



2016-17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta

Second Round Submissions

2016-17

List of Submitters – Second Round of Written Submissions

The table below sets out the names of those who made written submissions, in relation to the Commission’s final report. A similar table relating to written submissions made in advance of the Commission’s interim report can be found at Appendix C of that interim report, available at www.abebc.ca.

Submission Number	Name
EBC-2016-17-2-001	Darwin Durnie
EBC-2016-17-2-002	Nigel Logan
EBC-2016-17-2-003	Angela Christianson
EBC-2016-17-2-004	Sterling Matan
EBC-2016-17-2-005	Steve Aldred
EBC-2016-17-2-006	Paul Andrews
EBC-2016-17-2-007	Eric Bell
EBC-2016-17-2-008	Bruce Pettigrew
EBC-2016-17-2-009	Tracy Gillott
EBC-2016-17-2-010	Daryl Frenette
EBC-2016-17-2-011	Craig Jorgensen
EBC-2016-17-2-012	Lauraine Howatt
EBC-2016-17-2-013	Shelly Lindballe
EBC-2016-17-2-014	Ian Krauskopf
EBC-2016-17-2-015	Trevor Hackett
EBC-2016-17-2-016	Daniel Brown
EBC-2016-17-2-017	Keith Harrison
EBC-2016-17-2-018	Dalyn Orsten
EBC-2016-17-2-019	Dan Whelton
EBC-2016-17-2-020	Peter Dobbie
EBC-2016-17-2-021	Jennifer Foot
EBC-2016-17-2-022	Joshua Pawlak
EBC-2016-17-2-023	Don Paradis
EBC-2016-17-2-024	Kent Ladell
EBC-2016-17-2-025	Linda Perler
EBC-2016-17-2-026	Joe Gendre
EBC-2016-17-2-027	Laura Jackson
EBC-2016-17-2-028	Warren McKay
EBC-2016-17-2-029	Leslie Taylor
EBC-2016-17-2-030	Jeannette Parkin
EBC-2016-17-2-031	Greg McGinley
EBC-2016-17-2-032	Roger Arcand
EBC-2016-17-2-033	Carol Campbell
EBC-2016-17-2-034	Kathleen Hankins
EBC-2016-17-2-035	Dakota Hourie

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EBC-2016-17-2-036	Charles Reid
EBC-2016-17-2-037	Jordan Zawada
EBC-2016-17-2-038	Dick Richards
EBC-2016-17-2-039	Stacey Lavallie
EBC-2016-17-2-040	Barbara Castell
EBC-2016-17-2-041	Donna Downey
EBC-2016-17-2-042	Shawna James
EBC-2016-17-2-043	Clarann Petersen
EBC-2016-17-2-044	David Fletcher
EBC-2016-17-2-045	Richard Hoppins
EBC-2016-17-2-046	Mary O'Neill
EBC-2016-17-2-047	Karen Chesterman
EBC-2016-17-2-048	Gwen Bouchard
EBC-2016-17-2-049	Terry McToni
EBC-2016-17-2-050	Elizabeth MacArthur
EBC-2016-17-2-051	Ellen Lupick
EBC-2016-17-2-052	Stuart Angle
EBC-2016-17-2-053	Janet Higgins
EBC-2016-17-2-054	Marilyn Carr
EBC-2016-17-2-055	Blatchford Blatchford
EBC-2016-17-2-056	Jack Barlow
EBC-2016-17-2-057	Concerned Albertan
EBC-2016-17-2-058	Vilnius Kniec
EBC-2016-17-2-059	Brian Owens
EBC-2016-17-2-060	Joel Teeling
EBC-2016-17-2-061	Dave Rusnell
EBC-2016-17-2-062	Adele Boucher
EBC-2016-17-2-063	Martin Kennedy
EBC-2016-17-2-064	Theresa Kline
EBC-2016-17-2-065	Betty Quinlan
EBC-2016-17-2-066	Robb Aishford
EBC-2016-17-2-067	Teresa Mullen
EBC-2016-17-2-068	Tom Whitfield
EBC-2016-17-2-069	Brenda Corney
EBC-2016-17-2-070	Steven LeLiever
EBC-2016-17-2-071	Roland Poitras
EBC-2016-17-2-072	Darren Poirier
EBC-2016-17-2-073	Terry Shillington
EBC-2016-17-2-074	Henry Irving
EBC-2016-17-2-075	Lisa Wardley
EBC-2016-17-2-076	Darlene Hoogstraten

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EBC-2016-17-2-077	Jennifer Williams
EBC-2016-17-2-078	Penny Kushko
EBC-2016-17-2-079	Barbara Willman
EBC-2016-17-2-080	Pat Rutledge
EBC-2016-17-2-081	John Smythe
EBC-2016-17-2-082	Bernice DeLennheer
EBC-2016-17-2-083	Richard Starke
EBC-2016-17-2-084	Gerry Neustaedter
EBC-2016-17-2-085	Marjorie Hibbert
EBC-2016-17-2-086	Audrey Page
EBC-2016-17-2-087	Kathleen Nakagawa
EBC-2016-17-2-088	Ronald Andrew Yule
EBC-2016-17-2-089	Anne Weerstra
EBC-2016-17-2-090	Nancy Holland
EBC-2016-17-2-091	Cheryl Marcynuik
EBC-2016-17-2-092	Chris Dunn
EBC-2016-17-2-093	Mayor Arnold Romaniuk
EBC-2016-17-2-094	Terrance Dunn
EBC-2016-17-2-095	David Hawco, Mayor of Milk River
EBC-2016-17-2-096	Drew Barnes, MLA
EBC-2016-17-2-097	Lydia Calhoun
EBC-2016-17-2-098	Dorit Rogalsky
EBC-2016-17-2-099	Tricia Mitchell
EBC-2016-17-2-100	Ellie Gerhardt
EBC-2016-17-2-101	Kalen Hastings
EBC-2016-17-2-102	Ali Tams
EBC-2016-17-2-103	Marjorie and Wilfrid Makowichuk
EBC-2016-17-2-104	Joanne Vander Heide
EBC-2016-17-2-105	Tonye Truba
EBC-2016-17-2-106	Jerry Wright
EBC-2016-17-2-107	Wendy Rudiger
EBC-2016-17-2-108	Pam Horne
EBC-2016-17-2-109	Tamara Keller
EBC-2016-17-2-110	Bryne Lengyel
EBC-2016-17-2-111	Paul Smith
EBC-2016-17-2-112	Ca Kraus
EBC-2016-17-2-113	Bob Barss
EBC-2016-17-2-114	Sandra Rush
EBC-2016-17-2-115	Laura Hack
EBC-2016-17-2-116	Lucille Fedkiw
EBC-2016-17-2-117	Erin Livingston

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EBC-2016-17-2-118	Peter Cook-Bielech
EBC-2016-17-2-119	Suzanne Douglas
EBC-2016-17-2-120	Lavonne Svenson, Mayor, Village of Ryley
EBC-2016-17-2-121	Duplicate - see EBC-2016-17-2-96
EBC-2016-17-2-122	Ken Gwozdz, CAO, Town of Elk Point
EBC-2016-17-2-123	Ross Ford, Reeve, County of Warner
EBC-2016-17-2-124	Harold Conquest, Mayor, Town of Tofield
EBC-2016-17-2-125	Gale Katchur
EBC-2016-17-2-126	Josi Wiebe
EBC-2016-17-2-127	Bruce MacDuff, Mayor, Town of Vermilion
EBC-2016-17-2-128	Wayne Brown
EBC-2016-17-2-129	Halley Girvitz
EBC-2016-17-2-130	Murray Kulak
EBC-2016-17-2-131	Lisa Baerg
EBC-2016-17-2-132	Roger Taylor
EBC-2016-17-2-133	Peter Ries
EBC-2016-17-2-134	Carol Kauppi
EBC-2016-17-2-135	Wayne Miller
EBC-2016-17-2-136	Ivan Ivankovich
EBC-2016-17-2-137	Trent Auriat
EBC-2016-17-2-138	Bob Beck
EBC-2016-17-2-139	William Yesensky
EBC-2016-17-2-140	David W. Burghardt
EBC-2016-17-2-141	Kelly Malmberg
EBC-2016-17-2-142	Linda Davidchuk
EBC-2016-17-2-143	Ron McCrea
EBC-2016-17-2-144	Kurt Gordon
EBC-2016-17-2-145	Susan Green
EBC-2016-17-2-146	Lorne Hammel
EBC-2016-17-2-147	LaDonna Hammel
EBC-2016-17-2-148	Donna Thane
EBC-2016-17-2-149	Frederick Brittain
EBC-2016-17-2-150	Marian Ho
EBC-2016-17-2-151	Dianne Golob
EBC-2016-17-2-152	Sharleen Hiron
EBC-2016-17-2-153	Nikolina Lau
EBC-2016-17-2-154	Kristin VanArragon
EBC-2016-17-2-155	Sharon Koch
EBC-2016-17-2-156	Jason Ruecker, Reeve, Clear Hills County
EBC-2016-17-2-157	Dana McIntosh, Chair, School Div No.76
EBC-2016-17-2-158	Ted Clugston, Mayor, City of Medicine Hat

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EBC-2016-17-2-159	Judith Aberle
EBC-2016-17-2-160	Maureen Prince
EBC-2016-17-2-161	Gary McFarlane
EBC-2016-17-2-162	Penny Fox
EBC-2016-17-2-163	Lori Somner
EBC-2016-17-2-164	Carrie Anheliger
EBC-2016-17-2-165	Heather McRae
EBC-2016-17-2-166	Jim Palmer
EBC-2016-17-2-167	Wes Jones
EBC-2016-17-2-168	Darcy Movold
EBC-2016-17-2-169	David Nichiporik
EBC-2016-17-2-170	Crystal Wollman
EBC-2016-17-2-171	Don Gregorwich, Reeve, Camrose County
EBC-2016-17-2-172	Richard Milliken
EBC-2016-17-2-173	John Whaley, Mayor, Leduc County
EBC-2016-17-2-174	Barrie E. Pratt
EBC-2016-17-2-175	Spencer Bennett
EBC-2016-17-2-176	Kim Free
EBC-2016-17-2-177	Kim Movold
EBC-2016-17-2-178	Matthew Brink
EBC-2016-17-2-179	Margaret Louise
EBC-2016-17-2-180	Sherry Baker
EBC-2016-17-2-181	Vernita Carlson
EBC-2016-17-2-182	Donna Burlock
EBC-2016-17-2-183	Dylan Brewster
EBC-2016-17-2-184	Margaret Sharpe
EBC-2016-17-2-185	Bruce Clarence
EBC-2016-17-2-186	Susann Welk
EBC-2016-17-2-187	Jeff Lewandoski
EBC-2016-17-2-188	Brenda Werk
EBC-2016-17-2-189	Jessica Stock
EBC-2016-17-2-190	Donald Weiss
EBC-2016-17-2-191	Marian Dudenhoeffer
EBC-2016-17-2-192	Dennis MacNeil, Chair, Aspen View Schools
EBC-2016-17-2-193	Cathryn Coffman
EBC-2016-17-2-194	Crystal Klys
EBC-2016-17-2-195	Victoria Henry
EBC-2016-17-2-196	Jeffrey Dowling
EBC-2016-17-2-197	Andrew R. Cameron
EBC-2016-17-2-198	Bill Hegy, Mayor, Lac Ste. Anne County
EBC-2016-17-2-199	Allen Sayler, Reeve, County of Two Hills

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EBC-2016-17-2-200	Clyde Corser
EBC-2016-17-2-201	Jonathan Henn
EBC-2016-17-2-202	Rodger Heidinger
EBC-2016-17-2-203	Phil Trenholm
EBC-2016-17-2-204	Dennis Warner
EBC-2016-17-2-205	Holly Dudley
EBC-2016-17-2-206	Barbara Beifus
EBC-2016-17-2-207	Robert Herring
EBC-2016-17-2-208	Claude Oppenheim
EBC-2016-17-2-209	Dean Gray
EBC-2016-17-2-210	Marvin Shoup
EBC-2016-17-2-211	Jake Turner
EBC-2016-17-2-212	Marie Smith
EBC-2016-17-2-213	Regina Hansen
EBC-2016-17-2-214	Sheri Henry
EBC-2016-17-2-215	Marjorie Horn
EBC-2016-17-2-216	Christina Kuttnick
EBC-2016-17-2-217	William Groves
EBC-2016-17-2-218	William Gilson
EBC-2016-17-2-219	Shirley Evans
EBC-2016-17-2-220	Trevor Pott
EBC-2016-17-2-221	Jennifer Burr
EBC-2016-17-2-222	Steven Kuchirka
EBC-2016-17-2-223	Stephanie Fehler
EBC-2016-17-2-224	Daniel Nash
EBC-2016-17-2-225	Gail Grant
EBC-2016-17-2-226	Janette and Kenneth Bernhart
EBC-2016-17-2-227	Bruce Beattie
EBC-2016-17-2-228	Corrine Erickson
EBC-2016-17-2-229	Jeanne Gonnason
EBC-2016-17-2-230	Vic Moran
EBC-2016-17-2-231	Duston Forrest
EBC-2016-17-2-232	Yvonne Webber
EBC-2016-17-2-233	Rita Radvony
EBC-2016-17-2-234	Tanya Babcook
EBC-2016-17-2-235	David Smitheman
EBC-2016-17-2-236	Mandi Skogen
EBC-2016-17-2-237	Trisha and Myron Bennett
EBC-2016-17-2-238	Linda Hibbert
EBC-2016-17-2-239	Ed Karl
EBC-2016-17-2-240	Ashley Fehr

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EBC-2016-17-2-241	Bryan Kranzier
EBC-2016-17-2-242	Kathy Rooyakkers, Reeve
EBC-2016-17-2-243	Ron Baugh
EBC-2016-17-2-244	Chris Doyle
EBC-2016-17-2-245	Sandra Sheridan-Kingsbury
EBC-2016-17-2-246	Allen Pierce
EBC-2016-17-2-247	William Astle
EBC-2016-17-2-248	Naomi MacLean
EBC-2016-17-2-249	Marg Lintott
EBC-2016-17-2-250	Rebecca Everitt
EBC-2016-17-2-251	Janet Schwengler
EBC-2016-17-2-252	Mel Smith
EBC-2016-17-2-253	Sarah Hartlen
EBC-2016-17-2-254	Nora Kish
EBC-2016-17-2-255	Connie Hamilton
EBC-2016-17-2-256	Gerry Gaede
EBC-2016-17-2-257	Dawn Messer
EBC-2016-17-2-258	Dan Kennelly
EBC-2016-17-2-259	Jennifer Rose
EBC-2016-17-2-260	Merritt Ranseth
EBC-2016-17-2-261	Shan O'fee-Byrom
EBC-2016-17-2-262	Jemmie Li-Wong
EBC-2016-17-2-263	Erin Stanford
EBC-2016-17-2-264	Sara Nieboer
EBC-2016-17-2-265	James Bremner
EBC-2016-17-2-266	Ed Reddy
EBC-2016-17-2-267	Melissa Ramkissoo
EBC-2016-17-2-268	Peter MacKay
EBC-2016-17-2-269	Stephanie MacKay
EBC-2016-17-2-270	VaLinda Ivanics
EBC-2016-17-2-271	Charmaine Wood
EBC-2016-17-2-272	Ken Kultgen, Mayor of Foremost
EBC-2016-17-2-273	Kevin Smook, Reeve, Beaver County
EBC-2016-17-2-274	Stan Bzowy, Reeve, MD of Spirit River
EBC-2016-17-2-275	Don Iveson, Mayor of Edmonton
EBC-2016-17-2-276	Matthew Kreke
EBC-2016-17-2-277	Jo-Anne Wright
EBC-2016-17-2-278	Jay Slem, Chair, Palliser Economic Development
EBC-2016-17-2-279	Colleen Matthews
EBC-2016-17-2-280	Clifford Smith
EBC-2016-17-2-281	Trudy Baker

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EBC-2016-17-2-282	Barb Homer
EBC-2016-17-2-283	Judy MacLachlan
EBC-2016-17-2-284	Allison Brown
EBC-2016-17-2-285	Thomas Loucks
EBC-2016-17-2-286	William Montague
EBC-2016-17-2-287	Beverly Silverstone
EBC-2016-17-2-288	Sandra Percival Kaczmarek
EBC-2016-17-2-289	Sonia Tyhonchuk
EBC-2016-17-2-290	Beverly Abels
EBC-2016-17-2-291	Jason Watt
EBC-2016-17-2-292	Lindy Dawson
EBC-2016-17-2-293	Rob Dawson
EBC-2016-17-2-294	Laura Neary
EBC-2016-17-2-295	Judy Rice
EBC-2016-17-2-296	Sandra Peacock
EBC-2016-17-2-297	Lisa MacFarlane
EBC-2016-17-2-298	Carolyn Skov
EBC-2016-17-2-299	Brenda Eisenberg
EBC-2016-17-2-300	Dennis and Janice Lang
EBC-2016-17-2-301	Margot Langdon
EBC-2016-17-2-302	Lynne Davies
EBC-2016-17-2-303	John Davies
EBC-2016-17-2-304	Patricia Jorgensen
EBC-2016-17-2-305	Pat Jamniczky
EBC-2016-17-2-306	Natalie Harmon
EBC-2016-17-2-307	Ken Larsen
EBC-2016-17-2-308	Nicola Doyle
EBC-2016-17-2-309	Frank Cosman
EBC-2016-17-2-310	Teresa Ormberg
EBC-2016-17-2-311	Margaret Steel
EBC-2016-17-2-312	Craig Pearn
EBC-2016-17-2-313	John Borrowman
EBC-2016-17-2-314	Gillian Mair
EBC-2016-17-2-315	Gibson Scott
EBC-2016-17-2-316	Patrick Mair
EBC-2016-17-2-317	Krysti Baker
EBC-2016-17-2-318	Mark Shand
EBC-2016-17-2-319	Gregory Kraus
EBC-2016-17-2-320	Donald Jamison
EBC-2016-17-2-321	Wayne Brock
EBC-2016-17-2-322	Louise Capper

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EBC-2016-17-2-323	Brenda Dale
EBC-2016-17-2-324	Linda McGregor
EBC-2016-17-2-325	Elizabeth Gray
EBC-2016-17-2-326	Marnie Beaudoin
EBC-2016-17-2-327	Curtis Kutzweg
EBC-2016-17-2-328	Ronald Hons
EBC-2016-17-2-329	Jennifer and Andrew Wilkinson
EBC-2016-17-2-330	Calvin Ell
EBC-2016-17-2-331	Wanda Rose
EBC-2016-17-2-332	Dene Cooper, Reeve, Bighorn
EBC-2016-17-2-333	Alan Hyland
EBC-2016-17-2-334	Francis Egan
EBC-2016-17-2-335	Dixie-Lee Egan
EBC-2016-17-2-336	Cory Diemert
EBC-2016-17-2-337	Trevor Norris
EBC-2016-17-2-338	Ralph Gechter
EBC-2016-17-2-339	Wayne Pratt
EBC-2016-17-2-340	Jennifer McCurdy
EBC-2016-17-2-341	Trevor Dunham
EBC-2016-17-2-342	Glenn Andersen, Mayor of St. Paul
EBC-2016-17-2-343	Ian Borody
EBC-2016-17-2-344	Myrna Fyfe
EBC-2016-17-2-345	Sandra Oleksiw
EBC-2016-17-2-346	Jyoti Gondek
EBC-2016-17-2-347	Chris Stockwell
EBC-2016-17-2-348	Glenn McLean and Bart Guyon
EBC-2016-17-2-349	Joel French, Public Interest Alberta
EBC-2016-17-2-350	Leroy Durand
EBC-2016-17-2-351	Jeff Wedman, St. Albert PC Association
EBC-2016-17-2-352	Colleen Powell
EBC-2016-17-2-353	Iain Hawker
EBC-2016-17-2-354	Chris Challis
EBC-2016-17-2-355	Jaye Walter
EBC-2016-17-2-356	Dale Boddy
EBC-2016-17-2-357	Alan and Ingrid Rose
EBC-2016-17-2-358	Dan Wong
EBC-2016-17-2-359	Wayne Moorhead
EBC-2016-17-2-360	Claude Lagace, Mayor of Sexsmith
EBC-2016-17-2-361	Leanne Rosinski, McLeod Community
EBC-2016-17-2-362	LeVar Payne
EBC-2016-17-2-363	Jeff MacKenzie

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EBC-2016-17-2-364	Chantelle Hughes-Kreutzer, Mill Woods NDP
EBC-2016-17-2-365	Robyn Singleton, Lamont County
EBC-2016-17-2-366	Martin Shields, MP
EBC-2016-17-2-367	Gerald Aalbers, Mayor of Lloydminster
EBC-2016-17-2-368	Bill Maxim, Returning Officer, Edmonton-Decore
EBC-2016-17-2-369	Omer Moghrabi, Mayor, Lac La Biche County
EBC-2016-17-2-370	Susan Hodges Marlowe
EBC-2016-17-2-371	Judith A. Carter
EBC-2016-17-2-372	William B. Carter
EBC-2016-17-2-373	Ann McCormack
EBC-2016-17-2-374	Noel McCormack
EBC-2016-17-2-375	Paul Hopaluk
EBC-2016-17-2-376	Laurie Hopaluk
EBC-2016-17-2-377	Genevieve Baechler
EBC-2016-17-2-378	Thomas Baechler
EBC-2016-17-2-379	Andrew Convey
EBC-2016-17-2-380	Ben Poitras
EBC-2016-17-2-381	George Russell
EBC-2016-17-2-382	Ronald Boothman
EBC-2016-17-2-383	Kent Rewuski
EBC-2016-17-2-384	Keagan Rewuski
EBC-2016-17-2-385	K. Rewuski
EBC-2016-17-2-386	David Bensmiller
EBC-2016-17-2-387	Krista Bensmiller
EBC-2016-17-2-388	Bonnie Barnett
EBC-2016-17-2-389	Cindy Maynes
EBC-2016-17-2-390	David Cullins
EBC-2016-17-2-391	Rick Franke
EBC-2016-17-2-392	Patsy West
EBC-2016-17-2-393	Marcene Garnier
EBC-2016-17-2-394	Maurice Garnier
EBC-2016-17-2-395	Mable A. Walker
EBC-2016-17-2-396	Emma Wowk
EBC-2016-17-2-397	Janice Hilts
EBC-2016-17-2-398	Jim Hilts
EBC-2016-17-2-399	Dean Brett
EBC-2016-17-2-400	Brenda Brett
EBC-2016-17-2-401	Judy Bates
EBC-2016-17-2-402	Lindsey Bates
EBC-2016-17-2-403	Lorraine Whiteside
EBC-2016-17-2-404	Sheryl Davies

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EBC-2016-17-2-405	Jennifer Romanchuk
EBC-2016-17-2-406	Arnell Dennill
EBC-2016-17-2-407	Suzanne Pankiw
EBC-2016-17-2-408	Harvey Ericson
EBC-2016-17-2-409	Shannon Bakos
EBC-2016-17-2-410	Curt McLean
EBC-2016-17-2-411	Anne Fehr
EBC-2016-17-2-412	Brent Romanchuk
EBC-2016-17-2-413	Kerry Sikora
EBC-2016-17-2-414	Gioria Sikora
EBC-2016-17-2-415	Allan Parr
EBC-2016-17-2-416	Marty Hines
EBC-2016-17-2-417	Christine Graham
EBC-2016-17-2-418	Doris West
EBC-2016-17-2-419	L. Romanchuk
EBC-2016-17-2-420	Larry Bensmiller
EBC-2016-17-2-421	O. Bensmiller
EBC-2016-17-2-422	Ryley Bates
EBC-2016-17-2-423	Ken Haney
EBC-2016-17-2-424	Allan Stone
EBC-2016-17-2-425	Connie Whiteside
EBC-2016-17-2-426	Bob Braithwaite
EBC-2016-17-2-427	Daneca Goldsmith
EBC-2016-17-2-428	Bruce Goldsmith
EBC-2016-17-2-429	Darlene Goldsmith
EBC-2016-17-2-430	Carrie Goldsmith
EBC-2016-17-2-431	Theresa Butz
EBC-2016-17-2-432	Jerry Butz
EBC-2016-17-2-433	Vern Goad
EBC-2016-17-2-434	Brenda Goad
EBC-2016-17-2-435	Cole Goad
EBC-2016-17-2-436	Bruce Craige
EBC-2016-17-2-437	Tammi Etherington
EBC-2016-17-2-438	Bruce Etherington
EBC-2016-17-2-439	Bryce Goldsmith
EBC-2016-17-2-440	Morley Dennill
EBC-2016-17-2-441	Darren Brown
EBC-2016-17-2-442	Laurie Bowman
EBC-2016-17-2-443	Lois Rewuski
EBC-2016-17-2-444	Sandra Braithwaite
EBC-2016-17-2-445	Roger Braithwaite

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EBC-2016-17-2-447	Norman Holowaychuk
EBC-2016-17-2-448	Shannon Convey
EBC-2016-17-2-449	C. LeClaire
EBC-2016-17-2-450	Lilian Ewan
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Attached is supplemental information that I identified would be submitted in my digital submission in February

This submission suggests that EFFECTIVE representation needs longevity of boundaries based upon municipal boundaries. It suggests that Charter Cities will be over represented in the legislature under the current scheme. It suggests that with option # 3 boundary adjustments and 2015 election results applied, no significant changes occur to the political landscape.

My colleagues and I are happy to have completed this analysis. We want to make sure the Commission is aware that we do not have the resources of the commission to undertake in depth analysis here, and emphasize that the values and data results are notional and used to demonstrate concepts. (we think it is pretty close though)

Thanks for the opportunity to help Albertans be EFFECTIVELY represented we have enjoyed doing this.

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Introduction

This submission has been put together by a handful of Albertans through volunteer efforts that has created a “notional” analysis of the available data, creation of prepared boundaries, and predictions. Our group does not have the resources of the Boundary Commission or the Government of Alberta, and it is not our intent to compete with those vast resources, or in fact be 100% accurate in our submission. Rather, we are attempting to demonstrate outcomes and strategies that could (in our opinion should) be followed to create EFFECTIVE representation for Albertans. In order to assuage ‘political’ interests we masked the 2015 election results on a poll by poll basis (where possible) and show the a virtual election resulted based on that 2015 election on the basis of the boundaries shown in each option.

Summary

Alberta has experienced significant population growth since 2010. According to the latest census, Alberta is the fastest growing province in Canada (more than 11% population growth from 2011 to 2016). Migration from other Canadian provinces, new immigrants and new refugees can easily be identified as contributing to this rapid growth. The call for submissions regarding the review of existing constituency boundaries is very timely.

In Alberta, electoral boundaries for representation in the legislature are not to be primarily driven by population. Rather representation is supposed to be determined by other influences such as national and provincial borders, natural boundaries, municipal boundaries, effective representation and input of Albertans, all the while considering the relative population density throughout the Province of Alberta along with any other factor the Commission may wish to consider.

These considerations provide the opportunity to address the geographic concentration of Albertans along the QEII and HWY 3, increasing rural and large city disparity of needs and common community interests, all in an effort to provide effective representation in the legislature, which does not mean equal representation by population.

Through analysis and extrapolation of the 2011 census data three options for consideration of boundary establishment are offered:

1. **Maintain Strictly the existing boundaries**
2. **Metro Areas (Large Cities) Equalized Representation**
3. **Municipal Boundaries & Charter Cities**

Provided are highlights, method and some pros cons of these options. As this is a volunteer developed submission it is purposely lean on written discussion and is intended to provoke considerations and solutions that the Commission may have not yet developed. A previous online submission was completed and then a pause was made to submitting this document and supporting maps in anticipation of the release of new census data. However, due to the unavailability of recent population numbers at a sufficiently granular level in the recently released data, we reverted to the detailed 2011 population.

The arithmetic to establish the average population of the ED's can become gymnastic when a blending of municipal and federal census data is used to achieve the overall population to be divided among 87 electoral districts. Usually, the large cities claim to have the most current and accurate information. While this may well be the case, using these populations will impact the average, but also the deviation from the average on a percentage basis (+/- 25%, and 4 at up to 50%). The point being, that the ranges of deviation allowed by the commission per electoral division may be different dependent upon the total population selected by the commission. It should also serve to illustrate that the population calculation and the resultant average should not be the final determinant of a boundary. The Commission may wish to seek dispensation from this requirement should the other considerations far outweigh the population equation in establishing EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION especially in the sparsely populated east, north and southwest areas.

NOTES:

Current population number should be considered for the appropriateness of proposed boundaries in option 2 and 3. At the end of this document, population numbers for each constituency are provided for option 1, 2 and 3.

Provision of the Topological digital files (GIS – shapefiles) can be discussed.

Context

Alberta has changed in population and its demographics - again. The disparity and travel times and communication issues of representing such a vast province are not new. From its formation in 1905 forward, Alberta has created solutions that accommodate the needs of the day. The connectivity of Albertans has however changed immensely in the past decade as a result of improved highway networks, footprint of the internet, and capability of smart phones and social media. Presently, elected officials routinely struggle to identify the representative or proportionate population value and hierarchy of a personal visit, a phone call, a traditional letter, an email or a tweet. Living 150km from the legislature may not mean as much in 2017 as years past. Certainly the EBC must have like struggles given the array of inputs.

Federal Governments over the past 30 years or more have created grants for municipalities that need be accessed through the provinces. This can and has caused competing municipalities grief and frustration when attempting to garner the support of their MLA when boundaries include large urban, small urban, and rural – the lack of common interest is evident.

Populations have densified in the Capital Region, Calgary, the Highway 2 corridor and other cities. Challenges in delivery of services at the municipal level have started discussions ranging from eliminating Summer Villages to granting City Charters, from pooling and redistributing linear tax revenue to performing viability studies on municipalities. This long standing and significant focus on the municipalities, and the Legislative Assemblies impact on them, is likely the rationale behind making electoral boundaries contiguous with Municipal boundaries whenever possible.

Currently the Municipal Government Act contemplates Calgary and Edmonton being granted City Charters in June 2017. This will give them powers beyond the rest of the municipalities. The Charter Cities will be able to make decisions normally reserved for the Legislature. Does that provide the Charter Cities disproportionate representation in the context of EFFECTIVE representation for the “Rest of Alberta”?

The MGA also sets out the need for CFA’s or Collaboration Framework Agreements among rural and urban municipalities to be in place very soon. Many Regional Services Commissions are in place throughout the Province to provide services ranging from emergency management to solid waste, airports to water- and all use the municipal boundary to identify the area the commissions operate. Similarly the CFA’s identify municipal boundaries, then collaboration.

There are likely many other compelling examples that demonstrate the municipal boundary (including Metis and First Nations boundaries) prominence in identification to the public where

the delivery of services to Albertans and common interests emanate from- (such as; ag services board, intermunicipal development plans, recreation associations, seniors foundations, to name a few). Current electoral boundaries in many cases are not an example of prominence of municipal boundaries regarding “common interests”.

We feel the boundaries should be clear and remain so that they should change only when it is demonstrably evident that the boundaries NO LONGER provide EFFECTIVE representation. It seems that there has been a presumption by many previous boundary commissions that population change insists that boundaries are no longer EFFECTIVE and must be changed. Perhaps the previous commissions should have measured the then existing boundaries against the mandate below and only if the MUST factors in the first consideration were not met would they then consider the SHOULD regarding population in the second consideration.

For reference; follows is an excerpt from the abebc.ca website regarding the mandate – which does not necessarily mean interpret the regulations ~~solely~~solely

“Considerations

The Commission must take the following factors into consideration in making their recommendations to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:

- the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*,
- sparsity and density of population,
- common community interests and community organizations, including those of Indian reserves and Métis settlements,
- wherever possible, the existing community boundaries within the cities of Edmonton and Calgary,
- wherever possible, the existing municipal boundaries,
- the number of municipalities and other local authorities,
- geographical features, including existing road systems,
- the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries, and
- any other factors the Commission considers appropriate.

The population of a proposed electoral constituency should not vary more than 25% from the provincial average, except in a few special cases.”

Follows are three options that could be considered frameworks or strategies for further analysis by the commission.

1. Option 1 – Maintain Strictly the existing boundaries

Highlights:

1. We analyzed the population numbers and the implications if we do not change existing boundaries
2. Current boundaries are shown in Figure 1a and 1b

Pros:

1. No effort/resources to change boundaries
2. Albertans won't have to experience changed constituencies during election
3. Common Interest may germinate within a recurring boundary

Cons:

1. No reflection of change in population
2. No reflection of change in municipal boundaries
3. Many constituencies cross multiple municipalities
4. No analysis of effective representation
5. No consideration / reflection of common community interest

Option 2 –Metro Areas (Large Cities) Equalized Representation

Highlights:

1. Changes in City of Edmonton from existing 20 EDs to proposed 17 (Figure 2a)
2. Changes in City of Calgary from existing 25 EDs to proposed 17 (Figure 2b)
3. Remaining ~~75~~77 electoral districts remain as much as possible
4. Metro area needs do not normally change over geographic area of ED's or distances and the "common community interests" are generally congruent with wards and city limits
5. City Council members via ward system represent many more Albertans than MLA's and deem that as effective representation at the municipal level. That supports rationale for fewer ED's in Cities
6. Community, wards, and natural boundaries are used to create new constituencies
7. Changes in St. Albert, City of Airdrie and City of Medicine Hat constituencies to accommodate changes in municipal boundaries due to annexations (Figure 2c)

Cons:

1. More effort/resources to change boundaries
2. Albertans won't have same constituencies in next election
3. Some constituencies may have population in the range of 60-70k but those constituencies are fairly stable and won't experience high influx of people over time – they are built
4. Cities may not like the idea of fewer constituencies

Pros:

1. Reflect municipally boundary changes
2. Balanced approach in two metro areas (Edmonton & Calgary)
3. Common community interest
4. Fairer representation with respect to wards
5. Fewer Constituencies – reduce 87 by 12 to 75 total

Option 3 - Municipal Boundaries & Charter Cities

Highlights:

1. Total number of constituencies remain same (87)
2. Changes in City of Edmonton from existing 20 EDs to proposed 18 (Figure 3a)
3. Changes in City of Calgary from existing 25 EDs to proposed 19 (Figure 3b)
4. Metro area needs do not normally change over geographic area of ED's or distances and the "common community interests" are generally congruent with wards and city limits
5. City Council members via ward system represent many more Albertans than MLA's and deem that as effective representation at the municipal level. That supports rationale for fewer ED's in Cities
6. Rural constituencies cover large areas including many small town, villages, hamlets
7. Cutting down 8 constituencies from Edmonton & Calgary and adding in other parts of AB
8. Population of Calgary and Edmonton removed from Rest of Alberta total and average population is calculated as Rest of Alberta divided by 50 remaining ED's to create 87 total. This increases opportunity to consolidate 'common interest' and reduce geographic foot print of vast ED's
9. One constituency for Airdrie is proposed
10. One constituency for Leduc is proposed
11. One constituency for Stony Plain and Spruce Groove (combined) is proposed
12. Three constituencies for City of Red Deer instead of two
13. Chiefly municipal boundaries are used as a first rule rural so that each municipality belongs to one constituency only where possible and no crossover from Charter Cities to Rest of Alberta
14. Attempts to reflect common interests of Highway 2 corridor municipalities by consolidating around corridor.
15. At few places, one municipality is divided into more than one constituency to accommodate large number of population using natural boundaries (river, highway)
16. Changes in St. Albert, City of Airdrie and City of Medicine Hat constituencies to accommodate changes in municipal boundaries
17. Option 3 proposed boundaries in relation to 2010 boundaries are shown in (figure 3c)

Cons:

1. More effort/resources to change boundaries

2. Albertans won't have same constituencies in next election
3. Some constituencies may have population in the range of 60s-70sk but those constituencies are fairly stable and won't experience high influx of people over time
4. Cities may not like the idea of fewer constituencies

Pros:

1. Reflect municipal boundary changes
2. Balanced approach across AB
3. Re- Alignment with municipal boundaries
4. Increased representation of Rural Alberta to off-set City Charters
5. Common community interest
6. Defined representation of growing areas (Airdrie, Stony Plain & Spruce Grove, Leduc)

Option 1 – Population

ID	Option1 - ED Name	Option1 - ED Num	Population
1	Airdrie	47	64,630
2	Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater	48	37,970
3	Banff-Cochrane	49	56,410
4	Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	50	42,040
5	Battle River-Wainwright	51	39,110
6	Bonnyville-Cold Lake	52	37,980
7	Calgary-Acadia	3	39,480
8	Calgary-Bow	4	42,650
9	Calgary-Buffalo	5	42,960
10	Calgary-Cross	6	47,640
11	Calgary-Currie	7	49,220
12	Calgary-East	8	49,600
13	Calgary-Elbow	9	47,570
14	Calgary-Fish Creek	10	38,170
15	Calgary-Foothills	11	57,350
16	Calgary-Fort	12	44,980
17	Calgary-Glenmore	13	46,190
18	Calgary-Greenway	14	50,020
19	Calgary-Hawkwood	15	46,890
20	Calgary-Hays	16	44,520
21	Calgary-Klein	17	45,540
22	Calgary-Lougheed	18	49,800
23	Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill	19	52,450
24	Calgary-McCall	20	64,620
25	Calgary-Mountain View	21	44,680
26	Calgary-North West	22	46,260
27	Calgary-Northern Hills	23	59,520
28	Calgary-Shaw	24	44,270
29	Calgary-South East	25	92,160
30	Calgary-Varsity	26	44,860
31	Calgary-West	27	47,920
32	Cardston-Taber-Warner	53	39,580
33	Chestermere-Rocky View	54	54,020
34	Cypress-Medicine Hat	55	42,750
35	Drayton Valley-Devon	56	42,390
36	Drumheller-Stettler	57	36,810
37	Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley	1	23,340
38	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	28	47,150

39	Edmonton-Calder	29	54,850
40	Edmonton-Castle Downs	30	52,250
41	Edmonton-Centre	31	43,360
42	Edmonton-Decore	32	47,360
43	Edmonton-Ellerslie	33	60,560
44	Edmonton-Glenora	34	43,720
45	Edmonton-Gold Bar	35	43,460
46	Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	36	43,480
47	Edmonton-Manning	37	53,410
48	Edmonton-McClung	38	40,390
49	Edmonton-Meadowlark	39	50,130
50	Edmonton-Mill Creek	40	53,110
51	Edmonton-Mill Woods	41	41,310
52	Edmonton-Riverview	42	41,430
53	Edmonton-Rutherford	43	40,000
54	Edmonton-South West	44	79,890
55	Edmonton-Strathcona	45	42,410
56	Edmonton-Whitemud	46	53,350
57	Fort McMurray-Conklin	58	24,250
58	Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	59	49,100
59	Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	60	47,990
60	Grande Prairie-Smoky	61	49,630
61	Grande Prairie-Wapiti	62	54,490
62	Highwood	63	55,170
63	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	64	46,730
64	Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills	65	31,930
65	Lacombe-Ponoka	66	45,170
66	Leduc-Beaumont	67	56,190
67	Lesser Slave Lake	2	27,570
68	Lethbridge-East	68	45,570
69	Lethbridge-West	69	47,160
70	Little Bow	70	40,280
71	Livingstone-Macleod	71	43,790
72	Medicine Hat	72	39,880
73	Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	73	45,840
74	Peace River	74	35,850
75	Red Deer-North	75	50,120
76	Red Deer-South	76	50,300
77	Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre	77	40,850
78	Sherwood Park	78	45,230
79	Spruce Grove-St. Albert	79	62,790

80	St. Albert	80	46,350
81	Stony Plain	81	46,820
82	Strathcona-Sherwood Park	82	49,590
83	Strathmore-Brooks	83	48,060
84	Vermilion-Lloydminster	84	38,670
85	West Yellowhead	85	31,940
86	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	86	43,000
87	Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	87	39,260

Option 2 – Population

ID	Option2 - ED Name	Option2 - ED Num	Population
1	Airdrie	12	64,990
2	Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater	33	37,970
3	Banff-Cochrane	13	56,410
4	Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	32	42,040
5	Battle River-Wainwright	21	39,110
6	Bonnyville-Cold Lake	31	37,980
7	Calgary Hawkwood	46	67,220
8	Calgary-Buffalo	53	62,420
9	Calgary-Cross	44	58,540
10	Calgary-East	49	69,090
11	Calgary-Elbow	52	75,810
12	Calgary-Fish Creek	56	68,010
13	Calgary-Fort	54	65,880
14	Calgary-Glenmore	76	75,330
15	Calgary-Lougheed	57	77,120
16	Calgary-McCall	43	90,080
17	Calgary-Mountain View	51	44,680
18	Calgary-North	42	83,650
19	Calgary-Northern Hills	45	66,010
20	Calgary-Nose Hill	50	75,440
21	Calgary-South	55	108,910
22	Calgary-Varsity	48	72,520
23	Calgary-West	47	78,590
24	Cardston-Taber-Warner	4	39,580
25	Chestermere-Rocky View	10	53,660
26	Cypress-Medicine Hat	8	19,370
27	Drayton Valley-Devon	23	42,390
28	Drumheller-Stettler	18	36,810
29	Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley	35	23,340
30	Edmonton-Calder	69	65,440
31	Edmonton-Castle Downs	70	65,650
32	Edmonton-Centre	66	43,360
33	Edmonton-East	74	62,010
34	Edmonton-Glenora	65	52,360
35	Edmonton-Gold Bar	68	42,870
36	Edmonton-Highlands	67	43,520
37	Edmonton-Manning	71	62,220
38	Edmonton-McClung	62	37,290

39	Edmonton-Meadowlark	64	48,390
40	Edmonton-Mill Woods	60	63,510
41	Edmonton-Rutherford	72	47,080
42	Edmonton-South	59	60,620
43	Edmonton-South West	61	42,700
44	Edmonton-Southeast	58	91,440
45	Edmonton-Strathcona	63	51,640
46	Edmonton-Whitemud	73	51,500
47	Fort McMurray-Conklin	38	24,250
48	Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	37	49,100
49	Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	28	47,990
50	Grande Prairie-Smoky	41	49,630
51	Grande Prairie-Wapiti	40	54,490
52	Highwood	6	55,170
53	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	17	46,730
54	Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills	34	31,930
55	Lacombe-Ponoka	19	45,170
56	Leduc-Beaumont	22	56,190
57	Lesser Slave Lake	36	27,570
58	Lethbridge-East	3	45,570
59	Lethbridge-West	2	47,160
60	Little Bow	9	40,280
61	Livingstone-Macleod	7	43,790
62	Medicine Hat	5	63,260
63	Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	14	45,840
64	Peace River	39	35,850
65	Red Deer-North	16	50,120
66	Red Deer-South	15	50,300
67	Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre	20	40,850
68	Sherwood Park	75	45,230
69	Spruce Grove-St. Albert	26	43,550
70	St. Albert	25	65,590
71	Stony Plain	24	46,820
72	Strathcona-Sherwood Park	77	49,590
73	Strathmore-Brooks	11	48,060
74	Vermilion-Lloydminster	27	38,670
75	West Yellowhead	29	31,940
76	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	1	43,000
77	Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	30	39,260

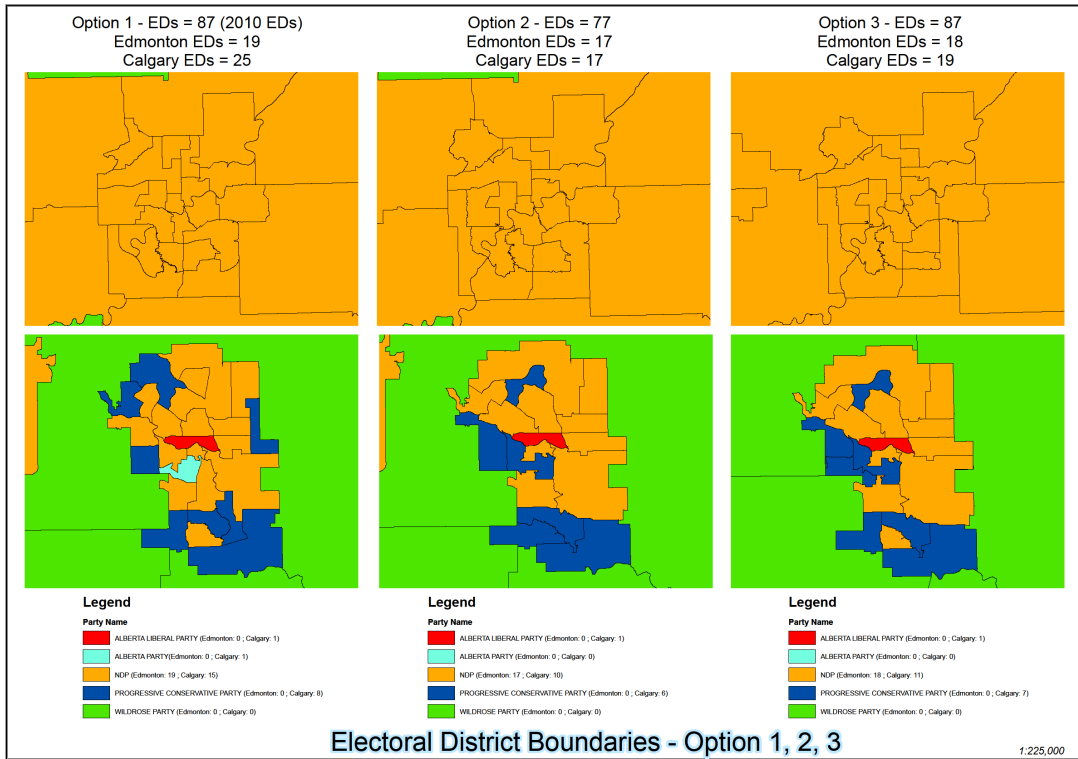
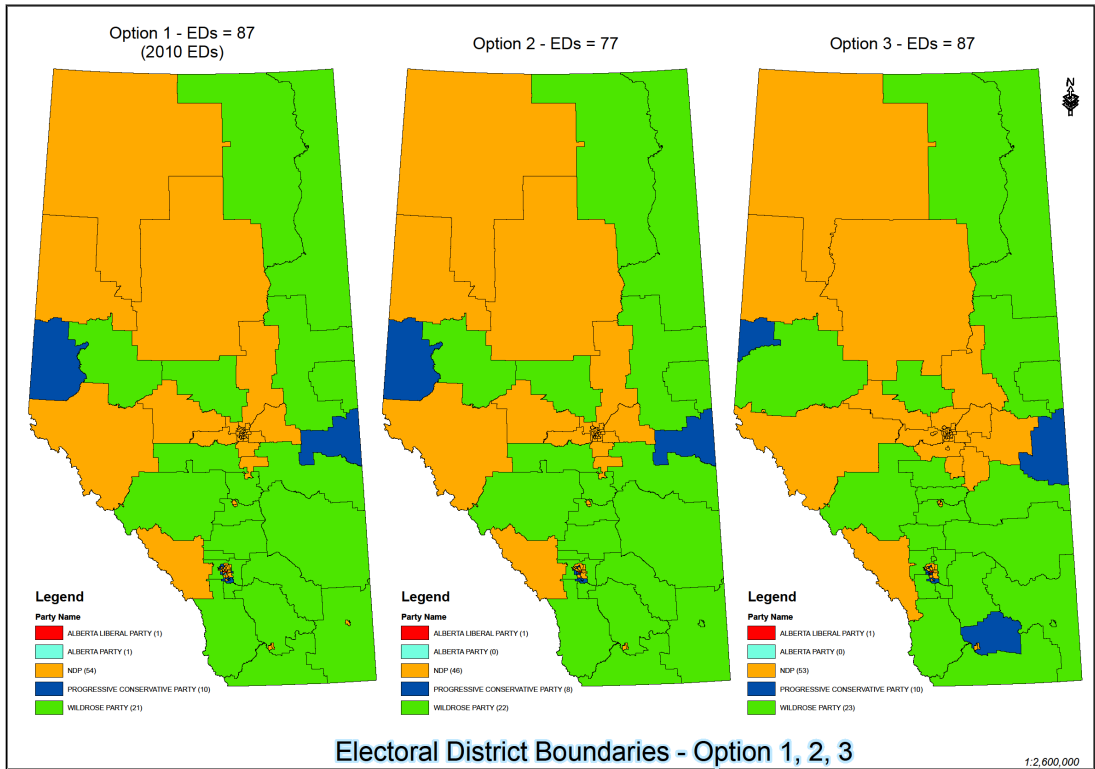
Option 3 – Population

ID	Option3 - ED Name	Option3 - ED Num	Population
1	Airdrie	82	61,590
2	Athabasca-Smoky Lake-Thorhild	68	21,270
3	Banff-Canmore	46	28,260
4	Barrhead-Westlock	71	24,450
5	Beaver-Minburn-Two Hills	58	25,160
6	Bonnyville	66	37,980
7	Calgary Hawkwood	6	67,220
8	Calgary-Bow	86	50,360
9	Calgary-Buffalo	12	62,420
10	Calgary-Cross	4	58,540
11	Calgary-East	8	69,090
12	Calgary-Elbow	11	66,210
13	Calgary-Fish Creek	15	51,340
14	Calgary-Fort	13	65,880
15	Calgary-Glenmore	34	66,690
16	Calgary-Lougheed	16	49,800
17	Calgary-McCall	3	90,080
18	Calgary-Mountain View	10	44,680
19	Calgary-North	2	83,650
20	Calgary-Northern Hills	5	66,010
21	Calgary-Nose Hill	9	75,440
22	Calgary-Shaw	84	44,000
23	Calgary-South	14	108,910
24	Calgary-Varsity	7	72,520
25	Calgary-West	85	46,470
26	Camrose	55	29,710
27	Cardston-Warner-Forty Mile	35	31,680
28	Chestermere-Rockview East	44	37,140
29	Cochrane-Rockyview West	83	53,040
30	Cypress-Newell	36	38,890
31	Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley	74	23,550
32	Edmonton-Beverly-Clearview	33	62,010
33	Edmonton-Calder	28	65,440
34	Edmonton-Castle Downs	29	65,650
35	Edmonton-Centre	25	43,360
36	Edmonton-Glenora	24	52,360
37	Edmonton-Gold Bar	27	42,870
38	Edmonton-Highlands	26	43,520

39	Edmonton-Manning	30	62,220
40	Edmonton-McClung	21	37,290
41	Edmonton-Meadowlark	23	48,390
42	Edmonton-Mill Creek	87	33,150
43	Edmonton-Mill Woods	19	41,480
44	Edmonton-Rutherford	31	47,080
45	Edmonton-South	18	60,620
46	Edmonton-South West	20	42,700
47	Edmonton-Southeast	17	81,350
48	Edmonton-Strathcona	22	51,640
49	Edmonton-Whitemud	32	51,500
50	Flagstaff-Stettler-Paintearth-Provost	56	29,590
51	Foothills Northeast	43	29,050
52	Fort McMurray-Conklin	78	24,250
53	Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	77	49,100
54	Grande Prairie-Wapiti	73	52,720
55	Greenview-Grande Prairie	72	51,570
56	Highwood	42	27,130
57	Jasper-Yellowhead	65	37,510
58	Lac La Biche-St Paul	67	23,610
59	Lacombe	53	36,800
60	Lamont-Fort Sask	69	36,940
61	Leduc	60	30,000
62	Leduc County	59	41,990
63	Lesser Slave Lake	75	31,800
64	Lethbridge-East	40	45,570
65	Lethbridge-West	39	47,160
66	Little Bow-Strathmore	45	33,810
67	Livingstone-Macleod	41	45,930
68	Medicine Hat	1	63,260
69	Mountain View	48	34,780
70	Parkland	61	37,030
71	Peace River - High Level	76	33,920
72	Ponoka-West Wetaskiwin	54	27,130
73	Red Deer Northeast	52	29,480
74	Red Deer Northwest	50	31,640
75	Red Deer South	51	39,310
76	Rocky Mountain House - Clear Water	47	36,460
77	Sherwood Park	80	45,230
78	Special Area-Drumheller_Kneehill	37	30,520
79	St Albert	63	65,590

80	Stoney Plain-Spruce Grove	62	51,260
81	Strathcona South	81	48,570
82	Sturgeon County	64	39,530
83	Sylvan Lake-Red Deer County	49	48,400
84	Taber-Lethbridge County	38	42,360
85	Vermilion-Wainwright	57	46,050
86	Wetaskiwin	79	27,020
87	Whitecourt-Ste Anne	70	30,860

2015 Election Super Imposed on Option 1,2 & 3



Notes:

Yes please

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2017, at 10:11 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Darwin,

It seems Election AB is not extending the deadline (intentionally?). The same date (Feb 8th) is also the release date of census 2016. I had no choice except using 2011 census data but what I did is calculated the rate of change from 2011 AB population to 2016 population which was approximately 17%. I applied same rate to all polling stations and to electoral districts. For polling stations population vary from 6 (yes just 6) to 11,877 and for electoral distance it varies from 26,970 to 60,521.

We would need to sit together on Wednesday morning (I hope road will be fine for me to travel [REDACTED]). Should we book a room/time on Wednesday morning?

Riz

From: Durnie, Darwin

Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Alberta Electoral Boundaries - Next Week Meet up?

Good work [REDACTED]. I am in Ontario this week. So let's meet up on Wes feb 8. If need be we can make a submission that says more info is coming

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2017, at 4:17 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hi Darwin,

I got ED and Polling Station shapefiles from [REDACTED] We still do not have 2016 census data but I used 2011 data and got population numbers for each polling station. It includes children, adult and senior. I can also check Alberta Municipal data and assign 2015/16 population number to cities/towns (it won't be available at lower level such as polling stations).

I think this would be all we need to start reconstructing EDs or to create new ones. I would need you to sit with me and [REDACTED] sometime next week so that we can draft changes to meet the deadline of Feb 08. We can move polling stations from one ED to other (if makes sense) by keeping in limits of the minimum maximum population criteria. I can come to [REDACTED] on Wednesday or Friday next week or if you are in [REDACTED] I can meet any other day as well.

In the meantime, if there is any other data that you think will be helpful in reshaping EDs, let us know and we'll try to get it.

I also heard the deadline line may be extend to Feb 28th since Census Canada is releasing population number on same date (Feb 8 ☺).....but there is nothing on Election AB website.

<http://albertapolitics.ca/2017/01/sake-healthy-democracy-alberta-electoral-boundaries-commission-needs-extend-submissions-deadline/>

Thanks



From: Durnie, Darwin
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Darwin DURNIE
Subject: Alberta Electoral Boundaries

Hello

About every 8 years the government is advised by the electoral commission where the boundaries of provincial constituencies may need adjustment.

This is a non partisan fundamental of our democracy.

Traditionally I have put forth a recommendation to the Commission based on a group of newbies and sea dogs getting together and examining the situation and using GIS and deliberation to suggest boundary changes.

You have expressed interest in the past of being involved in this or are a GIS person with skills the group could use if you're interested.

I plan on getting a group together discreetly to discuss this in [REDACTED] over the next couple weeks. For some it will be old hat – others it will be new.

Please confirm if you are interested and I will include you in this volunteer group.

Hi Darwin,
 I have updated the word document and Option 3 large map with 2016 population numbers. Please also see few comments in the word document and highlighted text.

Let me know if there is anything else.



-----Original Message-----

From: Darwin DURNIE [REDACTED]
 Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 8:38 AM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED] Durnie, Darwin

Subject: Re: please read

Is it a lot of effort to update with 2016 data

Darwin Durnie

> On Mar 7, 2017, at 07:52 [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Few minor changes and comments are attached.

>

> Initially, we thought to remove Edmonton and Calgary population and then create average based on rest of AB divided by 50 but when we drafted boundaries together it was not possible to strictly use average population number due to natural and municipal boundaries (Option 3). If population ranges from 30 to 40k, we considered it enough in less populated areas.

>

> I now also have 2016 population and analysis can be revised if required. I understand Option 3 is the proof on concept but I thought to bring it in your attention in case we need latest population at any stage.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Darwin Durnie [REDACTED]

> Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 4:22 PM

> To: [REDACTED]

> Cc: Durnie, Darwin

> Subject: please read

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> please review and return soonest - check the method in option 3

>

> Did we remove calagry and edmonton from population and then create average based on rest of alberta divided by 50?

> <20170216 Proposed Changes to Alberta Electoral Districts 2010.docx>

From: [REDACTED] >

Subject: RE: Proposed Changes to ED - Draft Document

Date: March 12, 2017 at 3:17:35 PM MDT

To: Darwin Durnie [REDACTED]

Hi Darwin,

I called Election AB to get 2015 results shapefile by polling stations and the GIS guy (I guess same we spoke many years ago) told me he didn't have it for a number of reasons: 1. the results were combined for some polling stations; 2. some polling stations divided into A & B & C; 3. many polling stations have mobile and special ballots which can't be represented by polling station shapefile.

█ kindly cleaned data for me for 1 & 2. We can't do anything for number 3 except keeping them out of the analysis / mapping. I also had to do some cleanup on my side to match GIS file with excel results file and also to combine polling stations where election AB reported combined results. It is interesting the many Polling Station that were combined are not contiguous (ED5- Poll# 54-65 & 57-66), (ED18- Poll#46 & 59, 60 & 70), (ED25- Poll# 67 & 115), ED 27- Poll# 52 & 72), ED 28 - Poll # 56&59), (ED 31 - Poll # 14&16, 23&53), ED38 - Poll# 62 & 63), (Ed 63 - Poll#54 & 63, 72 & 76), (ED 64 - Poll# 3 & 5, Poll# 26 & 27, Poll# 28, 29, 30, Poll # 53 & 87, Poll # 79 & 85), (ED 68 - Poll # 5 & 21), (Ed 77, Poll # 24 & 37, Poll # 62 & 68), (ED 82, Poll # 21 & 39, Poll # 71 & 76). I then transferred all polling station results to Option 2 & 3. You can see attached maps that show a comparison of Option 1, 2, & 3 at AB level and at Edmonton & Calgary Level. I hope it helps. Let me know if you have any question or need anything else in this regard.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Darwin Durnie █

Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 3:38 PM

To: █

Subject: Re: Proposed Changes to ED - Draft Document

Hey █

Can you put the 2015 election results on option 3 and give me a list of who won each district or colour a map for the winners - NDP orange - PCAA blue and Wildrose Green and Alberta Party - pale blue?

