mirror the boundaries of the historical Athabasca-Lac La Biche constituency. This would include all of Lac La Biche County and Athabasca County. It also includes Janvier, Conklin, Calling Lake and Wabasca, the Kikino Metis Settlement and the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement. These boundaries would better capture a shared political, social and economic identity than the current constituency does. The trading routes of this region are tied together through highways and other infrastructure.

We believe this constituency would meet the +/-25% population requirements. However, this constituency would also be eligible under section 2 of the *Electoral Boundary Commission Act* for a population that is as much 50% below the provincial average, as it would meet at least three of the criteria due to its geographical size, maximum populations of the towns, and the fact that it would contain Métis Settlements and Indian Reserves.

Justice Myra Bielby
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We do not support increasing the size or population of the existing Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills Constituency to include any of the above mentioned areas, as it would simply become too large. If redrawing the boundaries according to what we have proposed is not possible, we believe it would be best that the boundaries remain as is.

We appreciate the effort made by Commission to hear the opinions and perspectives of Albertans prior to making any decisions on this matter. We look forward to reading the interim report the Commission will be releasing.

Sincerely,



Omer Moghrabi
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Lac La Biche County Council

Shadia Amblie, Chief Administrative Officer

Clyde Corser

Yellowhead County, AB

February 3, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Madam Justice Bielby and Commission Members,

I live in the West Yellowhead constituency which presently consists of most of Yellowhead County, Jasper National and Willmore Wilderness Parks and a small area in the southernmost portion of Greenview County including the Town of Grande Cache. Your population estimate of 36,901 is 24% below the estimated provincial average.

I propose our revised constituency be named *Yellowhead* or alternatively, *Jasper – Yellowhead* and include within its boundaries all of Yellowhead County and Jasper National Park. Alternatively, the extreme south-eastern corner of Yellowhead County presently attached to the Drayton Valley – Devon constituency could logically remain with Drayton Valley, which is the trading center for its very few, if any permanent residents.

The major West Yellowhead boundary adjustments I propose would:

- ✘ Delete Grande Cache and the small area of Greenview County surrounding it from Yellowhead – thereby losing 2797 (2015) eligible voters to Grande Prairie – Wapiti, or its successor constituency to the north;
- ✘ Delete Willmore Wilderness Park which contains, to the best of my knowledge, no permanent residents and whose administrative center is Grande Cache;
- ✓ Add all that portion of Yellowhead County presently in the Whitecourt – Ste. Anne constituency and circumscribed in general terms by the south boundary of Township 51, the Pembina River to the east, and an irregular line roughly half-way between Highways 16 and 43 to the north. This would add approximately 4470 (2015) eligible voters to Yellowhead.

These changes would **increase** the new Yellowhead constituency's number of registered voters, bringing it more into line with the provincial average.

Once the updated census numbers are available, my proposal may be further refined. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this process.

Sincerely, Clyde Corser

Subject: Fw: submission
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 1:31:12 PM

From: Ken Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Fw: submission

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On Monday, February 6, 2017 9:27 AM, Ken Smith [REDACTED] wrote:

The North Saskatchewan River valley has historically been a convenient boarder for counties, but this approach does not allow for a unified development plan. The valley has a unique history, resources and problems apart from the farm land.

Rural housing in the valley is an excellent economic development approach as it brings in new investment, taxes, construction etc. and is unaffected by weather or season or the price of oil. The tranquil green valley is very attractive location for nature lovers that do not need to live in Edmonton. Home based enterprises, retirement all fit well with commercial farming. New electoral boundaries should include the valley not be a boundary between them. Conflicting policies from one bank of the river to the other will only be harmful to both.

Subject: Fw: Website submission from Elizabeth Hagell
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 1:23:37 PM

From: Elizabeth Hagell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:54 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Elizabeth Hagell

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| Red Deer South |
| Submission |
| I am making two points in this submission: 1. Keep Red Deer North and Red Deer South with in the city boundaries. These are urban ridings with specifically urban issues. 2. Change the dividing line between the ridings to go all the way east on Ross St. to the city boundary. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Neil Kirkwood
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 1:24:39 PM

From: Neil Kirkwood [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Neil Kirkwood