Province of Alberta

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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definition

1 In this Act, “Commission” means an Electoral Boundaries Commission appointed pursuant to section 2.

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1990 cE-4.01 s1

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Part 1

Electoral Boundaries Commissions

Electoral Boundaries Commission

2(1) From time to time as required by this Act, an Electoral Boundaries Commission is to be appointed consisting of

(a) a chair appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, who must be one of the following:

1. (i) the Ethics Commissioner;
2. (ii) the Auditor General;
3. (iii) the president of a post-secondary educational institution in Alberta;
4. (iv) a judge or retired judge of any court in Alberta;
5. (v) a person whose stature and qualifications are, in the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, similar to those of the persons referred to in subclauses (i) to (iv),
2. (b) 2
Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on the nomination of the Leader of Her Majesty’s loyal opposition in consultation with the leaders of the other opposition parties represented in the Legislative Assembly, and
3. (c) 2 persons, who are not members of the Legislative Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on the nomination of the President of the Executive Council.

(2) The Chief Electoral Officer is to provide advice, information and assistance to the Commission.

(3) With respect to the persons appointed under subsection (1)(b), one must be resident in a city and the other resident outside a city at the time of their appointment.

(4) With respect to the persons appointed under subsection (1)(c), one must be resident in a city and the other resident outside a city at the time of their appointment.

(5) Persons appointed under subsection (1) must be Canadian citizens, residents of Alberta and at least 18 years of age.

persons, who are not members of the Legislative

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1990 cE-4.01 s2;1995 c10 s2

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Function

3 The function of a Commission is to review the existing electoral boundaries established under the Electoral Divisions Act and to make proposals to the Legislative Assembly as to the area, boundaries and names of the electoral divisions of Alberta in accordance with the rules set out in Part 2.

1990 cE-4.01 s3;1995 c10 s3

Remuneration

4(1) The members of a Commission may be paid the remuneration prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for their services on the Commission.

(2) The members of a Commission may be paid their reasonable travelling and living expenses while away from their ordinary place of residence in the course of their duties as members at the rates the Lieutenant Governor in Council prescribes.

1990 cE-4.01 s4

Time of appointment

5(1) A Commission is to be appointed on or before October 31, 2016.

(2) Subsequent Commissions are to be appointed during the first session of the Legislature following every 2nd general election after the appointment of the last Commission.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), if less than 8 years has elapsed since the appointment of the last Commission, the Commission is to be appointed

1. (a) no sooner than 8 years, and
2. (b) no later than 10 years

after the appointment of the last Commission.

RSA 2000 cE-3 s5;2001 c23 s3;2009 c19 s2;2016 c6 s2

Report to Speaker

6(1) The Commission shall, after considering any representations to it and within 7 months of the date on which the Commission is appointed, submit to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly a report that shall set out the area, boundaries and names of the proposed electoral divisions and reasons for the proposed boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions.

(2) On receipt of the report, the Speaker shall make the report public and publish the Commission's proposals in The Alberta Gazette as soon as possible.

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(3) If the office of Speaker is vacant, the report shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, who shall comply with subsection (2).

1990 cE-4.01 s6;1995 c10 s5

Public hearings

7(1) The Commission must hold public hearings both

1. (a) before its report is submitted to the Speaker, and
2. (b) after its report has been made public,

at the places and times it considers appropriate to enable representations to be made by any person as to the area and boundaries of any proposed electoral division.

(2) The Commission shall give reasonable public notice of the time, place and purpose of any public hearings held by it.

1990 cE-4.01 s7;1993 c2 s8

Amendment of report

8(1) The Commission may, after considering any further representations made to it and within 5 months of the date it submitted its report, submit to the Speaker a final report.

(2) On receipt of the report, the Speaker shall make it public and publish it in The Alberta Gazette.

(3) If the office of Speaker is vacant, the report shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, who shall comply with subsection (2).

1990 cE-4.01 s8;1995 c10 s6

Commission report

9 If there is more than one report submitted under section 6 or 8, the report of a majority of the members of the Commission is the report of the Commission, but if there is no majority, the report of the chair is the report of the Commission.

1995 c10 s7

Report to Assembly

10 After the Commission has complied with sections 6 to 8, the final report of the Commission shall,

(a) if the Legislative Assembly is sitting when the report is submitted, be laid before the Assembly immediately, or

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if the Legislative Assembly is not then sitting, be laid before the Assembly within 7 days after the beginning of the next sitting.

(b)

New electoral divisions

11(1) If the Assembly, by resolution, approves or approves with alterations the proposals of the Commission, the Government shall, at the same session, introduce a Bill to establish new electoral divisions for Alberta in accordance with the resolution.

(2) The Bill is to be stated to come into force on the day that a writ is issued under section 40 of the Election Act for the next general election.

RSA 2000 cE-3 s11;2010 cE-4.2 s6

Part 2 Redistribution Rules

Population of Alberta

12(1) For the purposes of this Part, the population of Alberta is to be determined by the Commission in accordance with this section.

(2) In this section, “decennial census” means the most recent decennial census of population referred to in section 19(3) of the Statistics Act (Canada) from which the population of all proposed electoral divisions is available.

(3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), the Commission is to use

1. (a) the population information as provided in the decennial census, and
2. (b) information respecting the population on Indian reserves that are not included in the decennial census, as provided by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Canada).

(4) If there is a province-wide census that is more recent than the decennial census and from which the population of all proposed electoral divisions is available, the Commission is to use

1. (a) the population information as provided in the province-wide census, and
2. (b) information respecting the population on Indian reserves that are not included in the province-wide census, as provided by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Canada).

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1990 cE-4.01 s9;1995 c10 s8

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(5) The Commission may, as it considers appropriate, use more recent information respecting the population of all or any part of Alberta in conjunction with the information referred to in subsection (3) or (4).

RSA 2000 cE-3 s12;2009 c19 s3;2016 c6 s3

Electoral divisions

13 The Commission shall divide Alberta into 87 proposed electoral divisions.

RSA 2000 cE-3 s13;2009 c19 s4

Relevant considerations

14 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

1. (a) the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms,
2. (b) sparsity and density of population,
3. (c) common community interests and community organizations, including those of Indian reserves and Metis settlements,
4. (d) wherever possible, the existing community boundaries within the cities of Edmonton and Calgary,
5. (e) wherever possible, the existing municipal boundaries,
6. (f) the number of municipalities and other local authorities,
7. (g) geographical features, including existing road systems, and
8. (h) the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries.

1990 cE-4.01 s16;1993 c2 s12;1995 c10 s12

Population of electoral divisions

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.

(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 the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions:

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the area of the proposed electoral division exceeds 20 000 square kilometres or the total surveyed area of the proposed electoral division exceeds 15 000 square kilometres;

the distance from the Legislature Building in Edmonton to the nearest boundary of the proposed electoral division by the most direct highway route is more than 150 kilometres;

there is no town in the proposed electoral division that has a population exceeding 8000 people;

the area of the proposed electoral division contains an Indian reserve or a Metis settlement;

the proposed electoral division has a portion of its boundary coterminous with a boundary of the Province of Alberta.

(a)

(b)

(c) (d) (e)

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2)(c), The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass is not a town.

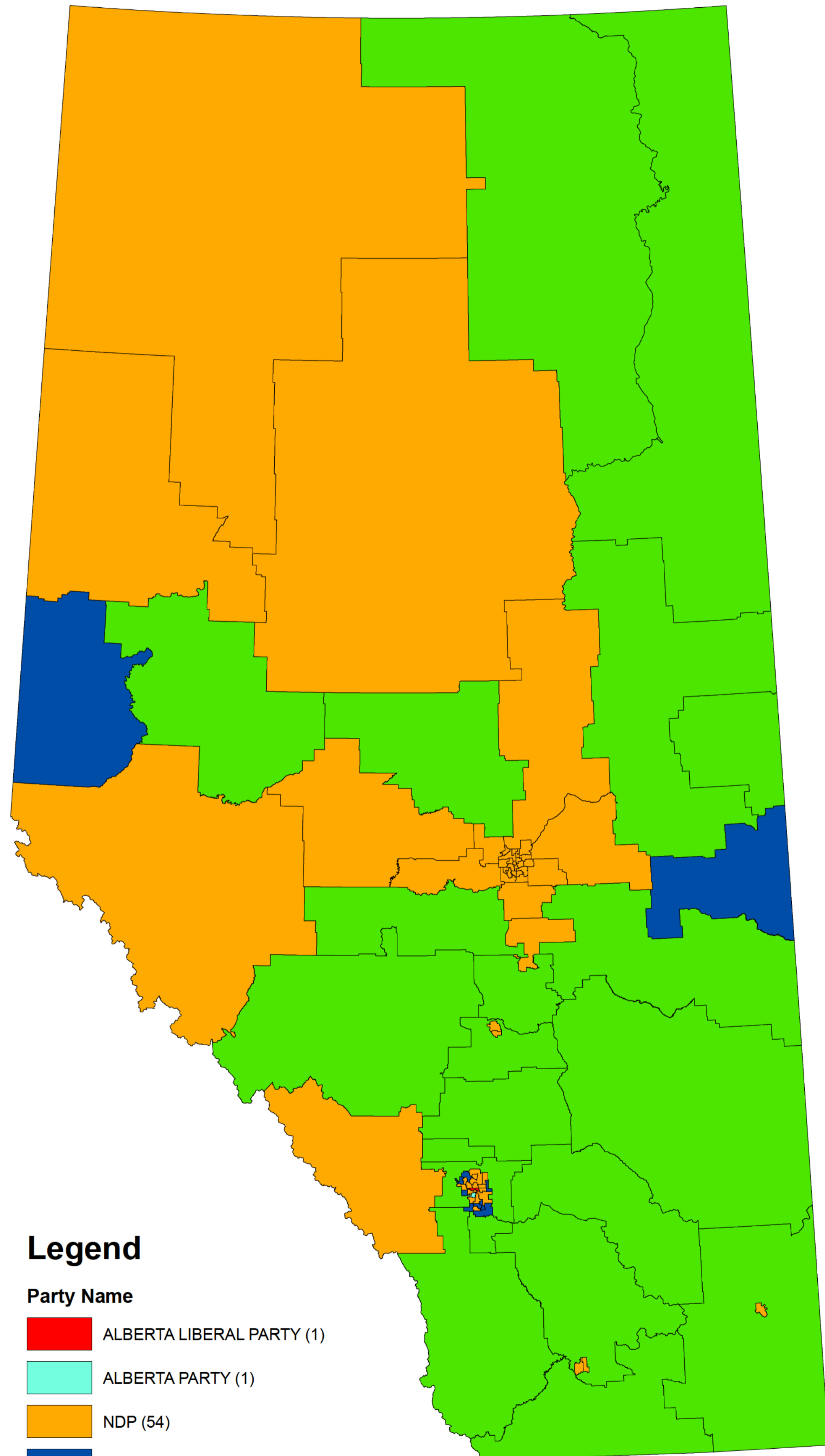
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RSA 2000 cE-13 s15;2009 c19 s5

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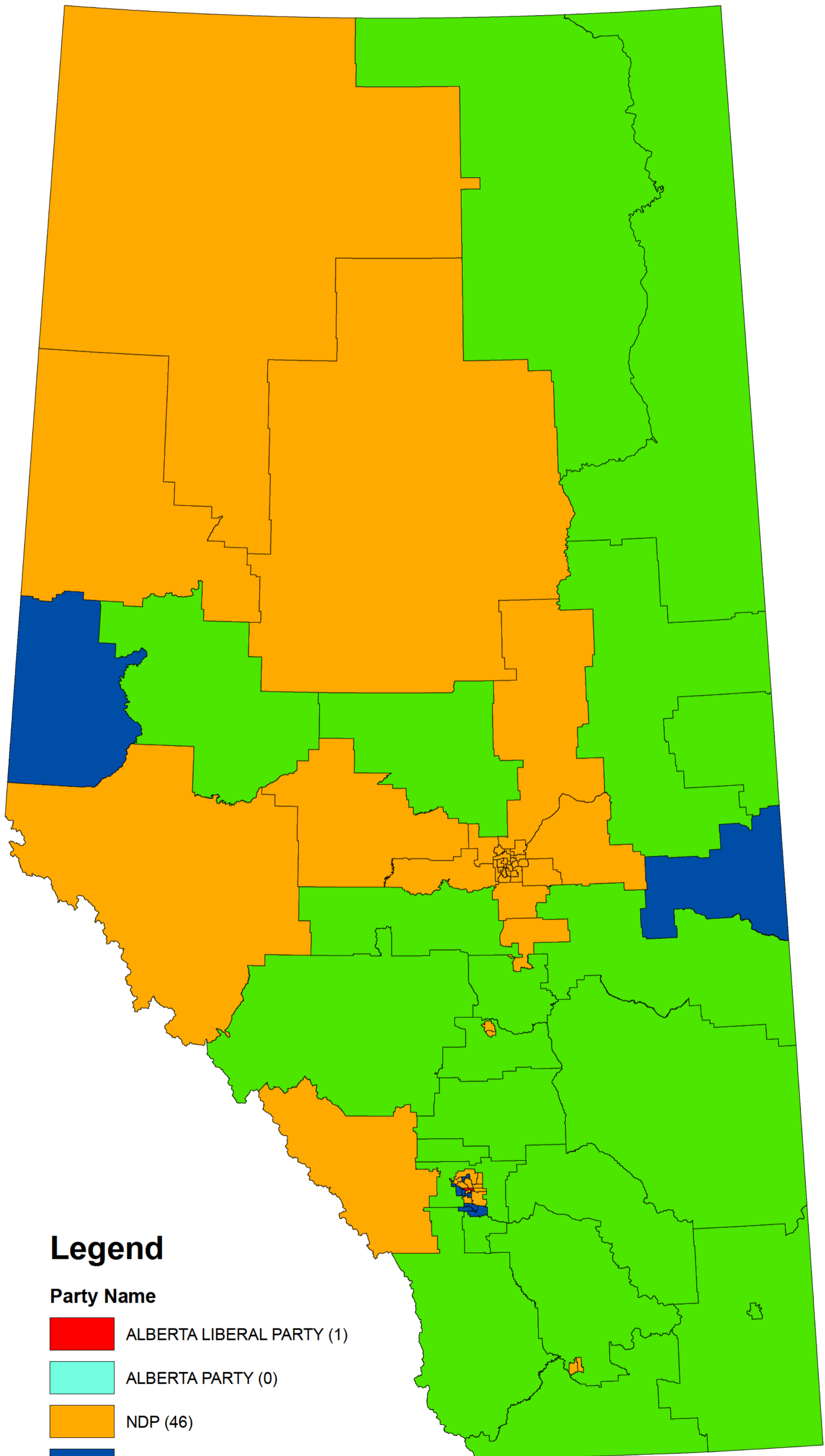


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WILDROSE PARTY	(21)

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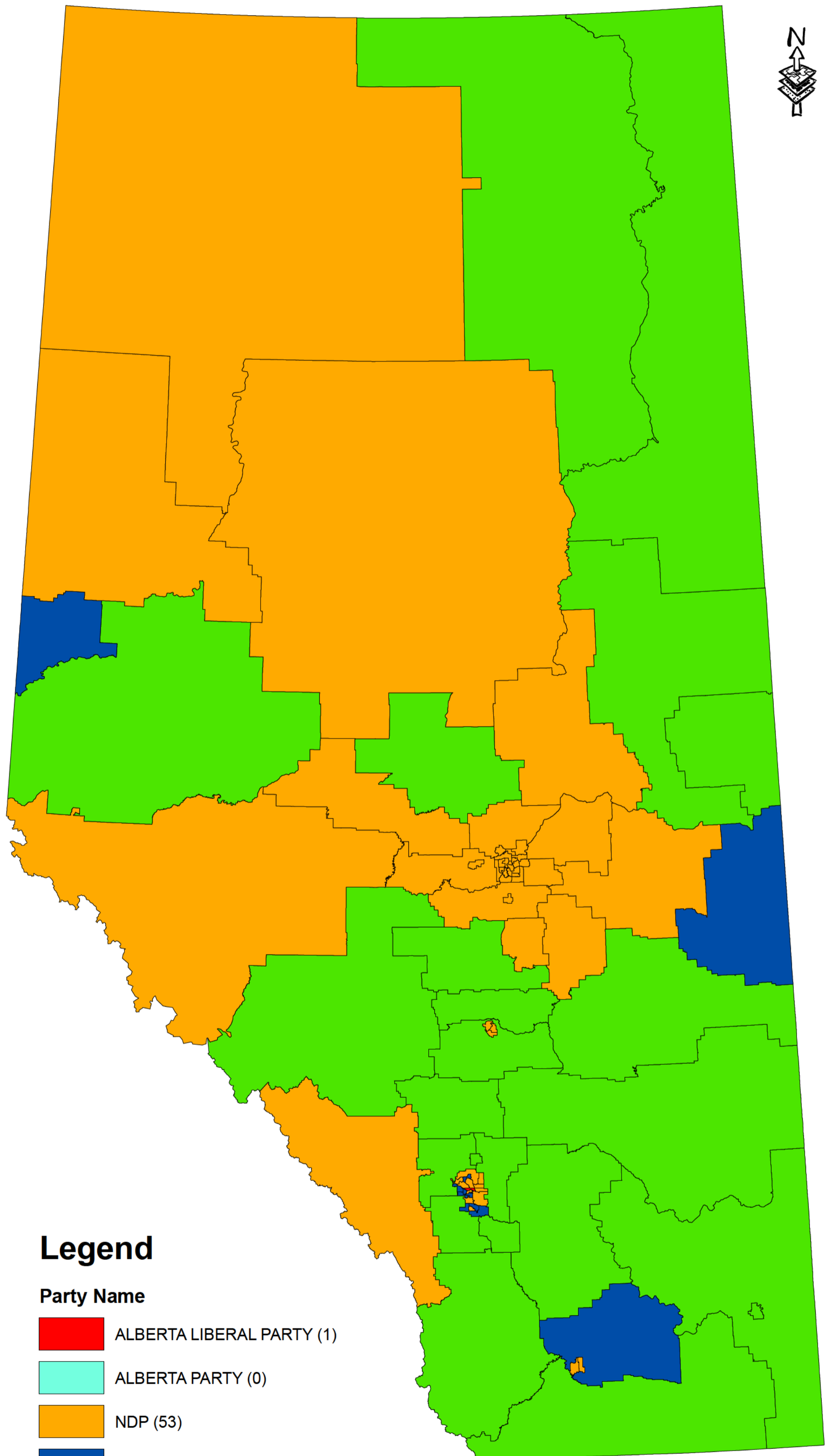


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WILDROSE PARTY	(22)

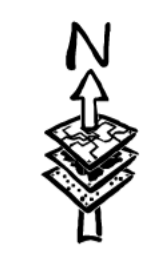
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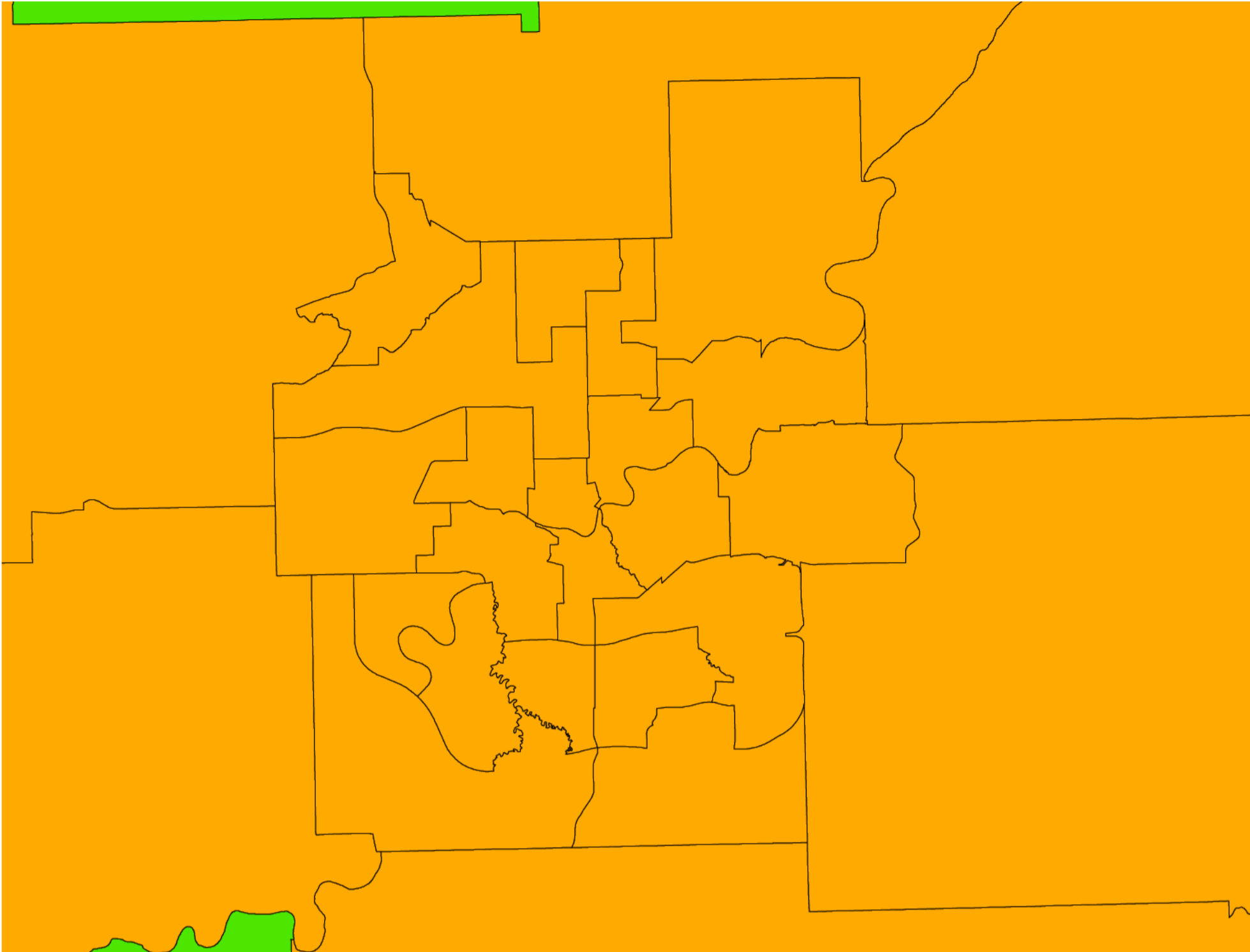
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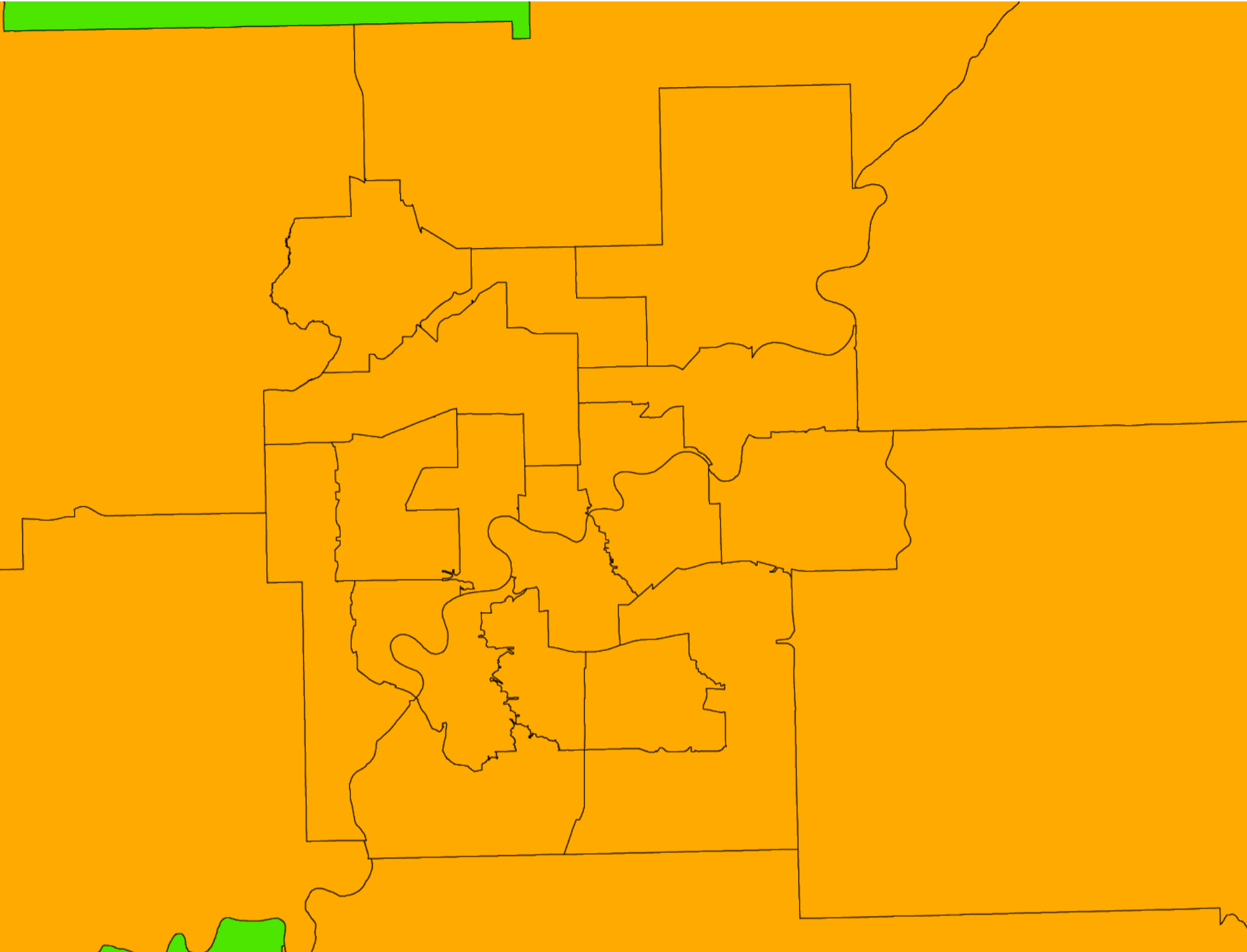
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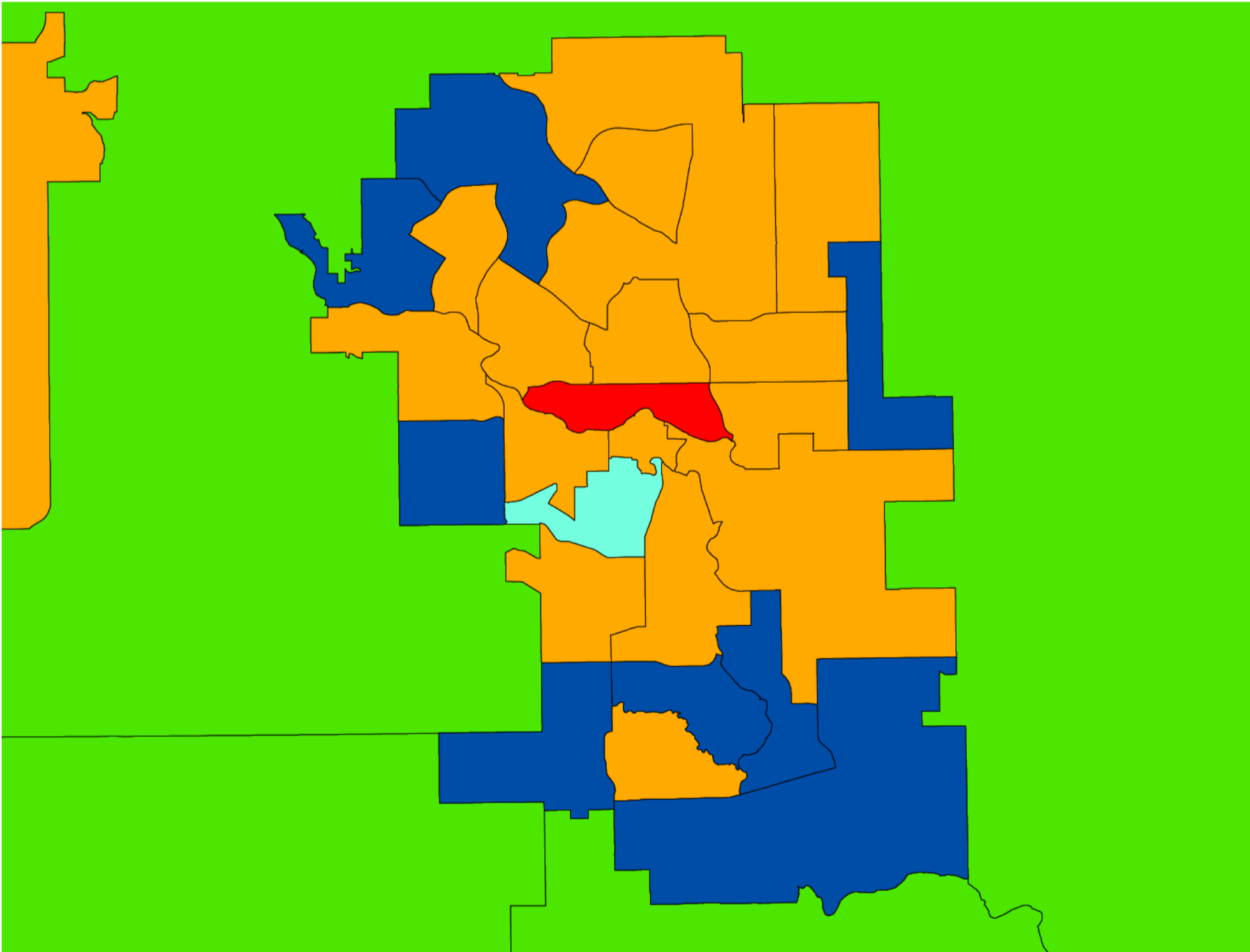
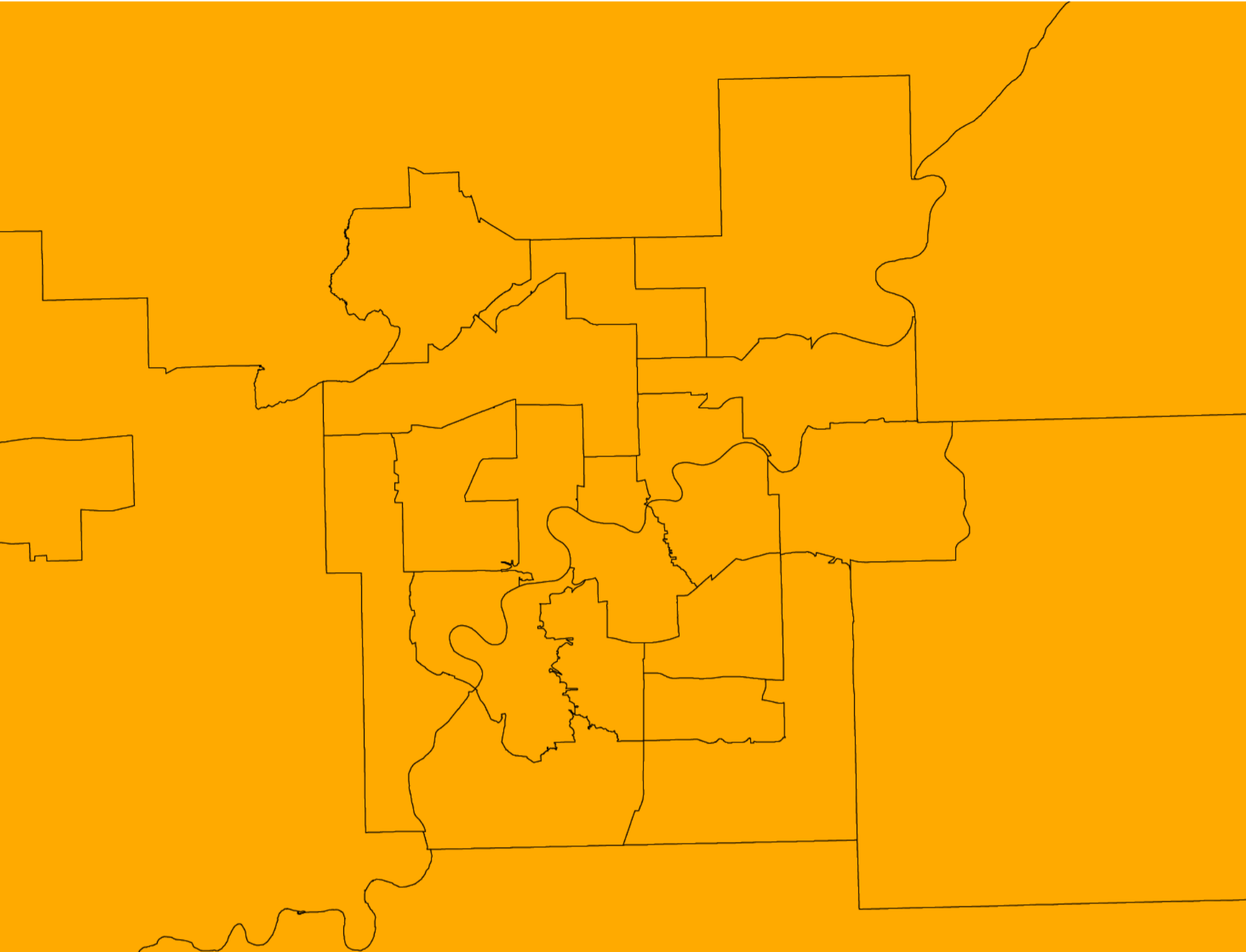
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Calgary EDs = 25



Option 2 - EDs = 77
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Option 3 - EDs = 87
Edmonton EDs = 18
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Legend

Party Name

- ALBERTA LIBERAL PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 1)
- ALBERTA PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 1)
- NDP (Edmonton: 19 ; Calgary: 15)
- PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 8)
- WILDROSE PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 0)

Legend

Party Name

- ALBERTA LIBERAL PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 1)
- ALBERTA PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 0)
- NDP (Edmonton: 17 ; Calgary: 10)
- PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 6)
- WILDROSE PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 0)

Legend

Party Name

- ALBERTA LIBERAL PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 1)
- ALBERTA PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 0)
- NDP (Edmonton: 18 ; Calgary: 11)
- PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 7)
- WILDROSE PARTY (Edmonton: 0 ; Calgary: 0)

Electoral District Boundaries - Option 1, 2, 3

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Nigel Logan
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From: Nigel Logan <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:18 PM

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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Mill Creek

Submission

The proposed boundaries for Millwoods West/East, Ellerslie and Edmonton-East do not reflect the character of the neighbourhoods. The little arm going south between 17th street and the Henday should NOT be a part of Edmonton East, and is nothing like the rest of the proposed Edmonton-East area. Instead, it would make more logical sense to move the North-South boundary between Millwoods West and East further east to allow Millwoods East to go right to the Anthony Henday.

Likewise, the section of Edmonton Ellerslie that juts into both Millwoods East and West should be reduced instead.

That said, it is a good decision to move the area north of the Whitemud to Edmonton-East.

There should still be an additional constituency (or even two) in south Edmonton, but I believe the constituencies in south Edmonton in general could be at or slightly lower than the current average population in order to accommodate expected high rates of growth over the next 5-10 years.

Given that some of the proposed populations of the rural ridings (e.g. in NE Alberta, Central AB, etc) are still substantially below the average, I don't think this is a problem.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Newspaper (Online)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Angela Christianson
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From: Angela Christianson <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:19 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Angela Christianson

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Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. I support the proposed changes. With significant population growth in our cities and a decrease in our rural population it is the only logical thing to do.

Thank you again,

Angela Christianson

[REDACTED]

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Evening news cast on Global TV

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sterling Matan
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 8:32:59 AM

From: Sterling Matan <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:42 PM

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Subject: Website submission from Sterling Matan

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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Decore

Submission

Interim report looks very balanced. Would have liked to see a bit more room for growth in some urban ridings due to the continued city-focused growth patterns in Alberta that show no sign of changing, but very glad to see that by and large there has not been rural overrepresentation at the expense of overpopulated urban ridings.

The commission prepared an excellent and thorough report, and their reasoning is sound and well explained.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Steve Aldred
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Calgary
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Calgary Hays

Submission

Why on Earth would you cut McKenzie Towne up. That makes absolutely no sense. Have you divided other communities in half? Do you think the people in Prestwick don't have the same concerns as the people in Inverness?

I'm really at a loss for words.

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Meadowlark

Submission

Why can't we simplify the whole process. Take the total population 4.25 million and divide it by the total number of ridings 87. This gives us a riding that should have no less than 48,850 residents.

Allowing for more smaller rural ridings gives rural ridings more power over the larger urban ridings. This should not be allowed.

The ability to form government without support of the urban centres where the majority of the population is should be prevented.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
- Radio
- Facebook
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Eric Bell
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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton - Strathcona

Submission

I think it is important to consider population distribution when drawing boundaries. As populations grow or shrink we need to increase or decrease the number of ridings accordingly - Or redraw the lines. Consider in urban ridings the demographics of the area as well as the geography when taking into account the boundaries. Ensure that cultural influences are represented, but also ensure that the rural cultural influences are represented when drawing rural boundaries. DO NOT gerrymander conservatives or liberals or greens or NDP voters out of representation by trying to group swaths of them into unlikeminded areas to split their vote. While I find politicians like Derek Fildebrant infuriating, it is important that if a large, equivalent to an urban riding, number of people in his general geographical area want him elected that he has that opportunity. There will be certain ridings that the left will never win, just as there are ridings the right won't win. Be able to justify every boundary line and every riding with moral decency and in the common interest of those living in that area.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

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Cochrane
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Electoral Constituency

Banff-Cochrane

Submission

the inclusion of Cochrane with a section of Airdrie while excluding our neighbours in Bearspaw (included with Chestermere) makes no geographic sense. It seems to me that the interests of the rural area north and west of Calgary have much in common. The Chestermere area could be expanded by extending northeast and east as those areas have much in common. The Cochrane area could be expanded north of 567 to the RV County boundary to keep the service areas in the same riding.

I do applaud the efforts made to balance size but we have to account for service areas and areas of similar concerns.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Elections Alberta website

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Website submission from Tracy Gillott

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Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Highlands Norwood
Submission
<p>Recommendation: Cities with a population of one million residents (well above that of Prince Edward Island 150,000 plus or minus) should not fall under the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission but be separate City States within the Confederation of Canada.</p> <p>rationale: Once part of the Northwest Territories, Alberta became a province as an alternative political entity due to changes in social, technological, economic and political in 1905. The dramatic changes in the aforementioned spheres of human activity in the last century make this a no brainer.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Daryl Frenette
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From: Daryl Frenette <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:12 PM

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Subject: Website submission from Daryl Frenette

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Red Deer County Map It
Electoral Constituency
Innisfail- Sylvan Lake
Submission
<p>While on the face of it, population distribution may seem the way to go, I do not believe it to be a fair method at all. Rural Albertans already suffer from under-representation in the legislature, because of the fact that the governing NDP were voted in by Edmonton and Calgary. To remove yet more representation would be a patently gross failure of the Alberta electoral system and a major injustice to Rural Albertans. In addition, I would believe the decisions to re-distribute boundaries at this time to be politically driven by ideologue and favouritism to the NDP and by the NDP, not fairness. Adding more ridings to the Cities is not fair either. Rural Alberta has ended up being pretty much ignored as a result of the last election. Expand or shrink the physical size of the ridings, but do not add anymore or take any away from Rural Alberta. We need LESS government overall, not more.</p> <p>If the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission wants to be a forward thinking body then perhaps they should be thinking long range not just one or two years. A proper plan based on facts 20-30 years into the future should be developed. Base it on scenario's, if THIS happens, we do THIS, THIS or THIS. What I feel I am seeing here is a knee jerk reaction to certain events. What I am curious about though, is why do we need different ridings if the population of Alberta had a drop this year?</p> <p>If the riding boundaries need tweaking then, do the actual changes AFTER the coming election, but announce it BEFORE the coming election. For example if the election is in 2019, then announce changes now, to take effect AFTER the 2023 election cycle. It lessens the opportunity for political interference or the perception thereof.</p> <p>Either way, leave Rural Alberta alone please.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Craig Jorgensen
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[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Calgary Acadia

Submission

I am concerned with the set up of the ridings in South East Calgary (proposals for Calgary Hayes, Calgary South East and Calgary Peigan). The river/recreation orientated communities of Cranston, MacKenzie Lake and Douglasdale (but not douglasglen) should be kept together as the core of a riding. A complementary area to match this would be the greater Deer Run area across the bow river (Deer Run, Queensland, Deer Ridge and Diamond Cove) or Auburn Bay. Mahogany and Seton areas are best matched with the communities north of Stoney trail with the communities of greater Mackenzie town (Prestwick, Copperfield, New Brighton). So in general the division between Hayes and Southeast should be North-south rather than the proposed East-west.

While Calgary Peigan is nominally a compact riding it pulls in widely disparate communities. Peigan/the CN tracks are a major barrier in addition to the industrial area. While other orders of government have lumped our communities together for making wards and ridings, it doesn't make it right. The communities of Riverbend, Quarry Park, Douglas Glen and Ogden are highly integrated with the communities across the Bow River (Fairview, Acadia, Willow Park, Maple Ridge).

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lauraine Howatt
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 8:45:21 AM

From: Lauraine Howatt <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 11:25 PM

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Subject: Website submission from Lauraine Howatt

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Electoral Constituency

Grande Prairie Wapiti

Submission

[REDACTED]

It appears the area South of 668 will now be part of Grande Prairie Smoky. This is putting our neighborhood in an untenable situation. The residents of the City of Grande Prairie use our neighborhood as their personal playground. The other electoral division of Grande Prairie Smoky want nothing to do with people North of the River. So long as we have had two MLAs, representing parts of the city and the surrounding rural areas, we have had some representation. If this change happens, there will be a huge US and THEM issue. The City's problem is always been that they run candidates against themselves, allowing rural MLA's to take the vote. The City of Grande Prairie is not an island, and needs to share the boundary with adjacent rural/semi rural areas.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Interim Report: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 8:58:59 AM

From: Shelly Lindballe [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Re: Interim Report: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

I disagree with this so the rural voter will have less say than our urban counterparts, but isn't that what the NDP want less conservative votes overall.

Sent from my iPad

On May 25, 2017, at 5:21 PM, Info - EBC <info@abebc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon:

You will be able to find the Interim Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission here: <http://abebc.ca/media/reports/>

You will be able to find full resolution **MAPS from the Interim Report** on the Electoral Boundaries Commission website here: <http://abebc.ca/interim-report-maps/>

Best
Aaron

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
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Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 9:22:06 AM

From: Ian Krauskopf <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 9:14 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Ian Krauskopf

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Grande prairie Map It
Electoral Constituency
GP wapiti
Submission
Do not leave a portion of grande prairie in the rural riding. It makes no sense. There will be no option for those people to vote on urban issues.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Newspaper (Online)• Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Trevor Hackett
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 9:35:02 AM

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Milo Map It
Submission
After reading up on this new electoral riding I don't support it or anything in this report. As it solely holds the interest of the socialist mentality and that I can not support. Firthermore it does not have albertand interest in mind. As the NDP like everything they have touched regarding resources. Are making changing that are not justified and only favour their desire. I will not support this or anything the NDP decides to table while in power.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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From: Daniel Brown <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

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To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Daniel Brown

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Cochrane Map It
Electoral Constituency
Banff - Cochrane
Submission
<p>The Commission has done a lot of good work here that is appreciated.</p> <p>The current Banff-Cochrane Constituency is now very dominated by the population of the Town of Cochrane, currently 25,853 but growing rapidly. The proposal is to change our electoral boundary to remove Banff and Canmore, but include about 25% of the City of Airdrie, about 15,000 people, and the rural area in between, But to name the new riding Airdrie - Cochrane. Considering that Cochrane, growing rapidly and likely to soon become a City, will likely always have the greater part of the new riding's population, the new Riding name should be COCHRANE - AIRDRIE. Under the discussion of naming in the AEBC report, one justification for the new name for the constituency is to differentiate it from the adjacent constituency, Airdrie. Surely this principle would be further supported by naming it COCHRANE - AIRDRIE.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Dan Brown</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other
On-line

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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From: Keith Harrison <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

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Lethbridge
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Lethbridge West

Submission

It is important that everyone's vote counts the same. While I understand people's wish that outlying, lowly populated regions should have a say, they have no greater right to a voice than anyone else does. Accountability and fairness requires equality. A great line I read says, "When you come from privilege, equality can feel like oppression." Don't let people claim oppression when we are striving for equality. A vote, anywhere in the province, should be worth the same as any other vote. If this results in more ridings in the cities, then that is how it needs to be.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dalyn Orsten
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:21:07 PM

From: Dalyn Orsten <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

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Subject: Website submission from Dalyn Orsten

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Claresholm Map It
Electoral Constituency
Livingstone - MacLeod
Submission
Large municipal areas are overtaking rural Alberta. It has be proven many times before that what may be best for an urban area may not be best for rural areas. AHS dispatching and ambulance distribution for example. Equal representation for rural and urban areas needs to continue. There is a feeling of a political agenda to this decision.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)

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

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Grande Prairie Map It
Electoral Constituency
Grande Prairie - Wapiti
Submission
I STRONGLY support creation of the new "Grande Prairie" constituency. Grande Prairie should have it's own constituency. The two current blended ridings that bisect Grande Prairie do not well serve the residents of the City.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Peter Dobbie
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County of Minburn
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Fort Saskatchewan - Vegreville

Submission

Thank you for clearly outlining your reasons for the new electoral map.

Recommend name of proposed Vermillion -Lloydminster constituency be changed to Vegreville - Lloydminster as Vegreville (a town with almost the same population as Vermillion), is included in the constituency and is close to its western border, while Vermillion is in the east half and Lloydminster is at the eastern boundary.

My proposed name change would provide clarity as to the geographic scope of the electoral district and would assist electors in more easily being able to identify their electoral constituency.

Having all three towns in the constituency name could also work, but might be deemed a bit wordy.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jennifer Foot
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 3:09:34 PM

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Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 3:07 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Jennifer Foot

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Airdrie Map It
Submission
I live west of 8th street in Airdrie, following within the new boundary proposal of Airdrie-Cochrane. I 100% do not support this idea. In fact dividing a smaller city such as Airdrie in my mind will just cause multiple issues. I live in Airdrie not Cochrane, nor do I wish to be lumped in with Cochrane. If I wanted to live in Cochrane I would.
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 Joshua Pawlak
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 7:57:54 AM

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Red Deer Map It
Electoral Constituency
Red Deer-North
Submission
<p>I commend and fully support the Commission in giving new seats to Calgary and Edmonton. It is about time that these cities have a number of seats that is reflective of their populations.</p> <p>However, I strongly oppose the Commission in maintaining special status for Central Peace-Notley and Lesser Slave Lake. No area should be given such special treatment, especially as it comes at the expense of other ridings. It is concerning as well that these two special ridings are currently held by the governing party. If this is not gerrymandering, it has all of the appearances of it.</p> <p>I believe that the names of all ridings named after former politicians should be changed to be geographic only. No one knows where 'Calgary-Klein' is just by looking at the name. Furthermore, it is important that riding names be non-partisan.</p> <p>I support the Commission in giving Grande Prairie its own MLA completely within the city limits.</p> <p>The name of the Calgary-North riding is vague and confusing. The Calgary-North riding is just a small portion of North Calgary. Calgary-North should be renamed Calgary-Panorama Hills, or something similar. Other Calgary and Edmonton ridings with similarly vague names should be renamed in a similar fashion, if possible.</p>

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton SW
Submission
I am pleased to read that you are not recommending an increase in the number of ridings in Alberta. In fact, I would like to see a reduction in the number of ridings by about 20%. This would bring voters concentration per riding closer to the levels observed at federal and municipal levels of government. A reduction in the number of MLAs also would provide for greater efficiency.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Address

Foothills

[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Livingstone-Macleod

Submission

The new boundaries proposed for Highwood no longer include the Highwood River or High River, which is the reason for calling it Highwood.

Therefore, you need to change the name if these become the new boundaries.

Some alternative names:

Foothills

Foothills-Kananaskis

Kananaskis-Foothills

Kananaskis-Sheep River

Sheep River

Sheep River-Kananaskis

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Linda Perler
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 8:00:11 AM

From: Linda Perler <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 27, 2017 10:35 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Linda Perler

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Linda Perler
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Phone
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Address
Ponoka Map It
Electoral Constituency
Ponoka, Lacombe
Submission
Boundaries must be left as they are.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Newspaper (Online)• Radio• Facebook• Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Joe Gendre
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 8:00:32 AM

From: Joe Gendre <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 28, 2017 8:49 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Joe Gendre

Name
Joe Gendre
Email
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Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Stettler Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drumheller Stettler
Submission
The new boundaries divide the County of Stettler in half and include a stupid appendage up into the capital region.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Laura Jackson
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 8:01:36 AM

From: Laura Jackson <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 28, 2017 10:12 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Laura Jackson

Name

Laura Jackson

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Address

Ardrossan, AB

[Map It](#)

Submission

Thank you for - partially - addressing the imbalance of rural and urban ridings. And instead of merely adding more seats to urban ridings, you have actually recommended reducing seats in less populated rural areas. Good start. Would you research and compare how Alberta ranks within Canada and worldwide regarding elected representatives per capita ? I recall a statistic many years ago that indicated we were the most 'governed' people in the world. If a personal response is not possible, it would be of interest to many people if this was publicly discussed.

Thank you.

Laura Jackson

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
- Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Warren McKay
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 9:49:21 AM

From: Warren McKay <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 8:31 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Warren McKay

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Warren McKay
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Address
Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Centre
Submission
While this interim report takes a step in the right direction, it still does not go far enough to equate all votes across the province. Urban votes are still discounted when compared to rural votes. I'd like to see the final report move closer to a system where all ridings are within a tolerance, say 10% of the median population per riding number.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Leslie Taylor
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 9:52:50 AM

From: Leslie Taylor <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 9:52 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Leslie Taylor

Name
Leslie Taylor
Email
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Address
Banff Map It
Electoral Constituency
Banff-Cochrane
Submission
I strongly agree with the proposed boundaries for the new Banff-Stoney riding, and with the reasons given on page 34 of the report.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jeannette Parkin
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:33:52 AM

From: Jeannette Parkin <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 3:56 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Jeannette Parkin

Name
Jeannette Parkin
Email
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Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Monitor Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drumheller/Stetteler
Submission
To whom it may concern I have looked at what you are planning to change in our electoral division. It is my opinion that you are wanting to give more power to the Urban population and less to the rural population of Alberta. This is a gross injustice to the Rural people of Alberta. If anything the Rural population of Alberta needs to have more voice in the decision making of Alberta not less. The Rural Electoral Constituency's of Alberta need to be heard and it the time is now. Why does the NDP Government feel it is alright to give the rural Albertan less say that is to happen with our province. I am strongly opposed to this change. I think that this proposed change is against Albertans, where is this an improvement.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Airdrie Boundaries
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:34:12 AM

From: Greg McGinley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Re: Airdrie Boundaries

Dear Chair:

I had the opportunity to review the revised boundary recommendations for Airdrie. At first I was a little surprised of the City split (vs. Highway 2). With more time to review and reflect, I feel it is a reasonable recommendation. I support how your vision improves the boundaries of the old Banff-Cochrane and Chestemere-Rocky View ED's. It will be unique to have 2 MLA's representing Airdrie, but the current numbers (per the Act) support this requirement. A different discussion at another time would be re-evaluate these numeric guidelines prescribed in the Act.

There may be some confusion for the NW Airdrie residents, but there is no reason this can't be managed with good communication prior to the next election. The decision will also be enabled by the Airdrie-Cochrane Returning Office ensuring a polling place is set-up in NW Airdrie for these electors; and, to include those rural west of Airdrie electors who consider Airdrie the place they receive services and conduct business.

One minor suggestion would be to consider adding Sharp Hill residents (SE Airdrie) into the Airdrie ED47 . They are connected by Sharp Hill Way, and can see their city neighbors by looking over their fences. I only bring this up based on the number of concerns I received, in particular for advanced polls. These residents didn't have a convenient location assigned for this purpose. However, this has been managed this way over the last 2 elections, so it should not be a high priority issue.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me anytime.

Greg McGinley
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Mar 21, 2017 at 3:33 PM, Greg McGinley [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Chair:

My name is Greg McGinley. In the past 2 elections, I have served as Returning Officer for Airdrie 47. I did not submit any feedback for the first submission, waiting to see 1st pass recommendations (this summer) before offering constructive feedback (only if needed).

I clearly understand that the population count for the current Airdrie ED exceeds the 125% threshold. If a change is required, dividing Airdrie East and West by the QE2 is prudent. Then is it a matter of better shaping the Chestermere boundary to help those electors that have complained to me (into Airdrie East), and massaging some rural boundaries to bring all the numbers in line. If this can be done with minimal boundary changes, all the better.

Once I see your 1st pass recommendations, I will offer feedback only if there is something that may add value.

Good luck with all your efforts!

Greg McGinley
[REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Roger Arcand
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:36:01 AM

From: Roger Arcand <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 4:47 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Roger Arcand

Name
Roger Arcand
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Address
Beaverlodge Map It
Electoral Constituency
GP-Wapiti
Submission
The recommendation to give Grande Prairie it's own and then put it with Dunvegan is almost ridiculous. The distance is huge and the current MLA is a minister so we would never see her! How many municipalities is that? One hopes that the current government has not influenced the recommendations in hopes of vote splitting or trying to gain votes; and that this is really an input process to gain feedback before a conclusion. The current split for our area makes so much sense as is. Grande Prairie has 2 MLA's representing it now.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Other
Email as well

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Carol Campbell
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:36:38 AM

From: Carol Campbell <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 5:23 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Carol Campbell

Name

Carol Campbell

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Strathcona County
[Map It](#)

Submission

The Electoral Boundaries Commission report confirms what I wrote in that I suspected all along. Rachel Notley requested this review in order to reduce the number of people who oppose her, just like any activist dictator would do. The thing she doesn't realize is that I cannot find her supporters at this point. The entire thing is a waste of energy and taxpayer dollars. More proof that Rachel Notley and her team simply don't know what they are doing.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kathleen Hankins
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:41:38 AM

From: Kathleen Hankins <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 9:51 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Kathleen Hankins

Name
Kathleen Hankins
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Address
Stettler Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drumheller Stettler
Submission
It is absolutely stupid not to be including the communities along Hiway 12 in our new riding. They are part of our trading area and belong in the new riding. What do we have in common with Chauvin? This is just does not make any common sense at all.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Being involved I heard it through our association.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dakota Hourie
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:41:53 AM

From: Dakota Hourie <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 10:25 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Dakota Hourie

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Dakota Hourie

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Address

Edmonton
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Manning

Submission

As residents of the McLeod neighborhood we stand firmly against the commissions recommendation to move McLeod from Edmonton-Manning to Edmonton-Decore.

MLA Sweet has been immensely helpful to us and to The McLeod community league and we would be quite disappointed to see our community league split in half by the proposed riding boundary changes.

Furthermore, we find it illogical to draw the boundary like this and would propose instead to make 66 street the boundary to the west.

Signed: Dakota Hourie, Jayden Hourie, Sharon Clarkson, Rhonda Lappenbush, Trish Cooke, Dalin Cooke, Kyla Cooke, Amanda Deines

[REDACTED]

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Charles Reid
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:55:56 AM

From: Charles Reid <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:09 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Charles Reid

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Charles Reid

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Address

Edmonton
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton Rutherford

Submission

To avoid Gerrymandering:

With your process gerrymandering is a potential and often the result of our First Past The Post Electoral system. And this should be avoided .

From Wikipedia;

"Gerrymandering is used most often in favour of ruling incumbents[15] or a specific political party—the one drawing the map. Societies whose legislatures use a single-winner electoral system are the most likely to have political parties that gerrymander for advantage.[citation needed] Most notably, gerrymandering is particularly effective in non-proportional systems that tend towards fewer parties, such as first past the post.

In proportional-election systems, where political parties are represented in proportion to the total numbers of votes they receive, gerrymandering has little or less significance.

Some countries, such as Australia, Canada, and the UK, authorize non-partisan organizations to set constituency boundaries in an attempt to prevent gerrymandering. Gerrymandering is most common in countries where elected politicians are responsible for defining constituency boundaries. They have an obvious and immediate interest in the outcome of the process."

The Alberta NDP , like the federal NDP, had electoral system changes to a PR system in their plans when in opposition (I know because I , as an active member of the NDP, had a copy of their election platform and their federal constitution documents) but since they got a majority they have no such

discussion going on at this time.

Regarding the handling of our huge population increase fairly the urban increases must be handled by revising internal boundaries and increasing the number slightly of urban constituencies within the cities and leave the rural ridings pretty much the same.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Progressive Conservative newsletter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jordan Zawada
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:59:28 AM

From: Jordan Zawada <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:19 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Jordan Zawada

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Jordan Zawada

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Address

Cochrane
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

49 Banff-Cochrane

Submission

As a long time resident of Cochrane, I do not like the new electoral boundary we are given.