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All of the West Park Subdivision, including area along south bank of Red Deer River on the North side of Cronquist Dr should be in Red Deer South 2. Both Red Deer South and Red Deer North should be primarily urban ridings within the limits of the city or Red Deer 3. Thought should be given to creating a new, additional, urban riding in Red Deer as the city grows in the near future 4. The dividing line between Red Deer North and Red Deer South should extend all along Ross Street, east, to the city limit. |
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| Discussion with friends |

Subject: Fw: Website submission from Denis Espetveidt
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| Chestermere- Rockyview |
| Submission |
| <p>I believe that each constituency should have the same number of voters for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A fundamental principle of democracy is that each vote should equally affect the outcome of an election. The present electoral map, gerrymandered by the previous government significantly favors rural voters. 2. The argument that rural constituencies should be less populous to ensure "effective representation" is specious. An extremely small number of voters, rural or urban, take advantage of opportunities to meet their MLA's face to face. Communication using universally available technology is largely unaffected by sparsity or distance. Rural MLA's representing the same number of electors as urban MLA's should, however, have access to larger travel allowances and other supports to ensure equitable opportunities to communicate with constituents. 3. The longstanding trend of urbanization that shows no signs of abating ensures that over time the population of urban constituencies will grow at a much faster rate than that of rural constituencies. Since electoral boundaries are redrawn only once every ten years, it is important that all constituencies begin each new cycle with the same number of voters. <p>In addition to redrawing boundaries to achieve equity, I hope the review committee will recommend rule changes that will prevent future governments from manipulating the process for political advantage.</p> |
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AddressEdmonton
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Edmonton-Decore

Submission

Hello,

I would like to suggest that the boundaries for Edmonton-Decore be adjusted slightly. Currently the southern border of the constituency runs from the west side of 66th street along the rail tracks until about 73rd Street. For some reason, rather than continuing along the tracks, the boundary moves up to the middle of 127th ave between 73rd and 74th street. I'd propose that the boundary be redrawn to run along the railway the full length of the constituency, from 66th street to 97th street. I've been down 127th avenue. I do not think that there are any residences on the southern side of 127th, and therefore, my proposed change would not change the population of the constituency. However, the change would create a more natural border and include some businesses located on the southern part of 127th in Decore rather than Highlands.

Thank you for you time,

Darcy Thiessen

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

**Subject:**
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Subject: Website submission from Sharon Pollyck

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Sharon Pollyck

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Phone[REDACTED] **Address**Airdrie
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Airdrie

Submission

I am writing on behalf of the City of Airdrie.

It is our understanding that Airdrie's population is at a point where the electoral constituency could be split in two. Airdrie exceeds the base number by more than 25%. It would be our request that any new boundaries follow major roadways/highways (e.g., Highway 2 or 567; Yankee Valley Boulevard; 8th Street; Main Street; East Lake Boulevard) or the railway tracks to make it easier for constituents to understand the exact boundaries of their electoral constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Letter from the Commission to the municipality



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Electoral Constituency

Calgary west

Submission

Given the very rapid increase in the population of Alberta in the last decade and especially the increase in Calgary it is a democratic imperative that we in Calgary be given a greater voice to ensure adequate representation. We continue to suffer from horrible traffic congestion, rough poorly patched roads, top heavy and overpaid administrators in the public, private, health and education sectors. We have accepted as normal that our universities are run like charities and we are loosing the fight against poverty.

The fourth largest city in the whole country needs a greater portion of the electoral pie. We deserve roads that are at least equal to those secondary roads in southern Alberta I have enjoyed travelling on. We deserve to have a proper school for adult students to attend that isn't a condemned building that looks like it belongs in a ghetto. We deserve to have the power to elect governments that reflect the values of 1.25 million people and that addresses the concerns of a highly urban population.

Why should our vote have less weight than that of a farmer?

I truly hope someone out there cares about the democratic process.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Radio

Subject: Fw: Website submission from Patrick O'Connor
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| Submission |
| <p>I'm a resident of red deer south constituency. I would like to submit that I would hope our electoral boundaries will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) stay in the urban centre of red deer city proper 2) And because friends of mine in the Deer Park neighbourhood of red deer are confused if they are in the constituency of the north or south, I would like to see the split between the two constituencies run along Ross all the way through to the East End of the city. <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> |
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| Fort Saskatchewan - Vegreville |
| Submission |
| I write to urge that rural Alberta's representation not be substantially reduced by the commission. Population is surely the main consideration in determining electoral boundaries but it is not the only consideration. Geography is also an important factor. This is especially true in a unicameral legislature, where geographic representation cannot be served by a second house, as it is by the Senate of Canada, for example. I have lived most of my life in rural Alberta and I can testify to the variety of industry and the different walks of life thriving here, and the deep connection of all of these to the land. |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Janice Bartell
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Sundre
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Submission

Dear Electoral Boundaries Commission:
 The public hearing schedule, the unveiling of Statistics Canada's latest report, and the deadline for written submissions are no accident. The scenario appears to have been carefully constructed to limit the ability of Albertans to have intelligent input utilizing current statistics.

The likely result will be a disregard for and dismissal of the concerns voiced by Albertans by the Commission. And by the time the second round of public hearings takes place, minor tweaks, not serious change, will likely be the only option left.

For the record, I am concerned about hybrid urban/rural ridings and the existence of fair representation for both sides depending on how the balance is manipulated. I am also concerned that the action of the commission will render the rural population's votes, a minority, useless and voiceless alongside the greater numbers of votes/ridings of urbanites.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

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| <p>If the goal is to help facilitate as effective of representation as possible then we should we wary of shrinking the rural ridings. The common concerns in Edmonton and Calgary are far more uniform in each constituency then compared to constituencies outside of the major city centres. By growing the already oversized ridings and shrinking the urban ridings you only exacerbate the rural/urban divide in politics. We just witnessed what happens when you squeeze the concerns felt in small town Alberta (Bill 6), not to mention how it can polarize a nation and lead to rash decisions like say electing Donald Trump.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundary Commission Submission by Town of Sundre
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 1:59:57 PM

From: Terry Leslie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 2:15 PM
To: Info - EBC
Cc: Chris Vardas; Myron Thompson; Nolan Blatchford; Verna McFadden; Paul Isaac; Cheri Funke; Angie Lucas; Simon Ducatel; Bruce Beattie; Jason Nixon; Terry Leslie
Subject: Electoral Boundary Commission Submission by Town of Sundre

February 7, 2017

Dear Commission Members,

Thank you for the work you are doing reviewing existing boundaries and names for the 87 electoral constituencies for all of us in Alberta.

I write to you today on behalf of the Council of the Town of Sundre. It has come to our attention that Reeve Beattie of Mountain View County has made a presentation to you recommending Sundre be removed from our current riding of Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, and added to the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding.

Reeve Beattie made this recommendation without consultation with our Council and we have since had the opportunity to talk with him about his reasons for that recommendation.

Sundre Town Council does not agree there should be a change in electoral boundaries that would see Sundre removed from the current riding boundaries.

In fact, we strongly request the Commission keep the Sundre area in the current riding boundaries for the following reasons.

The current Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House- Sundre boundaries align more closely with "west country" Provincial issues than "QE 2" issues in the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding. Issues of flood mitigation and threats of wildfire are more aligned with current boundaries and municipalities within those boundaries. Oil and gas industry issues are different in the "west country" than they are for the Highway 2 corridor. Forestry issues for municipalities and industry in the "west country" are much different than for those within the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding. Agriculture is different in the "west country" than it is in the Highway 2 corridor. Tourism issues of access to the west country, education, management of recreational use in the west country, and environmental concerns are much different than the tourism issues faced on the Highway 2 corridor. Environmental issues, such as protection of source water in the headwaters of the Red Deer River Basin, are "west country" issues that our municipalities are familiar with. Highway 2 corridor municipalities have other environmental issues that concern their residents. Highway 27 through Sundre is a high load corridor in Alberta that has different transportation issues to attend to than the QE2.

For these reasons, and more, Sundre Town Council wants you to be sure you do not take Sundre out of the current electoral boundary of Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House- Sundre. The changes that have aligned us with other "west country" municipalities, are very good changes. As we continue to grow, it is vitally important to have MLA representation that can speak to "west country" issues, as well as Highway 2 corridor issues. The two current

ridings of Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre and Olds-Didsbury represent our rural region very well. To ask the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA to take on all of the "west country" issues listed above, and more that have not been listed, would be asking that MLA to take on a portfolio so vast that it would be a step backward. Two MLAs, dealing with all the legitimate provincial issues of resident concern, is best served with current electoral boundaries.

Please do not make changes in our electoral boundaries that will negatively affect the two MLA ridings that are representing us so well in the vast diversity of our rural region. Sundre Town Council supports enhancing the great rural balanced representation of the current Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, and Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills ridings. We do not support going backwards to "the way we were" when Sundre was part of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding. We believe the current two MLA ridings provide an exceptional voice in the Legislature for all the varying issues of concern in our Mountain View County region.