The new boundary would group us up with a more farming industry type town. Cochrane has always been more of a mountain town. Lots of hills and forested areas has kept us away from the farming type community of directed us into more of a forestry and tourist community.

I feel that the new boundary will cut us off from similar communities in the mountains, and that any representative of us will be split in their priorities.

As such, I believe we we should be kept in a more westward oriented boundary with banff, canmore, bragg creek, etc.

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dick Richards
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:05:15 PM

From: Dick Richards <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:39 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Dick Richards

Name

Dick Richards

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Stettler
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Stettleepr-Drumheller

Submission

I totally understand the whole representation by population concept, but I'm afraid this time you have missed the mark with the proposed Stettler-Wainwright riding. We in Stettler have been aligned along the highway 12 corridor to the east for generations. We have deep rooted Economic, educational and health care ties to the communities along that highway like Castor, Coronation and Consort as well as the residence who live in the counties in these areas. To separate us politically is unacceptable as we have ties already in existence which are far more important than political alignment. I have served the community of Stettler as their Mayor for 3 terms and am astounded that we were not more directly consulted in this process. For once put petty party differences aside and do what is right and leave the existing riding as is. kindest Regards, Mayor Dick Richards

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Municipality provided.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Stacey Lavallie
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:05:39 PM

From: Stacey Lavallie <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 3:23 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Stacey Lavallie

Name

Stacey Lavallie

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Hardisty
[Map It](#)

Submission

I am a former Stettler-area resident and a former journalist who spent three years working for the Stettler Independent and the Castor Advance.

I noticed in the new riding breakup, Big Valley, Endiang/Byemoor, which are part of Stettler County, are not in the Stettler-Wainwright riding. I think it would be a mistake to split off the southern part of the County of Stettler into a separate riding as it makes municipal government so much more difficult.

Further, it also makes the championing of community causes more difficult, as it doubles the workload of community organizations that now must work with two MLA offices.

I do not know if other ridings also chop communities in half, but I believe this would be a tragic mistake.

(I actually think a riding that takes more than three hours to cross by vehicles is also a mistake, but that's another issue entirely).

How did you hear about the review?

- Radio
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Barbara Castell
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:35:09 AM

From: Barbara Castell <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 6:42 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Barbara Castell

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Barbara Castell

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Address

Foothills, AB
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Livingstone-Macleod

Submission

I currently live in Livingstone-Macleod. Now I am in Highwood. As I look at the boundaries of Highwood, I note that the Highwood River is not there; it is in Livingstone-Macleod along with the town of High River. you know, the one that flooded. It did not flood in the newly created Highwood constituency.

Now, common sense would be to make the name relevant to the area being redrawn. Look carefully and you can see the Sheep River coming from the mountains and heading east through Turner Valley (now in Highwood), Black Diamond (now in Highwood), Okotoks (in Highwood).

Why confuse the masses any more than they will be? Name it Sheep River or Sheep River/Kananaskis. Anything but Highwood which is a River that is not in the riding.

Note my address is Foothills Alberta. All that newly created Highwood area is in the MD of Foothills - all of it. I know you have a Foothills riding in Calgary (Why I don't know), so rename it something relevant to the area in Clagary and maybe rename Highwood-----Foothills. Just make it relevant.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Donna Downey
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:37:40 AM

From: Donna Downey <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:53 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Donna Downey

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Donna Downey

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

High River
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Highwood

Submission

I live in High River and it makes more sense to stay in Highwood. Both MLAs affected agree.
The long narrow proposal for LivingstonMacleod would be hard for an MLA to travel.
High River has the long standing history of combining with Okotoks.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Other

HighRiverOnline.com, plus reports by MLSs Steir and Anderson on same website.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Shawna James
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:37:48 AM

From: Shawna James <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:12 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Shawna James

Name

Shawna James

Email

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Phone

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Address

Castor
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Drumheller-Stettler

Submission

As a resident of Paintearth County, North of Castor, I am concerned with the potential movement of the electoral constituency of Castor to be contained within Strathmore. What is the benefit of splitting a county? If there is one, why wouldn't you follow Highway 12 rather than North? Further to that, Castor, Halkirk and Big Valley have far more in common with the Northern constituency rather than Strathmore. Finally, was this not redone a few years ago?

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Clarann Petersen
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:23:56 PM

From: Clarann Petersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Clarann Petersen

Name

Clarann Petersen

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

AddressHay Lakes AB
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Wainright/Stettler

Submission

I was appalled when we were put in the Wainright riding years ago, we have nothing to do with those cities and have never even seen our MLA. We are 20 minutes from Camrose and get auto calls from their MLA regularly, have been in Leduc riding which was fine because we do business there, I used to stop in at our MLA office there to discuss concerns. I think at one time we were in Wetaskin riding which is also fine because it is 35 minutes away. But Wainright??? I have driven by there once and I think it is a couple of hours drive from here. I have never seen or heard from our MLA because it is so far and we don't matter to him. My husband and I just voted in the last election based on the party not on the individuals because we had never seen or heard from any of the candidates. All meetings and town halls were over an hour drive away so we could never make it. I am not sure what political ploy was in place with putting the boundaries jutting into our area which has nothing to do with Wainright but we would appreciate if you could re-evaluate these boundaries and put us back into an area where we actually live and do business. Thank you

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Clarann Petersen
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:24:12 PM

From: Clarann Petersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Clarann Petersen

Name

Clarann Petersen

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Hay Lakes AB
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Wainright/Stettler

Submission

Adding to my previous submission, the other huge reason we should be in the Camrose or Leduc electoral area is because of local papers. We get and read the Camrose papers weekly so we know a great deal about the candidate and their positions there. I pick up the Leduc and Beaumont papers every 2 weeks when I go shopping so we know about the candidates and issues there. We have never seen or heard of any issues or candidates positions in our irrelevant (to us) riding.
Thank you

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from david fletcher
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:24:19 PM

From: david fletcher <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:34 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from david fletcher

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Address
edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Mill Woods
Submission
<p>Very brief the new boundaries in Mill Woods west and Mill Woods east appear to be reasonable.</p> <p>As Mill Woods East is mostly the meadows area I would suggest the name for Mill Woods East be called Mill Woods-Meadows</p> <p>I would suggest Mill Woods West just be called Mill Woods.</p> <p>I have lived in Mill Woods for over 30 years and am currently a board member of MCARFA (Mill Woods Cultural and Recreational Facility Association.)</p> <p>We are and were responsible for the Mill Woods rec center being built, we currently run the Mill Woods golf course and built Jackie parker park. and are working on some future projects in the Meadows area.</p> <p>People living the Meadows area do generally consider themselves part of Mill Woods and some would be offended by not including Meadows in the name.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Other
<p>Looked it up on internet after I had heard report was on line.</p>

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Richard Hoppins
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 10:15:32 AM

From: Richard Hoppins <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 4:03 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Richard Hoppins

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Richard Hoppins
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Address
Huxley Map It
Electoral Constituency
Olds/Didsbury/Three Hills
Submission
Don't change boundaries. It seems you are taking votes away from the Rural voice which shows me you do not care about the rural communities!!!
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Mary O'Neill
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 10:16:06 AM

From: Mary O'Neill <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:16 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Mary O'Neill

Name
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Address
St. Albert Map It
Electoral Constituency
Spruce Grove-St. Albert
Submission
<p>I am a former MLA for The Constituency of St. Albert. However, because of the previous (and ludicrous) boundary lines, it meant that I lived a distance of 12 houses just outside my community/ riding. I appreciate your recommendation to dissolve the SG-SA riding.</p> <p>Earlier this year I made a submission to your EBC suggesting that The city of St. Albert become 2 constituencies, perhaps expanding to include a few adjacent acreage communities surrounding the city boundaries. That is still my position.</p> <p>PLEASE DO NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE THAT I WORKED UNDER IN CUTTING OFF AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CITY.</p> <p>The neighbourhoods of PINEVIEW, PARKWOOD, WOODLANDS, OAKMONT AND ERINRIDGE should NOT be severed from a ST. ALBERT RIDING - Please be wise enough to recognize this!!!</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from karen chesterman
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 10:16:20 AM

From: karen chesterman <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:59 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from karen chesterman

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karen chesterman

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Phone

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Address

edgerton
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

battle river - wainwright

Submission

I feel that rural Alberta is already highly under represented in the Electoral process. This is evident with the amounts of money distributed along the highway 2 corridor in the last budgets. The problems in high population areas are the same for all people in that area. Take for example the need for hospitals, schools and other infrastructure, having multiple elected officials to represent them does not change the need in that area, but it can have an adverse affect when it comes to addressing needs in the rural areas as the elected officials rurally would be out-voted. People in urban areas should not be able to make decisions to be imposed on those outside of urban areas. It comes down to the tail wagging the dog!

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

evening tv news

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gwen Bouchard
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 10:16:42 AM

From: Gwen Bouchard <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:37 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Gwen Bouchard

Name

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Address

St. Albert
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

St. Albert

Submission

We reside in the area of St. Albert [REDACTED] that has been proposed to become a part of the proposed St. Albert-Red Water riding. We were made aware of this new proposed change when reading a report in the St. Albert Gazette. It is clear to us that the only consideration given to the proposed boundary change was one of population. To ask a representative to serve an area that is so different and large and composed of both urban and rural populations, with very different needs, interests is completely unfair to the constituents and representative. To give greater consideration to the very unique and different types of constituents rather than population, would make so much more sense and indeed make our government more in tune to the needs and desires and interests of the constituents. How would a member vote when he or she would have to choose between divergent desires - serve his rural or urban constituents? Who would have the ear of the representative. Population should play a secondary role. This suggestion does not inspire confidence that we will be well represented in the legislative assembly..

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Terry McToni
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 10:16:50 AM

From: Terry McToni <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 10:09 PM

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Subject: Website submission from Terry McToni

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Address
Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Calder
Submission
The proposed Edmonton Northwest should be called Edmonton Palisades because thats what majority of the areas in that new riding are called
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Elizabeth MacArthur
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 9:18:02 AM

From: Elizabeth MacArthur <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 5:00 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Elizabeth MacArthur

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Elizabeth MacArthur

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Address

Fairview
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Dunvegan Central Peace-Notley

Submission

It would be extremely bad for this riding to take out Grimshaw .It would hurt Fairview Residents since Grimshaw is a natural trading area for the Fairview catchment area. There is not ladies wear shop in Fairview but there is in Grimshaw, many folks go there for medical attention, There is a long term care facility, Stonebridge houses lots of folks from this area. The only meat slaughtering facility, Johnny Sausage is in Grimshaw.
Goodfare, Elmworth, Beaverlodge Hythe , Wembly have no connection at all with Fairview- they all shop and do business with Grande Prairie and that's where they belong. These changes would make the riding look like a dangling participle .

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

I saw it on my email

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ellen Lupick
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 9:18:43 AM

From: Ellen Lupick <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 9:25 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Ellen Lupick

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Address
Fairview Map It
Electoral Constituency
Notley-Spirit River- Fairview
Submission
I do not agree with excluding Grimshaw from the new electoral boundary- Grimshaw has a lot more in common with Fairview than Hythe, Beaverlodge or La Glace. people shop in Grimshaw, go to the doctor in Grimshaw or are in long term care there or visit people there. The river divides us and except for Spirit River connections and business are done on this side of the river. What happens in Grimshaw has more impact on us than what happens in Beaverlodge, Hythe or la Glace- they should be connected to the county of Grande prairie.A lot of people here work in Grimshaw, go to Bridgeview Gardens in Grimshaw, the case dealer in Grimshaw, Almyra's(the dress shop)- what happens in Grimshaw is of far more importance to us than what happens across the river.Both Grimshaw and Fairview are included in the Peace River School Division.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
a friend

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Stuart Angle
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 9:27:25 AM

From: Stuart Angle <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 7:27 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Stuart Angle

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Address
Bow Island Map It
Electoral Constituency
Cypress-Medicine Hat
Submission
<p>The Electoral Boundaries Commission should to be highly cognizant of the symbiotic relationship that exists between rural and urban (populations over 10000) Alberta communities. While rural Albertans account for 11% of the population, only 7% of the seats are what could be considered truly rural. The rural over representation is a myth. Urban communities needs either come from or flow through rural Alberta. Conversely, goods and services in rural areas are self provided, come from small towns or urban communities. For example, urban utilities are provided for a connection fee, rural pay for the entire connection. Urban areas have garbage and curbside recycling, we wait for a truck load to take to the landfill or recycle depots. It is clear that many people in urban areas have lost this mutually beneficial connection and understand very little about food production and rural life. The only way that mutual understanding can occur is for rural voices to be clearly heard and proportionally represented. The previous pairing of rural areas with urban areas overshadowed the rural voice, but made constituencies manageable. There are far too many Albertans (birth -70) who have never left their urban surroundings to learn about rural life. Universal programs that may suit an urban setting simply won't work or work in the same form because of the nature of these differences. Leave the rural constituencies as they are and add to support population growth in urban areas.</p> <p>Seek first to understand. Unify rather than divide.</p> <p>As a lifelong Albertan, I have never felt more disenfranchised as now. It feels like rural is under attack from urban.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper (Print) • Newspaper (Online) • Radio

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Janet Higgins
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 9:27:37 AM

From: Janet Higgins <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Janet Higgins

Name

Janet Higgins

Email

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

I am not happy with the new proposed electoral boundary. The needs of people who live in Airdrie are quite different than those who live in Cochrane or rural areas. I moved to Airdrie to be part of a smaller community, not split off from it.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marilyn Carr
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 10:32:26 AM

From: Marilyn Carr <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 10:10 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Marilyn Carr

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Marilyn Carr

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Address

Edmonton
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton Gold Bar

Submission

I presently live in the Provincial Constituency of Edmonton Gold Bar and I notice in the proposed rearrangement of boundaries in the Edmonton area that this constituency would be absorbed and known as "Edmonton East." We have had that designation previously and it is duplicated in the Federal boundaries arrangement. I am not strongly committed to Edmonton Gold Bar, but it is a designation that is unique. I would strongly urge a name that is not duplicated with the Federal breakdown of constituencies. It is very confusing to always carefully add the distinction between federal or provincial areas. We have been this way before and I would like to avoid repeating an historical duplication.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Blatchford Blatchford
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:20:49 AM

From: Blatchford Blatchford <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 9:57 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Blatchford Blatchford

Name
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Address
Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Blatchford
Submission
Blatchford is supposed to grow by 30,000 people. That's like a division of its own. How you you plan on dealing with that?

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jack Barlow
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:20:53 AM

From: Jack Barlow <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 9:52 PM

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Subject: Website submission from Jack Barlow

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Jack Barlow

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Address

Calgary
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Glenmore

Submission

I live in Kelvin Grove and this is the area you are adding to Calgary-Elbow. This change makes no sense to me.. glenmore trail is a clear community division in the north, and we have way more in common with Haysboro and Kingsland than we do with Britannia to the north.

My old poll also used to be really close to my house! Now I will be cut off by the new line. Where am I supposed to go to vote? Why should I have to cross glenmore trail to someplace further away?

I don't drive. I'm not rich like most people on elbow drive.
You're taking away my right to vote.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Concerned Albertan
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:21:13 AM

From: Concerned Albertan <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 9:40 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Concerned Albertan

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Concerned Albertan

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Address

Edmonton
[Map It](#)

Submission

Remove political names from all boundaries
Your not impartial

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Vilnius Kniec
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:21:37 AM

From: Vilnius Kniec <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 9:37 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Vilnius Kniec

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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Northern Hills
Submission
<p>Man, you guys have some serious spelling issues on this map. It's in the north of Calgary. How do you have Coventry Hills **SE** in Calgary-North? This isn't the only gaffe. Panatelle Boulevard? The same road around the hook is labelled Panatella Boulevard - correctly. Did you even run spell check? Sad.</p> <p>Here's another thought... why is this area even called Calgary-North now? You clearly didn't use a compass when you made the SE remark... so why do it now? Give this area a real name. How about Calgary-Panorama? or literally anything else except this stupid direcitonal name.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google • Other
Website

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Brian Owens
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:22:08 AM

From: Brian Owens <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 9:25 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Brian Owens

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Address
Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton-Mill Woods East (To be)
Submission
<p>In reviewing the Interim Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission, there were several key indicators throughout the document that demonstrated the incredibly hard work of the commission in creating these new boundaries; yet, there were also several key indicators that showed where the commission had fallen short in completing their task.</p> <p>Looking first at the census data and the city demographic blocks for Edmonton and Calgary, the final shapefiles and maps provided as part of this consultation by the commission, and by following the process order set out by the commission, it became increasingly clear that the commission needed to come full circle – and had not yet done so.</p> <p>Specifically, while the city of Edmonton is admirably balanced (per page 65), and shows for the highest respect toward the commission's mandate; given the way that the rest of the province was divided, this parity in Edmonton is disparate to the norm.</p> <p>Understanding that the changes follow the population numbers, logical communities, etc. – why does Edmonton not subdivide like Calgary?</p> <p>Notably, where the population variances in Calgary are higher in established, central communities - areas that will not experience high growth; and, where variances are lower in areas that will experience growth in the next decade - hedging room for new growth; why would Edmonton not be divided similarly? By putting more population into established areas in Edmonton, and leaving growth areas room for their impending change, throughout the course of these boundaries, there will be much better vote parity going forward.</p>

Conclusively, it will also create a better balance between the urban centres.

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Joel Teeling
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:22:09 AM

From: Joel Teeling <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 12:54 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Joel Teeling

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Address

St Albert
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

St Albert

Submission

These are very interesting changes. I would like to propose a few name changes, however:

- Edmonton-Whitemud to Edmonton-Getty
- Edmonton-East to Edmonton-Capilano
- Edmonton Millwoods South to Edmonton-Meadows
- Calgary-Foothills to Calgary-Prentice
- Calgary-Airport to Calgary-Bhullar
- Lethbridge-East to Lethbridge-Henderson
- Lethbridge-West to Lethbridge-Whoop Up
- Red Deer-South to Red Deer-Waskasoo
- Red Deer-North to Red Deer-Riverside
- Edmonton-Henday West to Edmonton-Winterburn
- *Edmonton-South to Edmonton-Windermere

Hopefully these suggestions are helpful.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dave Rusnell
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:22:51 AM

From: Dave Rusnell <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2017 8:42 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Dave Rusnell

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Address
Sherwood Park Map It
Electoral Constituency
Strathcona Sherwood Park
Submission
<p>After reading Mrs. Day's minority report, and considering comments made by the rest of the commissioners during the press conference, it occurs to me that they (the other four) are trying to employ some smoke and mirror trickery. They are implying that an MP's ability to communicate with his constituents is the main concern (re making ridings larger). In my opinion that is the least of the problems. The bigger issue is simply perspective. When they create these huge ridings, we end up with folks who have totally different needs and perspectives all in the same riding, making it impossible for an MP to represent them. This is especially true in mixed ridings. They are trying to minimize Mrs. Day's point by misleading people about what the problems are when they make these changes. Travel and communication are not really as big of a concern as they once were and people (especially city people) will argue that it's not a big enough problem anymore. I understand the need for mixed ridings. However they should be avoided at all cost. Mrs. Day is correct, if these changes go through unchanged, rural voters have completely lost their voice in government.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other
Television

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from ADELE BOUCHER
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 1:20:16 PM

From: ADELE BOUCHER <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 9:22 AM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from ADELE BOUCHER

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Address

Grimshaw
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Dunvegan Central Peace Notley

Submission

It will be a disservice to the residents in and around Grimshaw to be moved into the Peace River constituency.

Grimshaw is the major centre for schools, medical and long term care services, Seniors lodge, farm fuel outlets, grocery shopping, and recreation for both the town people and rural families, especially since construction of the MultiPlex complex with school and sport activities combined.

The overall population of the riding seems to be reduced by the shifting of this one town into the neighboring constituency. Taking away the population at this end of the constituency and replacing it with the Beaverlodge/Hythe/Wemblay area is not logical - there is very little commonality between those communities close to Grande Prairie, and our region of Grimshaw and surrounding rural area.

It would be more effective to keep the northern boundary of the MD of Peace and leave Grimshaw in the Dunvegan Notley constituency.

Our MLA has a large territory to service already with the Falher/Girouxville segment so adding the new southwest portion will take more travel time, compared to serving Grimshaw area once he/she is already serves in the Berwyn neighborhood. It may be necessary to add another MLA Office in Beaverlodge just to serve the new group that is being added.

The restructuring is decreasing the constituency population by about the equivalent of the Town of Grimshaw - it would be best to leave Grimshaw in the present count in DCPN.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio



From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Martin Kennedy
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 3:27:30 PM

From: Martin Kennedy <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 3:05 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Martin Kennedy

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Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton-Strathcona
Submission
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your interim report.</p> <p>In its report, the Commission recommended modest changes to the east boundaries of Edmonton-Strathcona, following which the population in the constituency would be 1% below the provincial average.</p> <p>I would ask the Commission to consider adding another 3.5 blocks to Edmonton-Strathcona, namely the area bounded by 111 Street and 110 Street, and 87 Avenue and Saskatchewan Drive. The abutting blocks to the east and south of these boundaries are entirely within the Edmonton-Strathcona constituency; to the west of this area is the University campus, which is in the Riverview constituency.</p> <p>The blocks in question formed part of the Garneau neighbourhood until their annexation by the University. They include a mix of housing styles, and the area remains residential in style (rather than institutional).</p> <p>While the homes and apartments on these blocks are the property of the University, the area remains historically and presently linked to the Garneau neighbourhood, and the residents have a strong relationship to the surrounding community.</p> <p>If these blocks remain in the Edmonton-Riverview constituency, they will be islanded on the east side of campus, away from the bulk of the Riverview constituency's residents. Their incorporation into Edmonton-Strathcona would better reflect factors such as community boundaries, community interests, having understandable and clear boundaries, and a general preference for contiguously-defined constituencies.</p>

It is possible that these residential blocks entered the Riverview constituency because of their ownership by the University. If so, I would discourage the Commission from treating ownership as a determinative factor, particularly since the University now owns substantial residential real estate within the Garneau neighbourhood, some of which is operated on long-term leases. These apartment blocks remain within the Edmonton-Strathcona constituency, as they should – because the daily life of those residents is linked to the Garneau and Strathcona communities. I respectfully suggest that it makes sense for the rest of the residential community north of 87 Avenue to be included in the Strathcona constituency as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and best wishes in your deliberations.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Theresa Kline
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017 2:43:06 PM

From: Theresa Kline [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Theresa Kline

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Address
Cochrane Map It
Electoral Constituency
Banff-Cochrane
Submission
I agree that the growth in the areas of Cochrane and Airdrie give rise to the need to provide 2 MLAs for the regions including Banff, Cochrane, Airdrie and their surrounding areas.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Betty Quinlan
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017 2:43:12 PM

From: Betty Quinlan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 7:30 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Betty Quinlan

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Betty Quinlan

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Address

Blackfalds
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Ponoka lacombe

Submission

I have lived in blackfalds for almost two years and prior in Ponoka for 25. I strongly recommend that blackfalds be added to the riding name. It used to be lacombe Stettler. Blackfalds is the fastest growing community outside of major metro centres in all of canada based on federal census. Due to their being a village for many years they are overlooked for many things, hospital, registry, schools. The growth has barely slowed with the downturn and we will likely reach or surpass lacombe. We need recognition and support to this community

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Robb Aishford
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017 4:26:41 PM

From: Robb Aishford [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Robb Aishford

Name

Robb Aishford

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

Banff-Cochrane

Submission

Dearest Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I simply wish to say thank you. While I now reside in Cochrane, I grew up in Canmore. I'm well aware of the challenges and contrasts between the Bow Valley and the growing suburbs around Calgary. The new proposed ridings of Banff-Stoney and Airdrie-Cochrane are welcomed. My hometown of Canmore has much more in common with Banff and the rest of the Bow Valley than it does with the fast growing community of Cochrane.

Moving forward, I encourage the Commission to accept the new proposed boundaries. While urban Alberta continues to grow, the mountain parks and Canmore deserve a unique and special voice to better address their needs. Cochrane and Airdrie have a lot in common, having them work together under two MLA's is a better fit. With the Bow Valley and the mountain parks represented by another MLA.

Thank you again for your dedication and role in re-shaping Alberta's provincial electoral boundaries to better reflect our province.

Sincerely,
Robb Aishford, B.A., B.P.A.
Cochrane, AB

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Newspaper (Online)

- Facebook
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Teresa Mullen
Date: Friday, June 9, 2017 12:51:52 PM

From: Teresa Mullen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Teresa Mullen

Name
Teresa Mullen
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Address
Canmore Map It
Electoral Constituency
Banff-Cochrane
Submission
<p>As former executive director of the Canmore Economic Development Authority, I submit this as an excellent direction to move - a Banff-Canmore riding to include Stoney Nakoda. Not only for economic reasons but also social reasons related to our lifestyles, our community needs, and the connection with First Nations in the region.</p> <p>While I'm not a resident of Kananskis, I wonder if this area wouldn't be more appropriate to be included in the Banff-Canmore riding as well. For economic and social reasons as I believe they are more closely associated with our area.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Tom Whitfield
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:35:45 AM

From: Tom Whitfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Tom Whitfield

Name

Tom Whitfield

Email

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AddressSt.Paul
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Lac Lac Biche St.Paul, Two Hills

Submission

St. Paul and area do not belong in a riding that stretches all the way to the city and to the border. Doing this by population undermines the rural voice in the legislature and does not take into account the way rural Alberta is constructed. I appreciate that finding the best model isn't easy, even the current constituency is too large but it least it maintains a rural flavour. This is important in sustaining functional rural systems.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Brenda Corney
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:35:59 AM

From: Brenda Corney [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 7:33 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Brenda Corney

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Brenda Corney

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Phone

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Address

Red Deer, Alberta
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Red Deer North

Submission

In Red Deer there are two constituencies. Red Deer South has a population of 52,743 or 13 % above provincial average. Red Deer North has 47,672 or 2% above the provincial average. To take the Deer Park Community from Red Deer North and would further increase the population of Red Deer South . Since the growth potential in Red Deer is on the side of Red Deer South this would over time further distort the numbers. Therefore the boundaries should remain the same as they are now.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Political friends

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Steven LeLiever
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:36:13 AM

From: Steven LeLiever [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 8:55 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Steven LeLiever

Name

Steven LeLiever

Email

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AddressMD Foothills, Davisburg
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Higwood

Submission

I recently learned of the AEBC proposed 2017 Electoral Divisions changes to the boundry of our Highwood electoral constituency. We along with numerous neighbours are astounded at the lack of thought given to this proposal in respect of community, social, economic, and travel issues that bind us. Plus the lack of political representation that would result from certain boundry revisions affecting communities south of the Bow River and east of Hwy 2. Removing this area and including it with Chestermere makes no sense as we have absolutely none of the important links I note in common with Chestermere Electoral Division, NOT EVEN A Road LINK! nor does taking High River out of Highwood and separating it from its sister town "Okotoks" for reasons I note. Our community as it is currently constituted works fine. High River and Okotoks are so closely linked economically and socially it would be wrong to include High River in Livingstone-Macleod Division. I agree including Black Diamond/Turner Valley in Highwood, but not Priddis which is better suited in Banff-Stoney Division with Bragg Creek. A reevaluation of the population criteria to make it work for reasons I suggest. I am concerned also with an eye to political gerrymandering.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Roland Poitras
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:40:11 AM

From: Roland Poitras [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2017 8:06 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Roland Poitras

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St paul Map It
Electoral Constituency
St paul
Submission
This new proposed district is totally outrageous. .make no sense to me at all...we want more districts not less or the same..we need more rural representative not less
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Darren Poirier
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:40:27 AM

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St.paul Map It
Electoral Constituency
St.paul lac lacbich
Submission
The submitted boundaries directly affect the rigion in a negative way, the county of st.paul is being split from its town. We are one and a rural area that needs a voice. This is a detrimental change to the area and should be stopped imediatly
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
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AddressLethbridge
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Lethbridge EAsT

Submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our constituency association of Leth EAsT NDP is very pleased with your interim report, as it concerns our boundaries. We hope they remain unchanged in your final report. Thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely

Terry Shillington

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Henry Irving
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:40:56 AM

From: Henry Irving [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Henry Irving

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St. Albert Map It
Electoral Constituency
Spruce Grove - St. Albert
Submission
Currently St. Albert is split north/south. The new recommendation split's us east/west. I believe St. Albert should be one (1) constituency regardless of the population guidelines. People in St. Albert all share the same needs and issues which are different than rural the constituencies you have included us in. Please rethink your recommendations and make St. Albert one constituency.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lisa Wardley
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:41:18 AM

From: Lisa Wardley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2017 6:01 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Lisa Wardley

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Zama City Map It
Electoral Constituency
Peace River
Submission
<p>I am a municipal elected official in a ward that has limited population but a large land mass and high assessment and it is a fight to keep representation for rural areas at every turn. We all need to be very careful in making decisions based on population and electoral boundaries are the first step in that. Whether it be Federal, Provincial or Municipal... governance is more than population. Also you need to look at the population ages as well (total people vs. eligible voters). Formulas that offer balance need to include assessment, land mass, transportation routes for ease of access, as well as adult population. The western provinces argue at a federal level that the 'east decides'... Provincially rural argues that the 'cities decide' and municipally we argue that the 'hamlets decide'. Where does this leave the rural areas whether you are talking municipally, provincially or federally.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
AAMDC Newsletter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Darlene Hoogstraten
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:41:30 AM

From: Darlene Hoogstraten [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Darlene Hoogstraten

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

To whom it may concern;
I am against the new electoral boundaries the will divide Airdrie and put the west part in with Cochrane.
What a crazy idea! We do not need two representatives for Airdrie especially if they are from different parties. Please reconsider this decision.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Ben and Darlene Hoogstraten

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jennifer Williams
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 3:20:42 PM

From: Jennifer Williams [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Jennifer Williams

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Airdrie Map It
Electoral Constituency
Airdrie
Submission
<p>I appreciate that with our rapid growth here in Airdrie, we require a division of our provincial electoral boundaries. However I am very concerned with your decision to tack a piece of Airdrie to Cochrane. This will create a riding that will make it difficult for an MLA to meet the needs of both municipalities. As a person living near that boundary I am worried that if the divide did include my residence, I would lose the representation I now enjoy. I would recommend that the division of Airdrie be more 50/50 with rural areas included to make up the population difference. Thank you for your time - I had hoped to attend the interim report public hearing but I will not be in the country at that time.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Penny Kushko
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 10:36:29 AM

From: Penny Kushko [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Penny Kushko

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Penny Kushko

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

I was quite surprised to read we had more in common with strathmore. Have always gone to stettler.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Edmonton Whitemud ED
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:46:29 AM

From: bOb & Barb [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Edmonton Whitemud ED

I am writing concerning the changes made to the electoral boundaries in the electoral district of Edmonton Whitemud. As the Returning officer in the riding for the past three elections, I suggest the portion of Riverbend moved to Edmonton South ED should not be moved. There are several reasons for my thoughts on this:

- currently the electors in the area can drive a short distance or walk to their polls to vote;
- there is no infrastructure in the north of the Edmonton South ED for polling sites to accommodate the electors from Riverbend;
- the electors residing in that section of Riverbend will have to cross the Anthony Henday to vote;
- and, Riverbend has no more land to be developed. The ED of Edmonton South is where major growth will occur. Leaving a higher population in Edmonton Whitemud will allow room for the growth in Edmonton South.

These are my thoughts. Hoping you will take them into consideration before making a final decision.

Barbara Willman
former Returning Officer
Edmonton Whitemud
[REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Pat Rutledge
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:46:06 AM

From: Pat Rutledge [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Pat Rutledge

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[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Drumheller Stettler

Submission

Submission on behalf of Wildrose Drumheller Stettler Constituency Association

The proposed boundary changes create a number of concerns to our region.

1. Two municipalities are split in two , actually contrary to the Boundary Commission's guidelines. This creates added work for municipalities as they deal with government. Why not put all of one municipality in one constituency and all the other in the other constituency.
2. Distance is a huge issue in the constituency under the present boundaries let alone the proposed new boundaries. It is a three and one half hour drive from one corner of the proposed new constituency to the other so a return trip means a full day's drive not including meeting times.
3. Unreasonable work load. There are at present five school boards in the old constituency, eight hospitals and between villages, towns and municipalities another 15 – 20 groups to meet with. During grad season our MLA is expected to attend every graduation exercise in the constituency. Our constituency already has a dozen schools as opposed to at least one constituency in Calgary with not one high school. We already have councils complaining they can't get a meeting with their MLA. The addition of the Strathmore area, which we have very little in common with, adds more hospitals, schools, municipalities etc. It is physically impossible for one MLA to look after even if you provide him with a helicopter to travel in. With the addition the Drumheller Strathmore constituency becomes the most highly populated constituency in the province 16% above average population. We question the reasoning here given the large distances involved

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Constituency association

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from John Smythe
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:46:21 AM

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Subject: Website submission from John Smythe

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

Olds, Didsbury, Three Hills

Submission

I have reviewed the Interim Report. The commissioners have reviewed many submissions and considered much data and many principles and precedents to arrive at this Interim Report.

I believe that the Minority Position and reasoning put forward by Gwen Day must be given serious consideration. I support the position that she has taken.

I am very concerned that the voice of rural and small town Alberta is slowly being lost in the big picture of metropolis cities. The majority of wealth in Alberta is produced in rural and small town Alberta. that is where the farming, ranching, mining, forestry, oil extraction and processing is located.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
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Bow Island
[Map It](#)

Submission

I have surveyed the new riding of Taber/Vulcan and have to wonder how one elected official can effectively service this large of a riding. The elected official would have to spend all of their time driving from community to community with very little time for actually meeting and networking with the constituents in the riding. This new riding is too large for one official to manage.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report Errata
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 1:40:42 PM

From: Richard Starke [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 8:00 PM
To: Info - EBC
Cc: Robert Wanner
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report Errata

Greetings:

Thank you for the recent notification of the error in the printed Interim Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission. I would like to provide the Commission with information relating to additional errors in the Interim Report.

In the section "Recommendations for Boundary Changes", on page 54 under "Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul" the following is stated:

Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul would capture the area east of the eastern border of the electoral division of Sherwood Park, including the entirety of the area around the town of Tofield (currently split between two electoral divisions). It would follow the path of the Yellowhead Trail, a major highway, between Sherwood Park and the border. The southwest boundary would be extended further southwest into the Battle River-Wainwright constituency. It would gain New Sarepta (from Leduc-Beaumont), a community with similar interests to others within the electoral division, found along Highway 21 south, all as shown on Map 61.

Most of this description is incorrect. The eastern border of the proposed constituency of Sherwood Park borders on Fort-Saskatchewan-St. Paul, but only north of Highway 16. South of Highway 16, and for the majority of its eastern border, it borders on the proposed constituency of Strathcona-Sherwood Park. The area around the town of Tofield would be split between the proposed constituencies of Stettler-Wainwright and Vermilion-Lloydminster. The next sentence, which states that it would follow the path of the Yellowhead Trail "between Sherwood Park and the border" is also not consistent with Map 61. The proposed boundary follows Highway 16 only as far as the point between Mundare and Vegreville where Highway 16 angles to the south. The southwest boundary does not extend further southwest into the Battle River-Wainwright constituency; on the contrary, the southwest boundary would move considerably northward by the proposed expansion of the Vermilion-Lloydminster constituency. Finally, the last sentence describing the gain of New Sarepta is also incorrect. Note that, on page 61, under "Stettler-Wainwright", the following is stated:

The new constituency will add New Sarepta, from Leduc-Beaumont, a community which is similar to

other communities
within the electoral division located along Highway 21 South (e.g., Hay Lakes).

Examination of Maps 61 and 82 clearly show the area in question around New Sarepta is to be included in the proposed Stettler-Wainwright constituency and not in the proposed Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul constituency.

In the interest of accuracy and also to alleviate concerns expressed by residents in the affected areas, I would encourage the Commission to issue a second correction to the Interim Report.

Best regards,

Dr. Richard Starke

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July 12, 2017

To the Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I would like to begin by thanking the members of the Commission for their service. The drawing of electoral boundaries is a particularly challenging task, given the number of sometimes conflicting considerations that must be balanced as best as possible. Your assignment was made all the more challenging given the mandate requiring that no additional constituencies could be created. It is my view that this restriction was a fundamental error and is the root cause for many of the issues identified since the release of the Interim Report. However, given the set number of 87 constituencies, and the disproportionate growth of population in urban/suburban centers, some very difficult decisions had to be made.

That said, I must take issue with a number of the recommendations of the Commission, both in general terms affecting the electoral map of the entire province, and the changes proposed for the constituency that I am currently privileged to represent, Vermilion-Lloydminster. As I have served the constituents of Vermilion-Lloydminster as their MLA since 2012, and been involved in provincial politics in Alberta since the mid-1970s, I hope you find my observations helpful.

Province-wide considerations:

1. Over-emphasis of numerical equality of voters between constituencies--The Electoral Boundaries Commission is asked to weigh a number of considerations in proposing boundaries. Numerical equality of population between constituencies (also referred to as "voter parity") is an important consideration, but it cannot be the overriding goal of the Commission to the detriment of other important considerations. Dozens of presenters clearly articulated the challenges of representing large rural constituencies. There is simply no comparison between representing a densely populated urban constituency in Edmonton (where the MLA can attend events and meet with constituents every day, even when the Legislature is in Session) and a rural MLA who must drive several hours just to travel to and from their constituency to the Legislature. Rural MLAs must interact with and advocate on behalf of multiple municipalities, school

boards, agricultural societies, and other citizen's groups. The in-person attendance of the MLA at high school graduations, college convocations, summer fairs, winter carnivals, fall suppers, Canada Day celebrations and Remembrance Day observances is expected as part of the MLA's job. The recommendations of the Commission to "assist in achieving effective representation" (Page 66 of the Interim Report) fall far short of what is required, both for effective representation by the MLA and (more importantly) for equitable access to the MLA for rural constituents. Many rural MLAs (myself included) already staff two constituency offices. More money for more staff and more offices is helpful but nothing replaces face to face contact with the MLA. This contact does not always occur in the office, in many situations a site visit is required by the MLA. As a former veterinarian, I was trained to examine the situation with my own eyes, to ask questions on site, and arrive at a diagnosis thereafter. It is a pattern of service I have continued in my current role, and is appreciated by constituents.

2. Setting of boundaries in anticipation of future population growth or lack thereof—While I understand the Commission's desire to anticipate changes in Alberta's population, I am appalled the majority feels this is justification for creating huge rural constituencies with populations significantly over the provincial average. The statement that this variance can be justified because of an older than average population, and therefore lower than average population growth, is repeated several times in the text of the report. Albertans who live in proposed constituencies like Drumheller-Strathmore (+16% over population mean) or Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House (+17%) will have their provincial representatives cover huge areas AND represent the highest number of constituents in the province. How is this even remotely fair? These Albertans are being punished for: a) Choosing to live in a sparsely populated area of rural Alberta, b) Reproducing at a lower rate than the provincial average, and c) Being old. Is this really the message that the Commission wants to send people in these (and several other) rural constituencies?
3. Failing to honour long-standing "community interests and community organizations" (Section 14 (c) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act)—In speaking with Albertans since the Interim Report was released, I hear time and again that the proposed boundaries appear to have been drawn very arbitrarily, with no regard to well-established regional community relationships. There are numerous examples in the proposed boundaries where a major service centre is cut off from a large portion of its "trading area" by arbitrarily drawn boundaries. Examples include the towns of St. Paul, Stettler, Drayton Valley and Tofield. In other instances, smaller communities and rural residents are placed in constituencies where the bulk of the population is located in larger suburban centres that are hundreds of kilometers away and may have nothing in common with those residents. Examples of proposed constituencies where this is the case include Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul and St. Albert-Redwater. It is anticipated that the Commission will hear a great deal from many Albertans who will be adversely affected by the proposed boundary changes, and it is hoped that the Commission gives careful consideration to these well-founded concerns.

4. Failing to use well-established municipal boundaries—Major shifts in electoral boundaries, as the Interim Report proposes, divides long established communities of voters and creates unnatural and unworkable new constituencies. Under Section 14 (e) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the Commission is to consider “whenever possible, the existing municipal boundaries”. It is noted that there are several instances in the Interim Report where the Commission elected specifically to keep a County or Rural Municipality all in one constituency because of current or future intermunicipal cooperative projects within that County (e.g. County of Flagstaff, Page 61). These types of regional projects are common across the province and will become even more commonplace as a result of recent changes in the Municipal Government Act. Accordingly, I would urge the Commission to reconsider any boundaries that result in the fragmentation of Counties or Rural Municipalities. There is a very practical reason to do this—county boundaries are well established, and do not change every decade. Every rural resident knows exactly which county they reside in. Rural constituencies could be easily and clearly defined using county boundaries. The added benefit for the County would be to have only one MLA to work with rather than two or three or more in order to have their concerns heard at the provincial level.

In terms of specific recommendations regarding individual constituency boundaries, I will confine my comments to the proposed Vermilion-Lloydminster constituency.

1. It is duly noted that the population of the current constituency falls some 17% below the provincial average. Some adjustment to the boundary was anticipated; the only certainty was that the constituency would not expand to the east. In my view, the expansion of the constituency to the west, along Highway 16 to include the western half of the County of Minburn, makes sense. (Currently the County of Minburn is divided between the existing constituencies of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville and Vermilion-Lloydminster). Additionally, I can understand the rationale behind including most of Beaver County in this constituency, as noted in the text of the Interim Report, Beaver County is currently split into four provincial constituencies. That said, I am baffled by the decision to exclude the Town of Tofield and the associated Division 2 of Beaver County from the proposed constituency. I would recommend that the entirety of Beaver County, including all of the Town of Tofield, be included in the proposed constituency of Vermilion-Lloydminster.
2. In the northeastern corner of the proposed constituency, the Interim Report recommends setting Township Road 532 as the northern boundary in the northeastern corner of the constituency, rather than having the boundary follow the Vermilion River County line as it currently does. This proposed change has the Alberta portion of the Onion Lake First Nation, and the communities of Tulliby Lake, Lea Park, Dewberry and Clandonald severed from their long-established trading centres of Vermilion and Lloydminster. The relationship between the Onion Lake First Nation and the City of

Lloydminster is especially important and vital to preserve—these two communities have historically worked together on a wide range of issues including health, education, social services, culture and recreation. The linkage is especially appropriate because both Lloydminster and Onion Lake First Nation straddle the Alberta/Saskatchewan border and therefore both have dealings with the provincial governments in Edmonton and Regina. The other communities (Tullibee Lake, Lea Park, Dewberry and Clandonald) all interact primarily with either Lloydminster or Vermilion, and are all located within the County of Vermilion River, which has its county seat in the Village of Kitscoty. To arbitrarily use Township Road 532 (which is a simple dirt road, not a major highway or recognizable boundary) would shift these communities into a sprawling constituency where half the population is over 200 km away in Fort Saskatchewan, a community that shares no connection with them. I have spoken with hundreds of residents of this part of the constituency and they are adamant that they remain in the Vermilion-Lloydminster constituency.

3. On the far western extent of the proposed constituency, the use of Township Road 532 as a boundary creates similar issues of fragmentation. It is acknowledged that here, this road is a clearly identified boundary, as it starts as Highway 16 in Elk Island Park, and continues as Secondary Highway 631 at Royal Park. That said, the use of Secondary Highway 532 as the boundary cuts off the far northwestern portion of the County of Minburn, portions of both Divisions 4 and 7 of said County. My recommendation to the Commission is that all of the County of Minburn be included in the new constituency of Vermilion-Lloydminster, including those portions of the County north of Township Road 532.

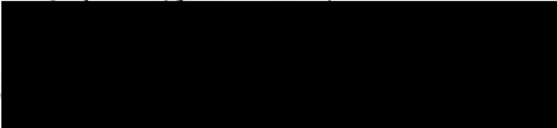
Additionally, the proposed constituency extends further to include Elk Island National Park, using Highway 16 as a boundary. While Highway 16 is certainly a clearly recognized boundary, this cuts off small portions of southernmost Divisions 1 and 2 of Lamont County, with the vast majority of that County lying within the proposed constituency of Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul. Again, in the interests of avoiding fragmentation of existing municipalities, I would recommend that the western portion of the boundary be adjusted such that all of the County of Lamont be included into the proposed Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul constituency.

4. Constituency name—According to Page 33 of the Interim Report, the Commission received one submission calling for shortening the names of constituencies. I believe this is completely unnecessary. Alberta has had a long history of using multiple community names to designate constituencies, this practice provides more clarity not less, and it is not an issue in the day-to-day business of the Legislative Assembly. Specifically, in the case of Vermilion-Lloydminster, the exclusion of any reference to Vegreville runs contrary to the Commission's agreed third principle for naming constituencies, specifically: "Where electoral division boundaries expand to include a new city, town, or First Nations reserve, its name should be modified to include the name of the city, town or First Nations reserve that most clearly reflects its location and

size". Since the boundaries of Vermilion-Lloydminster are proposed to expand to include Vegreville, a major centre with a population 5,708, the constituency name should reflect that. The dropping of a community name from a constituency is a matter that should not be taken lightly—just ask the community's residents. Vegreville is a major centre and would become the western "hub" of the new proposed constituency, which I would respectfully suggest be named, "Vegreville-Vermilion-Lloydminster", to reflect the three major centres located in the constituency.

In conclusion, I would once again like to express my appreciation to the members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for their work on behalf of Albertans. Redrawing electoral boundaries is never a simple task. My observations and recommendations regarding the proposed new electoral divisions are offered in good faith as a life-long Albertan, someone who has lived in both a major city and a rural area, and has represented Albertans in our Legislature. I wish you well as you consider your final recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Richard Starke
MLA Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gerry Neustaedter
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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 11:07 AM
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Rocky View County
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Chestermere Rockyview

Submission

Re: Airdrie-Cochrane (48) and Chestermere (55) proposed boundaries.
 I am writing about one area only. The area that lies east of Cochrane, north of Calgary and the west side of Airdrie.
 The current proposed boundary places 1/2 of the Bearspaw/Glendale area in 48 and the other 1/2 in 55.
 Two options:
 1. Please move the north/south dividing line from Hwy 766 to a location 7 miles east along Hwy 772. This north south line should project north towards Neir (Range Road 21) The 5000 people or so lost from 55 (added to 48) can be more naturally be made up from a part of Airdrie.
 2. 48 east boundary could be Hwy 2 both north and south of Airdrie. The people lost from 55 can be more naturally be made up from a part of Airdrie.
 Option 1 is the preferred option. It more accurately reflects "communities" than the current split.
 Thank you. Gerry Neustaedter [REDACTED]

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marjorie Hibbert
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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Manning

Submission

Thank you for the work you are doing to review the existing boundaries and names for the electoral constituencies for Alberta.

I am a constituent in the Edmonton-Manning riding and I am writing this as a citizen of my community.

I do not agree there should be a change in electoral boundaries that would see my daughter's elementary school removed from the current riding boundaries.

Our school currently enjoy a wonderful working relationship with our MLA who is easily accessible by telephone, email and for office visits. I attend church in my riding of Edmonton-Manning, and as a community member, we enjoy access to and support from our MLA and her team. To start over and try to forge new relationships when the one we have is working well is not something that I support.

As a parent who is very active in my child's school I feel that myself and ultimately the school is supported by our current MLA with whom I have developed a strong working relationship over the past two years.

I am requesting that the current boundary setting remain as this will allow us to continue working with our current MLA and her team in furtherance of the support we now receive. By no means am I suggesting that another person could not do a stellar job, but I do not understand the rationale to remove and replace a team that is working well.

Please keep the existing boundaries.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Friend

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Audrey Page
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 1:41:10 PM

From: Audrey Page [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Audrey Page

Name

Audrey Page

Email

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Phone

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

Edmonton-Manning

Submission

I am writing to you to advocate that the boundaries on the west of Edmonton-Manning go straight along 66 Street, which is a natural boundary in itself, and leaving the McLeod neighbourhood intact and inside of the constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Word of mouth

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kathleen Nakagawa
Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 8:44:15 AM

From: Kathleen Nakagawa [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 12:41 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Kathleen Nakagawa

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Kathleen Nakagawa
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Phone
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Address
Fairview Map It
Electoral Constituency
Dunvegan Peace Notley
Submission
I understand that this constituency is to lose the Grimshaw area and gain the Beaverlodge area...which I strongly disapprove of because Beaverlodge is too far from here and we would have difficulty getting connected or providing equitable services due to the distance. We have just begun to build the bridges required to operate as a constituency here and those connections would be lost if the electoral boundaries were changed. For real democracy, people must feel some empowerment or connections at the grassroot level and disconnected communities do not lend to that objective.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
email from local concerned constituents

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ronald Andrew Yule
Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:33:15 AM

From: Ronald Andrew Yule [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ronald Andrew Yule

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Ronald Andrew Yule

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

Calgary - Northern Hills

Submission

As someone who lives in Coventry hills I am not pleased about the shift away from the other Northern Hills communities with a move to a Calgary - Northeast constituency.

There are needs and concerns that Coventry Hills shares with the other Northern Hills communities that they would not share with communities like Skyview Ranch.

For example, I have been pushing to get a public high school built in our community for my children. This is an issue that most residents of the Northern Hills communities are in agreement on. Whereas Skyview Ranch residents would not particularly care, as the Nelson Mandela High School has just been built.

As residents of Coventry our interests, geography, and communities are more aligned with the Northern Hills constituency. I request that Coventry Hills remain in the Calgary - Northern Hills constituency.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

R. Andrew Yule
[REDACTED]

How did you hear about the review?

- Radio
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Anne Weerstra
Date: Monday, June 19, 2017 8:19:22 AM

From: Anne Weerstra [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Anne Weerstra

Name
Anne Weerstra
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Cochrane Map It
Electoral Constituency
Banff-Cochrane
Submission
I agree with the proposed Banff-Stoney Electoral District, especially that it no longer includes Cochrane. I believe it is more appropriate for Cochrane and Airdrie to be in the same district, and for the Banff-Stoney district to include the Bow Valley and adjacent rural areas.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Nancy Holland
Date: Monday, June 19, 2017 8:19:22 AM

From: Nancy Holland [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 4:34 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Nancy Holland

Name

Nancy Holland

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Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Rocky View County
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Chestermere - Rocky View

Submission

I have a concern about the basic approach of dividing constituencies by population. Firstly are you aware that Ontario ridings have an average of over 100,000 constituents. Also BC has the same number of ridings for a population that has over half a million more people. Why - because the city ridings can serve more people without the need for constituents or representative to travel time consuming distance. In particular the redraw of #54 is very disconcerting with an area included that is inaccessible because of the Bow River. No consideration other than population count. I have a proposal to better serve the people. Rural risings should have no more than 35,000 people and urban risings can have up to 75,000 people. I believe that this would also reduce the number of ridings overall and save us tax dollars. If Ontario, BC, and Federal ridings can function with higher population why is Alberta so focused on splitting ridings by a far lesser count with no consideration being given to terrain or urban rural composition. rural ridings deserve to have personal access to their representative without driving for an hour. Rural issues around school busing, school locations, health care and policing to name a few are quite different from urban areas. mixing urban and rural serves no one. the MLA has to split time and makes their job harder and the constituents don't receive the attention for their needs. I would like you to take the urban rural split and the travel aspect. It is costly for municipal levels of government to deal with multiple MLA's as well. Dividing ridings by population only is simplistic and serves no one well.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Word of mouth



From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Cheryl Marcynuik
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From: Cheryl Marcynuik [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Cheryl Marcynuik

Name

Cheryl Marcynuik

Email

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Phone

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

Lacombe-Ponoka

Submission

I urge you to include Blackfalds in the name for the Lacombe-Ponoka riding. With the significant growth in Blackfalds it should now be considered based on population and to better understand the boundary.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

TO:

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 – Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5G 2Y5

FROM:

[REDACTED] Mayerthorpe
Alberta [REDACTED]
June 12, 2017

Dear Commission Members,

Re: Interim Report on the Redistribution of the present Whitecourt - Ste. Anne (87) Constituency in to the new St. Anne-Stony Plain (81) Constituency and the new West Yellowhead (86) Constituency

As a ratepayer in the County of Lac Ste. Anne; I have gone from being in the centre of the present Whitecourt-Ste. Anne (87) Constituency to being cut off from my County and placed in the new West Yellowhead (86) Constituency with no geographical commonalities. While I realize the necessity for change; I am concerned about the edge of the West End boundary of Lac Ste Anne County consisting of Range 9 and Townships 56, 57, 58 (6 miles by 18 miles) being removed into the new West Yellowhead (86) Constituency (see enclosed map). I strongly feel that this portion of Lac Ste. Anne County should be added on to the new St. Anne- Stony Plain (81) Constituency for the following reasons:

1. This area is a farming region classified as Agricultural Heartland by the County of Lac Ste Anne – see enclosed map.
2. The residents of this region are predominately grain and beef farmers (many third and fourth generation), whose travels take them to Mayerthorpe and down on to Stony Plain for the business end of their operations. This area is in the region of twenty to forty miles away from the Town of Whitecourt and their agricultural business travels do not take them to Whitecourt. Lumping this area in with the new West Yellowhead (86) Constituency (Whitecourt, Edson, Hinton, Grande Cache, and Jasper) with predominately oil, gas, forestry, and industrial would be doing this region a disservice for reasonable political representation regardless of the party.
3. The residents of this region receive their mail at a central post office located in the Town of Mayerthorpe and have phone land lines in the Mayerthorpe phone exchange. There is no connection to the town Whitecourt or the new West Yellowhead (86) Constituency as a whole.
4. This change would do little to affect population numbers of either new constituency, but everything to effect better political representation for this described region.

I hope you will please take my concerns in to careful consideration and add this small area of the West boundary of Lac Ste Anne County on to the “newly formed St. Anne-Stony Plain (81) Constituency” so myself and my fellow area residents can receive the best political representation for our Agricultural Industry.