Thank you very much for considering this submission.

Terry Leslie, Mayor
Town of Sundre

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| <p>I don't have facts, geographic stats or the complex details that you are analyzing, but my feeling is that after after 44 years of conservative majorities on this committee or in the Legislature the boundaries were gerrymandered to rural AB or where their support was. That would now be Wild Rose. If indeed we have a 20% population increase try to ensure if that is mostly urban that the new constituencies are urban. I have no answers for the immense geographic challenges of rural Alberta. Or how you blend the acreages with Cities. I don't think "fingers in" works because the issues are so different. Good luck with an extremely complicated but important process that is guaranteed to upset people.</p> |
| How did you hear about the review? |
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January 23, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Attention: Hon. Myra Bielby, Chair

Dear Hon. Bieibly:

County Council understands the Commission is reviewing the electoral constituencies in the Province.

Please ensure that rural Alberta has effective representation and recognize not only population density but pay attention to the long distance travel between centres (up to 5 hours), the geographic features such as roads and community centres. The fact is that we all cannot live in large urban centres. We need people living in the rural areas to provide for services in agriculture, energy, tourism, mining and forestry sector which greatly benefit the large urban areas.

County Council recommends there be **no reduction**, the number of rural electoral divisions be maintained at the present level (remain status quo) to effectively represent and promote rural matters for a sustainable rural economy in this great Province of Alberta.

County Council is available for further discussion on this matter.

Yours truly,

Roger Konieczny, Reeve

- c: Honourable Premier Rachel Notley
- c: MLA Jessica Littlewood, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville Constituency
- c: MLA Dr. Richard Starke, Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency
- c: Alberta Association of Municipal Districts Counties (AAMD&C) President Al Kemmere
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January 31, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Ave NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5
Attn: Honorable Myra Bielby

Dear Honorable Myra Bielby:

On behalf of the Town of Vermilion I want to thank the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the opportunity to voice our opinion towards the review of the boundaries for the Province of Alberta.

Following discussion, our Council firmly believes that the number of constituencies across the province needs to remain intact to enable both the rural and urban populations to have a fair and equitable voting right in Provincial Elections. As a representative of a rural community, we have concerns that if electoral boundaries increase the number of constituencies within the urban markets, then that will negatively impact the opportunity for rural voters to make a difference in any election. In addition, by increasing boundaries the cost of salaries, overheads and such will increase due to additional MLAs.

In closing, we do commend the Electoral Boundaries Commission for a review to ensure that the process being followed is proper, fair and equitable for all Albertans. Once again thank you and we look forward to the report being processed in 2017.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Mayor.

Bruce MacDuff, Mayor /
Town of Vermilion

Chamber of Commerce

*Serving Clearwater County &
Town of Rocky Mountain House*

January 27, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Rocky Mountain House & District Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests the opportunity to comment on the provincial electoral boundaries. We appreciate and understand the importance of the various considerations the Commission needs to address with the electoral boundaries review process.

As its name would indicate, the existing boundaries of the *Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre* riding are extremely large, making it one of the larger constituencies in Alberta in terms of geographic area.

For one MLA to cover the entire *Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre* constituency is already challenging. Our MLA currently spends numerous hours on the road to attend many events and meetings in order to best represent all constituents and address areas of concern for the region. MLAs need to have the capacity to connect with their local constituents, at the local level.

If the Commission should consider amending or expanding the *Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre* electoral district, rural representation may be weakened or degraded completely. Combining more metropolitan areas with rural areas makes effectively representing all constituents an almost impossible task for elected officials. Maintaining a balance in the urban-rural split will help ensure that downgrading of rural Alberta citizen's perspectives and interests doesn't occur.

Rocky Chamber of Commerce has a very strong regional partnership with Clearwater County and Town of Rocky Mountain House. We advocate together for many community issues and projects. Although towns and villages are considered "urban", the towns and village within our existing electoral district have more in common with our rural municipality.

Our region's economy and Chamber members business, tends to flow mostly east-west, and follows the major transportation corridors including Highways 53, 12, 11 and 54.

Upholding the regional affiliation of the *Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre* electoral district is extremely important. Shifting or expanding the existing electoral boundaries will increase the complexity of governance for both municipal and provincial elected officials, and may hinder some of the collaborative work we're undertaking on issues affecting the entire region.