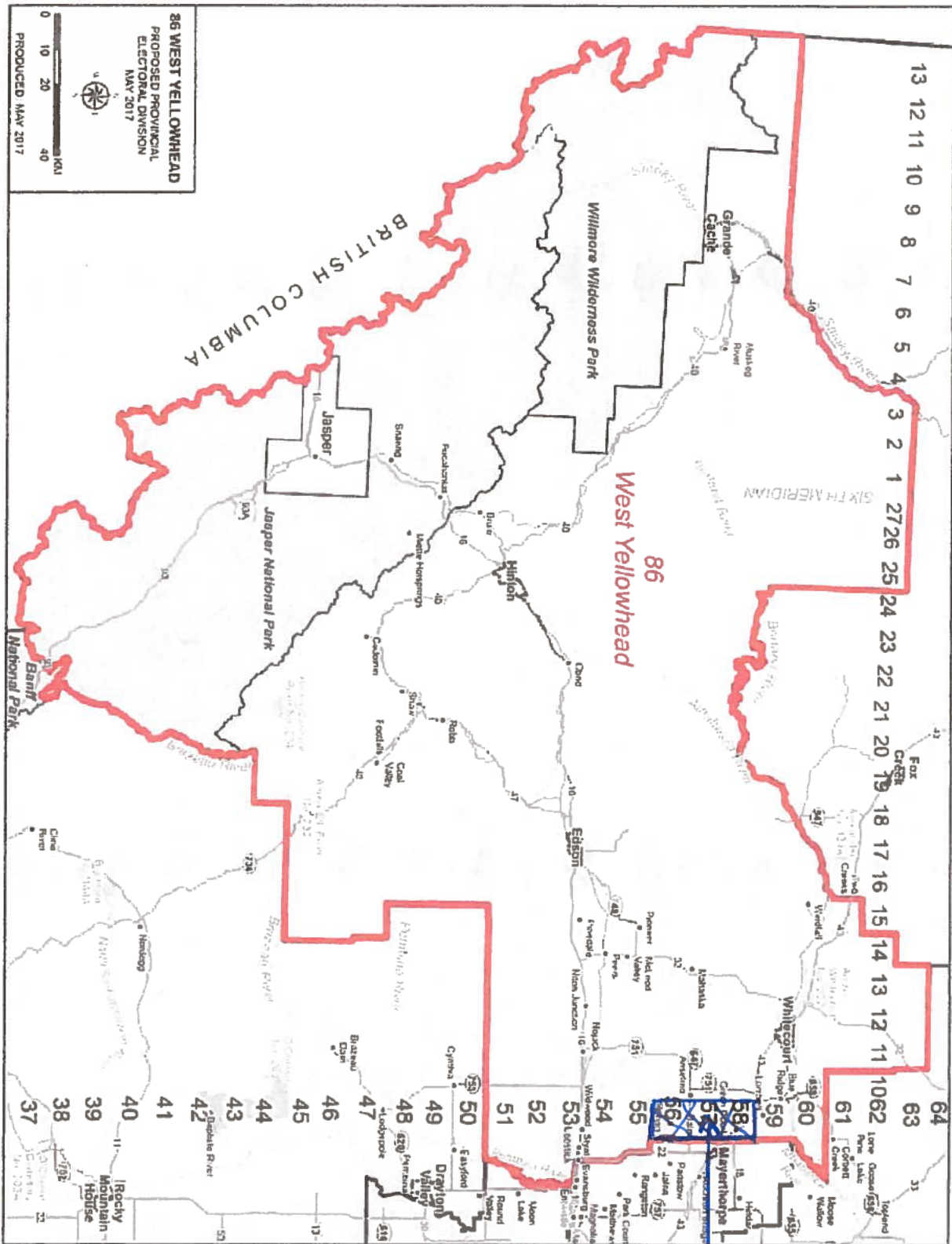
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Chris Dunn

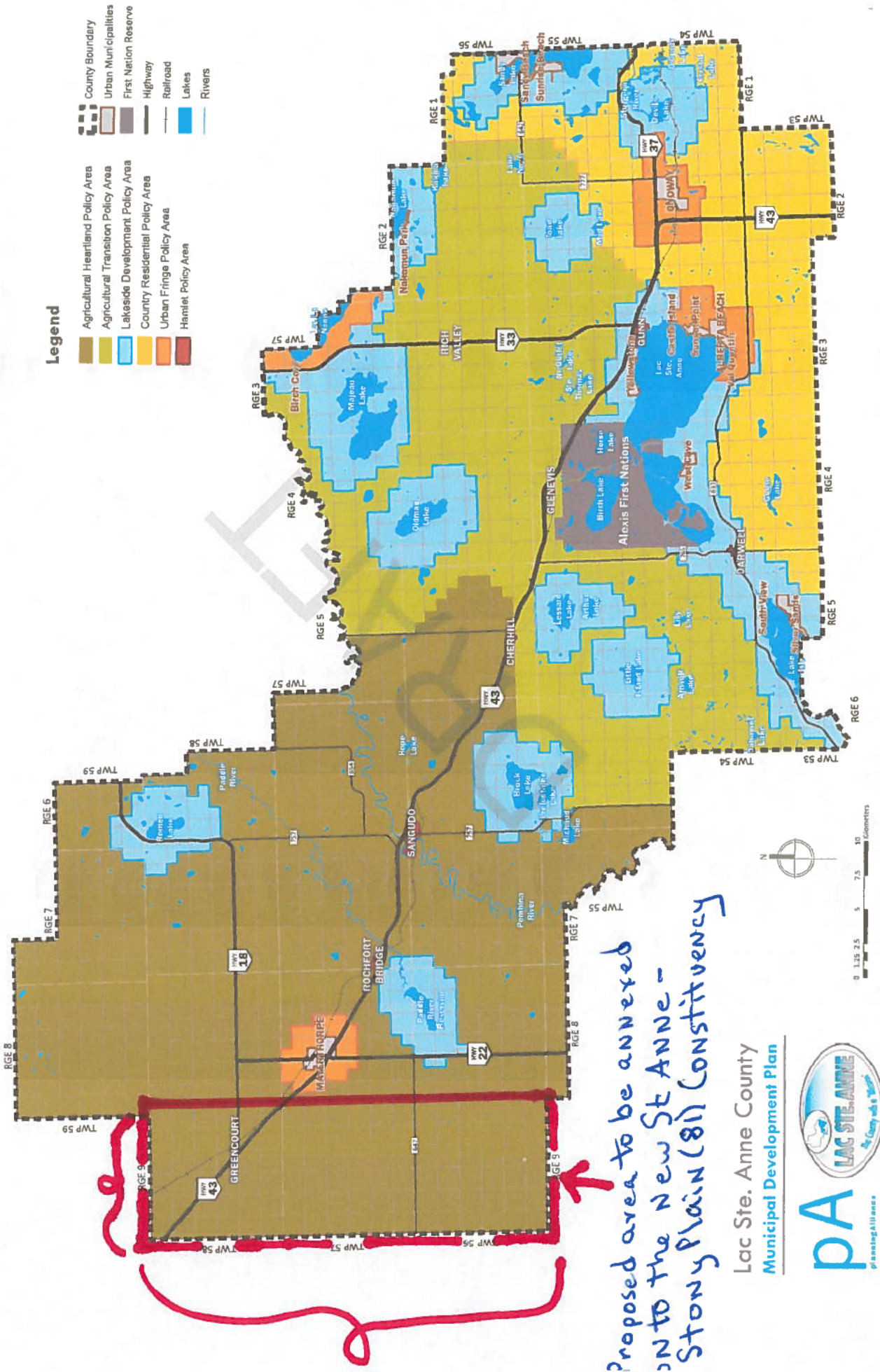
Enclosures X 2 attached



Proposed area to be removed from the New West Yellowhead (86) Constituency and annexed onto the new St. Anne-Stony Plain (81) Constituency

map 2

MDP Policy Areas





Town of Two Hills

EBC-2016-17-2-093

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June 14, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Re: Proposed Boundary Changes

The Town of Two Hills Mayor and Council recently reviewed the proposed changes to the Provincial Electoral Boundaries presented in May 2017.

Although Council understands the need to review and amend electoral boundaries from time to time, we are concerned about a loss of rural representation. The rural areas of Alberta are defined by their respective county boundaries but we noticed that there is no regard given to those natural lines in the new proposed boundaries and we feel that redefining boundaries will affect how municipalities work together. We feel that including Redwater, Smoky Lake, Saddle Lake and Elk Point will be beneficial to all counties affected as there are many similarities within these distinct districts.

The Town of Two Hills respects and understands the need for amalgamation we wonder if the best interests of the communities affected are considered. We are looking for fair representation and are concerned that larger ridings will make that difficult for elected officials to manage. Population is smaller in most rural ridings however fair representation is what we are looking for.

Two Hills has been named in the constituency riding for many years and we would like that to remain. The name Two Hills is almost synonymous with the surrounding communities and is an easily identifying point. Keeping Two Hills in the riding name will give the proposed changes some continuity.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Mayor.

Mayor Arnold Romaniuk

TO:

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 – Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5G 2Y5

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Alberta ██████████
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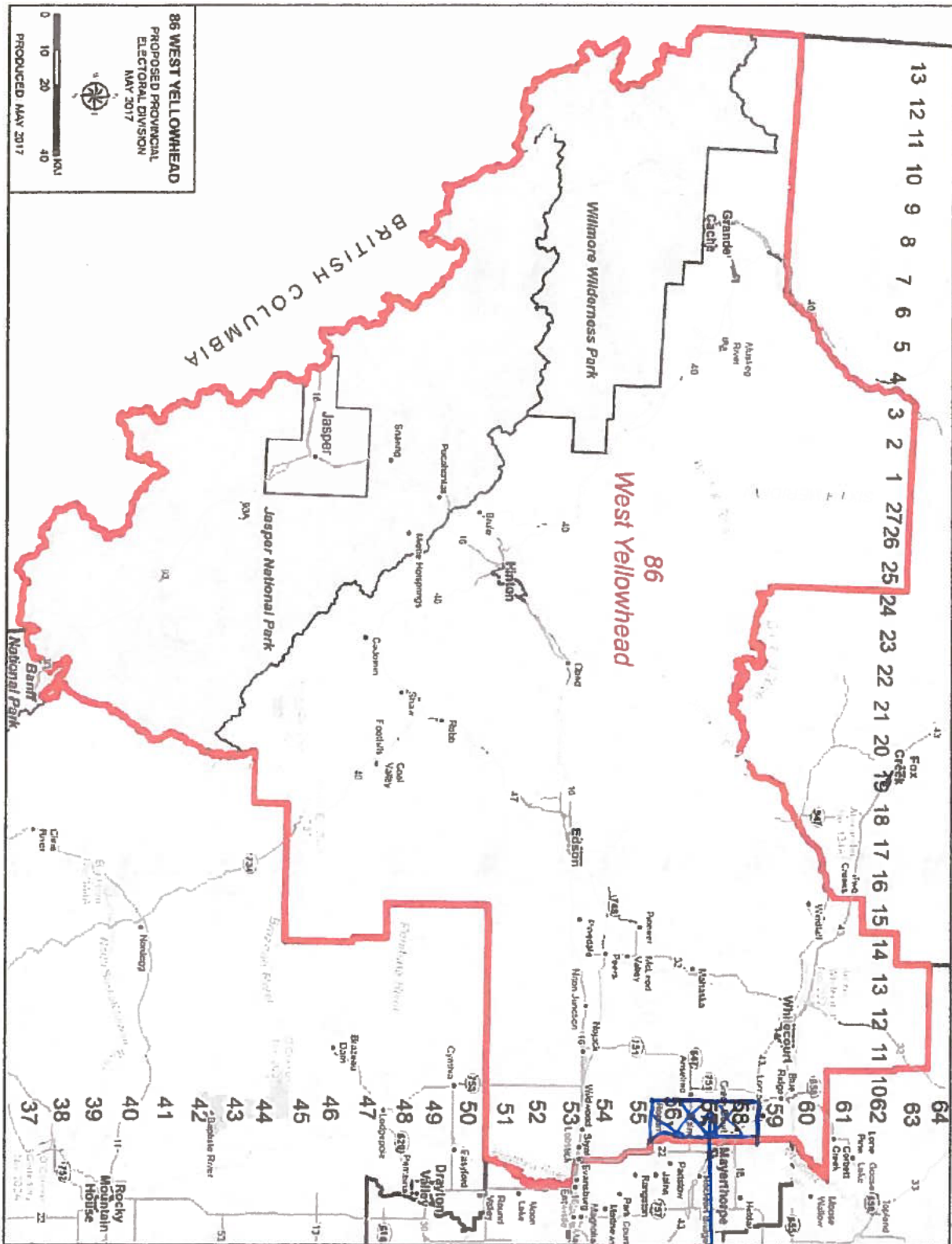
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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Terrance Dunn

Enclosures X 2 attached



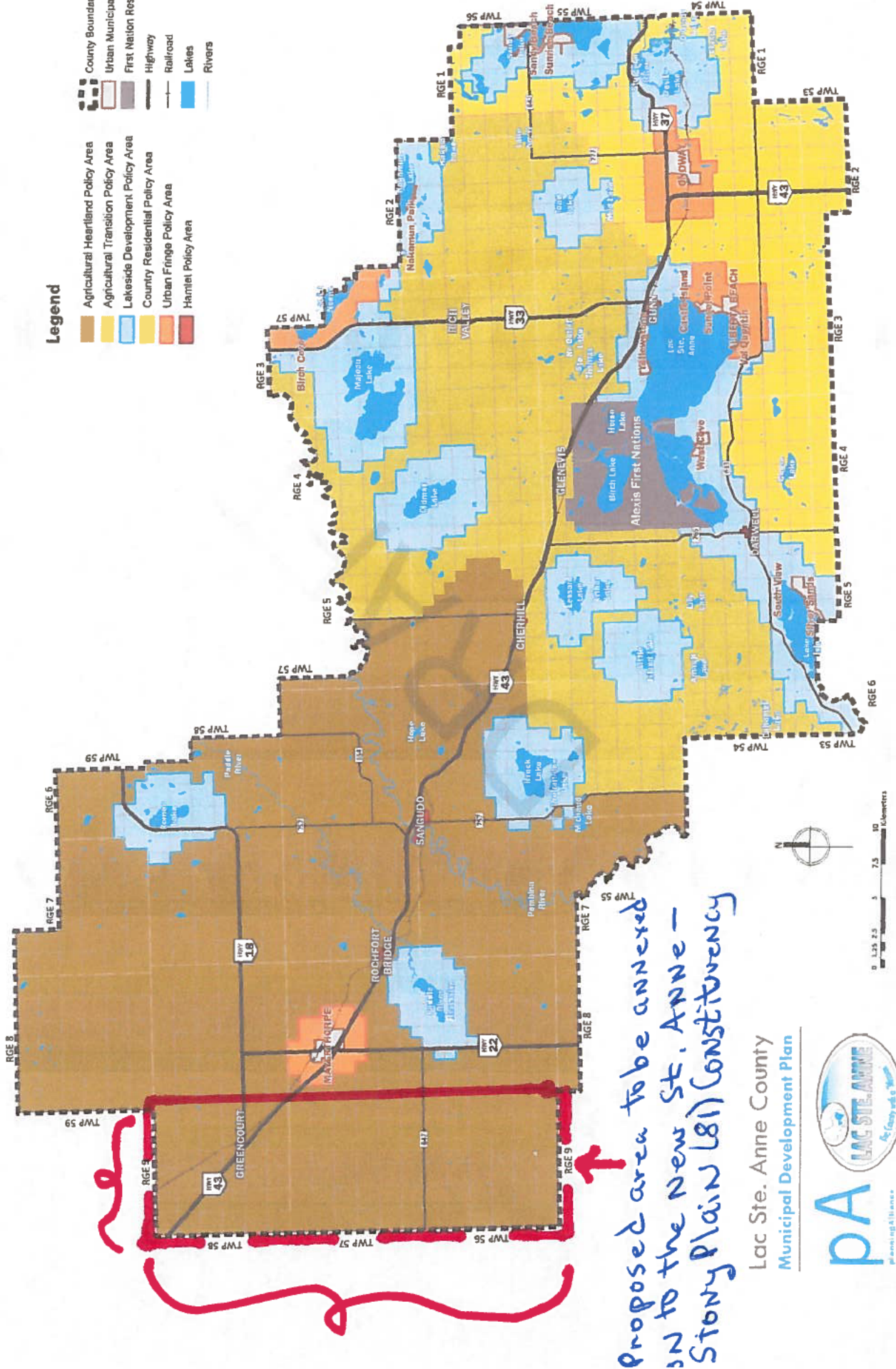
Proposed area to be removed from the New West Yellowhead (86) Constituency and annexed onto the New St. Anne-Stony Plain (8) Constituency [West Boundary Edge of Lac Ste Anne County]

map 2

MDP Policy Areas

Legend

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|  Agricultural Heartland Policy Area |  County Boundary |
|  Agricultural Transition Policy Area |  Urban Municipalities |
|  Lakeside Development Policy Area |  First Nation Reserve |
|  Country Residential Policy Area |  Highway |
|  Urban Fringe Policy Area |  Railroad |
|  Hamlet Policy Area |  Lakes |
| |  Rivers |



Lac Ste. Anne County
Municipal Development Plan





Town of Milk River

June 19, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, Alberta
T5G 2Y5

RE: Proposed New Electoral Boundaries

To Commission Members,

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Milk River, I would like to raise some concerns regarding the proposed new electoral boundaries.

First, we are very proud of the regional partnerships this region has developed that enables us to provide higher quality services to our citizens. We find it very concerning that a number of our municipal partners will be forced to vote in a different riding, which will lead to the erosion of our long-standing partnerships. Our second concern is the resulting decrease in representation of rural Alberta and the significant impacts that will have on Alberta. Although we are an urban municipality by definition, we are indeed a rural community and the resulting decreased value of the rural vote is concerning.

As a Council, we are requesting that the rural electoral divisions are maintained at the present level and for consideration for the drastic impacts these changes will have on our vitally important regional partnerships.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to further engagement and consultation on this vitally important issue.

Yours truly,

David Hawco
Mayor



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Milk River, AB T0K 1M0



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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Drew Barnes
Date: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:25:52 PM

From: Drew Barnes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Drew Barnes

Name

Drew Barnes

Emailcypress.medicinehat@assembly.ab.ca**Phone**

[REDACTED]

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

Cypress-Medicine Hat

Submission

June 15, 2017

Justice Myra B. Bielby
c/o Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100 11510 Kingsway Avenue, NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Justice Bielby:

Thank you for your diligence and commitment to the province of Alberta through your appointment on the Electoral Boundaries Committee.

As MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat I would like to offer my considerable concerns as it relates to diminished rural representation with the proposed boundaries. Firstly, I would like to say that I support the dissenting position presented by Gwen Day in the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Interim Report. I have read over her dissent and I agree that the proposed addition of constituencies in Edmonton and Calgary takes representation away from rural Albertans and places disproportionate political power within urban areas. I understand that you have requested public input and I have asked my constituents and those affected by these changes to do offer their suggestions.

Secondly, it is with sincere conviction that I express the necessity for adequate representation in rural

Alberta. Southern Alberta losing a seat is effectively taking another rural voice out of the legislature. Our rural citizens are already sitting at the margins of representation and I would hate to see their influence limited. Further, as a rural MLA, I know how challenging it can be to represent a constituency as large as mine. Aside from population, it is imperative that the committee takes into account cultural similarities, as well as economic similarities within the electoral boundaries.

For that reason, I would like to suggest and request that Cypress-Medicine Hat stays in its current state. Currently, this constituency is well within the population requirements as dictated by the Interim Report as well as represents communities of likeness. My constituency is home to many agricultural producers and families or "common communities of interest" as indicated in your report.

Finally, I would like to propose that a hearing be scheduled in Medicine Hat as we are at the center of one of the most affected areas of the province. While I appreciate that you are accepting written feedback, this is an issue that is very deeply felt within my constituency and could attract many rural advocates as well.

It is my hope that you can take these suggestions and concerns into consideration when finalizing the boundaries. I also hope that Ms. Day's dissent can be reflected upon and used in the final decision.

Thank you,

Drew Barnes, MLA
Cypress-Medicine Hat
Shadow Minister of Energy

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

MLA Reports

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

June 19th, 2017

I am writing to address my concerns with the newly redrawn Electoral Districts in the Grande Prairie area, specifically those of 62 Grande Prairie and 63 Grande Prairie-Smoky.

Understandably, the Commission had to redraw the boundaries within certain guidelines. One being to have a population within each Electoral District as close to 46,698 as possible. Another was to maintain a balance between rural and urban populations within each Electoral District, or to minimize blended constituencies altogether. Given these guidelines, it is understandable why the Commission chose to redraw the Electoral Districts for the Grande Prairie region as shown in Figures 1 to 3. The Commission created a city only riding, proposed Electoral District Grande Prairie, with a population as close to the desired average as possible (Table 1). However, with the population of the City of Grande Prairie at 63,166, that puts 16,823 city residents into the large, predominantly rural riding of Grande Prairie-Smoky. The proposed riding will have a population that is approximately 63% rural. As a resident of the city of Grande Prairie, and a resident of the proposed Grande Prairie-Smoky Electoral District, I am opposed to this uneven division of the City of Grande Prairie and to being placed within a riding that does not have an equal blending of rural and urban populations. My interests, as a resident of the City of Grande Prairie, are not the same as those living in the rural areas of this proposed riding. Why would a Grande Prairie-Smoky MLA listen to my urban concerns as a City of Grande Prairie resident when there's another MLA tasked with the job within the proposed Grande Prairie riding? The uneven distribution of the population of the City of Grande Prairie also means that only 64% of the city's residents have a say in provincial government decisions regarding the city.

Table 1. Population within the proposed Electoral Districts

Electoral District	Population	Variance (%)
Grande Prairie	46,343	-1
Grande Prairie-Smoky	45,094	-3
Central Peace-Notley	32,471	-30

I would like to propose another solution. Since creating a city of Grande Prairie only riding will always lead to a third of the population being placed into a rural riding as the result of trying to maintain the average population of 46,698 within each Electoral District, I propose that the City of Grande Prairie be split into two ridings, Grande Prairie-East and Grande Prairie-West. The rural riding of Central Peace-Notley and Grande Prairie-Smoky would then be combined into one riding, Central Peace-Smoky. This solution maintains the current number of electoral districts in the region at three and there's the potential to redraw the boundaries such that each proposed Electoral District has an approximate population of 41,303 for a variation of -12% (total population of proposed electoral districts Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie-Smoky and Central Peace-Notley divided by 3). If the population of the City of

Grande Prairie is equally distributed between the proposed Grande Prairie-East and Grande Prairie-West, then that provides a population of about 31,583 in each Electoral District. The remaining 9,720 people needed to meet the goal population of 41,303 would be residents of nearby communities that often commute to Grande Prairie for work or use facilities within the city and so have a vested interest in city affairs. So although this proposal creates two blended ridings with predominant urban populations, the rural component would mainly consist of suburban dwellers.

I would like to see the boundary between the proposed Grande Prairie-East and Grande Prairie-West be 100 St (Figure 4). This boundary would continue north to Alberta highway 59, thus placing the suburban town of Clairmont in the proposed riding of Grande Prairie-East and the suburban town of Sexsmith in Grande Prairie-West. The riding of Grande Prairie-West should at least extend west to highway 724 and include the town of Wembley. The western boundary can be extended as needed to meet population requirements. Proposed Electoral District Grande Prairie-East would extend to Range Road 31 (or further depending on population requirements) and include the communities of Teepee Creek and Bezanson. The southern boundaries of the proposed Grande Prairie-East and -West electoral districts would then be the Wapiti River. However, it would be sensible to include the town of Grovedale within Grande Prairie-West since its residents often use city services. Another benefit of dividing the city in two is that as the city continues to grow, the area of these proposed ridings can be easily reduced and may eventually become urban only ridings.

The Electoral Districts of Central Peace-Notley and Grande Prairie-Smoky would be combined into one riding, Central Peace-Smoky, and would keep the same outer boundaries with Grande Prairie-West and -East essentially being a doughnut hole within it.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns and my proposal to improve the Electoral Districts in my community. I would like to discuss this further at the upcoming open house in Grande Prairie on July 17th.

Sincerely,

Lydia Calhoun

[REDACTED]

Grande Prairie AB

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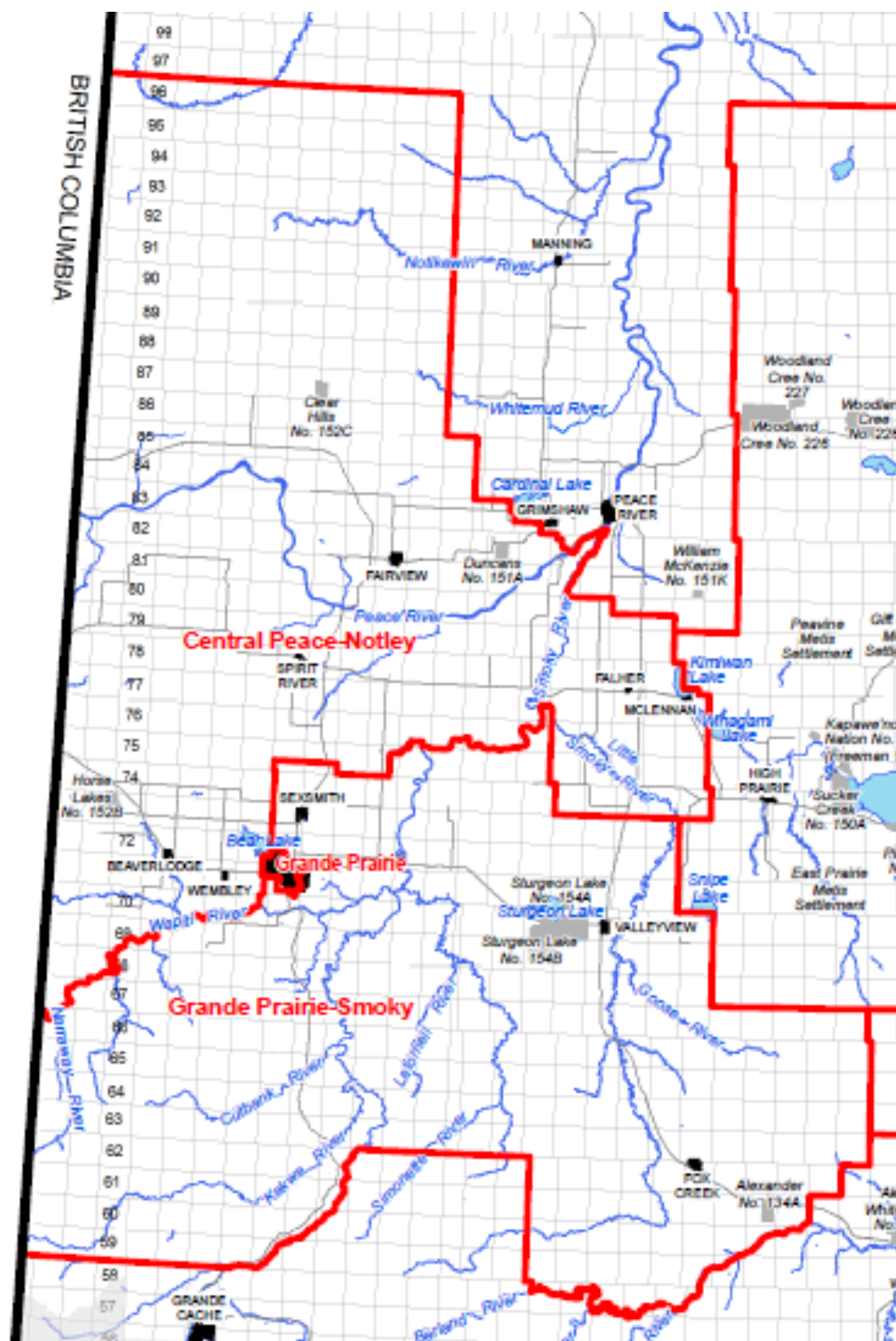
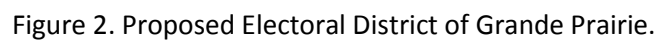


Figure 1. Overview of proposed Electoral District boundaries around the City of Grande Prairie.



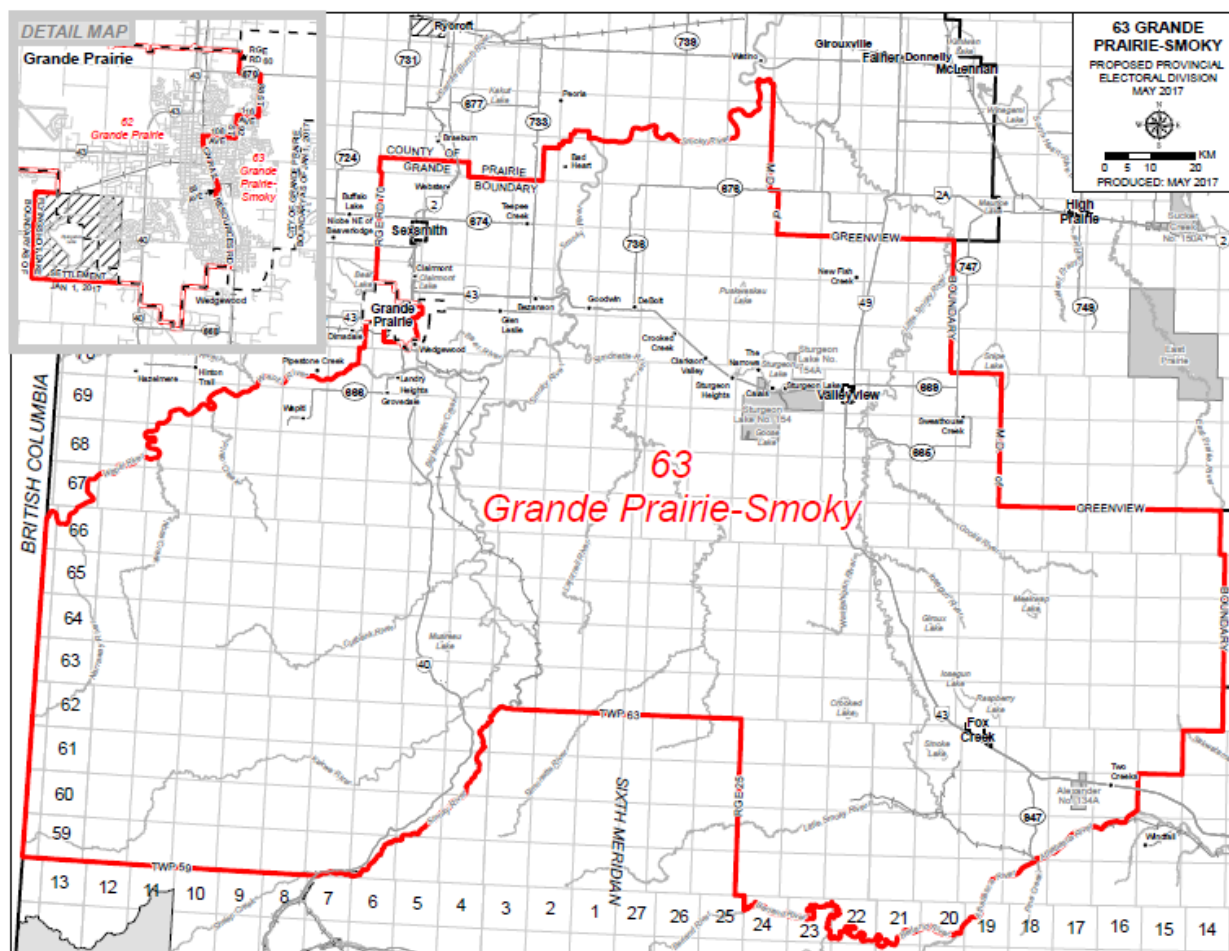


Figure 3. Proposed Electoral District of Grande Prairie-Smoky.

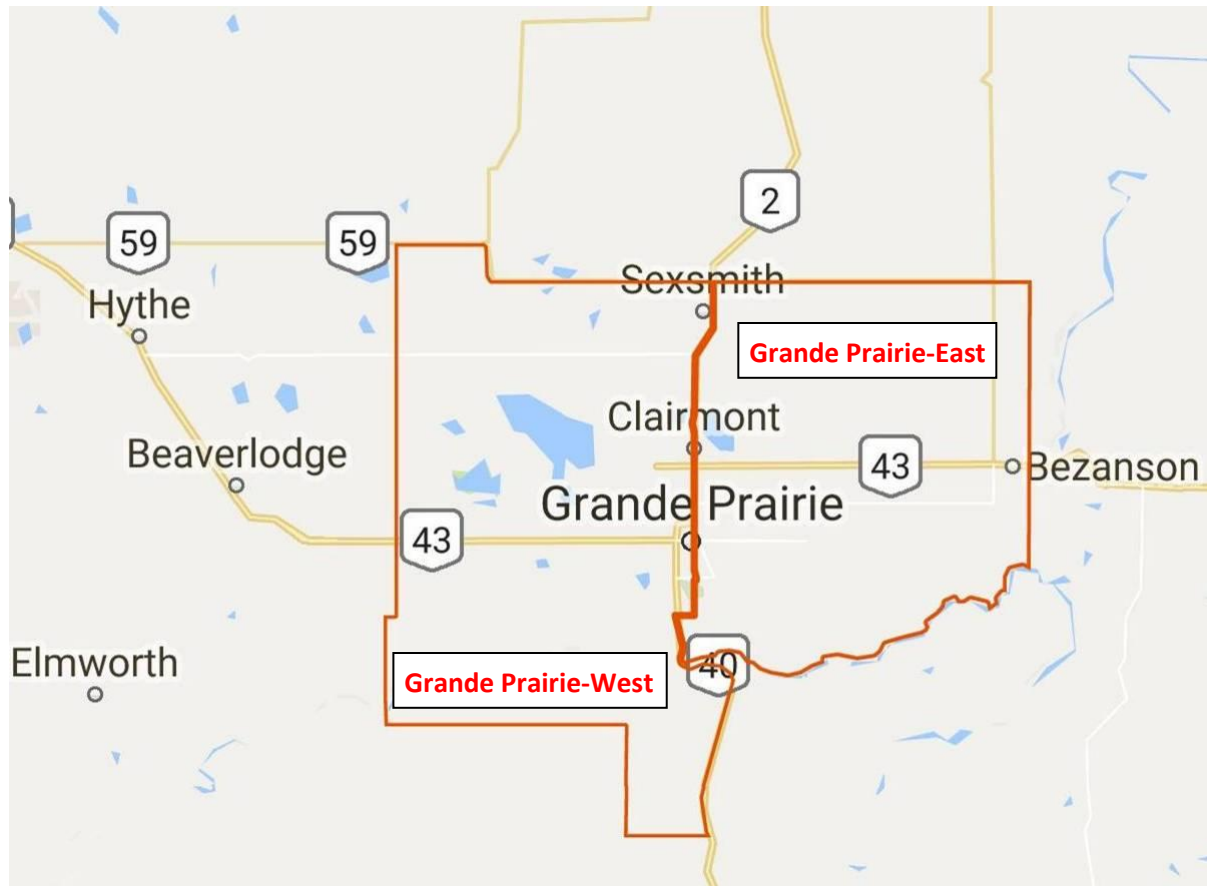


Figure 4. Proposed solution for Electoral District boundaries.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dorit Rogalsky
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:38:27 AM

From: Dorit Rogalsky [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:32 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dorit Rogalsky

Name
Dorit Rogalsky
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Address
Coaldale Map It
Electoral Constituency
Little Bow
Submission
Please let it be known that I wish to be part of the Vulcan-Taber Riding. I feel we have more commonalities in this riding than any other one.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Tricia Mitchell
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:39:45 AM

From: Tricia Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:34 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Tricia Mitchell

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Little Bow
Submission
Despite consideration of population variances and the desire to minimize blended constituencies, the Town of Coaldale would be better served to become part of the Lethbridge East riding. Coaldale has become a "bedroom community" to the City of Lethbridge and so the common interests are high. Barring this, the town of Coaldale would fit well within the Taber-Vulcan riding, as the common interests between the two largest towns (Coaldale and Taber) are high. With similar populations and demographics these two towns would do well to be considered within the same riding.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ellie Gerhardt
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:37:06 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Ellie Gerhardt

Name
Ellie Gerhardt
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Address
Coaldale Map It
Electoral Constituency
Little Bow
Submission
I am requesting that the Town of Coaldale be included in proposed Vulcan-Taber Riding should the Little Bow Riding be eliminated.
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 Kalen Hastings
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 2:14:56 PM

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Coaldale Map It
Electoral Constituency
Little Bow
Submission
The Council for the Town of Coaldale is of the opinion that should the riding of Little Bow be eliminated, that strong consideration be given to the Town of Coaldale being included into the proposed Vulcan-Taber riding.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Mayor Kim Craig

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ali Tams
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:40:22 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ali Tams

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Address
Coaldale Map It
Electoral Constituency
Little Bow
Submission
Coaldale should become a part of the Vulcan-Taber riding rather than Cardston-Kanai
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marjorie and Wilfrid Makowichuk
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:40:30 AM

From: Marjorie and Wilfrid Makowichuk [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marjorie and Wilfrid Makowichuk

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Marjorie and Wilfrid Makowichuk
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Address
Hylo Map It
Electoral Constituency
Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills
Submission
After reviewing the proposed changes to our riding, we are left with the feeling that our "best interests" have not been addressed. If we were to be put with Fort McMurray, our small rural concerns would be totally overshadowed by big city problems. We would also like to point out that navigating the highway from Lac La Biche to Fort McMurray during the winter would be a real challenge for the MLA. These proposed boundary changes show a disrespect of rural ridings. Ideally we should keep the present riding but if the boundary is changed put the Lac La Biche County in with Athabasca, Conklin, Calling Lake, Wabasca, Kikino Metis Settlement and Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Online)• Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Joanne Vander Heide
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:40:39 AM

From: Joanne Vander Heide [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:12 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Joanne Vander Heide

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Joanne Vander Heide
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Address
Coaldale Map It
Electoral Constituency
Little Bow
Submission
If our riding has to be changed please include us in the Vulcan-Taber riding.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Tonye Truba
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:40:49 AM

From: Tonye Truba [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:30 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Tonye Truba

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Address
Coaldale Map It
Electoral Constituency
Lethbridge county
Submission
Please leave Coaldale in the Taber/ Vulcan riding. Taber is 20 minutes away and Vulcan is 45 min away. Makes more sense.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook• Other
Talk w others in Coaldale AB

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jerry Wright
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:41:12 AM

From: Jerry Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:50 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jerry Wright

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Jerry Wright

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

Edmonton Millcreek

Submission

Our residential district is known as The Meadows - not Millwoods East!! It includes the neighbourhoods of Silverberry, Wild Rose, Laurel, Tamarak and Maple from 34 Street east to the Anthony Henday.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Meadows,_Edmonton

And why would you create a division down 17 street that doesn't fit naturally with either the municipal ward or the federal riding boundaries?

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Friend

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Wendy Rudiger
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:57:49 AM

From: Wendy Rudiger [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 5:08 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Wendy Rudiger

Name

Wendy Rudiger

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Address

Stony Plain
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Stony Plain

Submission

I was talking with a neighbor who mentioned boundary changes so I looked them up. I understand that balancing the population is important. Stony Plain is the heart of our riding. EVERY ONE around here on the farms and acreages all come to town (as they have for decades). It is the heart of our riding. If the suggested boundary changes are made, many people will have an mla in their geographical area where their home is but no say in the area where they and their families participate in commerce and recreation. We are also known as the TriRegion. We have 3 mayors. Spruce, Parkland and Stony. 2 mla's currently. The Change would give us 3 mla's in the Tri Region. That's a lot of government!. Not sure that our Stony Reserve have a lot to do with the First Nations in the more southern regions recommended. People from this area have few commonalities with Pigeon lake (recreational/ not year round?) . If Spruce is carved out, Stony to Devon would make sense as both towns are surrounded by hundreds of acreages. We all are bedroom communities for Edmonton and Fort McMurray (people here fly in/out of Leduc) We all use the same amenities. Not sure what the population adds up to be but taking Stony out is not a user friendly way to go in my opinion. Thanks for your time.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Neighbor

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from PAM HORNE
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:57:54 AM

From: PAM HORNE [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from PAM HORNE

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PAM HORNE

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stony plain
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

ERIN BABCOCK

Submission

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE TOWN OF STONY PLAIN SHOULD BE PUT WITH LAC ST. ANNE...WE ARE PARKLAND AND WE ARE NOT A GOOD FIT...DON'T KNOW WHO'S CHERRY PICKING BUT DO NOT PUT STONY PLAIN WITH LAC ST. ANNE...MY VOTE IS NO

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundary Commission Submission by Advocates for North Calgary High School
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:59:15 AM

From: YYC North High [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:42 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundary Commission Submission by Advocates for North Calgary High School

June 21, 2017

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the proposed electoral boundary changes.

As Advocates for the North Calgary High School, and as members of the Northern Hills community, we propose that the constituency of Calgary-Northern Hills stay intact. We recommend the retention of our current electoral boundaries for the following reasons:

- We are very close to the +/- 25% allowance of the 46,697 average population per constituency, especially if Hanson Ranch were removed and Northern Hills left intact.
- Remaining a single riding respects our shared community interests, developing a strong relationship between residents of a single community association and our MLA.
- Maintaining our current boundaries respects the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail on the East/South; Beddington to the West/South; and Stoney Trail to the North. To split us into three separate constituencies does not meet the existing legislated boundary requirement.
- Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLAs in regards to common needs would create an unnecessary obstacle, increasing the challenge to affect necessary changes through our elected representatives.
- Splitting into 3 ridings places an unfair burden on the MLAs charged with representing us, as the proposed ridings have geographic divides, unique interests, and diverse needs among communities not only regarding schools, but infrastructure, social enterprise, and healthcare.

We welcome the opportunity to work together to find a better way.

Thank you very much for the consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,

Tamara Keller, Chair
 Advocates for North Calgary High School
 [REDACTED]
 Calgary, AB [REDACTED]

The Advocates for North Calgary High School is made up of residents of the Northern Hills Communities (Coventry Hills, Country Hills, Harvest Hills and Panorama Hills) and Hidden Valley, who recognize the need for a High School within our boundaries and are working with all levels of government and decision

makers toward that end.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bryne Lengyel
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:59:33 AM

From: Bryne Lengyel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:30 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bryne Lengyel

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Bryne Lengyel

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

Cypress- medicine hat

Submission

Please leave the electoral boundaries as they are ,do not change them . Removing rural ridings and making them larger will make it impossible for MLA,s in those ridings to effectively represent their people. Removing rural ridings and moving them to our Urban centres will cause a strain on urban rural relationships,widening the social gap between rural and urban residents of this great province.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Paul Smith
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:59:49 AM

From: Paul Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:17 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Paul Smith

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Paul Smith

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Fort Saskatchewan
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Electoral Constituency

Fort Sask-Vegreville

Submission

The proposed changes to the FtSk-Veg riding are wrong for many reason. The main reasons being:
 -trading areas - St Paul is intimately linked to communities on the north side of the Saskatchewan River, Vegreville is intimately linked to the Mundare and Andrew area communitie, Vermillion/Lloydminster is a trading area linked to Dewberry and other communities near the Saskatchewan border, Fort Saskatchewan/RedWater/Gibbons and the north part of Strathcona are joined as an industrial force. Boundaries should mean something to the residents inside the riding, not a line that divides the building forces of the province.
 -communications- if residents do not use or have good access to Internet you cannot expect them to use such communications. MLA's do not have the time to return phone calls (or cannot be bothered). Effective MLA contact in such large ridings as the proposed FtSk/StPaul is very poor and if the MLA is a Minister it will be impossible. Fairness is a consideration and lack of available contact is not fair!

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ca Kraus
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:00:09 AM

From: Ca Kraus [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ca Kraus

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Ca Kraus

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Edmonton
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Electoral Constituency

Vermilion-Lloydminster

Submission

Current proposal removes part of County of Vermilion River (area north of TWP RD 532) from Vermilion-Lloydminster and puts that area into Fort Sask-St. Paul. I request that you reconsider this, and leave this area in Vermilion-Lloydminster for the following reasons:

- 1) Splitting a very small (both in land area and population) part of the County of Vermilion River is contrary to good governance and logically inconsistent.
- 2) The area under discussion has deep ties to the land and peoples south of TWP RD 532 (the Vermilion/Marwayne/Lloydminster areas) - natural trading connections are north/south, students in the north area attend schools to the south, family's often have connections north/south.
- 3) Conversely, the area under discussion has very few ties to the west - Myrnam, St. Paul, etc. Individuals in the Dewberry, Clandonald and Tulliby Lake communities typically view their interests as aligned to those of the County of Vermilion River and not areas to the west.

Respectfully, please reconsider this proposal and move the north border of Vermilion-Lloydminster north the the northern border of the County of Vermilion River.

Thank You.

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bob Barss
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 1:01:11 PM

From: Bob Barss [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 11:58 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Bob Barss

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

Battle River Wainwright

Submission

Hello, as reeve of the MD of Wainwright and Past President of AAMDC, I would encourage the Commission to look at adding 3 more seats to the Legislature. I know that is not popular, but is the only way to preserve rural representation in government. I agree the cites need more representation, but not at the expense of rural Alberta. I noted that you used a 50% +/- in some ridings, but 25+/- in others. If this is a direction from future boundary commission, soon rural Alberta will have no voice in government. I know there is a cost to 3 more seats, but no one said democracy is cheap, but effective representation is a constitutional right. Rural MLA's already have a tough time getting across there constituencies and these recommendation will make it that much harder if not impossible. Please consider my thoughts during future meetings of the commission. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Bob Barss
Reeve
MD of Wainwright

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from karen chesterman
Date: Friday, June 23, 2017 8:47:25 AM

From: karen chesterman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from karen chesterman

Name

karen chesterman

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

wainwright battle river

Submission

Hi I submitted feedback during the first round, but could not find it on your list of submissions. So, I will submit my feedback again. I disagree with providing more seats to urban areas as populations in these areas share the same concerns such as education, roadways and hospitals. They do not require additional representation at the legislative level to present and vote on these. Their concerns are different from those in rural areas that require equal representation. It would be similar to Canada giving more votes and representation to Quebec and Ontario to make decisions for Alberta. The tail wagging the dog.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from sandra rush
Date: Friday, June 23, 2017 8:37:53 AM

From: sandra rush [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 10:32 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from sandra rush

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calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
northern hills
Submission
<p>Northern Hills as a constituency is within the +/- 25% allowance for constituency populations (average of 46,698 per constituency).</p> <p>Remaining a single riding of Northern Hills respects shared community interests, developing a strong relationship between residents of a single community association, our city councillors, and our MLA. Maintaining the current boundaries respects the legislated boundary requirements, and the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail on the East / South, Beddington to the West / South, and Stoney Trail to the North.</p> <p>Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLA's in regards to our needs creates an unnecessary obstacle for affecting necessary changes; and places an unfair burden on the MLA's charged with representing us as they balance geographic divides, unique interests and diverse needs among communities not only regarding schools, but infrastructure, social enterprise and healthcare.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other
Advocates for North Calgary High School,

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Submissions
Date: Friday, June 23, 2017 8:37:44 AM

From: Laura Hack B.Ed [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 10:23 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Submissions

Objection to change riding boundaries

- 1) Northern Hills as a constituency is within the +/- 25% allowance for constituency populations (average of 46,698 per constituency).
- 2) Remaining a single riding of Northern Hills respects shared community interests, developing a strong relationship between residents of a single community association, our city councillors, and our MLA.
- 3) Maintaining the current boundaries respects the legislated boundary requirements, and the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail on the East / South, Beddington to the West / South, and Stoney Trail to the North.
- 4) Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLA's in regards to our needs creates an unnecessary obstacle for affecting necessary changes; and places an unfair burden on the MLA's charged with representing us as they balance geographic divides, unique interests and diverse needs among communities not only regarding schools, but infrastructure, social enterprise and healthcare.

Laura Hack
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from erin livingston
Date: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:26:18 PM

From: erin livingston [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from erin livingston

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calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Ward 3 Northern Hills
Submission
<p>It's imperative we retain our current boundaries. They respect the legislated boundary requirements and the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail to the East and South, Beddington to the West and South, and Stoney Trail to the North. With the propose changes, we would require communicating and coordinating with 3 THREE – THREE!!!! MLAs – noone wins; not US, nor the MLAs. This is absolutely unnecessary and truly makes those who are making these propositions questionable in sound decision-making. It's laughable, really. Our boundaries house those with unique interests and diverse needs surrounding schools, infrastructure, social enterprise and health care. We are a community with shared interests and needs. It is EXTREMELY important to remain a single riding of Northern Hills.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
advocacy group

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Peter Cook-Bielech
Date: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:26:18 PM

From: Peter Cook-Bielech [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Peter Cook-Bielech

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Peter Cook-Bielech

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Phone

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

Grande Prairie-Wapiti

Submission

I believe that the Grande Prairie-Wapiti and Grande Prairie-Smoky boundaries should not be changed in consequence to this review because this riding has a population close enough to the average and the riding has the benefit of both urban and rural voters so we get a diversity of issues that our MLA has uniquely been able to handle.

As a result, I believe the areas north of Grande Prairie-Smoky, namely Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley and Peace River, should either keep their boundaries, be merged, or acquire territory from the areas east of them, such as those of Lesser Slave Lake.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Grande Prairie Wapiti PC Association discussuion

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Suzanne Douglas
Date: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:44:11 PM

From: Suzanne Douglas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Suzanne Douglas

Name
Suzanne Douglas
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Address
Irvine Map It
Electoral Constituency
Cypress-Medicine Hat
Submission
<p>We are seeing that the boundary change for our constituency will extend from east of Medicine Hat, near the SK border all the way north and west to Vulcan. This is a HUGE geographic area. I grew up in Vulcan and have a lot of love for the area, but I can tell you that the local concerns for Vulcan and the local concerns for Irvine/Walsh/Cypress County are very, very different! Agriculture is, believe it or not, done differently in both areas. The weather patterns are different. There are simply so many differences! It is not fair, appropriate or principled for such a large area to be grouped together. Presently, I can walk into my MLA's office, as he is close to my home. If the boundaries suffer such a convulsive and drastic change, the MLA will become significantly more inaccessible for the constituents. Presently, our MLA is terrific at showing up to events around our area. With this drastic change we will not see him nearly as much! Yes, it is true that rural populations are smaller than urban populations. But rural peoples are every bit as deserving representation as urban peoples.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook



"Come live the life of Ryley"

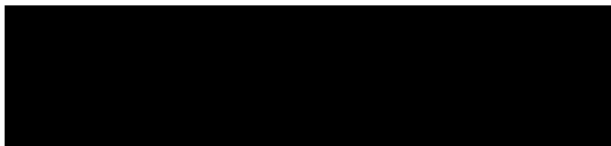
June 14, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB
T5G 2Y5

RE: Proposed Electoral Boundaries

The Village of Ryley council discussed the proposed electoral boundaries and feel they are too large of an area and believe it will be difficult as an MLA to give proper attention to all constituents. Council fears that Ryley's interests may be marginalized under these proposed boundaries and therefore is not in favor of the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



Lavonne Svenson
Mayor, Village of Ryley

LS/jg





TOWN OF ELK POINT

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File No. 17-152

June 15, 2017

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta
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To Whom It May Concern;

RE: Proposed Electoral Boundaries
Northeast Region
Town of Elk Point

The Town of Elk Point Council reviewed the proposed Electoral Boundaries Commission at the regular Council meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017.

Resolution #17-284 was passed by Town Council to advise the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission that the Town of Elk Point requests the Town of St. Paul and County of St. Paul No. 19 be in the same Electoral District.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide our comments and look forward to the outcome.

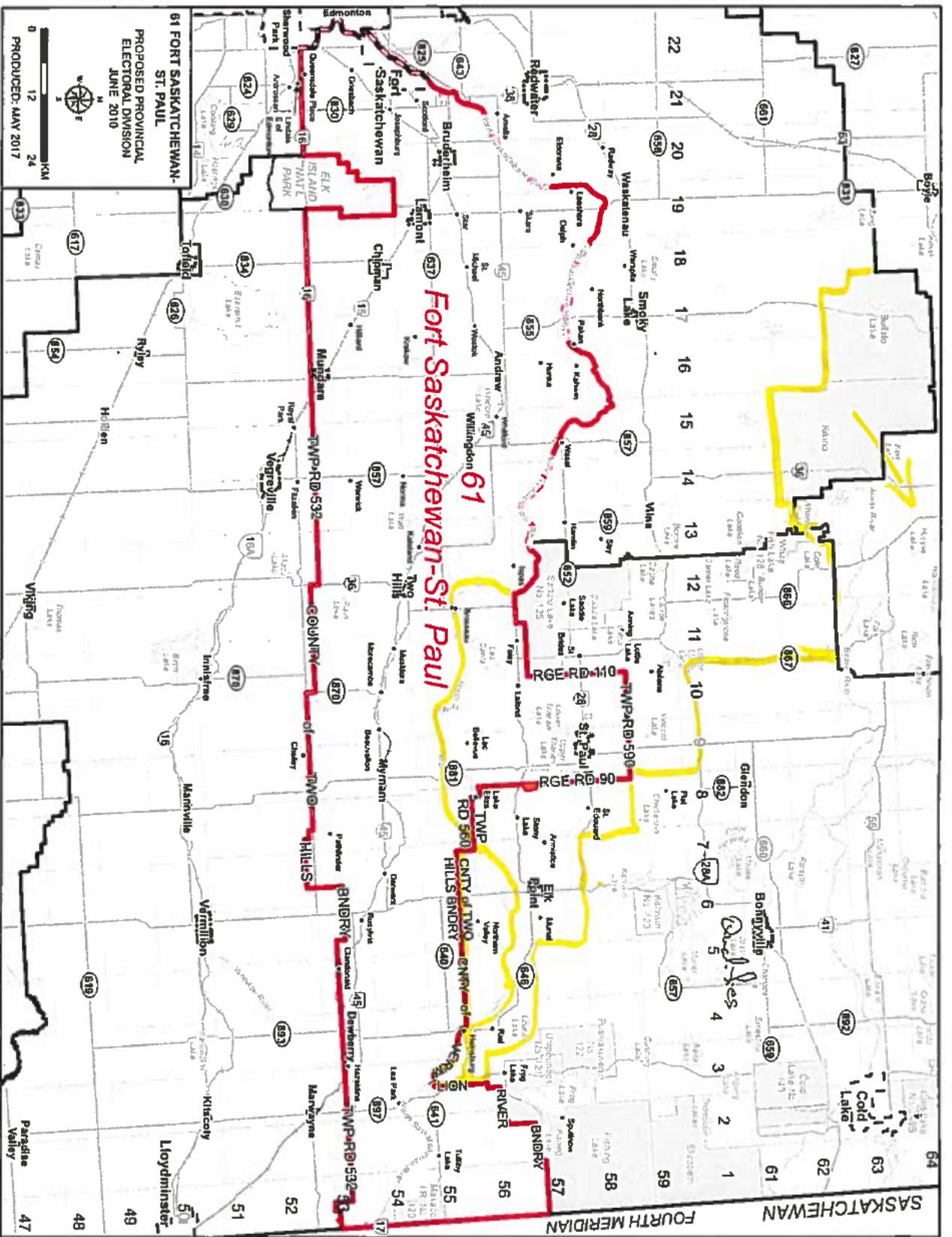
Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Ken Gwozdz.

Ken Gwozdz
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Elk Point

KG/by

C.c MLA David Hanson
C.c Town of Elk Point Council
C.c County of St. Paul No. 19 CAO, Sheila Kitz
C.c Town of St. Paul CAO, Holly Habiak





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June 20, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5
Re: Alberta's Constituency Boundary Review

The County of Warner Council recently reviewed the interim report done by the Electoral Boundary Commission and has a number of concerns with the new proposals. In the proposals, our County is to be divided in half which we believe will cause confusion amongst our rate payers when it comes time for voting and contacting their MLA an item that is to try to be avoided under section 14(e). Other legislation being reviewed by the Province is forcing collaboration amongst its neighbours. The County of Warner has been partnering in these collaborations for years providing many services jointly or through commissions. The process of splitting our County up has the potential to negatively affect all of the positive work we have done to date.

In reviewing the guidelines that the Commission followed our County has a hard time believing any of the factors to considered were followed. It is now proposed that our MLA will be representing an area that shares very little common ground when it comes to the needs and desires of the communities, increasing the number of municipalities that the MLA will have to work with which is supposed to be a consideration under 14(f). Further the proposed methods of the MLA's to deal with the increased travel and workload are quite frankly ridiculous. In a Province that is already struggling financially the even thought that satellite offices and chauffers' would help the MLA in their duties is questionable. The apparent lack or desire of the commission to consider the concerns of Rural Alberta is quite evident. This leading to a two-class system in the province as it relates to public services Urban and Rural. When looking at equal representation everything needs to be evaluated and not just population as per section 14(b) as well as the allowance of the 25% factor stated in section 15(1).

The Council of the County of Warner truly hopes the Commission reconsiders the adjustments to our riding boundaries not splitting our County in half.

Sincerely,

Ross Ford
Reeve



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June 19, 2017

The Honorable Myra Bielby
Chair, Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100
11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5

Dear Honorable Bielby,

Re: Electoral Boundaries review

Honorable Bielby, Tofield falls within the geographic boundaries of Beaver County. The recent proposed changes to the electoral boundaries would separate Tofield from the majority of Beaver County. It has been our stance, and will continue to be in the future to work closely, and in alignment with our neighboring Villages, County and Town. The proposed boundary changes would provide a serious fracture to our strong, well established working relationship as a cohesive unit.

Tofield has shown their commitment to working with the other municipalities through ventures such as the Beaver Regional Partnership, Joint Council Meetings numerous joint memberships with the Commission and an active CAO meeting group throughout the region. The municipalities have worked together on joint projects and regional areas of concern with great success.

It would be Tofield's position to respectfully request a change to the proposed boundaries. At this time it is our feel that regional representation would be better served by having Tofield fall within the same constituency as Beaver County, Village of Ryley, Village of Holden and Town of Viking. I thank you for your consideration in this matter, and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Harold Conquest
Mayor

June 22, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5

Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to thank the Commission for its work as well as the opportunity for written submissions on the Interim Report.

I wish to advise that I have concerns with the proposed electoral boundaries of the new Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul constituency.

Fort Saskatchewan is currently within the constituency of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville. This riding is one of the proposed electoral divisions in the central northeast area being consolidated from four ridings down to three.

My primary concern is the vast size of the proposed electoral division. Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul would extend east to the Saskatchewan border, a distance of approximately 240 kilometres. The geographic area for an MLA to cover, remain in contact with constituents, provide face-to-face meeting opportunities and maintain obligations for community and organization events would be extremely challenging. The blended constituency with the City of Fort Saskatchewan (2017 population of 25,533) combined with a sprawling rural area, extending well beyond just adjoining the city, presents unique issues for an MLA representing disparate communities of interest.

The overall size of the proposed riding within the report is at 51,216 and 10% higher than the average population of electoral divisions. These numbers are drawn from the 2016 census data. Fort Saskatchewan is a rapidly growing city with the most recent census in 2017 showing a 3.9% population increase from 2016 to 25,533 residents. Based on Fort Saskatchewan's historical growth patterns the proposed riding size would continue to increase and exceed in greater percentages than the average population of electoral divisions.

I trust comments and concerns will be given due consideration prior to making any dramatic changes such as this as we value our Provincial representation in our community.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]
Gale Katchur

[REDACTED]
Fort Saskatchewan, AB. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Interim Report submission regarding Calgary-Northern Hills and Calgary-MacKay-Nose Hill
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:06:29 AM

From: Josi Wiebe [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Interim Report submission regarding Calgary-Northern Hills and Calgary-MacKay-Nose Hill

Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to influence your final decision on electoral boundaries for the next 8 years.

I propose that the constituency of Calgary-Northern Hills stay intact.

To remain as is:

- has us very close to the +/- 25% allowance of the 46 697 average population per constituency (more so if only Hanson Ranch were removed to join its fellow community of Hidden Valley where they share the same community association).

- Respects shared community interests

- Respects existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Tr on East/South; Beddington to the West/South; Stoney Tr to the North. To split us into 3 separate constituencies does NOT meet existing legislation on boundary requirements.

- Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLA's regarding a common need would create an unnecessary obstacle, increasing the challenge to affect necessary change through our elected representatives. It is astounding that a constituency has too many people to remain a single riding but not enough to necessitate a High School within our bounds.

The proposed constituency of Calgary - NorthEast would be comprised of Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Livingston as well as Redstone and SkyView Ranch - communities located on the east side of Deerfoot and the other side of the Airport, a full 10 km away. This constituency crosses 2 ward boundaries (everything east of Deerfoot will become ward 5 as of October 2017), and 2 community associations.

The proposed constituency of Calgary - Beddington includes Hidden Valley (but not Hanson Ranch), Country Hills, and the established communities of MacEwan, Sandstone, Beddington and Huntington Hills. This constituency will cross 2 Ward boundaries, and FIVE (5) community associations. The diversity in age of these communities represents many competing priorities for residents.

The proposed constituency of Calgary - North includes Panorama, Hanson Ranch, Carrington with parts of Evanston. This crosses into the territory of at least 3 community associations, and 2 city wards (East of 14th st north of Stoney Trail will be part of Ward 2 as of October 2017).