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To conclude we would like to recommend the following:

1. We would ask that the Commission consider leaving the current *Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre* boundaries as is, as the geographic area is proportionately larger than most electoral ridings in the Province and includes a population that fits well within the variance allowed by the Act.
2. Should electoral boundaries for *Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre* be amended, the Chamber encourages the Commission to ensure a balance in the number of urban and rural residents within the district. If expanding boundaries for *Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre*, we suggest extending boundaries eastward to maintain Central Alberta relationships, using Highways 54, 12, 11 and 27.
3. If amendments to the *Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre* electoral boundaries are required, that Clearwater County's municipal boundaries are not fractured and that Clearwater County, the Town of Rocky Mountain House and Village of Caroline remain within a single constituency.

Rocky Mountain House & District Chamber of Commerce thanks the Commission for the opportunity to represent the Chamber and its 340 member's interests in the electoral boundaries initial review.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Dwyer

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February 6, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Commission Members,

It is my belief that if the cities of Camrose and Wetaskiwin were in different constituencies, then the Battle River constituency would not be so widespread. I believe that M.H.A.'s need to represent both rural and urban people. As the provincial boundaries are now, it is city people against the farming communities.

I also notice that this Boundaries Commission held hearings in the bigger cities. Please hold the second round of public hearings in smaller centers.

Sincerely,
Robert Snider

[REDACTED]
Eckville, AB [REDACTED]

Jan. 31, 2017

Gentlemen:

Re: Your questionnaire about electoral boundaries:

My concern is the size of some constituencies. The great distance from one end to the other end, and side to side makes it difficult for an MHA to adequately ^{reach} each corner of his constituency most effectively. I know you will say that given modern media this should not be a problem. Not everyone is computer literate, nor reads the newspaper columns. A personal touch is lacking.

Also such large areas encompass a wide variety of interests and occupations and other concerns making it more difficult for our MHA to "keep on top" of things.

Also consider municipal (county) and natural boundaries when borders are decided.

Yours truly
Ardis Bramall

George A Ward

[REDACTED]

Arrowwood, Alberta

[REDACTED]

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commissioner
Edmonton Alberta
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Dear Commissioner,

In reply to your mail out – re: Alberta Boundaries Comm.

Alberta does not need any more M.L.A.'s. If there were 20 or 25 fewer members in the Alberta Legislature, it would be good. The majority only vote for and when instructed by the leader.

We need representation by area size and not population.

There are more M.L.A.'s in the city of Calgary than on city council. – Why?

In the United States, there are two senators per state, regardless of size or population, and this works very well!

Yours Truly,

[REDACTED]

George A Ward

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

When Alberta became a Province in 1905, Electoral Boundaries were set up. At that time the rural population of the Province was predominately larger than the urban areas. Therefore the rural Electoral Ridings were in the majority. However, beginning in the 1930,s the rural population began a shift to urban areas. Thus decreasing the populations in the rural ridings. As people moved into urban areas these ridings increased greatly in population

Over about a century now there have only been cosmetic changes to rectify the over populations in the urban ridings and maintain the under populations in the rural ridings. Equal representation has not been equal for the residents in the urban ridings. There is an underlying reason for this. Past parties in power have counted on there being more rural ridings than urban ridings. These parties power base has been in the rural areas and needed these ridings to win an election. So they had no incentive but to make cosmetic changes to the Electoral Boundaries in Alberta.

So what do we do about this. The answer is to reduce the number of rural ridings and increase the number of urban ridings to produce as best as possible equal numbers in all ridings. I suggest we hub the riding boundaries out from the urban areas much more than is now in place. This will make ridings in a lot of cases consist of a greater mix of urban/rural constituents. However there are perhaps a couple of very large rural ridings now that perhaps should just be left alone.

I would like to see the above changes while not creating a large abundance of new ridings. As the creation of an abundance of new MLA's from new ridings is going to be costly money wise to the Province.

I really implore the members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission to bring changes forth for the Alberta Legislature to consider to have in place for the next Alberta election.

Sincerely, Wayne Dattle

[Redacted]

Stony Plain, Alberta

[Redacted]

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Subject:
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Fw: Boundary Commission
Friday, February 10, 2017 9:33:28 AM

From: Barbara Silva [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Info - EBC
Cc: Roari Richardson
Subject: Boundary Commission

To Whom It May Concern

RE: Constituency Boundary - Calgary Klein

The constituency association for Calgary Klein would like to submit our position on boundary upcoming boundary changes.