Should the need to divide us prevail, I request that the Northern Hills communities not be grouped with communities to the south of Beddington Trail (there isn't even an accessible direct transportation route to link us; joining established older communities that have access to amenities with younger communities lacking infrastructure and services makes no sense), or to the East of Deerfoot Trail (zero common priorities and needs as well as being miles apart geographically). We have completely unique interests and needs not only regarding schools, but infrastructure and healthcare.

I also request that Calgary – Northern Hills not be split into any more than 2 ridings.

Counter proposal:

Harvest Hills, Country Hills, Coventry Hills, Hanson Ranch, Hidden Valley, and Livingston in one constituency (total of 42434 constituents as per 2016 census)

Panorama Hills, and Carrington, Evanston and Kincora in one constituency (total of 46159

constituents as per 2016 census)

I'd welcome the opportunity to work with you to find a better way.

I understand that the Northern Hills Community Association is also challenging the proposed electoral divisions and stand with them in their appeal.

Thanks for your consideration.

Josi Wiebe

[REDACTED]

Calgary AB [REDACTED]

Constituent of Calgary – Northern Hills

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bruce MacDuff, Mayor
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:06:50 AM

From: Bruce MacDuff, Mayor [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bruce MacDuff, Mayor

Name

Bruce MacDuff, Mayor

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Vermilion-Lloydminster

Submission

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.

Upon reviewing the proposed boundary changes for Vermilion-Lloydminster, we wonder why the part of the County of Vermilion River north of Township Road 532 was removed from our Constituency. This area has very little in common with the Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul riding and they conduct most of their business in the Vermilion-Lloydminster trading area. The Commission should consider trading that portion for the area around Beaver Hill Lake as far east as Mundare.

This would reduce the amount of travel for MLAs in both the Vermilion-Lloydminster and Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul ridings. The large size of the rural ridings make it difficult for MLAs to properly represent the area compared to an urban riding where an MLA represents a few square miles/blocks.

Please make your set of boundaries appeal to the people of Alberta, not to lines on a map. I do commend the Electoral Boundaries Commission for ensuring that the process will be fair and equitable to all Albertans.

Thank you for considering our proposal.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Wayne Brown
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:08:04 AM

From: Wayne Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Wayne Brown

Name

Wayne Brown

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary Northern Hills

Submission

The Advocates for North Calgary High School, as an organization, have filed an objection to this proposal, requesting that the current constituency of Northern Hills remain intact, with Hanson Ranch being moved to within the Hidden Valley constituency (currently Calgary - Foothills) if anything were to change. Our objection was filed June 21, 2017 and can be found online, along with all submissions from across the province.

Our objection is based on 4 main elements:

Northern Hills as a constituency is within the +/- 25% allowance for constituency populations (average of 46,698 per constituency).

Remaining a single riding of Northern Hills respects shared community interests, developing a strong relationship between residents of a single community association, our city councillors, and our MLA. Maintaining the current boundaries respects the legislated boundary requirements, and the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail on the East / South, Beddington to the West / South, and Stoney Trail to the North.

Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLA's in regards to our needs creates an unnecessary obstacle for affecting necessary changes; and places an unfair burden on the MLA's charged with representing us as they balance geographic divides, unique interests and diverse needs among communities not only regarding schools, but infrastructure, social enterprise and healthcare.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Halley Girvitz
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:08:31 AM

From: Halley Girvitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 6:33 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Halley Girvitz

Name
Halley Girvitz
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Lougheed
Submission
I would hope this riding would remain the same. I do not believe there is any necessity to GHZ GE the boundaries.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Murray Kulak
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:08:53 AM

From: Murray Kulak [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 7:07 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Murray Kulak

Name
Murray Kulak
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Stony Plain Map It
Electoral Constituency
Stony Plain
Submission
<p>I'm a resident of Stony Plain and have viewed the recommended boundary changes. I, and everyone I have spoken to, are completely against the proposed boundary changes. These recommended changes make absolutely no sense, our Neighbours to the south, east & west of us should be in our riding as we have similar concerns and interests. The changes recommended show Stony in the far SE corner of the riding, excluding all our neighbors and unfairly treating other communities in the newly proposed riding.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lisa Baerg
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:09:08 AM

From: Lisa Baerg [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 9:37 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Lisa Baerg

Name

Lisa Baerg

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Northern Hills

Submission

My objection is based on 4 main elements:

- 1.Northern Hills as a constituency is within the +/- 25% allowance for constituency populations (average of 46,698 per constituency).
- 2.Remaining a single riding of Northern Hills respects shared community interests, developing a strong relationship between residents of a single community association, our city councillors, and our MLA.
- 3.Maintaining the current boundaries respects the legislated boundary requirements, and the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail on the East / South, Beddington to the West / South, and Stoney Trail to the North.
- 4.Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLA's in regards to our needs creates an unnecessary obstacle for affecting necessary changes; and places an unfair burden on the MLA's charged with representing us as they balance geographic divides, unique interests and diverse needs among communities not only regarding schools, but infrastructure, social enterprise and healthcare.

Thank you.

Lisa Baerg
[REDACTED]
Calgary AB.
[REDACTED]

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Neighbours

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Roger Taylor
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:09:28 AM

From: Roger Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 4:51 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Roger Taylor

Name
Roger Taylor
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Foothills Map It
Electoral Constituency
Highwood
Submission
Taking the rural north east residents out of Highwood and placing them in a suburban constituency makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. What political idiots agreed to this redistribution? Keep us in Highwood.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Google

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Peter Ries
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:09:43 AM

From: Peter Ries [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Peter Ries

Name

Peter Ries

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary Northern Hills

Submission

We are trying to get a high school built in the Northern Hills area to serve the neighbourhoods in Calgary Northern Hills. To change the boundaries could negatively impact our efforts to get this long overdue and much-needed high school built in the near future.

The proposed boundary changes will group some of the northern hills neighbourhoods with communities across Deerfoot and across the industrial areas and Airport in between. We have had enough trouble as it is with our current representation working for us and to group our communities with the geographically distant communities does not make sense as we don't share the same needs...present and future.

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Carol Kauppi
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:10:07 AM

From: Carol Kauppi [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 7:32 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Carol Kauppi

Name
Carol Kauppi
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Eckville Map It
Electoral Constituency
Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre
Submission
This is a densely populated area, and should not be increased to include part of Drayton Valley riding.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Wayne Miller
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:10:23 AM

From: Wayne Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:37 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Wayne Miller

Name
Wayne Miller
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
26 Calgary Varsity
Submission
Boundaries should be established on the basis of population and not on the basis of physical size of the area.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ivan Ivankovich
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:10:39 AM

From: Ivan Ivankovich [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ivan Ivankovich

Name

Ivan Ivankovich

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

This is a difficult and thankless chore. You have done an excellent job balancing all the variables. For once we are not enlarging the legislative assembly but simply redistributing seats to better reflect population. It's a simple concept but one ignored for too long owing to the legislative clout of a diminishing rural population. Again, you have my full support and I congratulate the Commission on a job well done.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Trent Auriat
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:15:58 AM

From: Trent Auriat [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Trent Auriat

Name
Trent Auriat
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Peers Map It
Electoral Constituency
Whitecourt lac ste ann
Submission
I feel the interim report recommendations did a good job striking a balance between rural and urban population growth as well as taking into consideration trading areas
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bob Beck
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:14:42 AM

From: Bob Beck [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:33 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bob Beck

Name

Bob Beck

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Battle River Wainwright, Vermilion Lloydminster, and Fort Saskatchewan Vegreville

Submission

I am writing on behalf of Beaver County Council, whose members reviewed the proposed new boundaries at a recent meeting. Beaver County Council does not support the new boundaries as our region has expressed a desire to be represented by 1 MLA and therefore be located in 1 constituency. Beaver County currently is represented by 3 MLA's (4 really but only for a small portion of Crown land) and we are proposed to be comprised of 2 constituencies (Stettler Wainwright and Vermilion Lloydminster). Our region is made up of Beaver County and 4 urban municipalities. We believe it would help us speak on issues with one voice if we were dealing with one MLA. Thank you.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Email

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from William Yesensky
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:14:56 AM

From: William Yesensky [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from William Yesensky

Name
William Yesensky
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Coaldale Map It
Electoral Constituency
Little Bow
Submission
Coaldale should be included with either Lethbridge East or Vulcan-Taber.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Toen of Coaldale website

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from David W. Burghardt
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:15:17 AM

From: David W. Burghardt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from David W. Burghardt

Name
David W. Burghardt
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton McClung
Submission
<p>The majority Interim Report indicates to me that the Commission has done an admirable job. While still recognizing the variances permitted by the Act, there appears to have been a conscious, consistent effort to reduce the variances to less than 10% in many constituencies; I really appreciate this. Some of the modifications recommended by the Commission will likely make the task of future Commissions easier because of the foresight of the current Commission in mapping whereby some currently proposed negative variance constituencies have significant potential for population growth. In so doing, it will be much easier to maintain the current number of MLA's/constituencies. It is my firm belief that Alberta does not require an increase in the number of MLA's/constituencies.</p> <p>Thank you for your fine work.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kelly Malmberg
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:16:12 AM

From: Kelly Malmberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 7:16 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Kelly Malmberg

Name
Kelly Malmberg
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Blackie Map It
Electoral Constituency
Little Bow
Submission
I am very happy to see the eastern part of the MD of Foothills (Blackie) back in with the High River area with the proposed boundary changes, we have more in common than when we were in with the Coaldale area. This change proposal is a positive move.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Linda Davidchuk
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:38:03 AM

From: Linda Davidchuk [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:07 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Linda Davidchuk

Name

Linda Davidchuk

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Cypress Medicine Hat

Submission

Under the current Electoral Constituency arrangement I feel my needs and views as a resident of the City of Medicine Hat have not been nor are currently represented appropriately by the Cypress Medicine Hat MLA. As a City of Medicine Hat property taxpayer, I live in the community of Medicine Hat and therefore should be represented accordingly. It is unfortunate for the rural community to have an MLA who feels he MUST attend AND be invited to all activities that are NOT within his Constituency. He spends more time attending events outside of his area and attempts to project an image that HE and the party he represents are the ones responsible for the positive actions of the current government. Please adjust the boundaries to combine the Ross Glen area with the Medicine Hat Constituency Boundary.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ron McCrea
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:39:17 AM

From: Ron McCrea [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:48 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ron McCrea

Name

Ron McCrea

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Cypress Medicine Hat

Submission

[REDACTED]

1) there should NOT be ant rural seats lost in Alberta. Edmonton and Calgary can not run the province regardless of their population. The rural voice is important

2) Leave Cypress/Med Hat ALONE!! The proposed sizeof the Taber/Vulcan constituency is ridiculous. No MLA can fairly represent that large an area and you know it.

3)Leave Medicine Hat AS IS! we deserve the 2 constituencies we are already a part of. It makes zero sense for us in the Forgotten Corner of Alberta to effectively lose a seat.

4) Leave ALL boundaries AS IS, our provincial government should be spending our money and focusing their time and effort on more important things like job creation, lowering personal taxes and making Alberta business friendly. Our economy is broken ,changing electoral boundaries will NOT fix that.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kurt Gordon
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:39:38 AM

From: Kurt Gordon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:40 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Kurt Gordon

Name

Kurt Gordon

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Calgary
[Map It](#)

Submission

Currently the recommendation has northeast Calgary being formed from the Far East to center street/ Harvest Hills Blvd. as a resident of Coventry Hills, the community on the far west of this boundary, I cannot see how this would be representative of the area. Deer foot trail and the airport isolate this area from the rest of the proposed section. In addition, the pre-existing Northern Hills Community would be divided as well.

Keeping Coventry Hills in its current area would be much more beneficial and less isolating.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Susan Green
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:39:57 AM

From: Susan Green [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:20 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Susan Green

Name

Susan Green

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary Northern Hills

Submission

I do not think that the Northern Hills constituency should be divided. We are represented by a single community association who represent all four areas in the neighbourhood. I realize that Centre Street runs through this area, making it a combined NE/NW constituency, but these areas are much closer than lumping all of the NE constituencies together, creating a huge area divided by miles and miles of warehouses. The concerns of people in Panorama are much more closely aligned with the people of Coventry Hills than the people of Skyview are with Coventry. The Northern Hills area needs critical mass to get anything done, we are finally making progress as a constituency and now you want to break it apart? I guess that's one way to ensure our area doesn't get the high school or urgent care centre we have been promised for decades. United you stand, divided we fall.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lorne Hammel
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:40:23 AM

From: Lorne Hammel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:59 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Lorne Hammel

Name
Lorne Hammel
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Foremost Map It
Electoral Constituency
Cyrpess Medicine Hat
Submission
Leave our area alone. The Alberta Government doesn't care about our little corner of the province. We can't get dangerous roads in our area fixed. Frogs are more important than our children that ride school buses on that road 10 months a year. If you make us be part of Taber Vulcan we won't ever be heard!!!
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Newspaper (Online)• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from LaDonna Hammel
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:40:38 AM

EBC-2016-17-2-147

From: LaDonna Hammel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from LaDonna Hammel

Name

LaDonna Hammel

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Foremost
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Cypress - Medicine Hat

Submission

I strongly oppose removing the Cypress Medicine Hat constituency as we have a very difficult time now getting the Government to hear our concerns. If we are forced to become part of Taber Vulcan our voices will be non-existent...

Please leave Cypress Medicine Hat alone!

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Newspaper (Online)
- Radio
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundary Changes
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:16:47 AM

From: info
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:45 AM
To: 'Donna Thane'; Info - EBC
Subject: RE: Electoral Boundary Changes

Dear Donna Thane:

I will forward your email onto the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. Their website is www.ABebc.ca and email address is info@ABebc.ca.

Thank you,

Jackie Van Heukelom
Corporate Administrative Assistant
Elections Alberta (www.elections.ab.ca)
Office: 780-427-7191 Toll Free: 310-0000 then 780-427-7191
Direct: 780-638-2854 Fax: 780-422-2900

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-----Original Message-----

From: Donna Thane [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:36 AM
To: info <info@elections.ab.ca>
Subject: Electoral Boundary Changes

I am writing to express my great displeasure with the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries. I do not want three seats taken out of rural Alberta, I want Cypress-Medicine Hat left the way it is and I want the City of Medicine Hat to have two constituencies with its name in it.

Donna Thane

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Frederick Brittain
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:17:03 AM

EBC-2016-17-2-149

From: Frederick Brittain [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Frederick Brittain

Name

Frederick Brittain

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Red Deer
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Red Deer North

Submission

I feel very strongly that there should NOT be any exceptions to the specified population variance limit of 25% from the average figure. Indeed, I think an allowed 25% variance is too high. With the many means of communication and transportation now available, the territorial size of constituencies should not be a serious concern.

For the record, I was raised in a rural area and still have family living in non-urban areas. Moreover, I politically support those same political parties that "traditionally" do better in rural areas. Nevertheless, the democratic ideals of one person, one vote, and of each vote having equal power, within practical limits, must override all other factors.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marian Ho
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:17:16 AM

From: Marian Ho [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marian Ho

Name

Marian Ho

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Medicine Hat
[Map It](#)

Submission

1. Do not remove any seats from rural Alberta. Keep all rural seats so that electoral boundaries are fair to all Albertans.
2. Make no changes to the Cypress-Medicine Hat constituency.
3. Ensure that Medicine Hat has two constituencies with the name "Medicine Hat" included.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dianne Golob
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:58:27 AM

From: Dianne Golob [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dianne Golob

Name
Dianne Golob
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Fairview Map It
Electoral Constituency
Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley
Submission
<p>We get so little representation from our MLA now, she is not able to travel throughout the area without it taking an entire day. Currently, the drive time from Falher (south easterly border, or close to it) to Cleardale (North western border, or close to it) takes approximately 2.5 hours. Consequently, the MLA is limited to how much time they can spend in the border communities - adding more distance will just make it worse.</p> <p>Second, do not drop Dunvegan from the constituency name - if you have to drop anything, drop Notley, he wasn't our MLA for that long (this does not reflect his performance as MLA, but we have had MLAs who have served longer than he did</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sharleen Hiron
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:22:55 AM

From: Sharleen Hiron [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sharleen Hiron

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Sharleen Hiron
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Address
Innisfail Map It
Submission
I would like you to explain why the government thinks that the rural communities should have less representation than the cities. Our voices are just as important as those living in urban areas. All of Alberta deserves to have equal representation and not just a scattering of MLA's representing over three quarters of our province. This current government has taken away enough from these same citizens and it is time that commissions such as yours started listening to the vast majority of voters.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio• Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Nekolina Lau
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:40:55 AM

From: Nekolina Lau [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:34 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Nekolina Lau

Name

Nekolina Lau

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

Northern Hills

Submission

As a resident of Northern Hills I request the the Alberta Electora Boundaries Comission keep the current constituency of Northern Hills intact, with Hanson Ranch being moved to within the Hidden Valley constituency (currently Calgary - Foothills) if you make any changes.

This objection is based on 4 main elements:

1. Northern Hills as a constituency is within the +/- 25% allowance for constituency populations (average of 46,698 per constituency).
2. Remaining a single riding of Northern Hills respects shared community interests, developing a strong relationship between residents of a single community association, our city councillors, and our MLA.
3. Maintaining the current boundaries respects the legislated boundary requirements, and the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail on the East / South, Beddington to the West / South, and Stoney Trail to the North.
4. Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLA's in regards to our needs creates an unnecessary obstacle for affecting necessary changes; and places an unfair burden on the MLA's charged with representing us as they balance geographic divides, unique interests and diverse needs among communities not only regarding schools, but infrastructure, social enterprise and healthcare.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook



From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kristin VanArragon
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:41:13 AM

From: Kristin VanArragon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:25 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Kristin VanArragon

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Kristin VanArragon

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

Cypress/Medicine Hat

Submission

Don't change it. We get next to no support from the government right now let alone if you changed us into Taber/Vulcan. We would see even less support.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sharon Koch
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:41:28 AM

From: Sharon Koch [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 7:13 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Sharon Koch

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Sharon Koch

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

Calgary Northern Hills

Submission

Please just leave the Northern Hills intact. As a resident of Coventry, I am part of the Northern Hills with Harvest Hills, Panorama Hills and Country Hills. The idea that I will suddenly be voting as part of the Northeast is absolutely ridiculous. Deerfoot Trail divides Calgary quite naturally in the north, and the interests and needs of people on the east and west side of Deerfoot are so different. It is upsetting to think that suddenly I will fall into a group that is so different is wrong and not a fair way to allow my vote to matter.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Allan Rowe
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:17:37 AM

From: Allan Rowe [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Allan Rowe

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

Dunvegan Central Peace

Submission

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Clear Hills County Council has taken the time to discuss your recommendations for the Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley constituency. Although we realize the task of formulating electoral boundaries is a difficult one, we are disappointed with the proposed expansion to the south.

We cannot help but feel we are "collateral damage" due to urban expansion issues six to ten hours' drive south of where we live. Alberta is a huge and diverse province with very distinct areas having very little in common with respect to economic and social lifestyles. (Yes, some of us drive 20 minutes to get our mail!)

The initial round of public input identified all the factors that make our districts unique, especially when the remote northern factors are added in. Also not to be forgotten are the challenges our MLA's have in servicing a population that is often several hours driving time distant. There is no need to repeat what has been said.

Having now seen the results of the proposed boundary change we have two new points to raise. First; we have the perception that no one has had any issue with the existing electoral boundary of this constituency and we have become a victim of a problem that exists down south in the major centers. Most urban voters, at best, only have a vague knowledge of our existence. Ironically, what seems to be working well for us, appears to be headed in the direction of; "if it isn't broken, then let's fix it!"

Secondly; we need to understand the consequences of changing something that doesn't require change. There is no denying that elections in Canada have dismal voter turnout which has always been of major concern.

The recommended expansion to the Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley is a prime example of what discourages people from voting!

Geographically, this is a huge riding, and one cannot expect someone who does not reside here to understand the demographic patterns as dictated by distance, economic structure, real estate values, and even lifestyles. An outsider viewing a map and the population numbers can easily view the area as northern rural and draw the line without knowing the issues above.

Allow us a moment for some specifics. The southern boundary as it exists, though not perfect does delineate two areas of population, separated by a major river with one bridge. For someone not familiar with the area, it helps to know that driving from the proposed northern to the southern populated area can easily take 3 to 4 hours.

The living standards of the intended expansion of the boundary are dramatically different.

Real estate values are double, food prices substantially lower, services readily available as opposed to having to "plan a trip," completely different job market; almost an endless list.

One can say that the northern and southern residents of this newly proposed constituency would have vastly different priorities.

Further, as Grande Prairie residents attempt to move out of the urban environment, they settle into the rural landscape forming a type of suburb, which segregates our lifestyles even further.

These comments serve to background a major reason why voters do not show up at the polls,

The proposed expansion of our constituency would to a large extent leave the northern voters with the perception that their votes won't count. In fact, it's more than perception; it's reality.

No one south of the river could care about the bridge north of them. Nor do they consider anything but Grande Prairie for their commercial trade and understandably so.

In no way intended to be derogatory, however, it is obvious that the proposed expansion of the constituency will assure an MLA that originates, is situated and elected by the heavily populated area surrounding Highway 43 to the border.

Unfortunately one would need to spend some time in the present constituency to truly understand the many reasons why changing the boundary to Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley would be regarded as an erosion of the residents' democratic representation. As elected representatives, we stand firm in our belief that the rights of our citizens should be highly respected.

Regards,

Reeve, Jason Ruecker,
Clear Hills County Council

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)



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June 22, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Interim Report

Peace Wapiti Public School Division #76 provides service to approximately 6,000 students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 in 33 schools, including eight Hutterite schools and an outreach and online school located in Spirit River. High School programs are operated in eight schools – Spirit River Regional Academy, Beaverlodge Regional High School, Eaglesham School, Ridgevalley School, Savanna School, Sexsmith Secondary School, Peace Wapiti Academy and Peace Academy of Virtual Education (PAVE). The Board also provides educational programming at a group home facility serving students in Northern Alberta. While our boundaries separate us from the City of Grande Prairie, we currently have two schools located within the city.

Peace Wapiti Public School Division #76 is currently represented by MLAs in the following ridings: Grande Prairie Smoky, Grande Prairie-Wapiti, and Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley. In its Interim Report, the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission has recommended changes to these three ridings. The Commission's recommendations would result in boundary changes that would mean Peace Wapiti's boundaries would overlap with only 2 ridings, Grande Prairie-Smoky and Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley.

We believe consideration must be given to geographic limitations as well as recognition of the distinct differences between rural and urban areas, not simply boundaries that reflect population. Amalgamation of the constituencies serving our rural division, and others, unequivocally diminishes the voice of rural Albertans.

Peace Wapiti School Division #76 is concerned with proposed changes which will result in less representation for our division.

Sincerely,



Dana McIntosh
Board Chair

cc: Leanne Beaupre, Reeve, County of Grande Prairie
Gary Burgess, Mayor, Village of Hythe
Stan Bzowy, Reeve, MD of Spirit River
Joanne Chelick, Mayor, Village of Rycroft
Marvin Doran, Reeve, Birch Hills County
Wayne Drysdale, MLA, Grande Prairie-Wapiti
Dale Gervais, Reeve, MD of Greenview
Allan Georget, Mayor, Town of Spirit River
Bill Given, Mayor, City of Grande Prairie
Leona Hanson, Mayor, Town of Beaverlodge
Alvin Hubert, Reeve, Saddle Hills County
Claude Lagace, Mayor, Town of Sexsmith
Todd Loewen, MLA, Grande Prairie-Smoky
Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, MLA, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley
Chris Turnmire, Mayor, Town of Wembley

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June 27, 2017

Attention: Justice Myra Bielby, Chair

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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E-Mail: info@ABebc.ca

Reference: Redistribution of Provincial Electoral Boundaries

Dear Justice Bielby:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Commission's proposal for redistribution of provincial electoral boundaries. On behalf of Medicine Hat City Council we would respectfully ask that the Commission revise its recommendations with regard to the districts affecting our municipality.

While we appreciate and understand the consideration for greater voter parity driving the Commission to recommend increasing the size of rural ridings to the benefit of large urban centers, there are other considerations which should be taken into account to ensure effective representation for all Albertans. Effective representation is also driven by considerations such as the geographic size as well as economic and demographic diversity of a riding, which are important factors that need to be considered to ensure the fairness of our electoral system.

Specifically we would like to point out the following:

- The proposed riding of Taber – Vulcan is geographically vast and covers diverse interests ranging from farming, ranching and a wide variety of agri-business industries, to oil and gas, unmanned airspace usage, parkland, tourism and US border crossings. This riding spans a very large number of municipalities. How one MLA is expected to serve the interests of so many communities and keep in touch with their concerns is an issue of significant concern.
- The Brooks – Cypress riding would in all likelihood mean that a portion of our Medicine Hat residents would be represented either by an MLA from Brooks or from a completely rural area with no urban connections. The MLA would then come from a totally different demographic and economic base than our city does.
- Further, the Commission proposes to increase the number of MLAs from large urban centers at the expense of rural representation. The large urban cities in Alberta already have more than twice as many MLAs as City Councillors within a single municipality. Furthermore these are the only municipalities in Alberta with full time City Councillors.

They already have by far the greatest concentration of resources dedicated to furthering their municipal interests and lobby with the Province for their needs. By comparison a smaller city or rural riding where Councillors have full time occupations in addition to their municipal duties, will never have the resources or network to make their concerns known to an MLA the same way a large city can.

Based on these concerns, it is Medicine Hat City Council's **strong recommendation** that the Commission leave the current electoral boundaries unchanged in our region.

Sincerely,



Ted Clugston
Mayor

cc: Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs [minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca]
Robert (Bob) Wanner, MLA for Medicine Hat [medicine.hat@assembly.ab.ca]
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Medicine Hat City Council Members

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Judith Aberle
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:18:17 AM

From: Judith Aberle <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 6:59 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Judith Aberle

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Medicine Hat
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Cypress Medicine Hat

Submission

I am writing to express my extreme objection to proposed changes in the electoral boundaries for my area of Alberta.

As they exist, the current boundaries provide the best possible representation of the people of this area. We have common experiences, expectations and concerns and have had our voices fairly represented in the past.

I do not see the proposed changes in boundaries serving that purpose as effectively in the future.

Our federal boundaries have recently been changed - and I am strongly opposed to any further erosion of our rights to be heard. While we may have common goals as citizens of Canada, our regional concerns have been "diluted" by expecting representatives to have the time and resources to consult with such a broad range of people.

Please DO NOT enact the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries of our region!!

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Maureen Prince
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:18:30 AM

From: Maureen Prince <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:44 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Maureen Prince

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

Medicine Hat

Submission

Please don't take three seats out of rural Alberta. We have a genuine need for greater representation in government.

Please leave Cypress-Medicine Hat the way it was. We have a situation that works well for Alberta Citizens. No need to experiment on it.

Please ensure the City of Medicine Hat has two constituencies with its name in it. We have a diverse population that is represented fairly, by the two constituencies.

Thank you for your time.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gary McFarlane
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:39:30 PM

From: Gary McFarlane [REDACTED]
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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Gary McFarlane

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

Cypress-Medicine Hat

Submission

I live in Medicine Hat but have not been included in that constituency for many years. I support the suggestion that I will be able to vote with the rest of Medicine Hat if the new boundaries are approved. Many years ago (1993) the corner of the city where I live (Ross Glen) was added to a rural constituency based on the apparent "need" of a former MLA (previous government party) who lived near us to have a home address in the riding. He, however, wanted to represent the rural area around Medicine Hat where he had agricultural connections. At the time, many people I know in this new constituency viewed it as "gerrymandering" and they were not pleased.

When I looked at the new proposals, my first reaction was "Good - I now will be be part of Medicine Hat again".

The current MLA somehow believes that he represents all of Medicine Hat and wants to be included in all special occasions (government, local, events) even when those are taking place outside of his riding. His political views, however, do not seem to represent the rest of Medicine Hat but he wants it to be interpreted that way.

He uses social media to promote his party by "quoting" events that take place outside of his constituency boundaries (but in Medicine Hat) and adding hashtags and implications that his political party is responsible for the event. He does not appear to respond to questions regarding this even though the questions come from those in his constituency. I have attended events in Medicine Hat (but outside of his constituency boundaries) in which he was supposed to represent the Alberta legislature but only mentioned his party connections. That is unacceptable and I would like to be able to vote in an election that included me in the place I was born, grew up in and volunteer for many events. Note: I am not currently a member of any political party. The present MLA has been encouraging his party to respond to the proposed change in boundaries while spending a great deal of time attending Medicine Hat events outside of his constituency and promoting himself. I don't understand.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Penny Fox
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:41:45 AM

From: Penny Fox [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 7:06 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Penny Fox

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Penny Fox
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Address
Lac Bellevue Map It
Electoral Constituency
Lac la Biche, Two Hills, St.Paul
Submission
<p>The suggested boundaries do not seem to fit, in my opinion. This area has strong regional services in place. Water, airport, waste and many municipal relationships are within the county and with Smoky Lake County. These boundaries do not honour any of that service area model. The County of St Paul is split up, our closest neighbours in three directions are in another area. St. Paul is a service HUB for our region yet this boundary sticks the town out on its own.</p> <p>Other counties are also being cut up in this model.</p> <p>Natural traffic patterns are not acknowledged here as there is little connection between St. Paul area and Fort Sask. We also have very different tax and assessment bases, our area is very much agriculture. Fort Saskatchewan is very much large industry.</p> <p>Travel across this region for an MLA would be prohibitive as the area is long and narrow. It would take three hours to get from one side to the other.</p> <p>Your report speaks that you based boundaries on community interest, municipal and natural boundaries etc. I fail to see that in this area.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lori Somner
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:41:58 AM

From: Lori Somner [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:33 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Lori Somner

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Lori Somner
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Address
Calgary Map It
Submission
Please leave the boundary of Coventry Hills and harvest hills alone. It is working just fine the way it is. Change another boundary that is close to red stone and sky view ranch. Leave things the way they are working presently alone.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Carrie Anheliger
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:42:16 AM

From: Carrie Anheliger [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Carrie Anheliger

Name

Carrie Anheliger

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

I find it odd that you want to lump Coventry Hill/Harvest Hills with communities on the other side of Deerfoot (Skyview/Redstone). These communities are not in the same Ward, nor the same Community Association. The demographics and goals of the communities are quite different as well. It'd be tough to find someone to represent both groupings of communities as these communities have different priorities.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Heather McRae
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:42:30 AM

From: Heather McRae [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Heather McRae

Name

Heather McRae

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

I hear they are trying to split up the northern hills communities. This is a big mistake I live in Harvest hills and have nothing in common with sky view ranch, I've never been there it's not near my house really. We rarely cross the deerfoot. However I have many connections with the other communities around us in the northern hills.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jim Palmer
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:42:51 AM

From: Jim Palmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jim Palmer

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Jim Palmer
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Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary North-West
Submission
<p>I am concerned that the report focuses on population numbers but doesn't seem to recognize the need to maintain a holistic and balanced view of the province's issues. This is achieved by ensuring rural folks' considerations are given equal weight. Most urban folks do not understand the issues and concerns of rural people and diminishing their voice solely based on population numbers by making these riding changes, we will not encourage a complete perspective of provincial matters. If anything, the number of urban riding should be reduced based on critical mass of homogeneous groups, population density and technology to engage with constituents. I raise these concerns as an urban citizen who has always lived in an urban setting.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from wes jones
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:23:43 AM

From: wes jones [REDACTED]
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AddressAirdrie
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Airdrie rockyview

Submission

leave things to hell alone. its all about taking away control from anyone in the country and giving it to cities where there is a far denser population, Everyone.. EVERYONE of legal age and a residence has a voice not the just the populated areas.. it boils down to Nanny state government, control and slowly stripping people's rights. [REDACTED]

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from darcy movold
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Subject: Website submission from darcy movold

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

carlier Oneil

Submission

[REDACTED]

This should stay the same as it is now. Why should the rural population be less important and have less of a voice then the city population?

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from David Nichiporik
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:37:56 AM

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Subject: Website submission from David Nichiporik

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Address
Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Whitemud
Submission
Already too many MLA's. The rural MLA's have such a large area to cover. Representation needs to not only cover population. A 20 story high rise= most issues and concerns will be the same. Need to cut government top officials and make more accountable.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
email from thePC party

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Crystal Wollman
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:04:48 PM

From: Crystal Wollman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:32 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Crystal Wollman

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Electoral Constituency
Jason Nixon
Submission
To whom it may concern, I am in agreement with my and surrounding area MLA'S. A rural voice needs to be heard. Thank you, Crystal
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook



June 27, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
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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 proposed electoral boundaries, as defined in the recently released Interim Report from the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission (AEBC), that effect Camrose County, and suggest some alternatives, specifically, the consolidation of:

Seven electoral divisions into six in the eastern side of the province. Those current seven electoral divisions are Battle River-Wainwright, Drumheller-Stettler, Strathmore-Brooks, Little Bow, Cardston-Taber-Warner, Cypress-Medicine Hat, and Vermilion-Lloydminster.

In response to the Interim Report, Camrose County would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that Alberta's democratic institutions effectively represent Albertans from all walks of life and areas of the province. Achieving this representation by balancing population and demographics, community interest and characteristics, existing municipal and natural boundaries, and other relevant criteria is a difficult but necessary task. Over-reliance on absolute voter parity may inhibit the ability of Albertans to be effectively represented.

Camrose County's submission dated January 11, 2017 spoke to several important points that the County would again submit for consideration by the AEBC as they form their final recommendations.

Issues:

1. **Size:** Battle River-Wainwright Electoral Division currently covers approximately 250 km east to west boundary and 100 km north to south, to increase the size of that constituency would make it geographically difficult for one MLA to represent effectively the needs of that diverse a population.
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 and is encouraged by the AEBC's efforts in the Interim Report to align constituencies with municipal boundaries where possible, even going so far to reflect inter-municipal partnerships that exist in regions of the province. As 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, again Camrose County recommends that the AEBC continue to use municipal boundaries as a guiding tool for establishing electoral boundaries.

The AEBC's comments regarding "common community interests" do acknowledge that this is indeed a consideration for the determination of electoral boundaries and although, as the AEBC Interim Report states, "most current electoral divisions outside of Edmonton and Calgary do not contain a single common community", it is fair to say that creating even larger geographical ridings from already diverse electoral constituencies only further moves away from the recognition of common community characteristics that do exist. The expansion of electoral boundaries that are already large is, more often than not, at odds with the preservation of "common community interests."

Camrose County appreciates the opportunity to express our concerns and provide alternatives, and looks forward to the Commission's conclusions.

Sincerely:

[Redacted signature]

Don Gregorwich, Reeve
Camrose County

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Richard Milliken
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:21:56 AM

From: Richard Milliken [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:08 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Richard Milliken

Name

Richard Milliken

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Highwood

Submission

The proposed changes to the Highwood boundaries may make sense based on some random population calculation but they make NO sense physically, practically or politically.

Our residence is pulled into the revised "Chestermere" region. All of the residents south of the Bow River are part of the MD Foothills. Many (perhaps most) have little or no connection with Chestermere or Rockyview MD. Business is conducted in Okotoks and High River. Taxes are paid in High River. Kids go to school in Okotoks or Heritage Point etc.

The proposed boundaries put us in a decidedly UNrepresented position and I am definitely against the revision.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)



June 29, 2017

The Honourable Justice Myra Bielby
 Chair, Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
 Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway
 Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Justice Bielby,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback on the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's Interim Report ("Interim Report").

Leduc County advises that the proposed boundaries do not accurately consider rural boundaries. The Interim Report has Leduc County being spread amongst seven constituencies, considerably more than it currently sits in. With the mandate of the Commission including respect for municipal boundaries, the County asks that this include consideration of rural municipal boundaries. Leduc County proposes that an electoral boundary be considered at Range Road 243/244. This would separate the higher urban populations of the City of Leduc and Town of Beaumont allowing the County to maintain two constituencies. This also recognizes the high growth rates of Leduc, Beaumont and the East Vistas area. The constituencies could be referred to as Leduc- Leduc County and Leduc-Beaumont as shown on the attached map.

The Interim report lacks consideration for Leduc County's position in the Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Structure with parts of the County being grouped with communities such as Camrose, Stettler and Wainwright. Keeping Leduc County in the Edmonton Metropolitan Regional constituencies allows for continued regional collaboration as opposed to the proposal where parts of the County are grouped with communities which are outside of that structure.

Leduc County requests that the new "Edmonton-South" riding as well as the "Edmonton-Southwest" riding accurately reflect the annexation boundaries that we are working toward reaching agreement on with the City of Edmonton. The maps displayed in the Interim Report regarding this area are not consistent with any notices of intent or amendments issued by the City of Edmonton. Our formal request is that Highway 19 be the southern boundary for both of these constituencies.

In addition to this written submission, Leduc County would like to register to make a presentation at the public hearing.

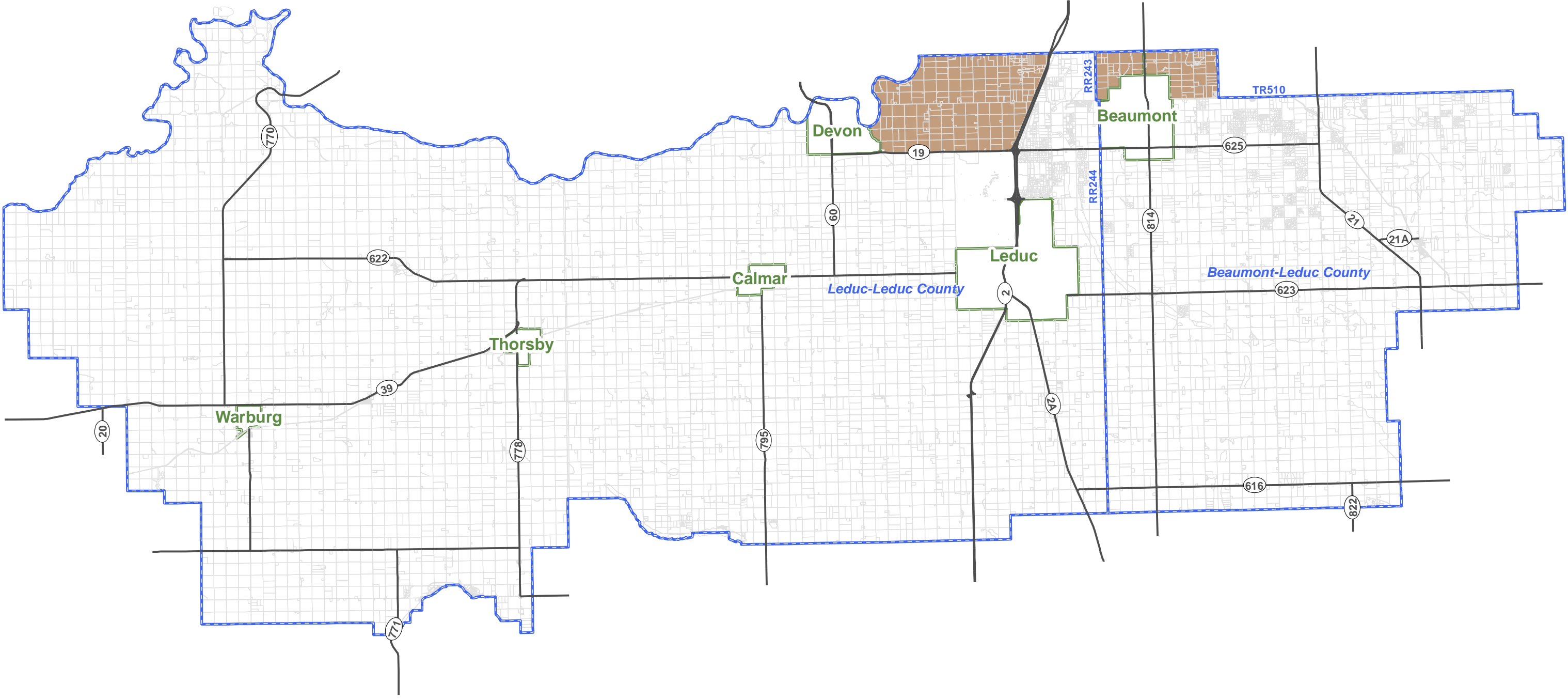




Yours truly,

John Whaley
Mayor

Encl.

PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS (EDs)
LEDUC COUNTY COUNTERPROPOSAL



 Leduc County Proposed Provincial EDs
 Proposed Edmonton Annexation



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To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: AB Boundaries Review
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:22:53 AM

From: bepratt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:41 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: AB Boundaries Review

Dear Sir/Madame:

I have been following this Review with interest, just like the previous one a few years ago. As AB is changing from a previously rural population to a much more urban population, it would seem that the number of MLAs from where they come should reflect where the people live and what are their issues.

Many years ago when I went to school we were taught "ONE ELECTOR - ONE VOTE". That seems like a honorable principal and one that should be followed as much as possible. I realize there are some rural constituencies that have small populations, but that may cause some rural ridings to become bigger, because I think it is important that each voter should have similar power when it come to an election. In recent reporting in the newspaper there were instances where they quoted that in some rural ridings a vote was worth 3 votes in an urban setting. I do not think that is proper.

I have recently read some newspaper articles where the Reeve of a rural county was concerned about their vote and the size of their potential ridings. With the communications that currently exist, this is really an non-issue. Also in my 60 plus years, I've only had need to contact my MLA less than 5 times. I think many Albertans are in the same boat.

I understand that this Review had a provision that the Had to be done without increasing MLAs. The next time this is done you may want to look a how many MLAs we currently have in Alberta. In AB each MLA represents fewer Albertans than elected officials represent in other provinces. That should be an area of focus!

Barrie E. Pratt
Sherwood Park

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Spencer Bennett
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:40:54 AM

From: Spencer Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:27 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Spencer Bennett

Name
Spencer Bennett
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Spruce grove Map It
Electoral Constituency
Spruce grove
Submission
I am concerned that the rural boundaries are too geographically big. Population is and should be a factor, but land mass should also be a factor. The rural ridings should as a rule have a small population per riding compared to urban. Perhaps at least 25% smaller? Under proposed changes, some are bigger than average. I understand that population growth is a factor, but losing 2 rural ridings which will have an above average population riding is not fair.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Kim Free
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:23:16 AM

From: Kim Free [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Kim Free

Name
Kim Free
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Sundre Map It
Electoral Constituency
Sundre-Rocky-Caroline
Submission
Rural ridings shouldn't have greater populations than city because it takes longer for elected officials to travel from meeting to appointment to special event across the riding!
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from kim movold
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:05:13 PM

From: kim movold [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from kim movold

Name
kim movold
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Fort Saskatchewan Map It
Electoral Constituency
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegerville
Submission
DO not change the boundaries. You are taking away the rural Alberta voice by doing that. Bigger constituencies mean farther for the MLA to drive. Perhaps we need less constituencies and MLA's in the bigger centers if the rural MLA's are covering more territory.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Matthew Brink
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:05:25 PM

From: Matthew Brink [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Matthew Brink

Name

Matthew Brink

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary-Elbow

Submission

I wanted to write to voice my support for the findings of the AEBC 2017 Interim Report. As a resident of Calgary, I feel that there should be greater representation for urban vote, as it is generally under-represented across most urban ridings. While I understand that the aerial extend of some of the proposed rural ridings is significant, given the ease of electronic communication, I don't believe that the size of the riding has nearly as much impact as it used to. Any concerns that I have raised with my representatives - whether municipal, provincial or federal - has been done electronically and I have been satisfied with the results. As the ridings currently stand, my vote counts for less than a person in a rural area, which doesn't seem reasonable. Given the continued net migration to the cities, it seems like this problem will only get worse over time. I understand that there is opposition from the Wildrose party, but this appear solely to be an effort at gerrymandering, whereas the results of your report appear to be without any sort of political bias. Thanks for your work on this and I hope the government implements your recommendations as presented.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Margaret Louise
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:05:54 PM

From: Margaret Louise [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Margaret Louise

Name

Margaret Louise

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

I am disturbed by your proposal to reduce the number of electoral constituencies in rural areas. This obviously means that the voices of rural Albertans will be further downgraded to little more than background noise to the government. It does not go unnoticed that rural Alberta tends to be more conservative, both by nature and in their politics, so this move will most certainly be perceived as a way to minimize the impact of this block of the voting public in the next election. That will most certainly cause ill will and whip up anti-NDP fervor to a fever pitch.

If you choose to be seen as abandoning the backbone of this province, and its rural roots, you will pay the price. A huge number of urban Albertans share those roots, take pride in their roots, and go back to their family farms frequently.

I strongly urge you not to redraw those lines. I ask you to show respect for ALL Albertans.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sherry Baker
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:06:14 PM

From: Sherry Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sherry Baker

Name
Sherry Baker
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Mayerthorpe Map It
Electoral Constituency
Whitecourt -Ste Anne
Submission
The electoral boundaries should not be changed. Rural people need a voice in the Legislature and this boundary change just gives more seats to the cities and less from the rural areas. The MLAs from these areas will have too much ground to cover traveling. Every Albertan needs representation. This change just looks like partisan politics by the ndp.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Vernita Carlson
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:06:27 PM

From: Vernita Carlson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Vernita Carlson

Name
Vernita Carlson
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Bluffton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Rimbey - Rocky - Sundre
Submission
I feel it is ludicrous to increase the size of this riding to encompass Drayton Valley. It creates a riding that is approximately 15% more populated than the provincial average and encompasses a huge area (it was already a formidable size)! Looking at this, it begs the question of what else the NDP government will do to take away from farmers and the petroleum industry to stay in power. Pretty sure it's obvious to them that they won't win any rural ridings, so hey, might as well take away from those they know they can't win, and create more in areas they might have a chance at.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Donna Burlock
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:06:40 PM

From: Donna Burlock [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Donna Burlock

Name
Donna Burlock
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Sundre Map It
Electoral Constituency
Rimbey RockyMtnHouse Sundre
Submission
There is no way an MLA can or should have to cover any larger area to be available for their constituents needs. Leave the electoral boundaries the way they are.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dylan Brewster
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:07:07 PM

From: Dylan Brewster [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dylan Brewster

Name

Dylan Brewster

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Making an MLA drive hours to reach all each side of his/her riding and also on top of having larger boundaries having larger population in that riding aswell should be unacceptable. Where on the contrary ,in a matter of minutes city MLAs can reach both sides of their riding not hours. Also downside of having such large rural boundaries, needs vary more greatly county to county compared to smaller city ridings. What my cousin needs in Drayton Valley are vastly different then ones from Rocky Mountain House! There is already a misrepresentation for the rural voice in present political riding map, its not 50/50 urban to rural in AB so rural ideas/politics are already muted or lower on the totem pole compared to urban just because if Mob rule/majority speaks.

How did you hear about the review?

- Radio
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Other

Internet

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Margaret Sharpe
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:49:35 PM

From: Margaret Sharpe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Margaret Sharpe

Name
Margaret Sharpe
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Munson Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drumheller - Stettler
Submission
I believe changing the electoral boundaries will be detrimental for Albertans. Because of the size of some of the areas it will make it difficult for MLAs to travel to have contact with their constituents. The voice of the rural population will be decreased which is not fair as everyone's voice is just as important. I don't feel that something this important should be based on population. The cities continue to grow as the rural young people move there as in today's economy they are not able to farm. The districts are fine as they are now.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bruce Clarence
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:14:46 AM

From: Bruce Clarence [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:48 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bruce Clarence

Name

Bruce Clarence

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Rimby / Rocky Mountain House

Submission

The proposal to expand this riding to Drayton Valley / Rocky Mountain House makes no sense at all! Our MLA is already travelling long distances to meet with us and support our local activities. By virtually doubling the size of the constituency would mean that we would rarely see him. This change will result in a constituency increase that would be 17% higher than a majority of the urban ones! Is this the NDP way to ensure that we lose touch with any member that is NOT NDP??

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Newspaper (Online)
- Facebook
- Google
- Other

Neighbors and co-workers

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Susann Welk
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:14:58 AM

From: Susann Welk [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:33 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Susann Welk

Name
Susann Welk
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
James River Bridge/Sundre Map It
Electoral Constituency
Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre
Submission
!!!! I am AGAINST these riding changes!!!! It would have a negative effect on the representation of us rural Albertans and it would severely hurt our democratic rights. NO tho this!!!!
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jeff Lewandoski
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:15:08 AM

From: Jeff Lewandoski [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:26 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jeff Lewandoski

Name
Jeff Lewandoski
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Jenner Map It
Electoral Constituency
Medicine Hat, Cardston, Warner
Submission
Please reconsider dropping 3 rural electoral seats and giving them to Calgary and Edmonton. If its not broke, don't fix it.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
Local MLA

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Brenda werk
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:15:17 AM

From: Brenda werk [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 6:30 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Brenda werk

Name
Brenda werk
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Rimbey/Rocky Mountain house
Submission
I Do NOT believe the electoral boundaries should be changed. This makes no sense to do at this time and think there are better things the government can spend there time working on.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio• Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jessica Stock
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:15:59 AM

From: Jessica Stock [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:12 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jessica Stock

Name
Jessica Stock
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Submission
Coventry hills should stay with the other northern holla communities ie panorama harvest and country hills as we share resources with them
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Donald Weiss
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:16:11 AM

From: Donald Weiss [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:38 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Donald Weiss

Name
Donald Weiss
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Medicine Hat Map It
Electoral Constituency
Cypress Medicine Hat
Submission
Please don't make unnecessary changes. Its not broke. Din t try to fix it. It will only cause an expense for no good reason.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marian Dudenhoeffer
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:16:22 AM

From: Marian Dudenhoeffer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:31 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marian Dudenhoeffer

Name

Marian Dudenhoeffer

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Rimbey/Rocky Mountain House / Sundre

Submission

Strongly oppose this idea, huge disadvantage to rural Alberta as our MLA working hours will be consumed in travel. Electoral boundaries should have a square kilometer/mile limit. We elect to be represented and our MLA travel should be reasonable enough that we receive that representation without a huge travel expense or them putting 18 hour days to provide that representation. Odd how so many of these electoral areas take from the WR strong holds to give more to the NDP strong holds. Rural Albertans have already talked in large groups of being involved in the next election, as soon as we know if we are talking 2 parties or united and know the leaders we will approach with our plan. Should this happen I am sure it will be added to our list as part of the plan.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Following the on line Legislature recordings



Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

June 29, 2017

Members of the Commission,

The Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools Division #78 is pleased to provide its feedback on the Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission. We were pleased to participate in the Public Hearing held in Slave Lake on February 23, 2017, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide further input in response to the Interim Report.

With the great appreciation for the hard work of the Commission, we nevertheless respectfully disagree with its recommendations and some of the reasoning provided. In particular, we disagree with the recommendation to add three ridings in the Edmonton and Calgary areas, achieved by consolidating ridings in rural Alberta.

We maintain the position we put forth in our February presentation; that there are increasingly diverse realities between rural and urban school jurisdictions in Alberta, impacting educational program offerings, student transportation, facility operations and maintenance, and other areas. Aspen View Public Schools has taken a lead role in addressing these issues, advocating for a thorough review of the current education funding model towards a system that is more equitable for all students, regardless of where they live in Alberta. The necessary changes must be made at the provincial level, and therefore we believe it is very important that changes to electoral boundaries and the distribution of legislative seats do not further marginalize the unique issues and needs of rural Alberta.

We have concern with statements made in the Commission's majority position, specific to 'Rural Concerns':

"As for the core concern that a reduction in the number of constituencies located in rural areas of the province will reduce the rural 'voice' in the legislature, with the result that rural concerns will command less attention and fewer resources than they have in the past, that is the inevitable result of the application of the principle of representation by population in a time of major population shift."

- Interim Report, Page 27

We respectfully submit that even if one were to accept the premise that the continued marginalization of rural concerns is an 'inevitable result', it is nevertheless an undesirable consequence indicative of an over-application of the principle of representation by population, and an under-application of other factors supported by both the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and case law.

On this point, we concur with the minority position put forth by Commissioner Day; that the Commission's recommendations prioritized voter parity without adequately considering other factors allowed under the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*.

"Because of this focus on voter parity, the Commission is proposing to add a new riding in both Calgary and Edmonton. I do not believe that this was necessary given the discretion allowed for variances and additional considerations besides population in the Act. Nor do I believe it was beneficial to ensuring effective representation for all Albertans."

- Commissioner Day, *Interim Report*, page 70.

"As new ridings are added to the cities, electoral divisions must be taken from the 'Rest of Alberta'. This results in ongoing erosion of ridings in rural Alberta and is not sustainable if all Albertans are to be effectively represented."

- Commissioner Day, *Interim Report*, page 70.

Specific to Aspen View Public Schools in particular, we also disagree with the proposed reconfiguration of constituencies in our area. Currently, Aspen View Public Schools lies predominantly within the Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater constituency, with smaller areas near the northwest and southeast boundaries falling within the Lesser Slave Lake & Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills constituencies, respectively. Under the recommended boundary changes, the small area within Lesser Slave Lake would remain, but the rest of Aspen View would be essentially divided between the Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche and St. Albert-Redwater constituencies. We find this recommendation to be counter to our position as stated in February; that any realignment of provincial constituency boundaries should strive for consistency with existing municipal and school jurisdiction boundaries, to facilitate more efficient and consistent communication with our provincial representatives.

In summary, while we appreciate the challenging task placed before the Commission and the hard work it has done, we believe the Interim Report misses the mark, particularly in regard to rural Alberta. We would encourage the Commission, in preparation of its Final Report, to reevaluate the allocation of additional seats to the Edmonton and Calgary areas, and instead make better use of the population variances allowed under the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*, in order to maintain effective representation for rural Alberta.

We again thank the Commission for the opportunity to provide input, and wish you well in this challenging and important undertaking.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Dennis MacNeil.

Dennis MacNeil, Chair
Board of Trustees
Aspen View Public Schools Division #78

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Cathryn Coffman
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 12:53:37 PM

From: Cathryn Coffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Cathryn Coffman

Name

Cathryn Coffman

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Cypress/Medicine Hat

Submission

- [REDACTED] 1. don't take the three seats out of rural alta.
2. leave CYPRESS/Medicine Hat the way it was.
3. ensure the city of Medicine Hat has two constituencies with it's name on it.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Facebook
- Other

live program on facebook with Drew Barnes Q/A

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Crystal Klys
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 12:54:18 PM

From: Crystal Klys [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Crystal Klys

Name
Crystal Klys
Email
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Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Carstairs Map It
Electoral Constituency
Olds/Didsbury/Three Hills
Submission
Please keep the boundaries the same. Rural Alberta deserves the same representation as urban!! We are the people that feed the world and need to have fair representation in the government. Please do not change the boundaries
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Victoria Henry
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 12:56:57 PM

From: Victoria Henry [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Victoria Henry

Name
Victoria Henry
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Northern Hills
Submission
<p>Please do not move Harvest Hills or Coventry Hills to the NorthEast boundary. We have a major thoroughfare (Deerfoot Trail) and an airport between us and are a very different space geographically. We would be a very small minority included into a much larger majority with different interests, and the needs particular to our geographic region would be largely ignored. The residents to the East of Deerfoot Trail and the airport have access to the Light Rail Train, public high schools we do not, a nearby hospital, and many beautiful recreation centers and community halls. Due to the location and size of the airport and lacking roadway infrastructure (ie: 96th Ave connection) the resources in the actual NorthEast quadrant are a MUCH further drive for us and often unrealistic to visit by transit. Please keep our boundary intact so that the Northern Hills may finally receive some of the amenities we are so desperately needing. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
At a Northern Hills Community Clean Up Event

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Karen Sawchuk](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jeffrey Dowling
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 2:26:49 PM

From: Jeffrey Dowling [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 2:20 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jeffrey Dowling

Name
Jeffrey Dowling
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Cypress County Map It
Electoral Constituency
Medicine Hat Cypress
Submission
<p>Quit reducing the number of seats in rural Alberta. I am a believer in representation by population, but I question how effective that representation will be when the geographic area is so large that it limits the constituents ability to connect with their elected member of the legislature. How much representation is there, or ability to communicate directly with local MLA's if their office is 2 hours away?</p> <p>It is important to leave both the Medicine Hat and Medicine Hat/Cypress constituency the way it is currently aligned.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Radio

To Chairman of Electoral
Boundaries Review
Committee

Camross A. B.

June 26-2017

EBC-2016-17-2-197

Dear Sir

Ten years ago I was afraid of rural residents losing a voice in government. The cities and very large towns keep getting larger populations, thus getting more M.L.A.s. The rural population thus have fewer M.L.A.s every ten years. The larger the city the less the city people know about rural problems.

I do not have the answers, but I hope members of the commission who have more experience may think of something.

I realize that the Electoral Boundaries commission operates on strict rules but I hope the commission can find
over

some way to help prevent the loss
of M.L.A.s who represent the rural
people of Alberta. Perhaps by
recommending changes in the rules
the commission works under

Yours truly
Andrew R Cameron

Andrew R Cameron

Camrose A.B.

Lac Ste. Anne County

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June 26, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Commission:

Re: Alberta Electoral Boundaries – Ste. Anne-Stony Plain

In reviewing the Electoral Boundaries Commission 2016-17 Interim Report and the proposed Alberta Electoral Boundaries map, Lac Ste. Anne County would like to advise that on Map 81 – Ste. Anne-Stony Plain that Lac Ste. Anne County's west boundary is minimally severed. The actual boundary for Lac Ste. Anne County ends west of Green Court at Range Road 100. However, the proposed boundary on the noted map divides the County at Range Road 90.

Lac Ste. Anne County requests that all of Lac Ste. Anne County is included in one Alberta Electoral Division. This would alleviate the confusion for such a small portion of our westerly Lac Ste. Anne County residents.