It is Calgary Klein Constituency Association position that the boundary for our constituency **REMAIN AS IS.**

The reasons for this are as follows;;

1. The boundaries to the North , East, South and West are natural boundaries set by major thoroughfares and adequately and completely represent neighbourhoods in the enclosed area
2. The current population of the constituency meets the current standards.

Please accept this submission as our official position for keeping the current boundaries of Calgary Klein as they are.

Many Kind thanks,
Barbara Silva

President - Calgary Klein Constituency Association



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February 9, 2017

The Honourable Justice Myra Bielby
Chair, Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5

Dear Justice Bielby,

As Alberta's second-largest city, Edmonton welcomes people from across Canada and around the world. City of Edmonton censuses and Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission estimates confirm that Edmonton's population has increased by over 125,000 over the last eight years. The recent release of federal census numbers confirm that Edmonton continues to grow and is a magnet for in-migration. Projections predict continued population growth over the next decade.

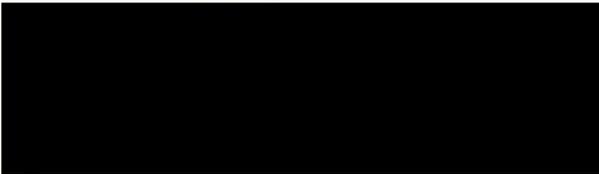
The City of Edmonton hereby requests that the Commission redraw provincial electoral division boundaries to provide for 20 electoral districts within city limits. In advance of the Commission creating an interim report, Edmonton City Council has provided the following directions to the Mayor:

1. That Edmonton's current 19 electoral districts remain fully within city boundaries
2. That the Commission add a new electoral district in south Edmonton that includes the proposed annexation lands (map attached) currently part of the Leduc-Beaumont electoral district
3. That Edmonton's new 20th electoral district results in each district having representative populations consistent with the Commission's recommended median population of 48,884.

In the 2009-10 Provincial Boundary review, although the City of Edmonton requested two additional electoral districts, we received only one. The population at that time warranted the establishment of 20 electoral districts and, in light of continued population growth, this letter continues that ask.

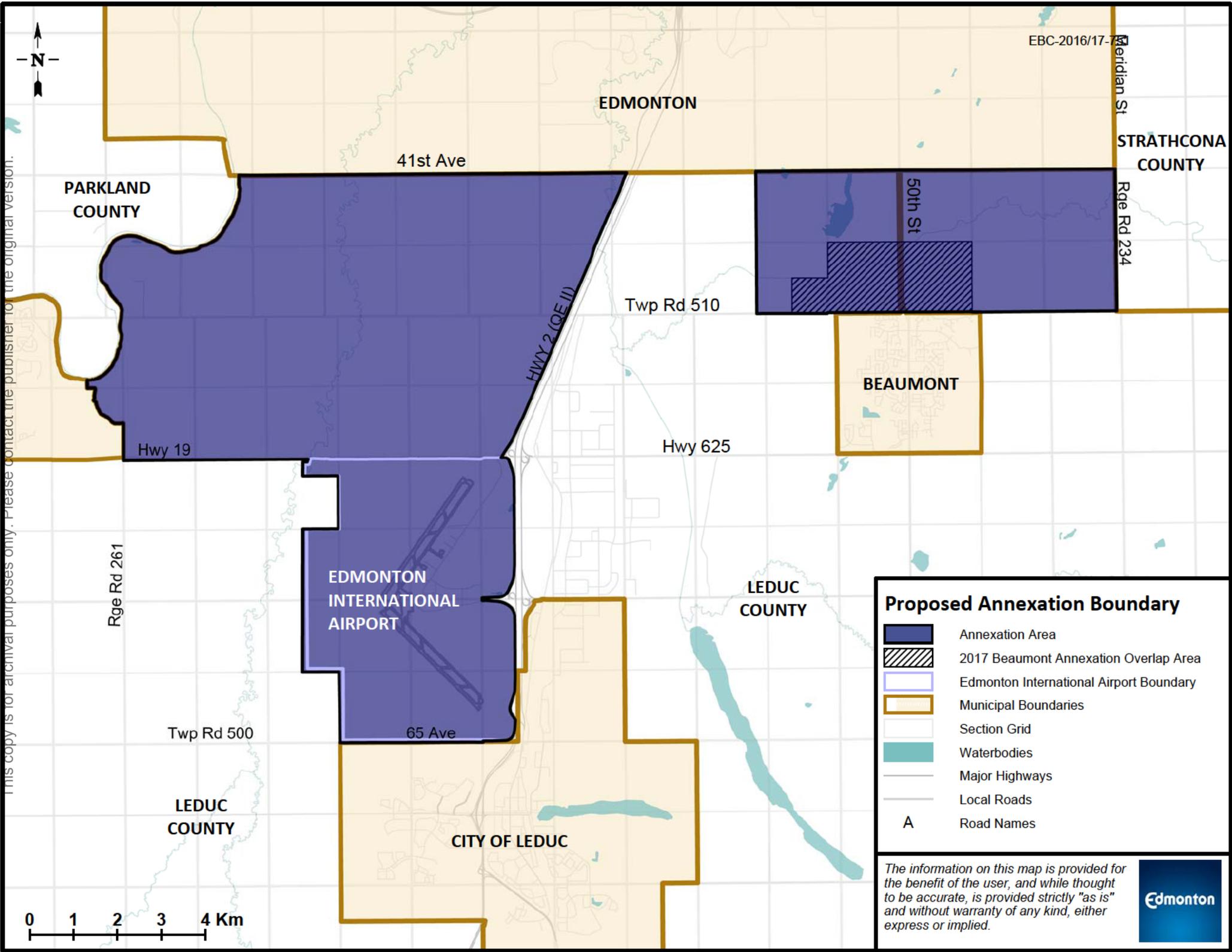
On behalf of the City of Edmonton, we look forward to the Commission's interim report and re-drawn boundaries.