Also, Lac Ste. Anne County would request that the 'e' be added to 'St.', as our County is Lac Ste. Anne County.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,


Bill Hegy,
Mayor

cc: Mike Primeau, County Manager

COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21

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June 27, 2017

Alberta Electoral
Boundaries Commission
3rd Floor
9820 107 Street
Edmonton AB T5K 1E7

To Whom It May Concern:

This will advise that it was the consensus of the County of Two Hills Council, at their meeting of June 13, 2017 to forward a letter to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission to reconsider the proposed boundaries.

Firstly, the Interim Report proposes significant changes to current electoral boundaries that will have an adverse impact on rural municipalities and rural residents. Namely the consolidation of four electoral divisions into three in the central northeast area of the province. These four electoral divisions are Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, and Bonnyville-Cold Lake.

The consolidation of these ridings, will impact the ability of rural Albertans to be effectively represented in Alberta's legislature.

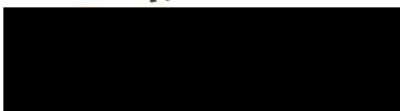
The County Council would like to emphasize the importance of maintaining an adequate and equitable representation for Alberta's rural residents and communities.

It is hoped that the review of electoral boundaries would be designed to ensure different factors include population, community interests, the existing municipal and natural boundaries, and also an effective representation in determining Alberta's electoral boundaries.

The County of Two Hills Council requests that the existing municipal and natural boundaries remain the same, as rural Albertans trust the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission will effectively represent them in the Alberta Legislative Assembly.

Should you require further clarification or information, kindly contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Allen Sayler
Reeve

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Clyde Corser
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:34:23 AM

From: Clyde Corser [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Clyde Corser

Name
Clyde Corser
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Yellowhead County Map It
Electoral Constituency
West Yellowhead
Submission
<p>I wish to make a specific recommendation to adjust West Yellowhead's proposed boundaries, and would like to point out what I believe is an inappropriate inference used to determine the size of some rural constituencies.</p> <p>The population of West Yellowhead will leap from -32% to +10% of the provincial mean following the Commission's recommendation; that of Grande Prairie-Smoky will be -3%. Both constituencies are rural, resource based, and share similar demographics.</p> <p>With the addition of the majority of Yellowhead County plus the Town of Whitecourt and a portion of Woodlands County, the demographic center of gravity of West Yellowhead will shift from Hinton to Edson. This leaves the Town of Grande Cache and sliver of the MD of Greenview surrounding it, even more of an outlier in the revised constituency. As well, Grande Cache's economic orientation leans more towards Grande Prairie than it does towards the rest of West Yellowhead. Grande Cache is the supply and administration center for the uninhabited Willmore Wilderness Park.</p> <p>I recommend you remove the Town of Grande Cache, the small portion of the MD of Greenview and Willmore Wilderness Park from West Yellowhead and add it to Grande Prairie-Smoky. This will push the populations of both constituencies closer to the provincial mean and promote better integrity of existing municipal boundaries.</p> <p>Finally, I wish to make a general comment about one of the inferences the majority used, I believe inappropriately, in much of rural Alberta. The Commission has justified artificially high populations in many rural, resource based constituencies, notably West Yellowhead, Drumheller-Strathmore, Drayton</p>

Valley-Rocky Mountain House, Bonnyville-Cold Lake and Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul on the grounds that, "this relatively large variance can be justified by the expected continued decline in the population growth rates in this area as compared to the provincial average." [Interim Report, p. 62 re: West Yellowhead]

I note that "the Commission agrees that, while not expressly listed in the Act, it would be proper to consider a number of other factors in the design of electoral division boundaries including, projected growth rates..." [ibid. p.15] While the enabling legislation allows you some latitude to speculate on future population growth, I believe the scope of your speculation is properly confined to those jurisdictions – principally urban, whose demographics and planning authorities support your conclusions.

Forecasting population decline in rural communities – especially communities whose economies are heavily dependent on oil and gas and/or coal at a time when their economies and consequently their populations are experiencing the cumulative negative impacts of depressed global markets exacerbated by anti-carbon policies enacted by our present government – is not only inappropriate, but likely contraindicated. The Commission's final recommendations, when ratified will alter Alberta's political landscape for a decade; polls strongly suggest our present government with its hostile attitude to carbon resources use and development is unlikely to survive beyond its present term of office. I urge the Commission to exercise an abundance of caution when forecasting rural population declines in our present, atypical political environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views, and I commend you all for your work on our behalf.

Sincerely,
Clyde Corser, West Yellowhead

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jonathan Henn
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:34:29 AM

From: Jonathan Henn [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 5:53 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jonathan Henn

Name

Jonathan Henn

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary - Northern Hills

Submission

My family disagrees with this proposal, and I believe Panorama should be represented with the communities of Country Hills, Coventry Hills and Harvest Hills in Calgary North. Panorama will be grouped with Evanston which is separated geographically by a highway. Likewise Country Hills and Harvest Hills are separated geographically by a highway from what would be the rest of Calgary North East.

Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills and Panorama Hills are part of the same home owners association already. These communities share resources like shopping centres, groceries and schools.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Rodger Heidinger
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:35:02 AM

From: Rodger Heidinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Rodger Heidinger

Name
Rodger Heidinger
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[REDACTED]
Phone
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Address
Medicine Hat Map It
Electoral Constituency
Medicine Hat
Submission
I do not want the boundaries to change, leave as is.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Phil Trenholm
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:35:13 AM

From: Phil Trenholm [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:02 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Phil Trenholm

Name

Phil Trenholm

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Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Submission

Given the large geographic size of rural ridings, it would make sense to me that rural ridings would have fewer electors than the provincial average to ensure that the needs of the electors which can vary greatly over the larger distances are met. The proposal to have our rural riding be 17% larger than the average riding only seems to be a blatant attempt to limit the voice rural concerns to Edmonton.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dennis Warner
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:36:08 AM

From: Dennis Warner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dennis Warner

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Dennis Warner
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Address
Red Deer Map It
Electoral Constituency
RD north
Submission
We need less city ridings and "more" rural ridings to enable equal opportunity for representation!!
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Holly Dudley
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:36:18 AM

From: Holly Dudley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:41 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Holly Dudley

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Holly Dudley
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Address
Wetaskiwin Map It
Electoral Constituency
Wetaskiwin/Camrose
Submission
This sounds like an orchestrated plan to take power away from rural areas & make the urban representation more powerful. Please do not eliminate any rural ridings, our voice needs to be heard!
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Barbara Beifus
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:44:18 AM

From: Barbara Beifus [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 1, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Barbara Beifus

Name

Barbara Beifus

Email

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Phone

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

Medicine Hat

Submission

I personally do not feel the population of an area should be a determination of a riding. I am specifically speaking of the proposed Taber-Vulcan and Brooks-Cypress constituencies. This would not be fair representation due to the vastness of the ridings. A Member of the Legislature would spend his/her time traveling instead of being productive and accessible. The proposal also includes Redcliff in the Brooks-Cypress riding and yet, Redcliff is a stone's throw from Medicine Hat.

Please reconsider your proposal and leave the Cypress-Medicine Hat and Medicine Hat ridings as they currently are. Perhaps if your committee would drive these proposed ridings and see the vastness of them, you would reconsider your decision.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Robert Herring
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:44:39 AM

From: Robert Herring [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 1, 2017 4:40 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Robert Herring

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Robert Herring

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

Cypress - Medicine Hat

Submission

The issue of electoral Boundaries is a contentious and emotional issue, but in our democratic society I believe that the overriding criterion must be the concept that all citizens have equal representation within our Legislative Assembly. The urbanization of Alberta is a trend that is well established and I cannot foresee it ever reversing.

Based on these precepts, my support is for a very tight tolerance (+-3%) in the variations of populations between ridings, regardless of the logistical problems some MLAs will be left to cope with. Perhaps such problems can be mitigated by, for example, allocating additional resources such as funding for satellite offices in geographically large ridings.

A further concern of mine is that attention be paid to ensuring that ridings, to the greatest degree possible consistent with the overriding constraint of equalized populations, be made socio-culturally consistent so that each riding's MLA can more easily find consensus that represent the most significant issues of concern to his/her constituents, regardless of their political affiliation. An example that springs to mind is the issue of school access in newly constructed subdivisions (which at present I suspect are mostly in ridings that are currently "under-represented"), or the converse issue of school closures in areas where the current numbers of school-age children are low (which problem can occur in both rural and inner-city ridings, with the complicating factor that the school-age populations of inner-city ridings may in fact increase in the future due to urban redevelopment.) I present this only as a example that I am acquainted with from both sides.

In general, I am supportive of the "Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission", recognizing that there are undoubtedly some issues of "fine tuning" that need to be done to address the

socio-cultural type of concern I mentioned above.

My personal bias is, if any ridings are to be below average in population, then they should be ridings that are likely to show a continuing trend of population increase between now and the next Electoral Boundaries review.

Finally, I disagree with any submissions that suggest that Electoral Boundaries Review is or should be a partisan political process. My understanding of the current process is that it is designed to as objective as possible. The criteria are well defined. Let them be adhered to.

For your consideration.

Robert Herring

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Newspaper (Print)
- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Claude Oppenheim
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:44:54 AM

From: Claude Oppenheim [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 2, 2017 8:10 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Claude Oppenheim

Name
Claude Oppenheim
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Phone
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
Constituencies should have as near as possible equal population size so that each vote has close to equal weight. Given modern communication technologies, the physical size of constituencies is not nearly as important as it once might have been. MLA's and constituents can be in touch with each other regardless of physical distance. I therefore support the interim recommendation to redraw the electoral map to get closer to equal population size constituencies.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dean Gray
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:46:12 AM

From: Dean Gray [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 2, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dean Gray

Name

Dean Gray

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

Cypress-Medicine Hat

Submission

I interpret the proposed new electoral boundaries as an obvious attempt to reduce the voice of a certain segment of the population, namely those who live in rural and small communities. The population of Alberta has grown since the last look at the electoral boundaries and adjustments are necessary. To proceed with the proposed amendments is a clear signal to the entire province that Edmonton and Calgary are of greater importance than anywhere else. Many government services are already only available in those centers and if the proposals are accepted by the NDP government, adequate political representation will also only be offered in those areas. For many varied and obvious reasons not all Albertans desire to live in major cities and ought not be politically punished for making that choice.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marvin Shoup
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:46:35 AM

From: Marvin Shoup [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 2, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marvin Shoup

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Marvin Shoup

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Phone

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AddressRed Deer County
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

#65 Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

Submission

Why was the western boundary of the riding, from Township road 370 north to Highway 11 not included in the riding. Those of us who live around Benalto have nothing in common with the rest of the existing riding and would like to be back in the Innisfail-Sylvan Lake riding. I proposed this change at a minimum when the commission was in Red Deer and was totally ignored.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jake Turner
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:48:21 AM

From: Jake Turner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jake Turner

Name

Jake Turner

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

McClung

Submission

The proposed redistricting is completely gerrymandered and stacked to strip power from rural Alberta to the cities. I work with many rural colleagues who are beyond aggravated at the power and say that the cities have and removing seats to add to the cities will only make it worse.

I would use the 10% rule used in the US where the difference in riding population from the smallest to the largest could not be more than 10%. Based on the numbers I have heard, a number of proposed ridings would not meet this criteria.

Secondly, who is doing the drawing? Some of the proposed ridings like Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul are gerrymandered to ensure that specific communities that will vote a certain way will make up the majority of the population while others who would vote against are excluded. There is not logical explanation that I can make from these maps with such absurd boundary proposals except for gerrymandering.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Newspaper (Online)
- Radio
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Google

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marie Smith
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:48:32 AM

From: Marie Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marie Smith

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Marie Smith
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Address
drayton valley Map It
Electoral Constituency
drayton valley/calmar
Submission
I don't agree with taking away rural constituencies in any way, shape or form. Please do not do this, rural Alberta is losing it's voice!!!
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Regina Hansen
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:48:43 AM

From: Regina Hansen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Regina Hansen

Name

Regina Hansen

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

Drayton Valley-Devon

Submission

Dear people at the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

How can one person represent an area as large as the one that will be created if you add Drayton Valley to that district? The massive land area makes it impossible for any one person to properly represent the electorate.

I vehemently protest the proposed altering of the electoral boundaries that would split up the current Drayton Valley - Devon constituency. Devon is not a part of Edmonton.

It is appalling to see how this board is continually shifting electoral boundaries in an attempt to manipulate election outcomes. Yes. It's that obvious.

Please reconsider and refrain from breaking up the Drayton Valley - Devon Constituency.

Regina Hansen
Devon, AB**How did you hear about the review?**

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sheri Henry
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:49:01 AM

From: Sheri Henry [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sheri Henry

Name

Sheri Henry

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Phone

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

Lac Ste. Anne

Submission

Please do not break up the Devon riding. Rural Alberta representation is important.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marjorie Horn
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:49:01 AM

From: Marjorie Horn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marjorie Horn

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Marjorie Horn
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Address
Drayton Valley Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drayton Valley Calmar
Submission
Leave Drayton Valley Calmer constituency intact. Don't want to lose a seat and Mark Smith.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Christina Kuttnick
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:49:15 AM

From: Christina Kuttnick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Christina Kuttnick

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Christina Kuttnick

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

Cypress county

Submission

I am quite concerned about changing the boundaries of cypress county as indicated. The physical distance between Vulcan and Dunmore is the start of a number of differences in needs of these communities. I am concerned that our small hamlet will be forgotten as we don't have a population to have much representation. The size of the proposed district is large. The needs of the separate communities are diverse. This will not be in the best interest of the small communities in the south. I hope this does not get approved.

Sincerely,
Christy Kuttnick

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from William Groves
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:49:25 AM

From: William Groves [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from William Groves

Name

William Groves

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

Rimbey Rocky Mountain House Sundre

Submission

The new boundry is a large area from drayton valley to Sundre could be a large challenge to gain good access to the MLA

Instead of the name Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain house why not call it the Riding of Big Horn?
Because it encompasses so many communities from Drayton Valley to Sundre and and most border the mountains.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook
- Other

MLA

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from William Gilson
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:50:12 AM

From: William Gilson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from William Gilson

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William Gilson
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
CAlgary Bow
Submission
I feel they should be left as is cutting the boundaries up will cause a massive number of people to have more power and many will loose their voice in the government Leaving as is until there is a huge population shift is a better way.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Householder (Direct Mail)• Radio• Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Shirley Evans
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:50:19 AM

From: Shirley Evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Shirley Evans

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Shirley Evans
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Address
Calmar Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drayton Valley/Devon
Submission
I strongly object to this change. It is being done strictly for partisan purposes and puts the Official Opposition Party at a great disadvantage for the next election which the NDP will never win. This is totally unfair to the MLA of this riding and to the constituents of the riding. This must be stopped.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Trevor Pott
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:50:31 AM

From: Trevor Pott [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Trevor Pott

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Trevor Pott

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

Edmonton-Castle Downs

Submission

First off, I'd like to say that, within the limits of what is legally allowed to the commission, I think the proposed changes are about as good as we're likely to get.

That said, I would like the commission to be able to do more, and I hope the commission can present to the province the number of requests it has received for it to do exactly that. Ideally I would like straight proportional representation. I do not understand why my vote should be valued any less than anyone else's. To do so values me, as an individual, as less than another individual.

The same is true in reverse: my vote should count no more than anyone else's. All individuals should be equal in the eyes of the law and we should all have an equal say in how our government is chosen. To do anything less is, in my opinion, a violation of our human rights, a violation of the ethical duties of serving representatives of the people (elected and unelected) and a moral disgrace.

Thank you very much for your time, effort, consideration and thoroughness put into this electoral boundary review.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Civil liberties action associations within Canada

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jennifer Burr
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:50:47 AM

From: Jennifer Burr [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jennifer Burr

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Jennifer Burr
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Address
Devon Map It
Electoral Constituency
Devon - Drayton Valley
Submission
I vote no to re-drawing of electoral lines. I refuse to have the govt lump my vote with Edmonton West to reduce my voice in the decision for govt. If the province wants to push ahead, put to a ballot where the citizens of each town ie: Devon, Drayton Valley are given the option to yea or nay whether they wish to change their electoral lines.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Steven Kuchirka
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:52:10 AM

From: Steven Kuchirka [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 7:13 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Steven Kuchirka

Name
Steven Kuchirka
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Address
Devon Map It
Electoral Constituency
Devon-Dayton valley
Submission
Devon is not part of Edmonton and has different issues and dynamics. I am absolutely opposed to being part of Edmonton west and find it extremely inappropriate to even consider. Rural votes matter. Govern for all albertans.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Stephanie Fehler
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:52:19 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Stephanie Fehler

Name
Stephanie Fehler
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Grovedale Map It
Electoral Constituency
Grande Prairie Wapiti
Submission
please initiate a rule that the largest and smallest ridings can vary in size by no more than 10%. Albertans rightly see this as an attack on rural Alberta by the NDP.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Daniel Nash
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:52:26 AM

From: Daniel Nash [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 8:58 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Daniel Nash

Name
Daniel Nash
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Devon Map It
Electoral Constituency
Devon-Drayton Valley
Submission
I do not wish to be part of a West Edmonton-Devon constituency. Devon and West Edmonton have different needs and values. Devon has more in common with Leduc or Drayton Valley than with West Edmonton. Stop playing politics and quit lumping small communities in with large urban centres.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Facebook• Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gail Grant
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:52:34 AM

From: Gail Grant [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 12:02 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Gail Grant

Name

Gail Grant

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Stop affecting rural boundaries - especially making them too large- IE; the suggested Drayton Valley
Sundre change over -= ridiculous.....Is this NDP driven????

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [info](#)
Subject: FW: Change of constituency boundaries
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 9:01:53 AM

From: Jill Bernhart [REDACTED]
Sent: July-03-17 2:30 PM
To: info <info@elections.ab.ca>
Subject: Change of constituency boundaries

We are totally opposed to the proposal to change the Cypress/Medicine Hat riding to include the areas near Vulcan. This change would destroy some of the rural perspectives of the people in this area - West boundary would be just 20 minutes out of Calgary. We are also opposed to the deletion of three rural ridings. I understand the reasoning for having all constituencies having a similar population, but by doing this the cities are in a position to make all of the decisions. Please leave things as they are.

Sincerely,

Janette and Kenneth Bernhart
Foremost

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bruce Beattie
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 1:46:09 PM

From: Bruce Beattie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bruce Beattie

Name
Bruce Beattie
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Sundre Map It
Electoral Constituency
Rimby, Rocky Mountain House, Sundre
Submission
The new Banff/Stony alignment includes an area south of Sundre, including the districts known as Bergen, Elkton and Westward Ho. This proposal is completely unacceptable. There is no road access to Banff/Stony other than travelling out of the area into Olds/Didsbury, down highway 22 to highway 1 and then driving west back into the new constituency. This alignment makes no sense whatsoever. This area must become part of Rocky Mountain House \ Drayton Valley
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Corrine Erickson
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 1:46:14 PM

From: Corrine Erickson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Corrine Erickson

Name

Corrine Erickson

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Devon/ Drayton Valley

Submission

Please leave our electoral boundaries the way that they are. Devon becalmed swallowed up by a much larger entity & looses its voice as a result. Both Devon & Drayton Valley are very well represented right now by Marc Smith & we want it to remain that way for his entire term.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jeanne Gonnason
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:53:25 AM

From: Jeanne Gonnason [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jeanne Gonnason

Name
Jeanne Gonnason
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Klein
Submission
I find it very officious and insulting to have a constituency named after a person, especially a person who was rude and obnoxious to many people in Canada. Those people include the poor, homeless, and those from Eastern Canada. His treatment of the homeless was inexcusable. Why can this constituency not have a geographical name, as the majority of constituencies do? It would be much more sensible and much better for the future. Not everyone in Alberta think that Ralph Klein was a person worth emulating.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
MLA booth at Canada Day celebrations

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Vic Moran
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:53:45 AM

From: Vic Moran [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 9:26 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Vic Moran

Name
Vic Moran
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Leduc Map It
Electoral Constituency
Leduc Beaumont
Submission
Above all else the revised electoral boundaries need to provide for equal representation. Every citizen should have the same voting power and every minister should represent the same number of citizens. The geographical challenges of some of the larger constituencies can be managed through administration and additional support.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Duston Forrest
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:54:58 AM

From: Duston Forrest [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 6:39 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Duston Forrest

Name
Duston Forrest
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Drayton Valley Map It
Submission
I dont agree with the new changes you are making. It's not fare to loose a rural seat. We are already the forgotten people.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Yvonne Webber
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:54:58 AM

From: Yvonne Webber [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 7:57 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Yvonne Webber

Name

Yvonne Webber

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Submission

Adding Drayton Valley to the present constituency would not allow the elected official to cover the entire territory appropriately. It is important to have government officials attend special festivities. This could not happen if another hour is needed to get to another destination. Besides the fact that this would cause the population to be greater than the provincial average.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Rita Radvony
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:54:59 AM

From: Rita Radvony [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:15 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Rita Radvony

Name

Rita Radvony

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Devon
[Map It](#)

Submission

Please DO NOT put our great little town in with Edmonton. It is hard enough to live next to a city that want to "take over" rural areas. If I wanted to live inside Edmonton's boundaries either electoral or physically, I would move there.

Thank you for listening.

Rita Radvony

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Tanya Babcook
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:54:59 AM

From: Tanya Babcook [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 7:55 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Tanya Babcook

Name
Tanya Babcook
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Warburg Map It
Electoral Constituency
Wildrose
Submission
What is it going to take for rural residents to have a voice?! Without the land we have provided, urban development wouldn't be possible. We feel like a minority. My vote is keep DV-Calmar constituency together!!!!
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from David Smitheman
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:54:59 AM

From: David Smitheman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 7:53 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from David Smitheman

Name
David Smitheman
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Northern Hills
Submission
<p>I'm concerned about the new boundaries for a few reasons, but mainly because it splits up a community that is now well established.</p> <p>Redrawing the boundaries to make Coventry Hills part of Redstone and Skyview Ranch makes no sense. Besides the fact Deerfoot trail splits the communities, there is an industrial park in between them as well. The residents of Coventry use Vivo as a community resource, whereas Redstone and Skyview have nothing to do with it. The Northern hills should center around the community it already resides in, not ask it's residents to pick up and move. Skyview and Redstone have the Genesis centre close by and that seems to make the most sense.</p> <p>We have recently created a block watch program in Coventry that has shown so much promise it has expanded into Panorama Hills. The Northern Hills Community Association helped drive this tremendously, what is being proposed here would split everyone up and undo the progress made towards fighting crime in our communities.</p> <p>Instead of what has been proposed, I offer an alternative by way of making the boundary Coventry hills Boulevard. Instead of drawing the line North/South, make the boundary East/West so it keeps Panorama and Coventry together. Make the east Boundary at Deerfoot and the West Range road 14.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Mandi Skogen
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:54:59 AM

From: Mandi Skogen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Mandi Skogen

Name

Mandi Skogen

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Bonnyville-Cold Lake

Submission

At a recent meeting held by the Board of Trustees of Northern Lights Public Schools, the electoral boundaries for the two reference settlements were discussed. It is our understanding that the intention is to include the two settlements with the electoral boundary for St. Albert-Redwater. As the region for our school division includes both settlements, we wish to state our perspective on the matter. We would express our perspective that the two settlements be included in the proposed Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche electoral boundary, as we feel this is a natural extension of existing trading and education areas. We have also consulted with both Settlements as well and this aligns with their wishes as well. Therefore, we wish to request that both Kikino Metis Settlement and Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement be included with Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche electoral boundary.

Thank you for your consideration.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Trisha and Myron Bennett
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:55:21 AM

From: Trisha and Myron Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:20 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Trisha and Myron Bennett

Name

Trisha and Myron Bennett

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Edmonton
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Manning

Submission

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Edmonton-Manning. The Commission has proposed my address be taken out of Edmonton-Manning and placed into Edmonton-Decore. I strongly disagree with this recommendation as I feel Edmonton-Decore does not represent where my amenities are, or community is. My MLA has done a remarkable job representing our community in McLeod. As a McLeod community league member, I do not want to see how community league divided in representation. The boundary on the west side of the constituency should be 66 St as it is a major road and natural boundary in itself. Thank you. I hope the Commission takes my opinion into consideration and avoids dividing neighbourhoods in their final report.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Word of mouth

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Linda Hibbert
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:55:21 AM

From: Linda Hibbert [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Linda Hibbert

Name

Linda Hibbert

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Drayton Valley-Devon

Submission

Nice job at gerrymandering! I know this is set up to give a boost to the N(notley's)D(destruction)P(party). Hasn't this government done enough to destroy this province and prevent growth to the point that a lot of people are losing their jobs with no hope of getting them back? Just leave the electoral boundaries alone! This is a complete waste of tax payer's dollars and time!

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Private

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ed Karl
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:50:10 AM

From: Ed Karl [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ed Karl

Name
Ed Karl
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
St. Albert Map It
Submission
I believe the boundaries need to reflect the growing populations in our cities.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ashley Fehr
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:18:29 PM

From: Ashley Fehr [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 12:29 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ashley Fehr

Name
Ashley Fehr
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Drayton Valley Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drayton Valley - Devon
Submission
Rural Alberta ridings should not be divided. Rural Alberta needs to have equal representation, losing our riding will do even more harm to rural alberta. This is an unfair change and a ploy to get the NDP an unfair advantage in next election.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Bryan Kranzler
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:18:41 PM

From: Bryan Kranzler [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Bryan Kranzler

Name
Bryan Kranzler
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Lethbridge Map It
Electoral Constituency
Lethbridge East
Submission
Rural boundaries should stay as is. By increasing the boundaries one MLA could not properly represent his constituents. This would take away proper representation and the people could not be consulted in a proper and timely manner.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook



County of Wetaskiwin No. 10

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July 5, 2017

The Honourable Myra Bielby
Chair
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100
11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, Alberta
T5G 2Y5

Dear Madam Justice Bielby:

RE: Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission

Since the tabling of the Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on May 23, 2017, the County of Wetaskiwin has been made aware of significant questions and concerns from the over eleven thousand citizens that we represent and have been asked to comment regarding the aforementioned report and initial conclusions made by the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Overall, the County of Wetaskiwin is greatly disappointed and concerned with the initial conclusions that have been made by the Commission for several reasons. First, in regard to specifically the County of Wetaskiwin, the municipality under the conclusions of the Interim Report would be a part of five different constituencies being Devon-Parkland, Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House, Lacombe-Ponoka, Stettler-Wainwright, and Wetaskiwin-Camrose, which is an additional constituency from the current situation where the County of Wetaskiwin is located in four constituencies. In all of these proposed constituencies aside from the constituency of Wetaskiwin-Camrose, the County of Wetaskiwin makes up a very small and insignificant portion of the constituencies, making up approximately less than ten percent of the total land area of each constituency. Combined with the fact that the constituencies of Devon-Parkland, Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House, Lacombe-Ponoka, and Stettler-Wainwright cover land areas that stretch over hundreds of kilometres, this will undoubtedly leave the County of Wetaskiwin and the citizens who call the area home to be represented by their Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in a severely ineffective manner as the MLA will have to cover an unreasonable amount of distance to interact with the citizens and representatives of the County of Wetaskiwin, a County that is proposed to be an insignificant part of the overall constituency.

Secondly, the County of Wetaskiwin strongly questions the majority opinion of the Commission to base the proposed electoral boundaries based solely on achieving an equalized population amongst all constituencies. In the case of the County of Wetaskiwin and many rural municipalities being ineffectively represented if the proposed constituencies were established, the Commission in our

opinion has made a glaring error in not taking other factors into consideration as mandated by the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* such as sparsity of population, common community interests, trading areas, and geographic size. The County is also highly concerned that the Commission believes, as stated on page twenty-six of the Interim Report, “that the time has come to stop treating differences between rural and urban Albertans as a main driver in setting the boundaries of electoral divisions.” This statement by the Commission strongly implies that the Commission has the opinion that rural Albertans do not matter to the same extent as an Albertan who lives in the Calgary and Edmonton areas, an opinion that appears to be confirmed as being true as the Commission believes this is an “inevitable result” as stated on page twenty-seven. Clearly, the Commission does not realize that rural Alberta, including the County of Wetaskiwin, does indeed matter to the overall strength of the entire province as a whole. With the two main economic industries of agriculture and resource extraction being located almost exclusively within rural Alberta, rural Alberta should be recognized for being home to the main economic drivers of this province with effective representation through their MLA. Instead, the Commission appears to be labelling rural Albertans as second-class citizens just because they do not live in an urban metropolis that has led to unmanageable urban sprawl, which has led to a significant negative impact on the agricultural and other industries that have made Alberta the prosperous province that it is today. The Commission needs to realize that rural Alberta does indeed matter and that effective representation should be a right based on more factors than just how many citizens call an area home.

Thirdly, the County of Wetaskiwin has concerns as to the constant change in electoral boundaries in Alberta. The County recognizes that the Commission as mandated under of *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* must review the existing electoral boundaries established, but are not legally required to change said boundaries. In the past two reviews, the County of Wetaskiwin have gone from being within three constituencies to four constituencies currently, with the proposal being that the County will be split amongst five constituencies. These constant changes from review to review have left citizens in the County of Wetaskiwin and possibly elsewhere in Alberta to be confused as to who their elected representative is and what constituency they are a part of. The County does note that citizens can easily access this information from Elections Alberta, but the ongoing changes to what constituency a person resides in and who their MLA is can and undoubtedly has led to dissatisfaction in the democratic electoral process throughout Alberta as can be extrapolated through increased voter apathy and lower voter turnout. Stability in electoral boundaries would allow for people to remain interested, informed, and connected to the issues within the constituency and how their MLA is dealing with said issues and concerns, therefore leading to a higher voter interest and turnout and an overall healthier democracy.

In summation, the County of Wetaskiwin is immensely concerned with the position that the Commission has taken in regard to basing the proposed new electoral boundaries for the Province of Alberta almost exclusively on population. Without taking additional factors such as, population sparsity, geographic size, trading areas, common community interest linkages, the uniqueness and importance of rural Alberta to the overall strength of Alberta as a whole, and the continued increase in splitting up the County of Wetaskiwin into five constituencies from three as was the case only two reviews or less than a decade ago, the Commission will ultimately fall far from their goal of providing effective representation for all Albertans, particularly rural Albertans, as set out as the single most important goal of the Commission in the Interim Report. The County of Wetaskiwin would strongly recommend that the splitting of our municipality be held at the current four constituencies or preferably reduced to the County of Wetaskiwin being contained completely within three or less constituencies in order to effectively represent the citizens of the County of Wetaskiwin to an even greater rate than what is proposed in the Interim Report.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the position of the County of Wetaskiwin, please advise. The County of Wetaskiwin hopes that the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission under your leadership does take both our concerns and the concerns of all affected Albertans seriously and look forward to a resolution that can be accepted by all parties.

Regards,



Kathy Rooyakkers
Reeve

:jc

cc: Mr. Bruce Hinkley, MLA, Wetaskiwin-Camrose
Mr. Mark Smith, MLA, Drayton Valley-Devon
Mr. Ronald Orr, MLA, Lacombe-Ponoka
Mr. Wes Taylor, MLA, Battle River-Wainwright
Mr. Al Kemmere, President, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ron Baugh
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19:16 PM

From: Ron Baugh <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 2:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ron Baugh

Name
Ron Baugh
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Red Deer Map It
Electoral Constituency
Red Deer North
Submission
I approve of the proposed electoral boundary changes. I believe they are about as fair and balanced as one could expect.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Chris Doyle
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19:16 PM

From: Chris Doyle <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 2:19 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Chris Doyle

Name
Chris Doyle
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Glenmore
Submission
I live in chinook park and have sat on the CKE (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge) community association board for several years. Our community will be split into 3 different ridings with the proposed changes. How can we make sure our community stays in one riding?? We have always had a good working relationship with our MLA, but being split between 3 representatives will be much more challenging.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sandra Sheridan-Kingsbury
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19:17 PM

From: Sandra Sheridan-Kingsbury [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sandra Sheridan-Kingsbury

Name

Sandra Sheridan-Kingsbury

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

AddressRocky Mountain House
[Map It](#)**Submission**

Leave things the way they are so we get more hands on representation . We , the people are speaking here and don't want your interferences by changing things without our say so !!!!!!!

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Allen Pierce
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19:29 PM

From: Allen Pierce <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 4:15 PM

To: Info - EBC

Subject: Website submission from Allen Pierce

Name

Allen Pierce

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Sundre
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Rocky Mtn House

Submission

Good day. Rocky Mtn House and Drayton Valley have as much on common with Sundre as does a cow and her fleas.

We are a moutain gateway and as such we need to be moved into the Banff riding. Our over capacity of tourists from Calgary means we have more in common with this riding than the Red Deer weekend fanatics that frequent RMH.

Our small business' compete with Calgary. Our seniors utilize Foothills Medical Center. Our economy is influenced by Calgary.

Our weather patterns are Calgary not RMH. We are served by our relationship to the mountains and streams....all of which originate from the south.

How did you hear about the review?

- Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from William Astle
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19:30 PM

From: William Astle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from William Astle

Name

William Astle

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Calgary
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Calgary Northern Hills

Submission

It makes absolutely no sense to group any portion of the existing northern hills area with areas on the east side of Deerfoot Trail. Deerfoot Trail is a major geographic boundary. Further, there is a substantial industrial area between the residential areas east of Métis Trail and west of Deerfoot Trail. There is nothing in common between the two residential areas. Further, there is a substantial natural area and a rail line running immediately west of Deerfoot Trail, further increasing the gap between the communities. It is far more logical to use Deerfoot Trail as a dividing line.

Coventry Hills and other communities between Harvest Hills Boulevard/Centre Street and Deerfoot Trail have far more in common with communities west of Centre Street than they do with communities east of Métis Trail. A similar concern applies for the Skyview area. It is my opinion that this would place unnecessary burdens on the elected representatives for the districts as proposed, including possibly needing to maintain two constituency offices when such should not be required in an urban setting simply due to the significant geographic separation.

While a reasonable case exists for subdividing the Northern Hills area due to rising population, it should be done with some reasonable consideration for the real geographic boundaries (Nose Creek/Deerfoot Trail, Beddington Trail/Symons Valley Road/West Nose Creek, Stoney Trail). Indeed, it seems likely that a division along Stoney Trail would make more sense, combining Evanston, Carrington, and Livingston rather than splitting the northern hills area along Harvest Hills Boulevard.

Regardless, the proposed Calgary-North district is completely unreasonable and ignores a real and significant natural boundary (Nose Creek) which combines with Deerfoot Trail and an intervening non-residential area. Even the City of Calgary now uses Deerfoot Trail for the ward boundaries for the area as

of the upcoming municipal election! Thus the proposed district boundary is now at odds with internal ward divisions in the city.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Naomi MacLean
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19:40 PM

From: Naomi MacLean [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:14 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Naomi MacLean

Name

Naomi MacLean

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

AddressDrayton Valley AB
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Calmar Devon Drayton Valley

Submission

This would end up being a very unfair representation of not only our region but also rural areas. By redrawing boundaries for our region there would end up being larger than normal populations being represented by the mla. Thia would not be acceptable for urban regions I don't understand how this could be acceptable for rural. Please reconsider the representation and how it will affect our region. So not go forward with the boundary changes.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marg Lintott
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19:58 PM

From: Marg Lintott [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:43 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Marg Lintott

Name
Marg Lintott
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Medicine Hat Map It
Electoral Constituency
Medicine Hat / Cypress County
Submission
We have been cabin owners in the Cypress Hills since 1980. Our past experience has been that Medicine Hat has been " the forgotten corner" of the province for many years & the Cypress Hills are even more " forgotten". Changing the boundaries so that the Cypress Hills are included with Taber - Vulcan @ the most eastern border of the riding ensures that our area will definitely be " forgotten".
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Other
Elkwater Community Association meeting

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Rebecca Everitt
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19:58 PM

From: Rebecca Everitt [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:42 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Rebecca Everitt

Name
Rebecca Everitt
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary-Northern Hills
Submission
July 5, 2017
Dear Commission Members:
I am a resident of the Coventry Hills community in Calgary and a member of the Northern Hills Community Association. As a concerned citizen, I propose that the constituency of Calgary-Northern Hills stay intact. I recommend the retention of our current electoral boundaries for the following reasons:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We are very close to the +/- 25% allowance of the 46,697 average population per constituency, especially if Hanson Ranch were removed and Northern Hills left intact.▪ Remaining a single riding respects our shared community interests, developing a strong relationship between residents of a single community association and our MLA.▪ Maintaining our current boundaries respects the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail on the East/South; Beddington to the West/South; and Stoney Trail to the North. To split us into three separate constituencies does not meet the existing legislated boundary requirement.▪ Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLAs in regards to common needs would create an unnecessary obstacle, increasing the challenge to affect necessary changes through our elected representatives.▪ Splitting into 3 ridings places an unfair burden on the MLAs charged with representing us, as the proposed ridings have geographic divides, unique interests, and diverse needs among communities not only regarding schools, but infrastructure, social enterprise, and healthcare.

For the reasons listed above, please consider preserving the Calgary-Northern Hills constituency.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Everitt

Calgary, AB

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Advocates for North Calgary High School

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Janet Schwengler
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:20:05 PM

From: Janet Schwengler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 7:01 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Janet Schwengler

Name
Janet Schwengler
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Drayton Valley Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drayton Valley/Devon
Submission
I feel by doing these changes you are taking away from the rural communities voices, the proposed changes make the areas to large and we will be losing a rural seat. This province revolves around more than just city dwellers, and everyone should have the right to have a mla that isn't so busy travelling all over their area to be effective. I am strongly opposed to these changes.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Mel Smith
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:20:18 PM

From: Mel Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Mel Smith

Name

Mel Smith

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Athabasca Sturgeon Redwater

Submission

Council of the Town of Redwater made an official resolution at their July 4, 2017 Council meeting to submit feedback regarding the electoral boundaries change. Council is requesting that the electoral boundary for Athabasca Sturgeon Redwater remain as is. The current boundary structure involves many like-minded communities with similar interests; whereas, the proposed boundary includes a large urban centre which will include very different interests compared to rural communities. Council is concerned that representation of rural needs will be overshadowed by urban interests. Council believes that it would be in the best interest of Redwater and surrounding rural area residents for the boundaries to remain unchanged.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

MLA

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sarah Hartlen
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:20:26 PM

From: Sarah Hartlen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sarah Hartlen

Name

Sarah Hartlen

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary-Northern Hills

Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to give my feedback on the proposed Electoral Boundary changes.

As a community member in Coventry Hills, the changes proposed would align us with Skyview Ranch, which is a community with very different needs from our own, and sharing an MLA would not be beneficial to those individual needs. The Northern Hills community is working towards common goals and desires. As a member of this community, and more specifically as a parent who has joined the fight for a public high school to be built in our community, I would like to see the electoral boundaries stay as they are for the following reasons:

- Remaining a single riding of Northern Hills respects shared community interests, developing a strong relationship between residents of a single community association, our city councillors, and our MLA.
- Maintaining the current boundaries respects the legislated boundary requirements, and the existing natural geographical boundaries of Deerfoot Trail on the East / South, Beddington to the West / South, and Stoney Trail to the North.
- Coordinating and communicating with 3 different MLAs in regards to our needs would create an unnecessary obstacle for affecting necessary changes; and places an unfair burden on the MLAs charged with representing us as they balance geographic divides, unique interests and diverse needs among communities not only regarding schools, but infrastructure, social enterprise and healthcare.

Why try to fix something that isn't broken?

I thank you for your time and consideration of the needs of the Calgary-Northern Hills constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Calgary - Northern Hills MLA

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Nora Kish
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:20:33 PM

From: Nora Kish [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Nora Kish

Name
Nora Kish
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Submission
I am opposed to splitting up the Northern Hills area of Calgary. It doesn't make sense, and will be a detriment to our community.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Connie Hamilton
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:20:53 PM

From: Connie Hamilton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Connie Hamilton

Name

Connie Hamilton

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary Northern Hills

Submission

I strongly agree and support keeping our communities together. The Advocates for North Calgary High School, as an organization, have filed an objection to this proposal, requesting that the current constituency of Northern Hills remain intact, with Hanson Ranch being moved to within the Hidden Valley constituency (currently Calgary - Foothills) if anything were to change. Our objection was filed June 21, 2017 and can be found online, along with all submissions from across the province.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Boundaries for SE Alberta
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:21:50 PM

From: Gerry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Info - EBC
Cc: medicine.hat@assembly.ab.ca; 'Cypress MedicineHat'
Subject: Boundaries for SE Alberta

I am troubled by the proposed boundaries for Medicine Hat and Cypress-Medicine Hat. The tax payers of SE Alberta including Medicine Hat, Cypress-Medicine Hat constituency will loose in the long run with the proposed boundary changes. The citizens of Medicine Hat will have gone from two representatives to only one, not increasing to three MLA's as some reports have suggested. The proposed changes will increase the size of the constituencies. This increase, will make it more troublesome for the MLA to cover the increased territory. Please leave the boundaries as they are in the Medicine Hat region.

Gerry Gaede
Gerry's Ad Cellar Inc.

[REDACTED]
Medicine Hat, AB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dawn Messer
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:22:04 PM

From: Dawn Messer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dawn Messer

Name
Dawn Messer
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>I am a volunteer on our community association board and have been for over 5 years. We are a tri community of 3 different small communities. Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge. You have separated all 3 of these communities into 3 different electoral boundaries.</p> <p>This proposal will lead to inconvenience for the community association to deal with multiple MLAs and constituency offices as well as cause confusion for the residents in terms of who their MLA is. In addition, a confusion may arise at the time of applying for grants and receiving letters of support for the association. Please reconsider these boundaries you have suggested.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
Current MLA

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Dan Kennelly
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:30:30 PM

From: Dan Kennelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Dan Kennelly

Name

Dan Kennelly

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

I am a resident within Calgary Glenmore.
I'm also a board member of the CKE Community Association.
Our association is made up of three communities, Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge.
Under the proposed Electoral Boundary changes, the government would divide our communities into two separate constituencies. Eagle Ridge would stay in Glenmore while Chinook Park and Kelvin Grove would be placed into Acadia. This would cause a lot of confusion for our community and association members because we would have to deal with two constituent offices and government members. As a community association, it would be very difficult communicating between two government departments. This has the potential to completely divide our communities. Eagle Ridge would not be served properly by belonging to a different constituency.

It is my request that the government does not exclude Eagle Ridge from remaining in the same constituency as Chinook Park and Kelvin Grove. It's geographical location has always dictated that it be part of our community association. It makes no sense in separating it.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Was notified by our Community Association President

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jennifer Rose
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:45:38 AM

From: Jennifer Rose [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jennifer Rose

Name

Jennifer Rose

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Ward 3

Submission

Splitting Coventry Hills out of the Northern Hills area does not make sense. Geographically we are not close to the rest of the proposed ward, Deerfoot and the airport separate us. Our issues align more with the rest of Northern Hills than with the other NE communities (eg infrastructure concerns, schools, etc). Please Consider keeping Coventry Hills with the other Northern Hills communities.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Merritt Ranseth
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:45:44 AM

From: Merritt Ranseth [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Merritt Ranseth

Name

Merritt Ranseth

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Glenmore

Submission

My point of view is only for changes made to Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge who make up the CKE Community Association and I have not looked at other changes.

I plan on submitting a formal letter of our disagreement to the proposed changes as the President of said CA. We are a very close knit community with so much going on the last couple years and in the near future that this can only be a distraction and potentially hurt our association. It does not make any logical sense to have 3 MLS represent our very small community. Please rethink this poor decision.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

a direct phone call from Anam Kazim, twitter, facebook and other forms came after

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Shan O'Fee-Byrom
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:45:51 AM

From: Shan O'Fee-Byrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Shan O'Fee-Byrom

Name
Shan O'Fee-Byrom
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary glenmore
Submission
Please don't split our community association into three separate ridings. I live in CKE (Chinook Park-Eagle Ridge-Kelvin Grove) and to be represented in our community by three separate representatives doesn't make a lot of sense. Please redraw the boundaries taking this into consideration and keeping all the CKE communities together in the same riding. Thank you.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jemmie Li-Wong
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:45:56 AM

From: Jemmie Li-Wong [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jemmie Li-Wong

Name
Jemmie Li-Wong
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
Please ensure that the community boundaries of Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge stay in one riding. We are all electors with similar interests and we have a community association which is known as the CKE which is all 3 together and it would not be conducive to the community to split the 3 up.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Erin Stanford
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:46:03 AM

From: Erin Stanford [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Erin Stanford

Name

Erin Stanford

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

I live in Chinook Park, which is currently part of Calgary Glenmore. It is a small community, as are Kelvin Grove & Eagle Ridge. We are all small enough that we form a single community association called CKE.

Strong communities are an important part of our province, however your suggested boundary changes have our communities being divided into 3 different ridings. This means our association would need to work with three MLAs to deal with community issues at a provincial level. Three MLAs being invited to a single community event. Three MLAs reporting back to a single community association. Also, three times the work for our tireless volunteers.

Hopefully you can reconsider splitting us up (there aren't many of us in the first place!) as it is more effective for all involved if we stick together, in which ever riding you decide is appropriate.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sara Nieboer
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:46:15 AM

From: Sara Nieboer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 8:14 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sara Nieboer

Name

Sara Nieboer

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

Bow Island
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Cypress Medicine Hat

Submission

The proposed boundary change in my constituency will result in a riding so large my MLA will be unable to adequately represent the people. Please do not go ahead with the proposed boundary change. The rural resident plays a large part in the Alberta economy and we deserve to have our voices heard in the legislature.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from james Bremner
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:46:23 AM

From: james Bremner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:17 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from james Bremner

Name
james Bremner
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>As a resident of the Chinook Park community, I am very concerned at the splitting of CKE (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge) communities into three separate constituencies. Our three small communities have traditionally affiliated in order to gain a "critical mass" to support community initiatives and activities. By splitting this across three MLAs, our hard working community association executive will be forced to work that much harder to engage with the provincial government.</p> <p>Our community has much less in common with the communities in Calgary Acadia than with our current Calgary Glenmore, including the important SW BRT project.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ed Reddy
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:46:33 AM

From: Ed Reddy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:35 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Ed Reddy

Name

Ed Reddy

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Northern Hills

Submission

I do not believe that in splitting up the north central electoral district makes any type of reasonable sense. It makes more sense to keep north-central on the west side of the chair forward with those in that same area as our concerns are aligned with panorama, Countryhills, Coventry Hills, hidden Valley, and harvest Hills. This region deserves to be in one electoral district not three

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Melissa Ramkissoon
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:46:38 AM

From: Melissa Ramkissoon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 10:01 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Melissa Ramkissoon

Name

Melissa Ramkissoon

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Harvest Hills (North Calgary)

Submission

In a recent paper it was showing that the Northern Hills constituency is going to be divided into three and move our constituency to the North East constituency. Please reconsider making this change. Our community likes to be looked over by you. We get removed from the Greenline, we don't get approved for a Highschool, there is no public school unless you bus your kids 20mins away. We are a growing community but splitting us into a constituency that currently has a high school and an LRT line would make it very unlikely for us to be considered for one in the future. The Coventry, Country Hills, Panorama, and Harvest Hills communities are really strong together we support each other. Breaking up this great network for whatever reason doesn't help anyone. Unless you can show proof that making the decision to make this change is going to have Harvest Hills best interest in mind then please reconsider.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Peter MacKay
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:46:47 AM

From: Peter MacKay [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 10:09 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Peter MacKay

Name

Peter MacKay

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

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

Grande Prairie

Submission

I think that Grande Prairie should definitely have it's own urban riding. Grande Prairie has become a mature city since the last electoral boundary review. Grande Prairie has a unique set of challenges and the needs of our citizens will be best served by a dedicated urban MLA, focused on the specific needs of the city of Grande Prairie.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Heard from a friend.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Stephanie MacKay
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:46:53 AM

From: Stephanie MacKay [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 10:12 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Stephanie MacKay

Name
Stephanie MacKay
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Grande Prairie Map It
Electoral Constituency
Grande Prairie
Submission
Grande Prairie has really grown into a city over the last decade or so. We need to have representation in the legislature that reflects our identity. We should have our own, urban MLA. Please give Grande Prairie the dedicated representative we deserve.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Heard from a friend.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from VaLinda Ivanics
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:47:01 AM

From: VaLinda Ivanics [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:07 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from VaLinda Ivanics

Name
VaLinda Ivanics
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
[REDACTED]
Address
Medicine Hat Map It
Electoral Constituency
Cypress-Medicine Hat
Submission
July 5, 2017
Re: Alberta Electoral Boundary of Taber - Vulcan
To Whom it May Concern:
Thank you for the many hours your committee has laboured on behalf of Albertans. Please allow me to comment on the proposed constituency Taber - Vulcan. This constituency is geographically too large and diverse to be effectively represented by one Member of the Legislature. This enormous land mass disadvantages rural communities and those who represent them. Travel time and expense would be significantly greater than nearly all other ridings in Alberta. There is no guarantee of monies supplied to cover these expenses either now or in the future. In a time, when our Province is focusing on energy conservation and efficiency should someone need to drive hours outside their community to meet with their MLA? Or an MLA be forced to fly from one community to the next to touch base with his/her constituents?
I agree that Taber - Vulcan is agriculturally based, however the diversity of agriculture is great. The intensity of farming operations and density of population increases as one moves east to west therefore the challenges each area faces vary significantly. In the southeast corner wherein there are great rolling hills, light soils, arid climate, and vast tracts of native prairie, suitable (agriculturally speaking) only for light grazing of domestic animals. The north west portion of the proposed riding is better suited for intensive agriculture. It hosts extensive irrigation systems facilitating intensive cropping and livestock operations.

I would prefer Cypress-Medicine Hat Constituency current boundaries remain intact. A blended constituency is ideal in this area. If the population is too low to meet targets then please consider moving a greater portion of the City of Medicine Hat into the riding rather than rural lands. If the City were divided using an easily identified landmark residents would have clarity on where their riding starts and ends and who represents them. A natural dividing line in Medicine Hat is the South Saskatchewan River as the City is fairly equally divided in terms of both population and development on either side of the banks I agree with others who spoke about Medicine Hat and area during the consultation process. Urban and rural values and culture are consistent as the City is the economic and social hub for southeastern Alberta.

The west side of the proposed Taber - Vulcan riding has significant north - south travel corridors, setting it apart, once again, from its eastern counterpart. The west boundary, Highway 4, is a vital thoroughfare with the only USA Port of Entry in Alberta open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Also Highway 36, a north - south roadway linking to Highway 4 at its south most point and Lac La Biche at its north most point is a profoundly important trade/transport corridor for the Province. It seems logical to group these elements within a constituency as population would allow perhaps drawing the boundary line closer to or within Lethbridge.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Kind Regards,
VaLinda Ivanics

[REDACTED]

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Twitter

June 28/17
EBC-2016-17-2-271

The Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Sirs:

I know your job is not easy, but please think more carefully.

To divide Cypress County, as you propose, and attach part of it to Brooks and another part to Taber is MADNESS!!

Cypress County, particularly the Cypress Hills and northward, is a bloc of mutual interests centred on Medicine Hat. Electoral boundaries in this area need to remain more or less as they are.

The Palston area could be an exception, but to combine part of Medicine Hat and its immediate surroundings with Brooks is absurd. Likewise, Elkwater and area ~~are~~ unrelated to Taber in any sensible way.

Very concerned,
Charmaine Wood
[REDACTED] IRVINE, AB [REDACTED]

Bear in mind also that the rural areas are already overpowered by the urban. Please don't make it worse.

Barnes requests public input on electoral boundary changes

Sheer madness if true !!



MESSAGE FROM OUR MLA

By DREW BARNES
MLA Cypress-Shadow Minister for Energy:
Contact: 403-528-2191
Edmonton: 780-427-6662
Email at:
cypress.medicinehat@assembly.ab.ca

With the electoral boundaries commission releasing their Interim Report, and major changes on the horizon, Cypress-Medicine Hat MLA Drew Barnes is increasingly concerned about the lack of rural and Medicine Hat representation in the new constituency reallocation. This is immediately evidenced by 3 rural seats eliminated province-wide. In the new re-draw, only one constituency bares the Medicine Hat name.

In a letter that he recently wrote to Justice Bielby, who was appointed to preside over the Boundaries Commission, he stated "it is with sincere conviction that (he expresses) the necessity for adequate representation in

rural Alberta. Southern Alberta losing a seat is effectively taking another rural voice out of the legislature.

Our rural citizens are already sitting at the margins of representation and (he) would hate to see their influence limited."

Barnes notes that Cypress-Medicine Hat and Medicine Hat should be kept as they are as they fit within the current evaluation guidelines proposed by the committee this term. Based on an assessment category coined "common communities of interest" Barnes has noted that Cypress-Medicine Hat already fits into this category with its focus on agriculture, proportionate population density

and rural nature.

If the boundaries were to change as indicated in the report, the constituency would be obsolete. The Medicine Hat riding would gain Ross Glen, while Southridge and Desert Blume would go to the newly formed constituency of Brooks-Cypress along with Redcliff and Ralston. The communities of Bow Island, Foremost, Etzikom, Elkwater all the way up to Dunmore will go to Taber-Vulcan.

The Boundaries Commission is asking for public input. Input will be accepted online at www.abebc.ca. MLA Barnes has requested that "a hearing be scheduled in Medicine Hat as (Cypress-Medicine hat is) at the center of one of the most affected areas of the province." While he acknowledges that the committee is accepting written feedback, he feels that the best way to have adequate representation of his constituents would be to hold a hearing locally.

VILLAGE OF FOREMOST

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June 27, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100 1150 Kingsway Ave.
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5G 2Y5

Dear Sirs:

Re: Alberta Electoral Boundary Review for 2016/2017

The Council of the Village of Foremost is very concerned about the proposed changes to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Review for 2016/2017.


These proposed changes would eliminate Cypress-Medicine Hat as a constituency and create two new ones in its place, Brooks-Cypress which would include Southridge, Desert Blume and Redcliff, Taber-Vulcan would expand to include Veinerville and Dunmore, and lastly Ross Glen would move into Medicine Hat.

Under the proposed changes, the Cypress Hills would cease to be a part of Brooks-Cypress and would be added to a new and much larger riding-Taber-Vulcan. In addition, the County of Forty Mile and the Southern portions of Cypress-County would be added to the Little Bow area of Taber-Vulcan as well (making Taber-Vulcan one of the largest constituencies in the province). Thus covering a vast area with a northern end 20 minutes from Calgary and a southern end that stretches all the way to the border.

This makes it incredibly difficult for an MLA to effectively represent a near insurmountable distance at an effective level. This will make it incredibly hard for rural voices to be heard.

We must not take seats out of rural Alberta. The Cypress-Medicine Hat Constituency needs to remain as it currently stands, which allows for effective representation of both the city and surrounding rural communities.

Yours truly,


Ken R. Kungert
Mayor

Cc: Drew Barnes, MLA
Cypress-Medicine Hat



BEAVER COUNTY

Box 140
Ryley, Alberta T0B 4A0

June 29, 2017

Honourable Myra Belby
Chair, Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100
11510 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5G 2Y5

Dear Honourable Belby:

Re: Electoral Boundaries Review

I take this opportunity to support the position in the attached letter from Mayor Harold Conquest of the Town of Tofield. Mayor Conquest could not have stated our position better and we support the Town's position completely.

We have worked hard in region to overcome local interests in the desire to work with one "regional" voice, while supporting each community's independence.

We believe having one constituency for our County and one MLA represent all of us in our region will further our regional relationship to the Province and allow us to advance our region's sustainability and vitality.

Yours truly,

Reeve Kevin Smook
Beaver County

Cc: Beaver County Council
Towns of Tofield and Viking, Villages of Ryley and Holden



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June 12, 2017

Alberta Electoral
Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB
T5G 2Y5

RE: Central Peace Notley

The Municipal District of Spirit River has had an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries proposed by the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. The MD Council is concerned that the size of our electoral division was already large but with the size of the communities within the division there was fairly equal division of rural and small urban population.

We are concerned that the size of the area as proposed will be significantly larger and we believe that the addition of the new population added to the division from the GP Wapiti riding will dilute the rural and small urban voice as well as shift the influence to the south where before it was fairly balanced.

I trust you will consider our point of view in your final report.

Sincerely,

Stan Bzowy
Reeve



MAYOR DON IVESON
CITY OF EDMONTON

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June 30, 2017

The Honourable Justice Myra Bielby
Chair, Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5

Dear Justice Bielby,

On June 28, Edmonton City Council reviewed the May 2017 Interim Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. The City of Edmonton appreciates the opportunity to make the following comments in advance of the Commission's Public Hearings:

1. The establishment of the 20th electoral district ensures that representation levels for all Edmontonians remain manageable and fall within the average population as established by the Commission.
2. The establishment of the electoral districts in the south reflects the City's future annexation lands and City boundaries.
3. Some of the proposed district names may be confusing to the public due to their similarity to each other e.g. Edmonton-Mill Woods West and Edmonton-Mill Woods East.
4. The current and new City Council look forward to working closing with MLAs and delivering services to our shared populations.

My City Council colleagues have unanimously directed that I speak on their behalf at the Commission's public hearing.

In light of the fast-paced growth in the Province and City of Edmonton, we support a review of Alberta Electoral boundaries earlier than the proposed review in eight years, to reflect changes in population and otherwise.