Yours truly,



Don Iveson
Mayor

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Proposed Annexation Boundary

-  Annexation Area
-  2017 Beaumont Annexation Overlap Area
-  Edmonton International Airport Boundary
-  Municipal Boundaries
-  Section Grid
-  Waterbodies
-  Major Highways
-  Local Roads
- A** Road Names



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 15, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
 Justice Myra Bielby, Chair
 Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
 Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Justice Bielby,

As the third largest city in Alberta, Red Deer has two electoral divisions that represent the citizens of our community. We understand that in accordance with legislation, the population of electoral divisions must fall within a variance of 25% from the average constituency population (48,800). Red Deer's comparative population data is shown below:

| | 2016/2017 Commission | | 2009/2010 Commission | |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Population | % Difference | Population | % Difference |
| Red Deer South | 51,627 | +6% | 45,898 | +12% |
| Red Deer North | 58,914 | +21% | 44,405 | +9% |

Source: Maps presented at the Red Deer Public Hearing on January 20, 2017

As can be seen, both divisions fall within the allowable variance.

The primary purpose of electoral representation is to ensure that the interests and voice of a community and its citizens are clearly articulated to Government. As a large regional urban centre, our interests and challenges are often distinct from that of the surrounding rural municipalities and we strongly believe that our citizens and our community are best served when the electoral ridings remain within the boundaries of our city.

Our recommendation is that the electoral boundaries for Red Deer remain unchanged at this time. If there is a need to redistribute population, that could be done within the two current electoral ridings. Otherwise, it is the perspective of The City that the interests of our citizens are best served by the current boundaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the current review.

Sincerely,

Tara Veer
 Mayor

Cc. Kim Schreiner, MLA for Red Deer-North
 Barb Miller, MLA for Red Deer-South
 Red Deer City Council
 Craig Curtis, City Manager



Subject:



Fw: Election Boundaries

Date:

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 1:14:49 PM

From: denise [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:20 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Election Boundaries

To Whom It May Concern:

Alberta needs a redistribution of electoral boundaries. No matter whether they are rural or urban seats the closer they all are in population the fairer the elections are. One person, one vote. We have enough MLAs. There should not be any new ones added. Just look at Ontario and Quebec and the number of people they have for each constituency. Thank you.

Udo & Denise Fitz



Lone Pine, AB [REDACTED]



Subject:
Date:



Fw: Submission
Thursday, February 16, 2017 3:41:09 PM

From: John Wodak [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Submission

SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

The Seniors' Action and Liaison Team (SALT) was founded more than twenty years ago, by a group of individuals with a shared interest in promoting a civil society. We welcome this opportunity to comment on one of the essential elements of a civil society – the setting of electoral boundaries. Our comments will focus on two aspects of the issue: the MLA as community representative; and the MLA as individual advocate. If any of our suggestions are outside the Commission's mandate but are considered to have merit, we request that they be recommended to the Legislature for further discussion.

The MLA as Community Representative

We believe the primary function of any elected representative is to represent a constituency of people, subject only to considerations of the public interest and, nowadays, the dictates of partisan politics. This function cannot be delegated; only an elected representative may sit and speak in the Legislature. Considerations of equity require that each representative speak for the same number of people – in other words, the variance across constituencies should be as small as possible (ideally zero), with geographic area a secondary consideration. If this is the only consideration, the only requirement is that everyone have convenient access to a ballot box. Also, the work of our elected representatives would be less onerous if their constituencies consisted of people with a shared sense of community.

The MLA as Individual Advocate

In contrast to the previous section, this function can be delegated and is highly dependent on the geographic size of the constituency. It is also the more visible of the two functions, which perhaps explains why the relative sizes of urban and rural constituencies is a frequent topic of debate. We acknowledge the inherent difficulty of providing effective and efficient service to a large geographic area, but note that it is a problem that can be alleviated by allocation of sufficient resources. As well, we do not intend to minimise the different problems involved in serving increasingly diverse urban populations, or those where the incumbent is a member of the Cabinet and has significant additional duties. There are valid arguments to be made, that additional resources should be provided in all these cases.

The past century witnessed enormous changes in how (and how quickly) we travel, and several revolutions in communications technology. Despite this, we suspect that the character of the urban/rural debate has not changed significantly. Perhaps it is time for a careful examination of the extent to which electronic communication can replace face-to-face communication in the work of our elected representatives.

A final comment: we are disappointed that the Commission's public hearings did not attract more participation. Perhaps one of your recommendations to the Legislature could be a request that future Commissions be given the resources to be more proactive, by seeking input from community leagues and similar organizations, for example.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of SALT
John Wodak, Chair
February 16, 2017

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
Subject: Fw: Fair Representation
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:59:41 AM

From: Leonard Swanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Fair Representation

Hi-

The votes of all Albertans must be EQUAL.

Issues related to difficulties with representation in large ridings may be addressed by providing additional funding for riding offices, travel, technological solutions and other means. These issues should NOT be remedied by giving some Albertans greater representation than others.

You have an opportunity to remedy this historical injustice, I hope you will act appropriately to finally make all Albertan's votes equal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Leonard Swanson

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January 30, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES SUBMISSION

Northern Sunrise County Council has discussed the review that is being undertaken by the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission over the next six to eight months and would like to provide the following information as the County's submission.

We recognize that the function of the Commission is to review the existing electoral boundaries and to make recommendations as to the area, boundaries, and names of the electoral constituencies within the Province of Alberta.

The 2010 Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission's report outlined the principles of effective representation including: relative parity of voting power, the tradition in Canada of "effective representation", not absolute parity as in the United States, recognition that the process of achieving effective representation may involve altering the political power of some votes, but not unduly and not without reason, and the balancing of these interests which involves an examination of social history, geography, and demography of communities.

Northern Sunrise County continues to support these principles in the current Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission review.

We would like to ensure that the current boundaries of the Peace River region remain as it currently is at this time, as we are approximately only 15% less than the predicted average population of 48,884. Upon reviewing the estimated 2016 population, the Peace River riding will be at 41,492; our riding will fall below the average population; however, our riding is one of the largest geographic ones in the Province and serve mostly rural and small urban locations. As it is now, our current MLA has established two offices in an effort to afford easier access to all of her constituents within the riding.

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A vibrant and dynamic County, reflecting strong values and progressive attitudes, while balancing nature and economic growth in a global environment.

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The County is also very adamant that the rural communities and the residents we serve and have a concern that there is a possibility of reducing the number of rural seats and by extension, a reduction in the ability of Alberta's legislature to effectively represent the interests of rural Albertans and rural communities. Decreasing the number of rural ridings in an effort to increase the number of seats in a higher populated area will take away the voice of the rural communities. This is an unfair advantage to the people who live in our riding.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the Commission's work that it has been tasked with. We are confident that the final report will indicate the importance of the Legislative Assembly to effectively represent all Albertans.

Sincerely,


Garrett Tomlinson
Reeve
Northern Sunrise County

c: Debbie Jabbour, MLA for Peace River
Danielle Larivee, MLA for Lesser Slave Lake

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