Yours truly,

Don Iveson
Mayor

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Matthew Kreke
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:18 PM

From: Matthew Kreke [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Matthew Kreke

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Matthew Kreke
Email
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Address
Starland County Map It
Electoral Constituency
Drumheller-Stettler
Submission
<p>Writing on behalf of Starland County, I would like to express our concern and disappointment with the AEBC's recommendations in their Interim Report. The current proposal would take our electoral division from being 24% below average to 16% above average which generally speaking means as an outcome of this process our residents will see the greatest reduction in the weight of their vote of nearly every constituency in Alberta. The report goes to great lengths to discuss how Alberta is no longer rural and that "rural voice" is not a consideration. Additionally it chose to create no more S.15 Ridings while noting that ridings such as ours have good roads which make them different to the two ridings which have been granted special status. We strongly disagree that the presence of good roads will make it easier to effectively represent both Castor and Strathmore.</p> <p>Starland strongly agrees with the minority report that imbalance repeatedly referred to by the report between a district in Calgary and Lesser Slave or Peace River could be resolved by re-organizing the ridings of Edmonton and Calgary to more evenly distribute the population. The current recommendations will only further the dominance of Calgary and Edmonton in the Legislature at the expense of rural areas like Starland. Additionally the votes in our riding will be further diluted in comparison to any Calgary or Edmonton riding. The report justifies this dilution with the assumption that our population will shrink to the average by the time the next Boundary Commission is convened. We think that if the Commission think our area is struggling they would respond with more effective representation not less.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jo-Anne Wright
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:19 PM

From: Jo-Anne Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jo-Anne Wright

Name
Jo-Anne Wright
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Address
Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Mill Creek
Submission
<p>According to Wikipedia (and my own personal knowledge) Mill Woods is a residential area in the City of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Located in southeast Edmonton, Mill Woods is bounded by Whitemud Drive (Highway 14) to the north, 91 Street to the west, 34 Street to the east, and Anthony Henday Drive (Highway 216) to the south.[5] Mill Woods is adjacent to three other residential areas including The Meadows to the east across 34 Street, and Southeast Edmonton and Ellerslie to the south and southwest respectively across Anthony Henday Drive.</p> <p>Given the geographical community boundaries, it would make more sense to have the divide along 34 Street with the east border being the Anthony Henday. Having the section east of 17 Street to the Henday does not align with the demographics of Edmonton-East as it is an older, established population with different needs. This configuration also follows similar boundaries of the municipal Ward 12. North and south boundaries would naturally be Whitemud to the north and Anthony Henday to the south. The demographics of the newer developments in the area is more similar to the existing population of Edmonton Millcreek with a diverse ethnicity including Latino, Indigenous, Pilipino and other south Asian groups.</p> <p>My recommendation is to rename it "Edmonton Meadows" to recognize the established Community Leagues that operate in the area (The Meadows and Fulton Meadows). In order to offset the increased population to the proposed Mill Woods-West constituency (taken from the area between 50 St & 34 St), the dividing line between it and Edmonton-Ellerslie could be 23 Ave which is another major traffic artery (natural split). As this does divide up the neighbourhoods of Mill Woods, it could then be called Mill Woods-North (to differentiate it from the federal Edmonton-Mill Woods riding). By providing Edmonton-Ellerslie this additional population between 23 Ave & the Henday compensates for the area shaved off from its eastern boundary for Edmonton-Meadows.</p>

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

colleagues



July 7, 2017

Honourable Madam Justice Myra Bielby
 Chair
 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
 Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Ave
 Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Email: info@ABebc.ca

Dear Justice Bielby:

Re: Redistribution of Provincial Electoral Boundaries – Southeast Alberta

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Commission's proposal for redistribution of provincial electoral boundaries. On behalf of Palliser Economic Partnership Ltd, we respectfully ask that the Commission revise its recommendations regarding the new electoral districts proposed for Southeast Alberta.

Palliser Economic Partnership is (PEP) was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 2001. Its shareholders consist of twenty urban and rural municipalities and a post-secondary institution located in Southeast Alberta (see attached map). PEP is a member driven organization, with board members that include elected officials and business representatives from the region. More information regarding PEP can be sourced at www.palliseralberta.com.

Rural Alberta faces a wide range of challenges among them sparse population, limited growth opportunities, reduced provincial government spending in health and education, and physical infrastructure necessary to induce and attract business development. To that we now add rural constituencies becoming a convenience for those other than the voters who reside there.

The Commission's report to Honourable Robert Wanner makes reference to Madam Justice McLachlin (now Chief Justice of Canada) that

"It emerges therefore that deviations from absolute voter parity may be justified on the grounds of practical impossibility or the provision of more effective representation. Justice McLachlin went on state that "The problems of representing vast, sparsely populated territories, for example, may dictate somewhat lower voter populations in these districts; to insist on voter parity might deprive citizens with distinct interests of an effective voice in the legislative process as well as of effective assistance from their representatives in their "ombudsman" role.

While the Commission references the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court decision regarding latitudes it has to create and configure electoral districts the Commission has virtually ignored this advice when it established the new electoral districts in Southeast Alberta.

In the proposed **Taber – Vulcan** constituency it's a mere 300 km distance between Vulcan and Walsh and in the proposed **Strathmore – Drumheller** constituency its 335 km from Altario to Strathmore. These distances are greater than the distance between Edmonton and Calgary. To address the issue of distance in geographic size the "interim report" suggests that additional staff may be provided to the MLA, that Alberta highways are top notch which they are but you do not address winter and winter driving road conditions in rural Alberta which can in some years be more than six months of the year. Your additional suggestion that Internet / Broadband will also address issue of contact and communication with MLAs is also quite disconcerting.

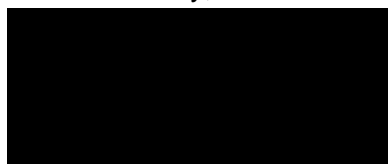
The Canadian Radio and Telecommunication Commission recently announced that the new minimum standard for Canada is *50 Mbps for downloads and 10 Mbps for uploads*. This standard does not exist in virtually all of rural Alberta which is already disadvantaged by having the poorest levels of broadband connectivity in the province. There is also little evidence to support your contention that rural broadband connectivity will improve in the next several years. The private sector has not rushed into rural Alberta to provide improved / enhanced broadband service nor is it going to do so. There is also no evidence that the Government of Alberta plans to alter the policy and the operations of the Alberta SuperNet to effect significant broadband improvements for rural Alberta.

The other point we wish to raise is the while it is not acceptable for the Commission to create blended constituencies in Edmonton or Calgary due to the fact that the voters there would have nothing in common with their rural neighbours yet it is acceptable to create a blended constituency in Southeast Alberta. The proposed **Brooks – Cypress** electoral district will include an urban portion of the City of Medicine Hat. These Medicine Hat voters will now be part of a rural constituency with voters in the farming – ranching community of Gem a mere 170 kilometers distant from one another. Again, does such a large geographic electoral district of this size really make common sense.

While we appreciate the work of the Commission we do not support the new electoral districts proposed for Southeast Alberta. As the geographic size of rural ridings' increase it does not assist the rural voter to be in contact with his / her MLA or vice versa. Nor does driving excessive distance on good roads in bad weather or reliance on less than adequate broadband service serve as sufficient responses to this issue for rural Albertans.

The Commission needs to re-evaluate the proposed constituencies and take other criteria into account to ensure effective representation for Albertans residing in Southeast Alberta. The Commission has the authority to implement, if necessary, the up to 25% deviation rule to maintain the existing electoral districts in Southeast Alberta and we encourage you to do so.

Sincerely,



Jay Siemp
Chair

cc.: Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca
Robert (Bob) Wanner, MLA for Medicine Hat medicine.hat@assembly.ab.ca
Drew Barnes, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat cypress.medicinehat@assembly.ab.ca

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Attachment: Palliser Economic Partnership Members Map

Palliser Economic Partnership Members Map



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To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Colleen Matthews
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:23 PM

From: Colleen Matthews [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Colleen Matthews

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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>Our community association represents our three neighbourhoods (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge). The proposal to put each neighbourhood of our community into a separate electoral riding is very fragmenting and really necessitates a disbandment of our community association as they will no longer be able to represent our collective interests in a unified way. They will have to liaise with 3 different MLA's etc and this is too much work for a volunteer based neighbourhood group.</p> <p>Please don't break apart our community. Please keep us together in one unified group and electoral riding.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Colleen</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Clifford Smith
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:26 PM

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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Clifford Smith

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Clifford Smith

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Phone

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

I have recently learned that there is a plan to divide the Calgary community that consists of Eagle Ridge, Kelvin Grove and Chinook Park (CKE) and that currently falls into the electoral constituency of Calgary Glenmore. Previously all of CKE fell within Calgary Glenmore. The proposed changes will move Kelvin Grove into Calgary-Elbow, and Chinook Park into Calgary-Acadia, leaving Eagle Ridge in Calgary-Glenmore. We are all part of a single community association and together have funded a new community hall and other community assets and initiatives. We are united in sharing schools, community assets such as the community hall and play grounds, park areas, transportation corridors, etc. We are represented as one voice with the Calgary Police Service in neighborhood watch programs etc. I vigorously oppose this separation of our community and believe that it will operate to diffuse our representation at the legislative level. Please do not do this!

Thank you for considering this submission of an Eagle Ridge resident since 1981.

How did you hear about the review?

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

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Trudy Baker
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:38 PM

From: Trudy Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Trudy Baker

Name

Trudy Baker

Email

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Phone

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

There is a proposal to split our neighbourhood , into 3 ridings.
Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge
This is not acceptable to me.
We are a small community and having only one MLA to deal with is significantly easier than 3.
United we stand, divided we fall.
Thank you,
Trudy Baker

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Barb Homer
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:38 PM

From: Barb Homer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Barb Homer

Name

Barb Homer

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

[REDACTED]

We live in Chinook Park and are part of the Eagle Ridge/Kelvin Grove/Chinook Park Community Association (CKE). We are an active community organization with common concerns. It would be very difficult if our community was represented by three different MLAs. Please reconsider your current boundary plans to allow CKE to be represented by one individual. My suggested options would be to leave our entire community in Calgary-Glenmore, or to extend the Calgary-Elbow's south boundary to Heritage Drive on the west side of Elbow Drive and encompass Eagle Ridge as well. CKE is a united community and should be regarded as such.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Judy MacLachlan
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:44 PM

From: Judy MacLachlan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Judy MacLachlan

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Judy MacLachlan
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>The proposed changes to Calgary Glenmore would split a single community association, consisting of three small communities, which have been consistently represented in the same riding for the entire time I have lived in Chinook Park since 1990. Collectively, the communities face the same issues related to education (children in our community can walk to elementary and high school), transportation (particularly as we will be affected by the construction and ultimate implementation of the new provincial ring road), urban densification and other local challenges. To be split among 3 other large ridings means our collective voice will be marginalized and overwhelmed. We come together to work and socialize in a relatively small space which the province has recently funded by grant to build a new hall so that we can achieve our common community endeavours. We urge the AEBC to consider the negative ramifications to the collective of these three small urban communities.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
CKE Community email

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Allison Brown
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:52 PM

From: Allison Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Allison Brown

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Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>I write to request that in any future constituency boundary changes, that the communities of Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, and Eagle Ridge (CKE) be kept together. For the past 55 years the 3 communities have acted and thought of themselves as one - a single community association, a single designated school, communal sports programs, ...</p> <p>New boundaries would mean, on provincial matters, dealing with 3 different MLAs, rather inefficient I suggest.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
CKE Community Association

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Thomas Loucks
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:49:57 PM

From: Thomas Loucks [REDACTED]
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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Thomas Loucks

Name

Thomas Loucks

Email

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Phone

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

Please don't split our Community association CKE (Chinook, Kelvin Grove & Eagle Ridge) into three different ridings. We have worked successfully together for many years and will soon have a beautiful new community hall. For volunteers having to work in future with three different MLA's will be cumbersome and likely ineffective.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from William Montague
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:05 PM

From: William Montague [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from William Montague

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William Montague
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
Kelvin Grove and Chinook Park must retain the same Constituency. The Chinook Elementary School is so important to the combined neighborhoods and the combined neighborhoods to Chinook Park (and to Wisewood). This realignment splits one strong neighborhood into two political entities. Please, please rethink. We request and require this nonsense to stop.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
JCC and CKE

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Beverly Silverstone
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:08 PM

From: Beverly Silverstone [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Beverly Silverstone

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Beverly Silverstone
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>Hello, This is to voice my opposition to the changes in boundaries in Calgary that would split Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge into 3 different ridings. They are currently in Calgary Glenmore. The 3 communities, which are small and adjoin each other, have functioned as one for many years - sharing a Community Centre and community events and also as a unit dealing with major impacts - like this -- to our community. We are a united group, which these boundary changes threaten to break apart. As said, this is to voice my opposition.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Other
word of mouth

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sandra Percival Kaczmarek
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:15 PM

From: Sandra Percival Kaczmarek [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sandra Percival Kaczmarek

Name

Sandra Percival Kaczmarek

Email

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Phone

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

My husband and I want to remain a part of the CKE community so that our wishes &/or concerns may be considered in the future. "Kelvin Grove/Chinook Park/Eagle Ridge", as CKE, has been functionally integral in our lives for over 25 years. Why do not change what is "working"?

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sonia Tyhonchuk
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:20 PM

From: Sonia Tyhonchuk [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:31 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Sonia Tyhonchuk

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Sonia Tyhonchuk

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

Calgary Klein

Submission

Splitting a constituency by a major roadway (in this case Highway 2 Deerfoot Trail) and large swaths of commercial/ industrial lands, creates a geographic disconnect within a constituency that in our situation will pit neighbourhood versus neighbourhood because of unique and diverse needs and priorities. Some of the communities that are proposed within the new boundaries of Calgary Klein are not connected in any way.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Constituency email

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Beverley Abels
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:25 PM

From: Beverley Abels [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 7:08 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Beverley Abels

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Beverley Abels
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary-Glenmore
Submission
I do not wish to see the CKE communities split across 3 different ridings. The community association has a good relationship with the designated MLA, and it would be sad to dilute our input on important issues.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
email

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jason Watt
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:30 PM

From: Jason Watt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 7:20 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jason Watt

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Jason Watt
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[REDACTED]
Address
Edmonton Map It
Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Manning
Submission
<p>My name is Jason Watt. I am a resident of the neighbourhood of McLeod, which is proposed to be moved from Edmonton Manning to Edmonton Decore. I don't believe this change is the most logical. I will present my reasons here, as well as an alternate solution.</p> <p>Proposed by the Committee:</p> <p>To move the Edmonton Manning boundary from 66 Street, east on 153 Ave to 58 Street (a road that doesn't even exist across half the proposed division), south to 144 Ave (a major E-W thoroughfare) and then West back to 66 Street.</p> <p>Committee solution outcomes:</p> <p>Divides McLeod Community League, which comprises neighbourhoods of Miller, Casselman, Hollick-Kenyon, Matt Berry, and McLeod.</p> <p>Leaves residents on either side of 58 Street, a quiet residential street, in two different ridings.</p> <p>Adds approx. 2226 (2016 Edmonton Municipal Census) to Edmonton Decore, bringing total population to 49,862, but including no neighbourhoods with significant growth potential.</p> <p>Jason Watt proposed solution:</p> <p>Move the Edmonton Manning boundary south to 144 Ave, then cut East to 50 Street, then south to Fort Road/Manning Fwy, then southwest to 66 Street.</p>

Jason Watt proposed solution outcomes:

Leaves all Community Leagues (Steele Heights, Kilkenny, Londonderry, McLeod, and Belvedere) intact. Moves a larger population (3,901 from York and 5,169 from Belvedere) into Edmonton Decore, giving a total of 56,706. Larger than the desired population, but includes no neighbourhoods that are likely to undergo significant population growth.

Uses busy roads (based on Committee's goal of using geographic boundaries) 144 Ave, 50 Street, and Fort Road/Manning Freeway, rather than quiet residential streets.

Removes Steele Heights/York from Edmonton Manning, reducing its population count to 50,133, which is still larger than the desired target population. It includes areas that are likely to experience significant growth over the next decade, and have likely already experienced growth that has not been counted. Likely, by the next provincial election, Edmonton Manning and Edmonton Decore would have similar population counts.

Removes Belvedere from Edmonton Beverly-Clareview, giving it boundaries that also make more sense, given existing roads. It moves the boundary from 66 Street/137 Ave to Fort Road, which is a more obvious geographic division. Leaves Edmonton Beverly-Clareview with a population of 41,347. Creates an easy adjustment next time this has to be shifted, as the community of Fraser (current population 3489, but subject to likely future growth) can be moved entirely intact from Edmonton Manning to Edmonton Beverly-Clareview, depending on population growth during that time.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lindy Dawson
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:36 PM

From: Lindy Dawson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Lindy Dawson

Name

Lindy Dawson

Email

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

We are members of the chinook park-kelvin grove-eagle ridge ca. We understand the electoral boundaries are proposed to change. We consider ourselves part of the same community. Our children share the same schools, we share the same roadways and have a sense of community that has taken many years and much effort to develop. We pride ourselves on being an active and engaged community. It would be a travesty to divide such a unique and community oriented community.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Rob Dawson
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:45 PM

From: Rob Dawson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:23 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Rob Dawson

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Rob Dawson
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary glenmore
Submission
<p>Good day,</p> <p>I see from the newly proposed electoral boundaries, our community, chinook park,kelvin grove, eagle ridge (CKE community association) will be split amongst three provincial ridings.</p> <p>A core principal in our system should be the ability of a community to effectively engage in dialogue with their municipal, provincial and federal representatives. This is very clearly best achieved with a one community one representative policy (the current situation and one that has worked well). The proposed boundary dramatically reduces the effectiveness of this dialogue by giving three provincial representatives to a single community association thereby splintering the efforts of our grass roots, volunteer based (and very collaborative, respectful and effective) association.</p> <p>I like to attend our community events and engage in dialogue with our single representative. Trying to engage with three MLAs at a community level to me subverts the core basis of our system where there is a clear line of sight from our community to our government.</p> <p>Please reconsider this boundary and make as a policy that community associations will not be carved up in future boundary adjustments.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Rob dawson</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper (Print)• Newspaper (Online)• Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Laura Neary
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:50 PM

From: Laura Neary [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 11:06 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Laura Neary

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Laura Neary
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
Request CKE(Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge) not be split between electoral boundaries.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Community Association

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Judy Rice
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:59 PM

From: Judy Rice [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Judy Rice

Name

Judy Rice

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

I do not believe it appropriate that our community association be divided as proposed.
The proposal sees our association divided into three different constituencies which is ludicrous.
We have one community association, our children attend the same schools, play sports together and we are neighbours.
This new proposal has Eagle Ridge as part of a constituency with no proximity to the other communities.
We do not have the same concerns and issues. The same applies to Chinook Park and Kelvin Grove.
Please rethink the change of boundaries.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Community

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sandra Peacock
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:51:06 PM

From: Sandra Peacock [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Sandra Peacock

Name
Sandra Peacock
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
I recently learned that our community will be split into three different electoral constituencies - We are currently Chinook Park - Kelvin Grove - Eagle Ridge. Since we function very strongly as a community association involving all three of these neighbourhoods, I would prefer that we NOT end up at the periphery of three different riding but rather remain together in one of the ridings. Thank you for reconsidering this.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
CKE (Chinook Park/Kelvin Grove/Eagle Ridge Community Association)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lisa MacFarlane
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:51:14 PM

From: Lisa MacFarlane [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Lisa MacFarlane

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Lisa MacFarlane

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

Hello,

I am writing to voice my concerns of the proposed boundary changes that will affect my community. The changes would split the communities within our Community Association of CKE (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge) into three different electoral constituencies. We've had a strong Community Association for a number of generations where residents have worked together to build a strong, safe, loving environment to raise our children and give back to the community, the city and the world at large. We have an effective relationship with all levels of government including our Provincial MLA. The electoral boundary changes would diminish our collective voice to the detriment of all residents within our three communities.

I strongly urge you to reconsider these boundary changes as it relates to our communities of Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge so that we may stay together in ONE electoral constituency. Failure to do so would send a message that boundary determination is a mere factor of community population numbers and does not take into consideration the connectivity between these communities and the families and voices that live within them.

Thank you for your consideration.
Lisa MacFarlane

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

CKE Community Association Newsletter - Online Updates

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Carolyn Skov
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:51:16 PM

From: Carolyn Skov [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Carolyn Skov

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Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
Please do not split our community CKE (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, and Eagle Ridge) into different electoral districts. It is much better to have one MLA to work with for our community and for the province. Thank You, Carolyn Skov
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Community Letter on email.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Brenda Eisenberg
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:51:25 PM

From: Brenda Eisenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 12:50 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Brenda Eisenberg

Name
Brenda Eisenberg
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
PLEASE LEAVE THE CURRENT ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCY IN PLACE.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from DennisJanice Lang
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:51:34 PM

From: DennisJanice Lang [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from DennisJanice Lang

Name

DennisJanice Lang

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Address

Hines Creek
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Dunnigan Central Peace /Notley

Submission

I am frustrated with the "urban agenda" that drives everything in this province "cause if it works in the city, it should work everywhere"! Well, it doesn't. An MLA in an urban constituency can attend several events in one day where as a rural MLA often has hundreds of kms to drive from one event to another. Don't make our constituencies unmanageable.

What ??? They are going to put Beaverlodge into Dunvegan Notley? Just so Grande Prairie can have 2 urban MLAs cause they are a CITY. You had better consult with the local people first and LISTEN to them! Don't screw up like Ottawa did, putting Fairview in the Peace River Westlock riding when it should have remained with MacKenzie GPS.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Margot Langdon
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:51:41 PM

From: Margot Langdon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 1:46 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Margot Langdon

Name

Margot Langdon

Email

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Phone

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

Previously all of CKE (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge) fell within Calgary Glenmore. The proposed changes will move Kelvin Grove into Calgary-Elbow, and Chinook Park into Calgary-Acadia, leaving Eagle Ridge in Calgary-Glenmore. This would be a very disruptive and "tone deaf" change. CKE is a strong and integrated community and must not be split between electoral boundaries. In the past, the Community Association has had good working relationships with our MLA's. Divided, with small fragments of the community on the periphery of 3 different ridings, it will be much more difficult for us to have important issues addressed effectively, efficiently and consistently. This would be a terrible change.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Through community association.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Lynne Davies
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:51:48 PM

From: Lynne Davies [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Lynne Davies

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Lynne Davies
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Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
? Calgary Glenmore
Submission
I am completely and vehemently opposed to the proposal whereby if the boundaries were changed the residents of Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge would be represented in three separate constituencies - we have a very successful and active community association representative of these three communities which have worked and played together for many years. Please let this success remain.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Chinook Park Kelvin Grove Eagle Ridge Community Association News release and word of mouth.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from John F Davies
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:51:57 PM

From: John F Davies [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from John F Davies

Name

John F Davies

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

Can't remember her name, but is NDP MLA, with offices in Glenmore Shopping Centre

Submission

This gerrymandering of the constituency ridings, is to suit only the most inept and lowest quality politicians in the region. Our 3 communities are very active and engaged and have a pretty consistent and generally uniform manner of voting. By splitting this region among 3 separate constituencies, our voice and interests are completely diluted.

I am completely against any such change in our riding boundaries. The 3 communities, due to their high level of joint interactiveness over the years, must remain in the same constituency

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

personal email

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from patricia jorgensen
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:52:05 PM

From: patricia jorgensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from patricia jorgensen

Name
patricia jorgensen
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calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
calgary-glenmore
Submission
I cannot ubderstand why one would consider separating a community association. Eagle Ridge, Kelvin Grove & Chinook Park are one community with the community Hall, Rink, Park, etc. located in Kelvin Grove. We have all worked YOHEATHER over the years, with basically similar concerns. In fact to separate Eagle Ridge-we definitely would be alonr, bound by the Glenmore reservoir & 14 ST. traffic. Pat
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Pat Jamniczky
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:52:09 PM

From: Pat Jamniczky [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 8:26 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Pat Jamniczky

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Pat Jamniczky
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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>I think the changes to Calgary Glenmore which divide the community association of Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge (CKE Community Association) should be reconsidered. We are a strong community group with a good working relationship among all three areas. It makes good sense for all 3 communities to remain within the same electoral boundary.</p> <p>Please reconsider.</p> <p>Sincerely Pat Jamniczky</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
email from CKE Community Association

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Natalie Harmon
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:52:15 PM

From: Natalie Harmon [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Natalie Harmon

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Natalie Harmon

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

Please do not divide our Community of Chinook Park/Kelvin Grove/ Eagle Ridge into three different ridings. Our community is very aligned in our thinking and we work together on many items. Dividing us into three ridings will dilute our voice and we need to stay as one community voting for one representative.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

community email

Written submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

via: email to info@ABebc.ca

submission in PDF form attached to this email

From: Ken Larsen, Benalto, AB

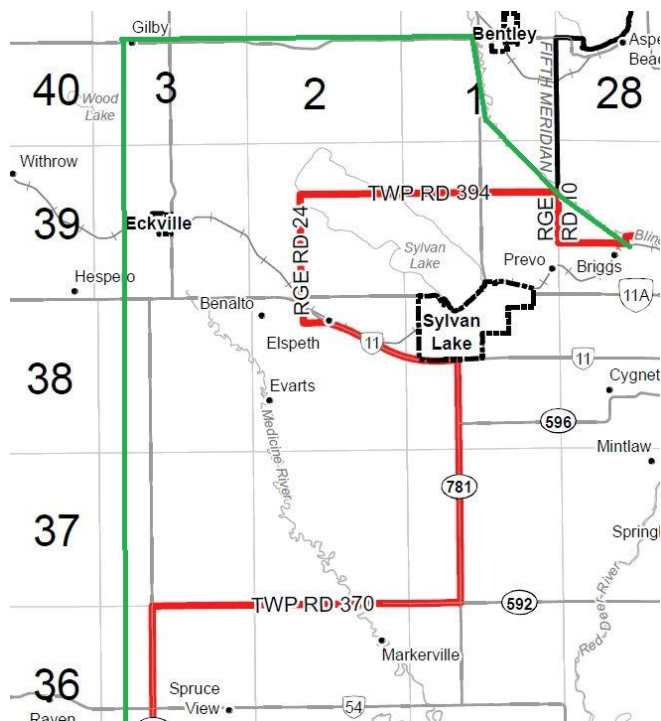
July 9, 2017

Re: Proposed boundary for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

As a long time resident of the Benalto area I would like to suggest the following changes to the proposed boundaries for the Innisfail-Sylvan Lake proposed Electoral Division (May 2017) referencing the following map:

http://abebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/PROPOSED_ED65_INNISFAIL_SYLVAN_LAKE-1.pdf

On the northwest corner of the proposed Innisfail-Sylvan Lake Electoral Division (ED) I believe the natural western boundary for this ED is between RR 40 and highway 766 extending from the Red Deer River north to Highway 12 and from there due east to intersect with the Blindman river - then following the natural barrier of the Blindman River south and east to the boundary proposed in the Commission Report. This approximate natural boundary is shown by the green lines in the following sketch. For clarity I refer to it as the 766 Re-alignment.



I suggest this addition for the following reasons:

The towns of Eckville, Benalto, Evarts, Spruceview/Dickson, Innisfail, and Sylvan Lake are historically linked both economically and culturally.

Natural Barriers and Connections

Initially this linkage followed the soil zones and the type of farming possible based on those soil types. The gray wooded soil zone typically starts a couple of miles west of Highway 766 extending from north to south in a line roughly through the hamlet of Hespero on RR 40 and running west into the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

North of Sylvan Lake proper the gray wooded soil zone extends northwards from an east to west line roughly following Highway 20 from Gilby to its intersection with the Blindman River west of the town of Bentley. This line runs along the south edge of the Medicine Lodge Hills, delineating another natural barrier between the area I propose should be added to the Innisfail – Sylvan Lake ED and adjacent EDs.

Economic and Trading Connections

The Alberta Wheat Pool (AWP) had large grain elevators at both Benalto and Eckville until 1982 and 2001 respectively. United Grain Growers Ltd. built a new grain elevator at Kuusamo, just east of Benalto in 1984 subsequent to rail service to Benalto being discontinued.

In contrast, in the gray wooded zone west of Highway 766 the AWP had only a small elevator at Leslieville and a very short lived elevator at Rocky Mountain House which closed in the late 1960s. This reflected the limited grain production potential of this higher elevation gray wooded soil zone.

The grain economy reflected by these elevators also established the principle trading patterns of the area in a block delineated by Eckville, Spruceview, Innisfail, and Sylvan Lake. This is a pattern which continues to this day.

The very recent amalgamation of the Eckville Cooperative Association (Alberta's first retail cooperative association) with the nearby Innisfail and Red Deer Cooperative Associations confirms this pattern. This amalgamated Cooperative will be opening a new retail store and fuel station in the Town of Sylvan Lake in the next couple of years which builds on an earlier initiative by the Eckville Cooperative Association to open a retail store and gas bar in the Town of Sylvan Lake.

It should be noted that the Board of Directors of the Eckville Cooperative Association examined the option of amalgamation with the thriving Rocky Mountain House Cooperative Association and rejected that option for various reasons including the lack of membership support for that option due to established trading patterns. A similar analysis by the Board of Directors and membership of the Eckville and District Credit Union led to their rejection of an amalgamation with the Rocky Mountain House Credit Union earlier last year.

The non-farm employment in the Eckville/Benalto area is primarily focused on the service sector in the Towns of Eckville, Sylvan Lake, the rural industrial subdivision at Kuusamo on Highway 11 just east of Benalto, and some services available in Benalto. Many non-farm residents of the area also commute to jobs in the City of Red Deer.

Cultural and Social Connections

Culturally this area east of highway 766 has used Eckville, Benalto, and Sylvan Lake for recreational and health facilities with most seniors from the area needing supportive care being housed in Eckville, Sylvan Lake and Innisfail. Public Libraries in Eckville and Sylvan Lake draw most of their patrons from people resident east of Highway 766. The Town of Sylvan Lake's new multi-purpose arena will continue to be the focus of much of this area's recreational services and it includes the closest available public swimming pool as well as ice and other playing surfaces.

Benalto's housing stock is increasing and children from this community are bussed to Sylvan Lake for K to 12. Many commute to Red Deer College for further education. The community is also working to reopen the recently closed Benalto Elementary School.

This same reasoning would suggest that the north boundary of the Innisfail Sylvan Lake proposed ED be moved north from the intersection of RGE RD 10 and TWP RD 394 to an east to west line roughly following Highway 20 from Gilby to

the intersection with the Blindman River west of the town of Bentley to intersect with a line extending north from the highway *766 Re-alignment*.

Drayton Valley – Rocky Mountain House

This is not to suggest that Drayton Valley Rocky Mountain House is not a worthy constituency but its history, agro-ecology and trading patterns make it much less compatible with the common history shared between the proposed Innisfail – Sylvan Lake ED and with the proposed *766 Re-alignment* area I have outlined. Drayton Valley/Rocky has a long tradition of forestry, trapping, oil exploration, coal mining, and tourism which are largely absent from the proposed *766 Re-alignment* presented here.

I would conclude by saying that adding this small *766 Re-alignment* to the Innisfail Sylvan Lake ED would enable legislative representation which can focus on representing common interests whereas the present suggested ED makes the area I have delineated into a small anomaly within a large Drayton Valley Rocky Mountain House ED largely devoted to very different economic pursuits.

Lastly, if and only if it is necessary to reduce the population of the Innisfail-Sylvan Lake proposed ED I would suggest, for much the same reasons adumbrated above, that the southern boundary be made a simple straight line, extending east to west, along TWP RD 350 between the folds of the Red Deer River. This would exclude the Town of Bowden whose trading and cultural area can be seen to be split between Innisfail and Olds. This is also an area where the climate shifts from the wetter Parkland agro-ecology typical from Highway 54 north, to a more dry-land agro-ecology.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Larsen

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Benalto, Alberta, ██████

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To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Nicola Doyle
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:52:40 PM

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Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 5:49 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Nicola Doyle

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Nicola Doyle

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

I am concerned about the possible changes to the boundary for Harvest Hills and Coventry Hills. These two areas of the city are in a community association with the rest of the Northern Hills. To split areas in a community association makes it difficult for the constituents to have an area with similar concerns have a voice. The Northern Hills are already lacking in resources and always seem to be last in the thoughts of the government, to further reduce our ability to have a voice is not right. We are still missing a highschool, an addition to the community centre that is full to the gills and lacking community space for organizations like Scouts and Girl Guides to run out of. Northern Hills should all be in the same election boundary. Stop messing around with the electoral boundaries and concentrate on our many other issues the government is struggling with!

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook
- Other

Community newspaper

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Frank Cosman
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:52:47 PM

From: Frank Cosman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 7:35 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Frank Cosman

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Frank Cosman

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Phone

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

Glenmore

Submission

Please do not split the Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, and Eagle Ridge communities and community association into three separate provincial electoral districts. The CKE community has had good support from our MLA when requested, since the community was formed. Dividing our community into three different electoral districts will with small fragments of the community on the periphery of 3 different ridings, it make it much more difficult for us to catch the attention of three different MLA's on important issues, especially if the three MLA's represent three different political parties. Under the riding proposed, our issues in Kelvin Grove, located in a small easy to miss indentation at the south end of the riding will be easy for the Calgary Elbow MLA to inadvertently miss, especially since this little indentation on a map is the only area south of Glenmore trail in the Calgary Elbow riding. Please keep the community intact under one MLA.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Community association news letter.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Teresa Ormberg
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:53:11 PM

From: Teresa Ormberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 11:46 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Teresa Ormberg

Name

Teresa Ormberg

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

Rimbey Rocky Mtn House Sundre

Submission

I have reviewed the preliminary report and have concerns with the proposed change to our constituency. It has been increased in size and will have an increased number of voters by I believe 17% above the average. In the comments, you indicate that for the rural ridings that the MLA can do work in the car when they are being driven to different events in the area. To my knowledge the times that our MLA has been present in our area he has driven himself and been by himself so that is impossible and we can not afford for all of our rural MLA's to pay for a driving service. Also our government is pushing for more electric vehicles, walking or taking the bus and if the area is increased a round trip by electric vehicle may not be possible on one charge, and bus service is very minimal as in all of rural Alberta. Walking would be impossible. Distance is a real problem in rural Alberta and even if they would have less constituents (which our proposed one does not), urban MLA's can see many more people in a very short period of time. In many cases if the urban MLA held a meeting in the constituency the majority of the people would not have to travel more than an hour. I know there are more means of communication than face to face, but any politician will tell you it is the most effective and feel there should be a level playing field in all ridings in the Province. I am not sure how many more counties and school districts are in the proposed riding. I also do not believe the combined rural/urban ridings is a good idea. I know it is a balancing act but with our constituency I do not believe it is balanced.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio
- Other

government news items

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Margaret Steel
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:54:28 PM

From: Margaret Steel [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Margaret Steel

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Margaret Steel

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

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

A proposed change to the electoral boundaries of the current Calgary Glenmore constituency is not tenable from any point of view. Such a change would break up a very well run, active and involved community association, CKE, and create three constituencies to all of which the community association executive would be required to report. This makes no sense at all. The residents of CKE and citizens of this province deplore the creation of excessive levels of bureaucracy which only slow down the ability to communicate with their representatives and with each other. Is this democracy? Not by anyone's definition.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Community

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Craig Pearn
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:54:28 PM

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Subject: Website submission from Craig Pearn

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Craig Pearn

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

I'm concerned that Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge, three small communities that operate as one larger community will be broken into 3 ridings. This will not be beneficial to the residents. We would have 3 separate MLAs representing, in essence, one community. What a nightmare to have anything constructive done on behalf of the citizens.

In case the reader is unaware, all three communities abut each other along 14St in SW Calgary and geographically are essentially the same. We have a joint community association, CKE, that is an essential part of the district and bonds the 3 communities. We really don't have much in common with what would be other communities in the new ridings so it would make sense to keep us together in whatever riding best suits us. I don't think we care which riding as long as we are together. It would be like breaking up a family that has been together for over 50 years!

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

CKE community newsletter.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Website submission from John Borrowman

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John Borrowman

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

Banff-Cochrane

Submission

July 7, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

To the Honourable Myra Bielby,

Canmore Town Council unanimously passed the following motion on July 4, 2017:
"that the Town provide feedback to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission suggesting that the entirety of Improvement District #5 be included within the Banff Stoney electoral district."

The Town of Canmore has a long history of working with Kananaskis Country on matters of common interest such as seniors housing and the tourism economy. Since we often look to the Province for support, we believe that it would be most beneficial to have one MLA representing all of our communities. We are concerned that the proposed Electoral Districts of Highwood and Livingstone-Macleod - which would both contain a part of ID#5 - have little in common with our communities and shared recreational tourism economy. There is a concern that there might be little motivation at the MLA level to show the same cooperation that has benefitted our communities over the years.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment on the proposed electoral boundaries.

With best regards;

John Borrowman
Mayor
Town of Canmore

Cc: Cameron Westhead, MLA Banff-Cochrane
Bruce Lukey, Chair, Kananaskis Improvement District Council
Dene Cooper, Reeve, Municipal District of Bighorn
Karen Sorensen, Mayor, Town of Ban

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Municipal Clerk Town of Canmore

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gillian Mair
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:55:22 PM

From: Gillian Mair [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Gillian Mair

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Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>I am a resident of Chinook Park in Calgary. We just bought our home here and a big reason we were drawn to the community is the strong community ties across Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge including a very active community association across sports, arts, culture and the amazing schools right here in CKE - Chinook Park Elementary and Henry Wisewood High.</p> <p>It would be a mistake to divide this strong community across three proposed provincial boundary lines, essentially putting us into the periphery of 3 different ridings!</p> <p>Thank you for this consideration.</p> <p>Gillian</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
Community update email

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gibson Scott
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:55:42 PM

From: Gibson Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Gibson Scott

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AddressCalgary
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Calgary-Glenmore

Submission

The proposed electoral boundary change is inconsistent with the Community Association grouping as well as the social fabric of the Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge communities. It is my strong preference that these three communities are grouped into the same electoral riding.

Thank you.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

CKE community newsletter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Patrick Mair
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:55:43 PM

From: Patrick Mair [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Patrick Mair

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Patrick Mair

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AddressCalgary
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Calgary Glenmore

Submission

I'm really upset about hearing about the proposed split of CKE into three different electoral boundaries. As a community we very closely support one another and feel that we absolutely need to be represented in a single constituency so that we can effectively advocate for our community. Keep CKE together (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge)

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Neighbor told me

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Krysti Barker
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:55:43 PM

From: Krysti Barker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Krysti Barker

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Krysti Barker

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

Anam Kazim

Submission

The CKE (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge) community association has historically had great working relationships with our MLA's. Divided into 3 different ridings would arguably make it very difficult to address issues and catch the attention of 3 different MLA's.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Mark Shand
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:55:50 PM

From: Mark Shand [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Mark Shand

Name

Mark Shand

Email

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

Airdrie

Submission

Hello,

I am concerned about the recommended changes that impact the constituencies of Banff-Cochrane and Airdrie.

In the current electoral divisions, our residence (located just north of the hamlet of Bottrel) is located in the Airdrie riding while our address, and centre where we do most of our shopping is, Cochrane. I was able to live with this electoral placement because I work in Airdrie. With the proposed changes, I would now be located in the electoral division of Banff-Stoney.

In the report it is noted that Cochrane has been moved to Airdrie-Cochrane to give "the residents of Cochrane a voice undiluted by the concerns of Alberta's mountain park communities." The proposed positioning of Bottrel, located in Rocky View County and a community connected to Cochrane and Cremona, is located in the electoral division of Banff-Stoney. This creates the same issue for Bottrel - the concerns of Alberta's mountain park communities are not tied to the needs of my rural community. I would argue that this will be a similar sentiment for the Town of Sundre that has been slapped (yes, this is an intentional word choice) in with Banff-Stoney. Sundre, located in the County of Mountain View, would be more connected to the interests and needs of Olds or Rocky Mountain House. In comparison, I would compare my response to be equal to a Calgarian who has been told that they will be represented by an MLA in Edmonton - that would not be acceptable.

While I understand that rural representation is not a driving factor in the decision making process, I recognize that the bonds between the larger centres outside of Calgary and Edmonton have been

considered in the decision making process and therefore be equally applied to small rural hamlets and villages. This would ensure that ALL Albertans feel that their voice is tied to an MLA who believe their minority views are at least slightly connected to the broader needs of the electoral division.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Gregory Krauss
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:52:33 AM

From: Gregory Krauss [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Gregory Krauss

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Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary-Glenmore
Submission
<p>I do not understand why the communities of Chinook Park and Kelvin Grove would be removed from the Calgary-Glenmore constituency, while Eagle Ridge would remain within Calgary-Glenmore. These three communities form the CKE Community Association and are currently situated within one constituency.</p> <p>In short, the proposed changes in the Interim Report would have these three communities, again in one community association, now within three separate constituencies.</p> <p>It seems rather contrary to the 'robust public consultation,' that is being touted on radio advertisements regarding this process, for a decision to separate these communities into three separate constituencies.</p> <p>Naturally, the result would be one community association with three MLAs... it seems to align with the bureaucratic dysfunction and inefficiency, which is the hallmark of an NDP government; and as such, is not surprising.</p> <p>I submit to keep these communities within one constituency.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Donald Jamison
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:52:38 AM

From: Donald Jamison [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Donald Jamison

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Donald Jamison

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Address

St. Albert
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

St. Albert

Submission

The commission has emphasized representation by population to the disservice of Albertans residing in rural areas of the province. Equal representation for all is a laudable goal, however, an MLA's ability to serve the residents of the constituency should carry equal weight to that of its population. Residents expect their representatives to attend numerous events in person where they can meet with them in 'in the flesh'. That will make for a very tall order for any MLA serving the vast new rural ridings proposed in the Commission's Interim Report. In fact the name riding came about because in the days before motorized transportation, riding boundaries were selected on the distance you could travel on horseback in one day. Even traveling today by car across the new ridings will be an onerous task. These huge footprints must be reduced.

Another concern is the demographic makeup of the constituencies. In the case of the proposed St. Albert - Redwater riding, the new MLA will be asked to represent a population with very different concerns. About a third of the population will reside in the very urban setting of St. Albert with very urban concerns while two thirds of the riding will be more focused on agricultural issues and the challenges faced by small municipalities with stagnant or declining populations. I would suggest they are two birds with very different feathers.

My recommendation is that the 87 riding cap be removed from the Commission's mandate to allow for three additional ridings. That would go a long way toward addressing these two issues.

P.S. The Commission might want to consider the voting age populations, including projections over the next 10 years. It may just find that rep by 'voting' pop will be a little closer given the high number of below voting age residents in the urban areas.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Wayne Brock
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From: Wayne Brock [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 5:38 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Wayne Brock

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Wayne Brock

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

Chinook Park Kelvin Grove Eagle Ridge

Submission

These three communities have worked and lived together very successfully for years. We have common issues with schools, traffic and the hospital. We are stronger together.

How did you hear about the review?

- Google

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Louise Capper
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:52:51 AM

From: Louise Capper [REDACTED]
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To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Louise Capper

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AddressCalgary, AB
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Calgary Glenmore

Submission

We are part of the Chinook Park/Kelvin Grove/Eagle Ridge community and our community association serves these three areas. It has come to our attention that the new electoral boundaries will divide us into three different constituencies: Kelvin Grove: Calgary-Elbow; Chinook Park: Calgary-Acadia; Eagle Ridge: Calgary-Glenmore. The proposed division of these three areas that function as one makes no sense. Please keep CKE as one in either Calgary-Glenmore, as it currently is, or in Calgary-Elbow. We have very little in common with Calgary-Acadia. We are quite concerned that this proposed change has not received much publicity.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From the CKE Community Association e-mail notices.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Brenda Dale
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:53:45 AM

From: Brenda Dale [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:27 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Brenda Dale

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Brenda Dale

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Address

Sylvan Lake
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

rimbey rocky sundre

Submission

I live on township road 382 near range road 22. we would be more inline to be in the Sylvan Lake-Innisfail 766 would be a better choice than 781 as the east boundary for the Rimbey-Rockey-Sundre. We are more likely to be affiliated with commerce in Sylvan Lake and Red Deer than where we are currently designated.

This is my second submission to this commission.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Linda McGregor
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 9:10:12 AM

From: Linda McGregor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Linda McGregor

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Linda McGregor

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary glenmorei

Submission

I have lived in Kelvin Grove for 40 years and during that time I have assisted in raising funds to have built 2 Community centers .we recently raised over 1 million \$ and the new much needed centre will be built in 2018 . Members of our community have worked extremely hard to raise the money and work through the rules and regulations required to be able to complete this task. I firmly believe that it would be very unfair to the community. Who if this change happens will the community centre belong to ??will it just be be part of Elbow or Arcada or Glenmore???
 Yours sincerely Linda McGregor

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)

Elizabeth Gray <albertaebcwebsitesubmissions@gmail.com>

Tue 7/11/2017 9:51 AM

To:

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Edmonton Map It
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Edmonton McClung
Submission
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to engage in this important work.</p> <p>Re the questions where the Commission specifically asked for feedback:</p> <p>Q1 is on the special status districts. My opinion is that they aren't so different from any other sparse rural area and should therefore be required to fall within the same population threshold as elsewhere. In this modern era we can do away with extreme deviation from the population mean, and stick closer to equal voting strength.</p> <p>Q2 is Fort Mac - Lac La Biche. I think the Commission has adequately addressed the question of its population oddity due to the temporary displacement. The next census will show any adjustment required in future.</p> <p>Q3 - the new divide of the 2 Fort McMurray ridings makes more sense than the prior one.</p> <p>Q4 - the blended riding for Medicine Hat makes sense.</p> <p>Q5 - proposed Drumheller Strathmore makes sense. Going with a higher population now to offset its decline makes sense and is forward-thinking.</p> <p>Q6 - I strongly agree that Airdrie and Cochrane share similar makeup and concern and pairing them is a good idea</p> <p>Other key points:</p> <p>Rural ridings: I disagree with the points put forward in the minority report. Giving small or rural ridings more MLAs when the population does not justify it is undemocratic and must not happen. If required, provide rural MLAs with extra budget to have more staff and/or constituency offices.</p> <p>Renaming ridings: I think all ridings should be renamed to be as descriptive of the area as possible. Many people don't understand their riding or even know the name and that further alienates citizens from civic engagement. Naming ridings after politicians or famous people should be eliminated as it confuses the populace. For example, I live in the Edmonton Callingwood area and associate that name with my community.</p>

I was trying to remember the name of my riding and couldn't recall Edmonton McClung because it had no significance for me. Nellie McClung never lived in my area, Nellie McClung Park is not in my riding and neither is Nellie McClung school. A better way to honour past Albertans is to name parks or schools after them. I propose changing my riding name to Edmonton Callingwood. I am fine with the proposed boundary changes to my riding.

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Other

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Government awareness ads

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Marnie Beaudoin
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 1:25:25 PM

From: Marnie Beaudoin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Info - EBC
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AddressEdmonton
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Whitemud

Submission

Our current system is fundamentally undemocratic. My vote in Edmonton is worth less than someone else's, and I find that to be unacceptable. I support changing the electoral boundaries to reflect the province's current (and evolving) population.

Provide more funding to large rural areas for MLA travel and staffing satellite offices.

Rename ridings to ensure they describe where they are located. Clearer is better. The naming of constituencies shouldn't be like the practice of naming a school- it shouldn't be to honour or recognize an individual.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

a friend who had completed the survey

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Curtis Kurtzweg
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:03:31 PM

From: Curtis Kurtzweg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Curtis Kurtzweg

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Curtis Kurtzweg

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

Cypress

Submission

Leave it the same. Don't combine the different districts as it makes more work for our mp and we have less of an impact on elections. By changing this the heavier populated district has more impact and politicians will spend more time and money on these areas and not as much on the rural areas.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Ronald Hons
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:03:45 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:38 AM
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Subject: Website submission from Ronald Hons

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Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Gerrymandering electoral boundaries is a process of obfuscating a pre-planned electoral outcome. Calgary Glenmore is a well understood (C)conservative electoral district; dividing it up weakens the base against the electoral nature of the population that has chosen to live there and diluting it into another economic and political base. Why are many Canadians cynical of the political process? Look into the mirror of society.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Householder (Direct Mail)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Jennifer & Andrew Wilkinson
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:03:56 PM

From: Jennifer & Andrew Wilkinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Jennifer & Andrew Wilkinson

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Address
Calgary Map It
Electoral Constituency
Calgary Glenmore
Submission
<p>We respectfully request that the provincial electoral boundaries be reconsidered and reconfigured for the communities of Chinook Park and Kelvin Grove.</p> <p>Currently Chinook Park and Kelvin Grove are situated with the Calgary Glenmore, represented by our MLA, Ms. Anam Kazim. Our two communities have many common interests and concerns that align with our neighbors in Eagle Ridge (to remain in Calgary Glenmore). The proposed new boundaries for Calgary Acadia (Chinook Park) and Calgary Elbow (Kelvin Grove) will result in our trio of smaller communities with three different MLA's. Thus, we will lose our 'strength in numbers' in representing our community with impacting issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincially funded community programs Crime and safety Traffic issues along Elbow Drive, Glenmore trail and 14th Street SW Building development Community development Environmental issues <p>Most importantly, Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge share a common and deep-rooted Community Association; including our and soon-to be-built Community Centre as a result of a grant of \$800,000 from the Province of Alberta through the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP)</p> <p>The communities of Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove and Eagle Ridge look forward to continuing to work consistently with Ms. Anam Kazim as our MLA.</p> <p>For these reasons, we request that Chinook Park and Kelvin Grove remain within the Calgary Glenmore constituency.</p> <p>Please keep the CKE Community together!</p>

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Other

Community association email

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Calvin Ell
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:06:12 PM

From: Calvin Ell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 2:43 PM
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Subject: Website submission from Calvin Ell

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Calvin Ell

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Address

Grassy lake
[Map It](#)

Submission

We need more of a voice in southern Alberta, not less. Dwindling population due to bigger farms and less farmers with more people moving to and working in the city. Do not take this as an opportunity to take away more of our voice.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from wanda rose
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:22:59 PM

From: wanda rose [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from wanda rose

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

calgary-mountain view

Submission

To whom it may concern,

I have recently been advised that our MLA for Banff Trail NW, Calgary Alberta is going to change. I wanted to express my concern with this matter. I (as well as many community members) am very impressed with the work and dedication from our current MLA Hon. Stephanie McLean. I know many of our community members will be very disappointed if our MLA is changed. It takes years to build a relationship with a community and that is exactly what Stephanie McLean has done. Please reconsider changing our MLA as we are very happy with Stephanie McLean and would be extremely disappointed should this change take place. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to prevent this from happening.

Thank you,

Wanda Rose

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

at our community association meeting



Municipal District of Bighorn No.8

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July 11, 2017

File: 0100-27-01

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: MD of Bighorn No. 8 – Response to Commission's Interim Report
Proposed Electoral Boundary 49 Banff -Stoney Constituency

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Commission's Interim Report. The MD of Bighorn will restrict its comments to the proposed Banff-Stoney Constituency boundary.

Bighorn is pleased that the entire municipality is in one constituency and not fragmented. Our geographic size of 2,700 sq. km. and central location on the eastern slopes has been recognized by the Commission. Bighorn's economy is based on very significant industrial resource extraction. Contributing \$4 Billion to the Alberta Gross Domestic Product of \$313 Billion, Bighorn is one of Alberta's essential economic engines.

The Bow River watershed is a unifying ecological influence from Lake Louise through to the ranchlands area of the MD to Cochrane, which includes the Ghost, Spray, and Kananaskis Rivers. Bighorn is adjacent to Banff National Park (BNP), Bow Valley Wildlands Park and Don Getty Wildlands Park, and Kananaskis Park; all being highly protected areas. The Bow Corridor is visited by hundreds of thousands of tourists every year to visit and recreate in these parks and communities. The TransCanada Highway and Highway 40 are key transportation routes for tourists to access these wonderful areas. Considering the high degree of protected areas within the BNP, MD of Bighorn and Kananaskis, Bighorn is very surprised that ID 5 – Kananaskis Country has been removed from the new constituency boundary. We strongly suggest the ID 5 be included in the boundary as it environmentally economically and historically connected to the Bow Valley and the noted protected areas.

Bighorn strongly supports the Commission's recommendation to include the Stoney First Nation reserve within the constituency. The Stoney Nation is recognized as a founding culture in this

area and are valued neighbours with Bighorn. Economic diversification will be a strong element in their future, especially tourism.

Bighorn questions the Commission's recommendation to include the Tsuut'ina First Nation reserve within the proposed electoral boundary. As with the Stoney's, the Tsuut'ina Nation is a founding culture in Alberta. The Tsuut'ina reserve is adjacent to the City of Calgary and it would appear this adjacency has created a beneficial relationship with the metropolitan economy within and surrounding Calgary. Specific example of shared economic interests between the Tsuut'ina and the City of Calgary would be the S.W. Calgary Ring Road and the Springbank Reservoir project. Should the Tsuut'ina Nation express a desire to be better connected to the municipalities within the Calgary Capital Region, Bighorn would support their wish.

Lastly, the exclusion of Cochrane from the proposed boundary is not shared by Bighorn. The Commission has referenced Cochrane residents want closer alignment with Airdrie as it concerns will be "undiluted by the concerns of Alberta's mountain park communities". Both Banff and Lake Louise are within National Parks and as such have very different operating principles and issues than municipalities outside of the park. However, Bighorn and the ranchlands area of our municipality have strong economic and historic connections dating back to the 1800's. The removal of Cochrane will frustrate that relationship.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Commission's Interim Report and specifically the proposed Banff-Stoney Constituency boundary. I hope you will consider Bighorn's comments and recommendations as you prepare your final report.

Yours truly,


Dene Cooper, Reeve

cc. Bighorn Council

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Alan Hyland
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:30:25 AM

From: Alan Hyland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from Alan Hyland

Name

Alan Hyland

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

Medicine Hat/ Cypress

Submission

I presented in Medicine Hat and when I reviewed the report what question you asked me, tends to make me believe the map was already drawn at that time. I believed you as a commission when you make such huge changes to constituencies you should seek public input again. You expect some people to be happy to have a legislative member to represent them from an area that is three and a half hour road travel just like it takes time from travelling from Edmonton to Calgary .

The commission I believe has put a nail in the coffin for rural Alberta. The boundaries as divided around Medicine Hat is the worst carving of an area for population in my mind. I certainly should have the right to meet my member just like in the city. If I am unable to travel the chances of meeting my member because of the constituency size or population or lack of population is almost zero. Is it not my right to meet with my MLA.

Perhaps we as a province should go to court and challenge the rule where constituency boundaries are decided on population only. (one person one vote). Maybe we should be a leader not a follower.

I hope these comments are treated with more respect than my presentation in Medicine Hat. It seems like only one member got it right when they filed a minority report. I believe the next step should be you the commission go back to public hearings and defend your report.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from francis egan
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:30:32 AM

From: francis egan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 6:21 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Website submission from francis egan

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

cypress-med hat

Submission

I am 100% opposed to any boundry changes in the cypress-med hat riding because we due not have the population in the southeastern corner of the of the province. any changes to the boundrys will be very unfair to the people of all people living in this corner of province. please leave as is. thank you.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
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Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:30:38 AM

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Medicine Hat Cypress

Submission

I feel that our little corner of Alberta here in the south is always left out of any decisions that are made and that is very unfair. We as Albertans have rights and moving the boundaries leaves us without a voice at all. So please just leave the boundaries as they are.

How did you hear about the review?

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Subject: Fw: Electoral Boundaries 2016-17 Submission - Calgary North
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:31:22 AM
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From: Cory Diemert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:33 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Electoral Boundaries 2016-17 Submission - Calgary North

Dear Sirs:

I hope that I can submit my feedback via this email regarding the proposed Constituency of Calgary North by the Electoral Boundaries Commission, 2016-17.

Attached to this email is my proposal. If you have any further questions or advice on how to submit my comments in a better way, please contact me on my mobile at [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Cory

Cory Diemert

[REDACTED]

Calgary, Alberta [REDACTED]

July 5, 2017

Re: Electoral Boundary Submission – Calgary North

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to submit my response to the proposed electoral boundaries as outlined in the Interim Report of the 2016-17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. My comments pertain to the proposed constituency of Calgary North (19).

The existing riding of Calgary Northern Hills, which I live in, encompasses Panorama Hills, Coventry Hills, Country Hills and Harvest Hills Neighborhoods. Hence the name Northern Hills. This is a well-designed riding as it encompasses the above-mentioned neighborhoods, who all belong to the Northern Hills Community Association. In addition, they all utilize facilities such as the Vivo Recreational Centre and Notre Dame High School. The riding tends to tie together neighborhoods that have common community bonds (See Illustration 1).

In the report, the Commission proposes to draw the eastern boundary at Harvest Hills Blvd/Centre Street, Country Hills Blvd to the south, Beddington Trail/Symons Valley Road to the Southwest and Evanspark Road to the West, and the Northern Boundary at the Calgary City Limits. The population of this proposed constituency is approximately 39,085, a 16 percent variance below the provincial average to allow for future growth of neighborhoods north of Stoney Trail (See Illustration 2).

I feel that these new boundary proposals would divide the communities of Panorama Hills and Coventry Hills and hinder their representation at the Provincial Level. What I am proposing in my submission is the following boundaries for Calgary North to reflect on the needs of Panorama Hills and Coventry Hills (See Illustration 3). I would humbly like to suggest the following boundaries:

1. **To move the western border of Calgary North from Evanspark Boulevard to 14th Street NW, and the northwest border from 14th Street NW down Stoney Trail to the intersection of Symons Valley Road/Beddington Trail NW.** I feel that the community of Evanston would be better served in the Calgary Foothills Riding and keep Evanston and Symons Valley together in one riding. This proposal would also keep Foothills within five percent variance of the provincial population average.
2. **To move the eastern border of Calgary North to Deerfoot Trail, from the City Limits down to Country Hills Boulevard.** Deerfoot Trail is a natural boundary as Coventry Hills fits naturally with Panorama Hills while east of Deerfoot Trail would naturally lend to the Calgary Northeast Riding.
3. **To establish the southern border along Country Hills Boulevard to Beddington Trail NW.** Ideally Harvest Hills and Country Hills should be included in Calgary North, it is recognized that changing demographics and city growth would require changes and these two neighborhoods would be best served in Calgary Beddington.
4. **Beddington Trail from Country Hills Boulevard to Stoney Trail would be the Southwest Border.** Beddington Trail makes a natural boundary between Country Hills and Beddington.
5. **Stoney Trail from Beddington Boulevard to 14th St NW would the northwest border.** Stoney Trail makes a natural boundary between the neighborhoods of Evanston and Panorama Hills

Conclusion: By using natural boundaries such as Deerfoot Trail for the Eastern Border, Country Hills Boulevard for the Southern Border, Beddington Trail for the Southwest Border and Stoney Trail for the Northwest Border up to 14th Street NW would create a more representative constituency and allow for future growth in neighborhoods north of Stoney Trail in the future. It would also tend to keep core community neighborhoods together that would provide for more effective representation.

Illustration 1: Current Constituency of Calgary Northern Hills (2015 Boundaries)

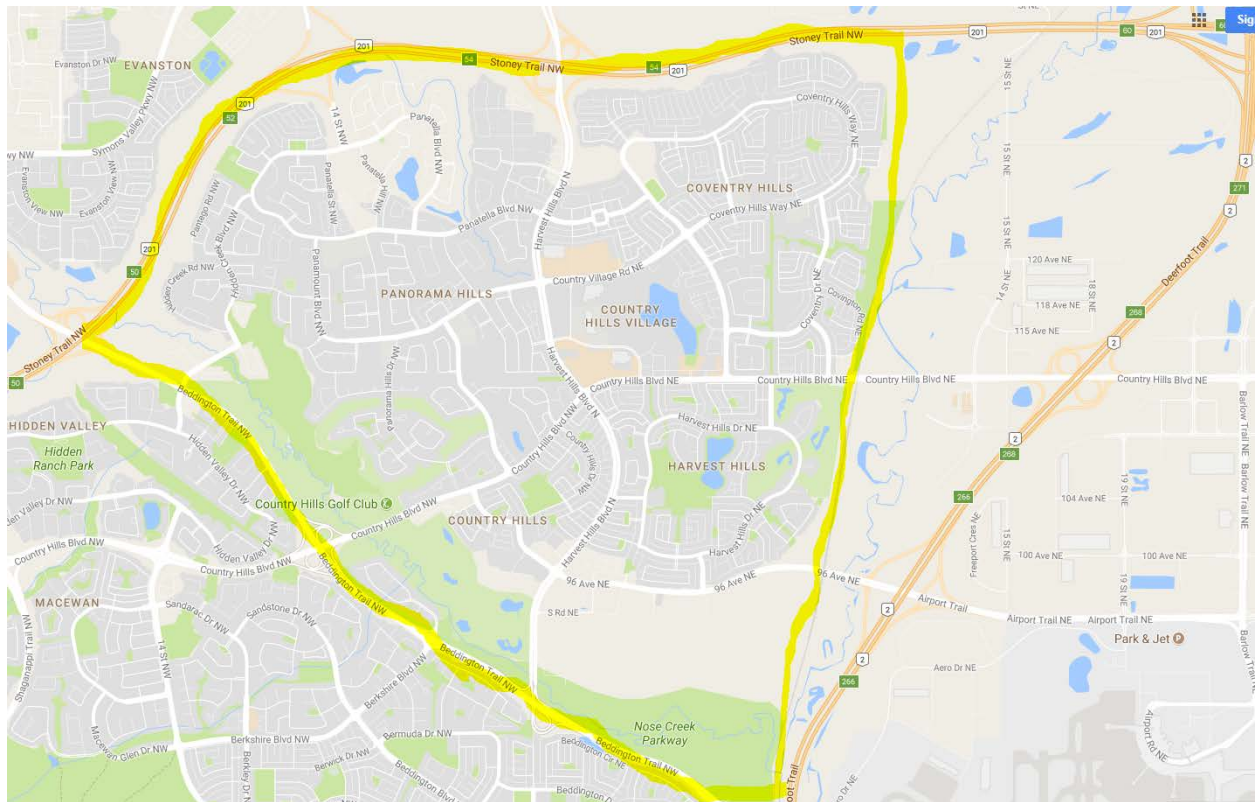
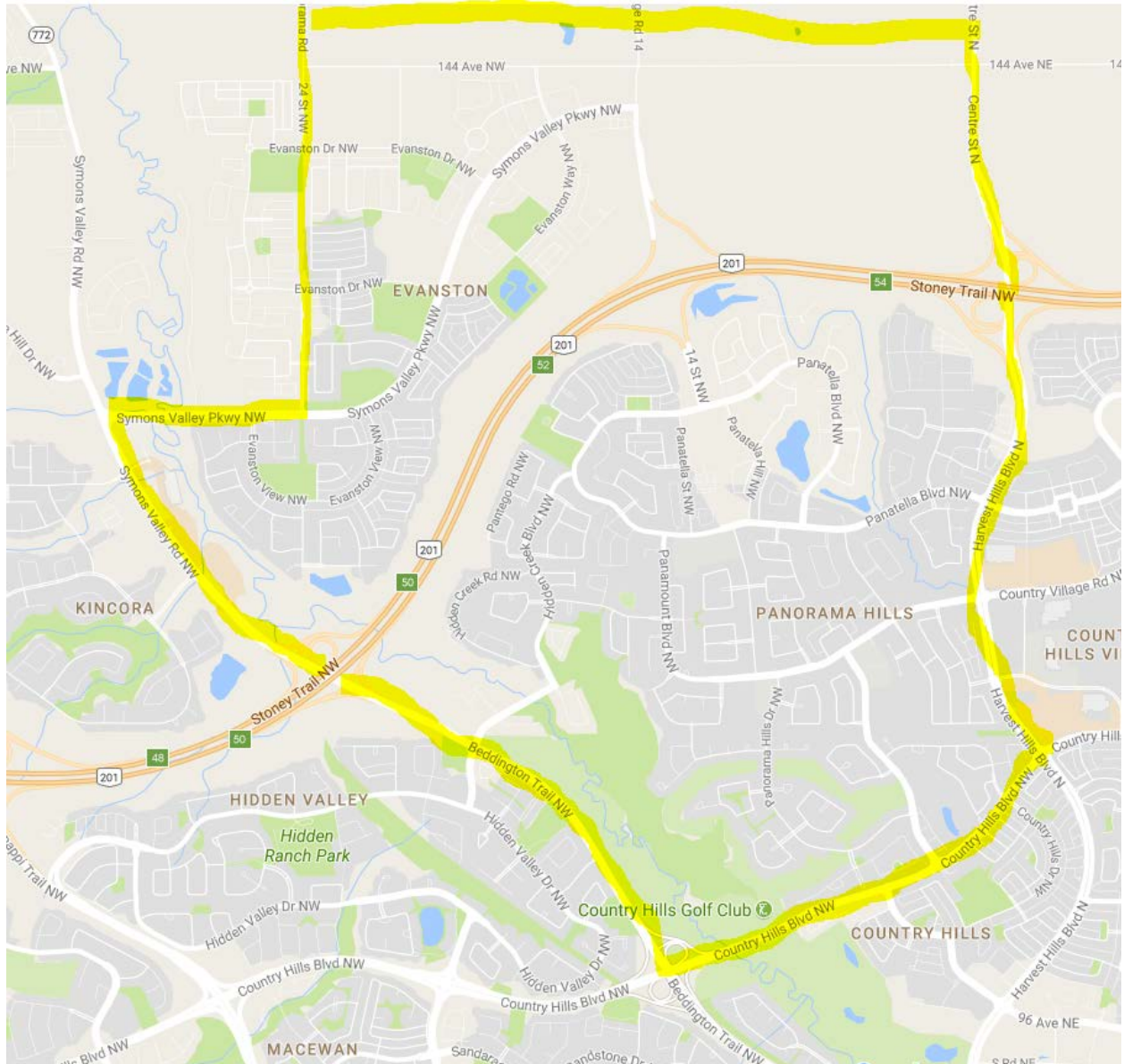


Illustration 2 : Proposed Calgary North Riding as Proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission (2017)



The map displays the following neighborhoods and landmarks:

- Neighborhoods:** Panorama Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Country Hills, and Evanston.
- Major Roads:** Stoney Trail NW, Deerfoot Trail, 201, 144 Ave NW, 144 Ave NE, 146 Ave NE, 148 Ave NE, 150 Ave NE, 152 Ave NE, 154 Ave NE, 156 Ave NE, 158 Ave NE, 160 Ave NE, 162 Ave NE, 164 Ave NE, 166 Ave NE, 168 Ave NE, 170 Ave NE, 172 Ave NE, 174 Ave NE, 176 Ave NE, 178 Ave NE, 180 Ave NE, 182 Ave NE, 184 Ave NE, 186 Ave NE, 188 Ave NE, 190 Ave NE, 192 Ave NE, 194 Ave NE, 196 Ave NE, 198 Ave NE, 200 Ave NE.
- Landmarks:** Country Hills Golf Club, Hidden Valley Park, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Country Hills.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Trevor Norris
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:31:37 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:10 PM
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Electoral Constituency

Spruce Grove - St Albert

Submission

It is essential that the newly proposed Spruce Grove riding from the Interim Report remains in tact. As such a quickly growing area, grouping our city in with St. Albert or part of Edmonton would be very detrimental to our representation. The best option for this review would be to simply add two more seats rather than eliminating rural seats or changing proposed new ridings for Spruce Grove or Airdrie.

How did you hear about the review?

- Twitter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Website submission from Ralph Gechter

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Submission
Please leave our electoral boundaries alone. Your new boundaries do not represent us or do us any justice but take away our voice.
How did you hear about the review?
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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Electoral Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:31:50 AM

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To: Info - EBC
Cc: 'Wayne Pratt'
Subject: RE: Electoral Redistricting

From: Wayne Pratt [REDACTED]
Sent: July-11-17 10:47 PM
To: info <info@elections.ab.ca>
Subject: Electoral Redistricting

This is just a short note to express my objections to some of the changes that are being proposed for electoral boundaries.

I object to Rural Alberta's representation being reduced in order to add more representation to the cities. Rural reps have far greater impediments to their job over a much greater area with diverse needs.

Regarding Medicine Hat in particular, Medicine Hat needs two representatives. Combining them with the surrounding area will make it much more difficult for reps to meet and service their constituents.

Wayne Pratt
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Medicine Hat, [REDACTED]

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July 7, 2017

Justice Myra Bielby, Chair
Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Madame Justice Bielby,

On behalf of the St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce's 985 business members and their 19,000 employees, I would like to thank the Electoral Boundaries Commissions for the opportunity to voice our opinions and concerns regarding the review and proposed changes to the constituency boundaries for the Province of Alberta.

Historically the Commission's challenge in boundary realignment process has been based on representation by population. After reviewing the results of this traditional method, we have identified crucial and compelling elements are missing from the decision-making process and believe now is the time to adjust how constituency boundaries are determined and defined.

St. Albert is an urban community with a population nearing 66,000 people that is currently divided into two recommended constituencies – St. Albert and St. Albert-Redwater.

The proposed St. Albert-Redwater constituency is vast in size (covering close to 6,500 square kilometres) and we have concerns that the geographical size alone can greatly impeded an MLA's ability to properly represent their constituents. The needs of the 17,844 St. Albert residents included in this proposed constituency vary greatly from the 27,542 residents who live in the rural areas. St. Albert urbanites, statistically, are most likely commuters to Edmonton with little in common with the agricultural based communities of Bon Accord, Gibbons, Redwater, Smoky Lake, Waskateneau, and Vilna. How can an MLA effectively balance the potentially disparate interests of two very different kinds of constituents?

In addition to the balance of interests and representation, the MLA of this proposed riding would still face the challenge of building working relationships with seven different municipalities, their political officials, and community leaders. Compared to an urban MLA who may enjoy a close relationship with a single municipality, school board, and community; a rural MLA's ability to provide the same degree of access to constituents (even with satellite offices) is questionable. It is also unfair to expect a rural MLA to attend the same percentage of public functions in all the communities.

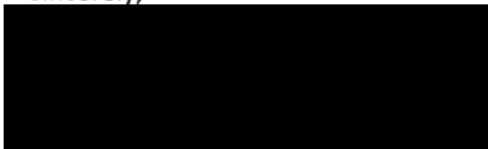
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Representation by population, at first, appears logical, but the potential negative impact on rural ridings could be substantive. Adjusting boundaries solely based on population shifts without consideration for true democratic representation no longer meets the needs of constituents in our growing province.

We propose that the Electoral Boundary Commission consider a constituency blend of representation by population and geography. Perhaps rural ridings could contain less population than urban ridings, thereby making the rural ridings more manageable in geographical terms for the MLA. We contend an MLA can effectively represent a given (higher) population in a condensed urban geography as the needs and interests of the community are similar.

We urge the Commission to re-examine the St. Albert-Redwater constituency borders and ask that more consideration and emphasis be made on keeping communities of like interest intact. We believe that such changes in the process will also ensure the ability of the elected MLA to effectively represent their constituents and ensure a strengthened democratic process for Alberta.

Sincerely,



Jennifer McCurdy
President & CEO
St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce

July 6, 2017
To Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

I want to see the municipal or
county of St. Paul No. 19 kept whole.
Not split into more than one riding.

TREVOR DUNHAM

[REDACTED]
LINDBERGH, ALBERTA
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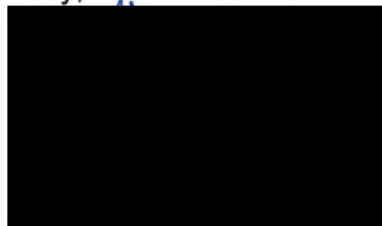
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of St. Paul Council has reviewed the proposed Alberta Electoral Boundaries and wishes to express their concerns on the decisions that will directly impact the future of Town of St. Paul.

Our rural roots combined with the urban areas, such as Fort Saskatchewan, does not serve the Town of St. Paul's best interests. We, the Town of St. Paul, are requesting that the Electoral Boundaries Commission review these decisions before moving forward.

Sincerely,



Glenn Andersen
Mayor
Town of St. Paul

C.c. MLA David Hanson
C.c. Town of Elk Point Council
C.c. County of St. Paul No. 19 CAO, Sheila Kitz

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Lacombe, Alberta

July 6, 2017

Justice Myra Bielby

Chair

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW

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Dear Justice Myra Bielby;

I am writing to you and the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission members concerning the proposed interim boundaries for the constituencies in Alberta. I am very pleased with amount of work put in by the members of this commission. Attached are a written description of my personal proposals for the constituencies in the City of Edmonton, along with a map.

I believe that the Alberta constituencies should be based mainly on population and am pleased that the members of the commission agree. When the interim report became available, I examined the ridings located in the City of Edmonton. Overall, I was pleased with them. However, I disliked the fact that many ridings crossed the Yellowhead Trail, as that roadway is more of a dividing line in the city, rather than a connector. I started out by rearranging the population in Edmonton – West Henday, to remove the neighbourhoods of Wellington, Athlone and Calder, as they have no connection with the rest of the constituency. My brother, who lives in Wellington, brought up that fact that there is little economic or geographical connection between him and Lewis Estates. I ended up moving the population throughout almost all of the ridings to accommodate these changes and minimize the crossing of the Yellowhead Trail and North Saskatchewan River. I hope that the members of this commission review the changes that I have submitted and hopefully it will influence the ridings that are presented in the Final Report.

Thank you for considering my input on the electoral boundaries of Alberta. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me, via email, at [REDACTED] Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ian Borody

EDMONTON – CALDER

This riding would encompass an area in north western Edmonton. The boundary of this riding would be 113A Street (Castle Downs Road) from the Yellowhead Trail to 167th Avenue, where it would turn to run westward to the Boundary with St. Albert. The boundary would then follow the City of Edmonton's boundary until it reached 137th Avenue where it would go eastward until 149th Street and then south to the Yellowhead Trail, before turning east again until 113A Street. The population of this riding would be around 49 822, which would be a positive variance of seven percent. This variance is acceptable as there is very little room for residential growth in this riding.

EDMONTON – CASTLE DOWNS

Edmonton – Castle Downs would be a riding on the northern edge of the city. The boundary would be 82nd Street from 153rd Avenue to the northern boundary of the city of Edmonton, where it would turn west and follow the boundary as it turns south until 167th Street where it would head eastward. It would run east to 113A Street (Castle Downs Road) before heading south until 153 Ave, where it would turn east until 82nd Street. The population variance would be negative five percent, for a population of around 44 420. This would leave room for growth in the future neighbourhood of Goodridge Corners that is located in the riding.

EDMONTON – CITY CENTER

This riding would contain the downtown core in the city of Edmonton. The southern boundary of this riding would follow the North Saskatchewan River from Groat Road to 82nd Street, where a turn north would occur until it reached 111th Avenue where it would turn west. It would continue going west to 109th Street where it would turn south until 104th Ave, where a west turn would occur, followed by a turn south along 116th Street and another turn west along 102nd Ave. The final turn would be south along Groat Road, where it would follow until the North Saskatchewan River. The total population of this riding would be about 46 329, which leads to a variance of only negative one percent.

EDMONTON – CLAREVIEW

Edmonton – Clareview would be a riding in the north eastern side of Edmonton. The southern boundary of this riding would be the Yellowhead Trail from 66th Street to the City of Edmonton Boundary, where it would turn north and follow the boundary until the North Saskatchewan River, where it would turn west and follow the river until 144th Ave, where it would turn west. A turn north along Victoria Trail, which would be followed by a westward turn along 153rd Avenue, where the northern boundary of the riding would be. A south turn along 59th Street, the diving line between the Neighbourhoods of McLeod and Casselman, would be next and it would be followed up by a turn west along 144th Street and a turn south along 66th Street, where the boundary would continue until the Yellowhead Trail. The population of this riding would be 48 897, which would result in a five percent population deviation from the Provincial Average. This is acceptable as there is minimal room for Residential growth in this riding.

EDMONTON – DECORE

Edmonton – Decore would contain an area in north Edmonton, just north of the Yellowhead Trail. The riding would have its western Boundary on 113A Street (Castle Downs Road) stretching from 153 Avenue to the Yellowhead Trail. Yellowhead Trail would form the southern boundary from 113A Street to 66th Street, where the boundary would turn north and follow 66th Street until it reached 144th Avenue, where it would turn west. The boundary then would turn north once again on 59th Street, which is a dividing line between the neighbourhoods of McLeod and Casselman, before turning eastward and following 153rd Avenue until it reaches Castle Downs Road. The area in this riding would have a population close to 46 087, which would be a variance of negative one percent.

EDMONTON – EAST

This constituency would consist of much of the eastern side of Edmonton south of the North Saskatchewan River. The northern boundary of this riding would be the North Saskatchewan River, from the boundary at 39th Street to Connors Road at the Low Level Bridge. The Boundary would continue south east down Connors road to the traffic circle at Bonnie Doon, where it would turn south and follow 83rd Street all the way until Argyll Road (63rd Ave), where it would turn west, before turning south on Gateway Boulevard. It would follow Gateway Boulevard until it reached Whitemud Drive, where it would turn east and continue as far as 34th Street before turning south and then turning east on 38th Avenue. This would be followed by another turn south on 17th Street, where the boundary would continue until it reached 23rd Avenue. The future realignment of 23rd Avenue, which would realign 23rd Avenue to move north to 34th Avenue to cross the Anthony Henday, would be the boundary. The entire eastern side of the riding would have the Edmonton city limits as its boundary. The riding would have a population of around 49 773, which would be a positive variance of seven percent. The riding would have a boundary of the future alignment of 23rd Avenue to ensure the future neighbourhood of Aster would not be inside the constituency, so not raise the population higher than it already would be in the future.

EDMONTON – ELLERSLIE

This riding would encompass the south eastern corner of the city of Edmonton. The western boundary of the constituency would be Gateway Boulevard from the Anthony Henday to the city's southern boundary, the riding would then follow the city of Edmonton's boundary from Gateway Boulevard to 34th Ave on the Anthony Henday. The areas east of Gateway Boulevard being annexed by the city would be included in this riding. The boundary would then follow the future alignment of 23rd Avenue, until it reaches 34th Street, where it would head south until it reaches the Anthony Henday, where it would continue along until Gateway Boulevard. The variation of this riding is negative eight percent, or 43 160, to allow for future growth in many areas throughout this riding.

EDMONTON – GLENORA

Edmonton – Glenora would be a riding just west of the downtown core. 149th Street, from the Yellowhead Trail to the MacKinnon Ravine, would be the western boundary. MacKinnon Ravine, along with the North Saskatchewan River, would be the southern boundary. The boundary would then turn

north along Groat Road, east along 102nd Street, north again along 116th Street, east again along 104th Street and finally turn north along 109th Street until it reaches the Yellowhead. The Yellowhead Trail forms the entire northern boundary from 109th Street until 149th Street. The population in this constituency would be about 43 809 and have a variance of negative six percent. This leaves room for future population growth in the Blatchford Neighbourhood, where the City Center Airport used to be.

EDMONTON – HERITAGE VALLEY

The constituency of Edmonton – Heritage Valley would be located in the southern end of Edmonton. The eastern boundary of the riding is Gateway Boulevard and the northern boundary is 23rd Avenue. The western boundary consists of Whitemud Creek from 23rd Ave to Ellerslie Road and 141st street from Ellerslie Road to 41st Avenue. This also includes the minor realignment of 141st Street to Heritage Valley Trail, to minimize impact in the future as this road will be changed. The southern boundary of this riding is 41st Avenue. The population in this riding is close to 42 229 and the population variance is negative ten percent. This ensures that future growth in this riding can be accommodated.

EDMONTON – HIGHLANDS - BEVERLY

This riding would consist of the areas east of downtown and directly south of the Yellowhead Trail. The entire northern boundary of this constituency would be the Yellowhead Trail and the majority of the southern boundary would be the North Saskatchewan River, stretching from the Yellowhead Trail to 82nd Street. The rest of the boundary would be composed of 82nd Street until 111/112th Avenue, where it would turn west until it reaches 109th Street, where it would turn north once again. The population variance in this riding is positive two percent, which is close to the provincial average. The population itself is near 47 735.

EDMONTON – MANNING

Edmonton – Manning would be located in the extreme north eastern corner of Edmonton. Edmonton's boundary would provide the boundary from Range Road 232 in the east to 82nd Street in the west. The boundary would also follow 82nd Street to 153rd Avenue before turning east and following 153rd Avenue until Victoria Trail. Here it would turn south and then quickly east again along 144th Avenue, before following the North Saskatchewan River to Edmonton's boundary. This area altogether would have a population of about 42 284, or a variance of negative nine percent. This allows room for future population growth in these developing areas.

EDMONTON – MCCLUNG

The riding of Edmonton – McClung would encompass an area in western Edmonton. The Patricia Ravine would form part of the boundary from Whitemud Drive to the North Saskatchewan River. The North Saskatchewan River would then be the boundary until the Anthony Henday, where it would turn north along the Anthony Henday and then turn west along 62nd Avenue and north once again along Winterburn Road. The entire northern boundary would consist of Whitemud Drive. The population in this riding would be close to 44 936, which would be a variance of negative six percent.

EDMONTON – MEADOWLARK

This constituency would be located in western Edmonton, close to the downtown areas. The Patricia Ravine and the North Saskatchewan River from that Ravine to the MacKinnon Ravine, would form a portion of the boundary to this constituency. The MacKinnon Ravine would form the next section of the boundary, followed by 149th Street to 111th Avenue, where the boundary would move to 111th Avenue and continue along Mayfield Road, before the last section of boundary, 170th Street, stretching all the way to Patricia Ravine. The name for this constituency would be Edmonton – Meadowlark, as the Meadowlark shopping center would be at the center of the riding and the name would have a better fit here compared to the areas to the west. The population variance would be positive four percent, as there is little growth occurring in this riding. The population would be about 48 436.

EDMONTON – MILL WOODS EAST

Edmonton – Mill Woods East would be a riding in the eastern section of Mill Woods. The eastern boundary would be formed by 50th Street, from Whitemud Drive to Mill Woods Road. The boundary would continue east along Mill Woods Road and 16A Avenue, before turning north along 34th Street, east along 23rd Avenue and north again along 17th Street. Once it arrived at 38th Ave it would turn west, followed by a northward turn along 34th Street and finally a westward turn along Whitemud Drive. The population for this area would be 48 268 and have a variance of positive three percent.

EDMONTON – MILL WOODS WEST

Edmonton – Mill Woods West would be a riding in the western section of Mill Woods. The northern boundary would be Whitemud Drive, the eastern boundary would be Gateway Boulevard and the southern boundary would be the Anthony Henday Drive. 34th Street would form the first section of the boundary next, followed by 16A Avenue and Mill Woods Road, before finally using 50th Street until it reaches Whitemud Drive. The only adjustment to this riding, compared to the interim report, would be the introduction of the neighbourhood of Crawford Plains to help lower the population in Edmonton – Ellerslie. The population of this area altogether would be 51 418, resulting in a variance of positive ten percent. This is acceptable as there is no residential growth occurring in this riding.

EDMONTON – RUTHERFORD

This riding encompasses an area in southern Edmonton. The riding would have a western boundary of Whitemud Creek, from the North Saskatchewan River to 23rd Avenue. 23rd Avenue would be the southern boundary and the eastern boundary would consist of Gateway Boulevard. The northern boundary would have a couple sections. From Gateway Boulevard to 122nd Street, 63rd/61st Avenue would be the boundary. At 122nd Street the boundary would turn north and then it would turn west once it reaches the North Saskatchewan River. This riding would have a population of about 49 637 and a population variance of positive six percent.

EDMONTON – SOUTH WEST

This constituency consists of the southwest corner of the City of Edmonton. The boundary mainly follows Edmonton's boundary. At 62nd Avenue, the boundary would follow Edmonton's boundary along Winterburn Road and continue until it would reach 141st Street in the south. (The riding would also include the area annexed by the City of Edmonton west of Highway 2). At 141st Street the boundary would follow the road along its realignment and continue north and continue along Whitemud Creek as well, before turning west on 23rd Avenue and south again along Rabbit Hill Road. The boundary would then follow the Anthony Henday until 62nd Avenue, where it would turn west. The population variance for this area would be negative eight percent, to allow for future growth in the region. It would have a population close to 43 069.

EDMONTON – STRATHCONA

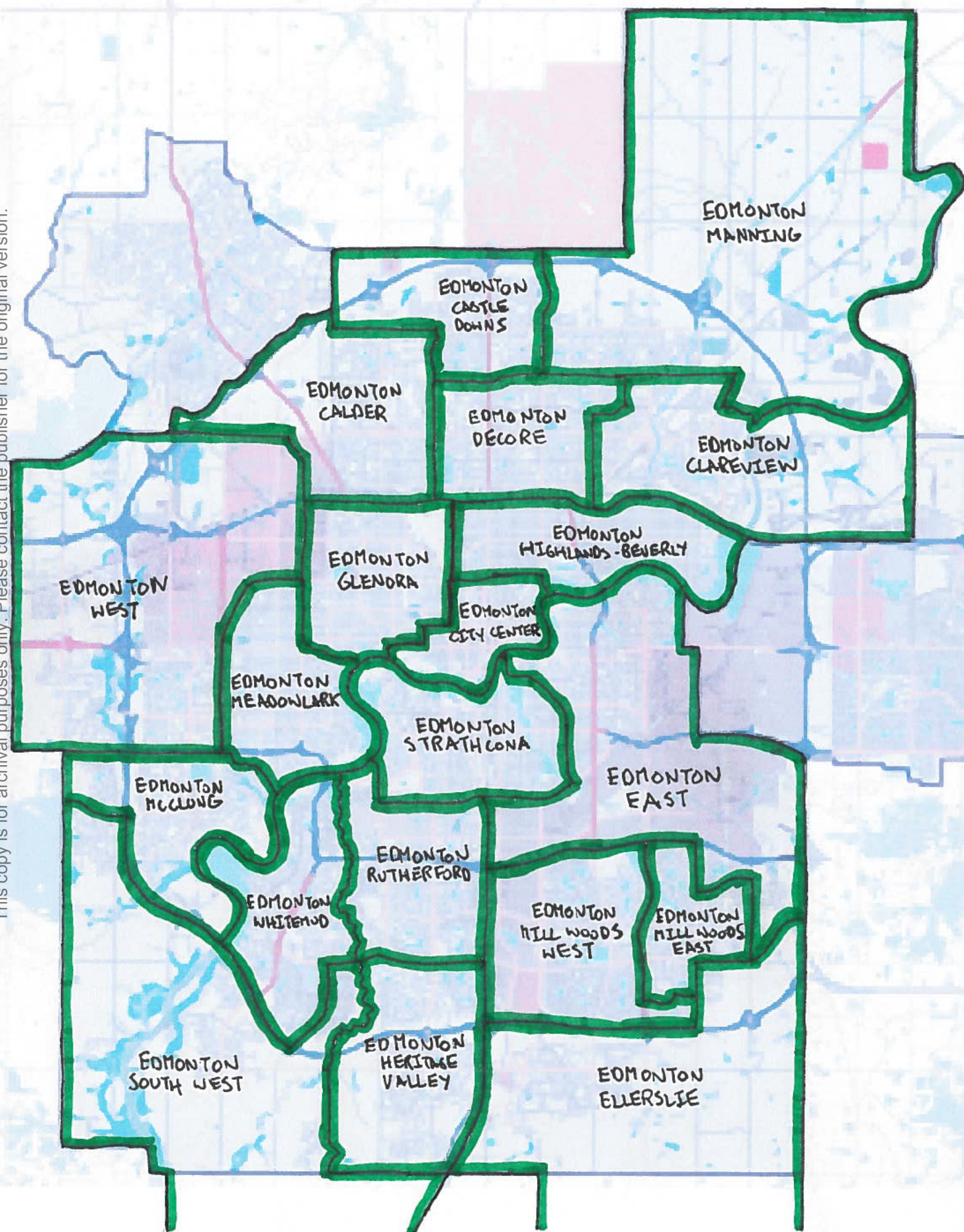
Edmonton – Strathcona would be a riding directly south of the Downtown Core and the North Saskatchewan River. From Connors Road to 122nd Street, the North Saskatchewan River would be the northern boundary. This would be followed south by 122nd Street and then west along 61st Avenue, which turns into 63rd Avenue (Argyll Road), before turning north on 83rd Street. 83rd Street turns into Connors Road via the traffic circle and the boundary would then continue until it reaches the river. The population would be around 50 772 and the population variance would be positive nine percent. This variation is allowable, due to the slow residential growth in the area.

EDMONTON – WEST

Edmonton – West is located in the extreme west of Edmonton. The southern boundary of this constituency would be Whitemud Drive. The eastern boundary would follow 231st Street and the northern boundary would follow the edge of Big Lake and 137th Avenue until 149th Street. 149th Street would be the boundary until 111th Avenue, which turns into Mayfield Road, and the last section would be 170th Street. This riding would have a population of about 44 462, and a population variance of negative five percent. This allows for future growth in the region in the years ahead.

EDMONTON – WHITEMUD

The riding of Edmonton – Whitemud would be exactly same as recommended in the interim report. The population would be 46 833 and have no population variation.





From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
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St. Albert

Submission

I am writing to express deep concern regarding the Interim Report boundary recommendation of the new provincial St. Albert-Redwater constituency. There seems no logic to the proposed boundaries, which would place nearly 18,000 St. Albert residents in a new constituency that extends some 187 kilometres. This vast region would extend east to Redwater, Waskatenau, Smoky Lake, Vilna and includes the smaller communities within Thorhild and Smoky Lake Counties.

As a former MLA for the St. Albert constituency from 1979 – 86, I know the challenges of serving the needs of a large diversified constituency. At that time, St. Albert constituency borders extended north into the Municipal District of Westlock, east to Gibbons and west to Callihou and the Alexander Aboriginal First Nation. We had a diverse population of rural and urban but the boundaries were primarily based on the trading patterns of this growing region.

The recent Electoral Boundaries report does a great job of population distribution in each constituency. However, the proposal for the St. Albert-Redwater Electoral Division does not take into consideration distance and diversity. The natural trading areas and the linkages the residents have within the boundaries was certainly not considered for the proposed St. Albert-Redwater constituency.

I submit that the boundaries in this new electoral division do not make sense for both the electorate and for the MLA. In my experience, the rural counties and smaller communities rely much more on their members of the Legislature to make linkages to various provincial government departments. Having access to your MLA is important for both the individual citizen and for the local governments. This consideration should also be included in determining what is fair for electoral boundaries.

I respectfully ask The Electoral Boundaries Commission to reconsider the boundaries for the St. Albert-Redwater Electoral Division. One proposal submitted by the St. Albert Progressive Conservative Constituency Association provides a logical solution that would keep the population count within the guidelines but at the same time respect the natural linkages that voters would expect for their electoral division.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Highwood

Submission

I believe one of the mandates of the electoral commission is to make the MLA's accessible. This would not happen if the people of High River had to go to Nanton. Our infrastructure is supported by Okotoks. The population here shop and work in Okotoks or Calgary not Nanton. We have a large senior population who do not drive, we have families where the parents both work how would they be bale to access an MLA in Nanton.

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Electoral Constituency
Calgary Northern Hills
Submission
<p>The proposed boundary changes to north central Calgary do not consider the lived experiences of constituents. Specifically, the proposed changes separate the similar communities of Panorama Hills, Country Hills, Harvest Hills and Coventry Hills. These 4 communities form the largest community association in the city, and asking for them to be represented by 3 different MLAs is ineffective. This will result in triplication of efforts and resources by constituency staff and the MLAs themselves. Further, the City of Calgary recently changed its ward boundaries to bring north central communities back together. I would recommend that you review the new Ward 3 boundary for the City of Calgary to better understand how similar communities have been given a common "home". Better aligning the provincial boundaries with civic boundaries will allow for more effective representation of the citizens in these communities. With serious deficiencies in infrastructure (public transit, schools, medical facilities, recreational facilities) in this area, we need to align elected representatives at all levels instead of breaking apart communities.</p>
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Electoral Constituency

Highwood

Submission

It is with great concern that it has been proposed to move the town of High River from Highwood into Livingstone-Macleod Riding.

As reported in the High River times (Tuesday, July 11, 2017) I fail to understand how the Electoral Boundaries Commission could in all seriousness consider such a change. All the concerns stated by Wayne Anderson, MLA for Highwood are valid, legitimate and rational. I understand that it is "democratic" to try to maintain a balance of the population for each Riding, but there should be more criteria involved; for example, overall area. Would it not be more feasible to move the eastern boundary at approximately the Nobleford location and moving it west, to exclude Granum and south to the west of Fort Macleod and continuing directly South down Highway 810 to where it joins Highway 507, at which point it could continue down the existing Eastern boundary towards Waterton. I do not know what the population shift would be, nor do I know the impact to the Riding to the East. However, I believe that such a move would meet the requirements for the Boundaries Commission.

How did you hear about the review?

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July 12, 2017

Justice Myra Bielby
Chair
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Re: Interim Report on the *Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta*

Dear Justice Bielby,

On behalf of Councils for the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County, we wish to express our concerns regarding recommendations made in the Interim Report on the *Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta* for the Drayton Valley-Devon riding.

It is understandable that electoral boundaries will need to be adjusted as population centres grow. The proposal to restructure the Drayton Valley-Devon riding to become "Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House" riding, however, does not fully contemplate the benefits of community groupings with potential for symbiotic relationships. Benefits of the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County being linked with the Town of Devon, Parkland County, Village of Warburg, Village of Breton, Town of Thorsby, and Town of Calmar include increased access to potential trade partners and business interests as well as recognition of well-used transportation corridors. The current constituency facilitates linkages between municipalities within this primary East-West transportation corridor, and our Councils believe this enhances the opportunities for a supportive and effective partnership between municipalities like Drayton Valley, Brazeau County, Parkland County, the Town of Devon, and others. These commonalities of interest allow for partnerships, cohesion, and collaborative work toward regional goals that can result in economic growth and prosperity to our area. One such partnership that holds great promise for our region is the Alberta Hemp Alliance, a municipal-industry alliance whose purpose is to enhance industrial opportunities and which includes all of the above-mentioned municipalities.

Another significant argument that we would like to present for your consideration is the long history between the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County. As the Town and County

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share an extensive past consisting of partnerships and economic interests that ensure a high quality of life for residents in both municipalities, it would benefit the region to keep these municipalities in the same riding as much of our joint advocacy includes our provincial elected representative. This work is done much more effectively when the MLA represents municipalities with similar goals and interests.

Accordingly, we respectfully submit that the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission revise its Report with the inclusion of common economic interests that are considered a factor in assessing potential ridings. We would propose that the boundary is realigned such that the southern boundary of Devon-Parkland does not run south along RR22 but rather continues easterly to HWY 2. Pigeon Lake, including the villages around the lake, would then be included in the Rocky Mountain House riding. In this scenario, all of Brazeau County would be included in Devon-Parkland as would the Town of Drayton Valley. To maintain balance, parts of Wetaskiwin County would be added to Rocky Mountain House riding.

We are proud of the work we have done within Drayton Valley and Brazeau County to promote and foster quality of life and economic development. We feel that the commission's proposal for a boundary change of this magnitude would be counterproductive and would serve to inhibit the forward momentum and future successes of projects and initiatives between our municipalities. As the communities within our constituency grow and prosper, so does the province as a whole.

Many thanks to you and the other Commission members for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Glenn McLean, B.A., J.D.
Mayor, Town of Drayton Valley

Bart Guyon
Reeve, Brazeau County

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Submission to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission – July 2017

A. Introduction

The primary problem with Alberta's existing electoral boundaries is a lack of adherence to the principle of representation by population. The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission (the Commission) appointed in 2016 was tasked with recommending new boundaries for the province's 87 constituencies.

Public Interest Alberta's Democracy Task Force (the Task Force) made a written submission and an oral presentation to the Commission and is pleased to see the Commission's Interim Report follow the overall direction of making Albertans' votes count equally regardless of where they live in the province.

B. Review of recommendations in our previous submission

We made two main recommendations in our initial written submission to the Commission:

1. Limit the variance in constituency population to 5%.

While legislation allows the Commission to vary the population size of constituencies to 25% above or below the average constituency population, the Task Force recommended the variance be kept to a maximum of 5%. The Commission also has the power to create up to four "special exceptions" constituencies with population variances as high as 50% above or below the average constituency population. We recommended against the Commission using that power.

2. Recommend the Legislative Assembly strengthen supports to MLAs to assist them in effectively representing their constituents and addressing their varying needs.

Recognizing there are myriad challenges for MLAs to effectively represent their constituents and that adopting boundaries that follow the principle of representation by population will shift some of those challenges, the Legislative Assembly should assess the resources given to all MLAs in their constituencies. Those challenges range in nature and include large geographical constituencies, high poverty rates, diverse language populations, and much more. The increased costs to ensure sufficient resources are in place would be a necessary investment in strengthening democracy and a necessary complement to the move to more political equality and representation by population.

C. Evaluating the Commission's Interim Report

The Task Force commends the Commission on the immense amount of work that went into producing its Interim Report. Its task of redrawing the boundaries of 87 constituencies and taking into consideration a wide variety of factors, some of them competing with others, is a difficult one. The consultation process was exemplary, and the Interim Report shows that the Commission members listened closely to the wide array of viewpoints they received in both written submissions and oral presentations.

The Task Force continues to believe that the full implementation of the two recommendations in our previous submission would greatly strengthen the democratic nature of Alberta's electoral system, and we therefore use them as our main criteria to judge the contents of the Commission's Interim Report.

Overall, the Interim Report takes the right approach to the principle of representation by population, recognizing it as "a fundamental underpinning of any democracy" (p. 26). The current system of electoral boundaries is one of unfairness by design. Previous constituency boundaries were drawn in such a way that guaranteed political inequality would be the norm; votes in some areas would be worth much more than in others. Clearly, the Commission has recognized that this approach cannot continue and is recommending a much more democratic direction.

The Commission also rightly rejected approaching its task as a balancing act between urban and rural interests. The Interim Report says, "the time has come to stop treating differences between rural and urban Albertans as a main driver in setting the boundaries of electoral divisions" and that the Commission "arrived at its recommendations for every area of the province without labelling those areas either rural or urban" (p. 26). In avoiding the rural versus urban dichotomy, the Commission was able to focus more squarely on strengthening democracy.

The Interim Report recognizes that effective representation for Albertans of urban areas "can be addressed by measures falling short of creating electoral divisions with significantly smaller populations than average" (p. 26). It offers alternatives for large geographical constituencies, including increasing the presence of satellite offices and adding more staff. It also recognizes input it received that all constituencies have their own particular demands that can vary widely and can include things like high poverty rates and diverse cultural and linguistic groups (p. 17).

The Commission's suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that "addressing the specific costs of additional staff and the operation of satellite offices for remote constituencies would certainly help voters in geographically large electoral divisions feel they can more readily access the services of their MLAs" is a welcome alternative to large disparities in voting power between constituencies (p. 27).

The result of the Commission's consideration of the above factors is a proposal with 53 of Alberta's 87 constituencies falling within our recommended population variance of 5% (compared to 37 of 87 in the previous Commission's final report). While the progress made is both substantial and welcome, 34 of 87 constituencies remain with a population variance of greater than 5%, including 16 with a variance greater than 10% and 2 with a variance greater than 30%. These large variances violate the principle of political equality by which every vote should be counted as equally as possible.

To illustrate the unfairness of large variances, it is instructive to compare the two constituencies at the extremes of the problem. The Interim Report proposes that Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House have a population of 54,609, while Lesser Slave Lake would have a population of 27,818. A single vote in Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House would therefore be worth nearly half the weight of a single vote in Lesser Slave Lake.

Population variances of greater than 5% should be reduced to within that margin. While some slightly larger variances are probably necessary to account for particularly problematic and compelling local circumstances, these large variances are unnecessary, undemocratic, and must be avoided.

D. Conclusion

The overarching principles espoused in the Commission's Interim Report rightly emphasize the importance of representation by population. The Interim Report recommends a direction that would strengthen democracy in Alberta by reducing the overall disparity in population between constituencies, and is an enormous improvement over the work of previous boundary commissions. We commend the members of the Commission for their impressive work so far.

However, the Commission should go further in its final report to recommend the populations of all constituencies fall within a variance of 5% above or below the average constituency population. Doing so will help to ensure votes are counted as equally as possible in the elections to come and will be a logical extension of the principled work done by the Commission in its Interim Report.

We wish to thank the members of the Commission for their important contribution made in their efforts so far and to encourage them to make these necessary further steps in their final report.

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Submission

I strongly feel that the new constituency being formed with about 60% Cochrane residents, 30% Airdrie and the remaining rural should be named Cochrane-Ardrie, not Ardie-Cochrane.

I also believe Cochrane-Ardrie will be less confusing since there will be an Ardie constituency as well.

Thank you for considering this change.

Leroy Durand

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Electoral Constituency

St Albert

Submission

After reviewing the interim report, we have concerns with the draft boundaries for the three ridings of St Albert, St Albert-Redwater, and Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock. Specifically, we feel the current boundaries create the following:

- One riding that is a suburban Edmonton community (St Albert),
- One riding that is a primarily a suburban Edmonton community with a minority rural component (St Albert-Redwater),
- One riding that is primarily rural with a minority of suburban Edmonton (Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock).

We feel that the boundaries can be re-aligned within themselves to create three constituencies that are more homogeneous. Namely, they could be redrafted to create two constituencies of suburban Edmonton communities, and one constituency being uniformly rural.

Therefore, the St. Albert Progressive Conservative Association recommends the following:

-Keep the contemporary St. Albert constituency boundaries intact (the city of St. Albert minus the neighborhoods of Deer Ridge, Lacombe Park, and North Ridge). This riding will have a population of approximately 46,463 which is <1% below the desired benchmark.

-The St Albert neighborhoods of Deer Ridge, Lacombe Park, and North Ridge, previously part of Spruce-Grove-St Albert, to be grouped with the town of Morinville and the section of Sturgeon County immediately north of Edmonton and South of Highway 570. This area is primarily composed of high density acreages with residents that work, shop, and participate in leisure activities in St Albert and North

Edmonton. This new riding will have a population of approximately 46,892, which is <1% below the desired benchmark. This riding can be known as St. Albert - Morinville.

-The remaining rural portions of the draft St. Albert – Redwater constituency to be grouped in the draft riding of Barrhead – Morinville – Westlock. This riding will have a population of approximately 44,609 which is 4% below the desired benchmark. This riding can be known as Barrhead – Westlock – Redwater.

The rationale for these recommendations are as follows:

- The communities grouped together in this proposal will likely have more similar interests, ie. the rural communities and small towns of Barrhead – Westlock – Redwater will be grouped together, as will the suburban voters of St Albert, Morinville, and southern Sturgeon County. This would allow the common interests of these citizens to be more effectively represented.

- A natural and historical transportation corridor flows from Edmonton through St Albert to Morinville. As such, the residents of the Morinville area use St Albert businesses, schools, sports, and recreation facilities. Furthermore, the closest hospital in the area is located in St. Albert, which serves many residents in the surrounding area.

- 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.

-The St. Albert Catholic School Board includes schools in the town of Morinville, thereby, allowing a common interest to be represented by a single MLA.

-The communities that are grouped together have common historical ties, and have a common Francophone heritage

-Keeping the St. Albert constituency in its current form will allow the current constituency associations from all political parties to be kept intact, allowing for minimal disruption in the relationships that have formed over the last years of activity. It will also minimize voter confusions as to what constituency they live in.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Wedman
President
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Electoral Constituency

Athabasca Sturgeon Redwater

Submission

Presentation to the Electoral Boundaries Commission
 July 19, 2017
 Presented by Colleen Powell

This presentation concerns the proposed constituency of Fort McMurray - La La Biche, states why this proposal should be reconsidered, and suggests a partial solution to the problem.

This constituency is much like a barbell with a large population at one end and a somewhat smaller population at the other end with very little in between. The main urban centre of Fort McMurray is 350km north of the southwestern edge of the constituency and roughly 300 km from the other major centres of Athabasca and Lac la Biche. There is no community of significant population north of the boundaries of Athabasca County and Lac La Biche and only one major road between them. There is a secondary road at the extreme eastern edge of the constituency.

North of the counties of Athabasca and Lac La Biche are several small and often indigenous communities. These are all small communities, under 500 people for the most part. Although there has been forestry and oil and gas activity in the area, it has not meant an increase in settled population. The area is part of the great boreal forest and thus very little farming except at the borders of the counties.

The two counties of Athabasca and Lac La Biche have a diverse economy whose main employers are Athabasca University, Portage College, and Alberta Pacific Forest Industries. There is also a significant presence of health care, K-12 education, other government departments, a robust oil servicing industry as well as retail and commercial small business. Farming in Athabasca County accounts for around 20%

of the reported employment and is a significant part of the Lac La Biche economy and way of life.

The Athabasca region county is just outside the Capital Region and any service not available in the area is accessed in St. Albert or Edmonton. There is no connection to Fort McMurray. Lac La Biche is further from the Capital Region but again St. Albert and Edmonton draws people from here for goods and services not available in Lac La Biche.

The southern half of the city of Fort McMurray suffered most from the fire and has seen its population drop by about 9,000 people. Many of these people are waiting until they can return and rebuild, thus the population number cannot be taken as accurate. In fact the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) has just completed a population projection that shows a significant increase over the figure used by the Commission. (See the Appendix)

Objections to the Proposed Constituency of Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche

Article 14 of the Electoral Boundaries Act lists the factors that the Commission shall take into consideration.

This proposed constituency ignores several of these factors:

14 (a) the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The fire in Fort McMurray will mean that the MLAs of that area must make the rebuilding a priority. This will entail not only working with the municipality but ensuring that provincial services are available for those who need it. This by necessity will become the major focus of both provincial representatives leaving the southern areas of Athabasca and Lac La Biche without effective representation.

14(b) sparsity and density of population

The urban area of Fort McMurray is a densely populated urban centre surrounded by a very sparse population. 300 kilometres to the south are the two counties of Athabasca and Lac La Biche; each town having about 3000 people and the Village of Boyle with a population of around 900. The rest of the population in the two areas is rural farming or county residential. This is a medium density population. There are no centres large enough to be villages between the edges of the counties and the urban centre of Fort McMurray. The sparsity means that there is nothing that really connects the two areas.

14(c) common community interests and community organizations, including those of Indian reserves and Metis settlements.

There are no common community interests between the Northern part of the constituency and the southern other than a shared economic base in parts of the area. There are no community organizations that connect these two areas.

The Athabasca County area is just outside the Capital Region and this is where people, business and government orient when they need products, medical services, entertainment or other services not available in the local area.

There are two groups that do connect with Fort McMurray – oil servicing businesses and people who choose to live in this area but work in Fort McMurray. Although this number is not small, it does not form the basis of a connectivity with the northern area.

The main economic drivers in the Athabasca area are: Alberta Pacific Forest Industries, employing roughly 450 people, Athabasca University, employing about 450 people, and agriculture which accounts for about 20% of the rural populations' occupation. I am not that familiar with the Lac La Biche area, but Portage College, major government agencies and agriculture play a large role in their economy. None of these have major connections with the northern area of this proposed constituency.

In fact, other than people living in the south and working in the north there is no connection between the two areas. The oil servicing industry in the Athabasca area works throughout the oil sands area, not just the Fort McMurray area.

There is a significant indigenous population in the Lac La Biche area and in Wood Buffalo but the Metis colonies of Kikino and Buffalo Lake have been allocated to the proposed St. Albert Redwater constituency. It is difficult to try and bring indigenous groups together into one constituency and in both

these cases, unsuccessful.

14(g) geographical features, including road systems

Although the Athabasca and Lac La Biche areas are within the boreal forest, farming is still a major occupation which it is not further north. There is one major road and one secondary road connecting the two areas. This does not constitute a road system. It is simply the only way other than flying to get from anywhere in Alberta to Fort McMurray. It does not connect the communities, it simply runs through them. The Athabasca River does connect the two areas but only in the concern both areas have in maintaining and improving the health of the river.

This proposed constituency ignores four critical factors that the Commission needs to address when redrawing electoral boundaries and thus it must be changed.

This presentation does not attempt to redraw the entire constituency but proposes a solution for the northern part – Wood Buffalo.

Proposal for Two Wood Buffalo Constituencies

I propose creating two constituencies within the boundary of Wood Buffalo.

The impact of the fire, the worst natural disaster in Alberta history, cannot be underestimated and the need for dedicated services will be necessary for a long time. The MLAs are part of this service and can help with the rebuilding by working with the municipality, government agencies and NPOs, but this must be a significant focus of their constituency work. This is best done within the boundaries of Wood Buffalo

Population

The southern half of Fort McMurray suffered the greatest loss, losing roughly 9,000. However this calculation was done prior to any concerted rebuilding in the city. To assume that over a ten year period this population would not increase is highly unlikely. The Commission's calculation of the population of Fort McMurray Conklin at 17, 129 based on figures from the Office of Statistics and Information, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance. However, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) has done their statistical count and their figure for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is between 75,600 and 77,600.

https://www.rmwb.ca/News-Room/Council-accepts-new-Regional-Population-Model_s8_p6211.htm (see below)

The figure the Commission is using for the total area is 64,165 which is quite different from the newer Fort McMurray projection. I am not disputing the Commission's figures but suggest that the RMWB figures are more recent and should not be discounted.

If the RMWB figures are accurate, then two constituencies can be formed within the current boundaries of the municipality. This would be in accord with Article 14(e) wherever possible, existing municipal boundaries.

If the Commission's numbers reflect the current population, two constituencies can still be formed as special constituencies. Only two special constituencies have been proposed leaving room for two more. The Commission could work with RMWB for the best configuration and perhaps only one constituency needs to be designated a special constituency.

Population 64,165

Constituency 32,082

Constituency 32,083

There is no community in Alberta that needs special designation more than this area which must rebuild and rehouse many people. Under Article 15(2) of the Act I believe the following apply to Wood Buffalo.

- 15.2(a) the area of the proposed electoral division exceeds 20,000 square kilometres or the total surveyed area...exceeds 15,000 square kilometres.
- 15.s(b) the distance from the Legislature Building in Edmonton to the nearest boundary of the proposed

electoral division by the most direct highway route is more than 150 kilometres.

- 15.2(d) the area of the proposed electoral division contains an Indian reserve or a Metis settlement.
- 15.2(e) the proposed electoral division has a portion of its boundary coterminous with a boundary of the Province of Alberta

The proposed constituency of Fort McMurray - Conklin will not meet the needs of neither the urban area of Fort McMurray nor the southern areas encompassing the counties of Athabasca and Lac La Biche. The proposal did not consider the needs of Fort McMurray as it rebuilds in that it will need the concentrated focus of the MLAs, leaving the southern area underrepresented. There are no common interests and no connectivity.

The best solution is to create two constituencies within the boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Other Concerns

St. Albert Redwater

This is a brief note on the changes to the southern area of the current Athabasca Sturgeon Redwater

This constituency attempts to knit together a growing urban area with county residential, farming and small town communities just north of St. Albert and with a rural area distant and not connected in anyway to St. Albert. Smoky Lake does not fit into this configuration and is likely to be under represented. In addition the Metis colonies of Kikino and Buffalo Lake are included in this proposal which makes little sense. The people in these settlements orient to Lac La Biche and Boyle, not Redwater, nor St. Albert.

There is concern that city issues will overwhelm rural concerns and many would prefer that St. Albert be removed from this constituency. It appears that the northern area of St. Albert is growing rapidly especially near the COSTCO site and increase the size of the constituency beyond what is needed.

Retain Athabasca – Sturgeon - Redwater

Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater has been together for some time and connections between the areas have been built. It falls within the population guidelines and the Aspen School Division includes Smoky Lake and Thorhild providing more connectivity. There is no real reason to change these boundaries, but understanding the difficulty the Commission has in creating new constituencies, changing the borders slightly would be accepted by most. For example, taking St. Albert out of the new proposal and adding Athabasca County back in with perhaps more of rural Sturgeon County could be acceptable.

Colleen Powell is a long time resident of Athabasca and served 15 years on the Town of Athabasca Council as councillor and mayor. She is retired from the Athabasca University Faculty Association.

Appendix A

Report from RMWB website

News Room

Council Accepts New Regional Population Model

(Fort McMurray, AB – May 10, 2017) – Updated population projections for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo were accepted by Council at its public meeting on Tuesday night.

It is estimated that approximately 75,600 to 77,600 permanent residents are living in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, including 72,000 to 74,000 residents in the urban service area of Fort McMurray.

Using a best practice model developed by Nichols Applied Management, the projections were updated by the Oil Sands Community Alliance in collaboration with the Wood Buffalo Steering Group (WBSG),

comprised of representatives from Council, industry and municipal administration.

"The economic downturn, the slowdown of capital-intensive growth in the oil sands and population changes due to the impact of the wildfire necessitated the development of new projections," said Jamie Doyle, Director of Planning and Development. "This update will be used to inform and support long-term planning in the region, including any recommendations and planning developed by the WBSG."

"The population projections show a different future for our community than envisioned a few years ago. However, this information is essential if we are to properly plan and provide the programs, infrastructure and other services to maintain the quality of life for residents in the RMWB," said Karim Zariffa, Executive Director, OSCA.

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Electoral Constituency

St. Albert

Submission

The proposed changes to the St. Albert riding do not make much sense on the surface; merging higher density urban with rural (Redwater).

A rural MLA has to work twice as hard as an urban MLA because there is very little in the way of government; local city/town/village council.

This proposed change will require the St. Albert-Redwater riding MLA to ignore the St. Albert constituents for the rural constituents. The effect of that will be ineffective representation for the people of St. Albert.

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Red Deer Map It
Electoral Constituency
Red Deer North
Submission
<p>Alberta Electoral Boundary: Round Two July 13, 2017</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to provide further feedback to the Alberta Boundary Commission. I will comment on the Interim Report, and on my ability to share my views on this important subject.</p> <p>I like the Interim Report. A solid effort has been made to move Alberta closer to fair representation, the ideal of equitable representation according to population. There is still a considerable ways to go, and no final revision has been adopted by the Government of Alberta. Still, it looks like progress is coming. It may be Pollyannaish to think it will happen now as nothing in government is ever a "slam dunk."</p> <p>"Major Themes" identify the complexity of the overall process in finely constructed and laudatory prose. So too have previous reports and they justified the status quo which over represented rural voters and rural concerns. The locus of government should be people; it should not be on the amount of space they occupy. This interim report will help the government increase voter parity.</p> <p>Understandably rural voters are concerned about the challenges of representing large areas and long distances. They might also appreciate that urban voters have their own unique challenges. Perhaps some rural Albertans would feel claustrophobic in cities; maybe even view them as impossibly overcrowded. I see the political environment as a tit for tat world where everyone wants more. To be less than charitable: rural Albertans often vote for smaller government. Fewer rural representatives may give it to them.</p> <p>To think outside the box, maybe rural Albertans would support a bicameral legislature. I would be fine with an Alberta Senate as long as it had no power, no elected representatives and based strictly on land mass. I'm sure that a computer could generate squares of equal area at a minimal cost. This would provide Albertans with exactly equal representation by area; no boundary commission needed here. Some squares might even be empty thereby reducing costs to Albertans. It would be fun to fantasize on such a new direction for Alberta.</p>

The interim report is fine—go with it—but the process of involving the public needs work. I had challenges getting my initial comments to you in January. The web-site wouldn't accept and forward my views. I ended up mailing it, a process not identified in the web-page. To comment now, I will need to repeat this process. Will the web-page work? Will you still accept a submission at your mailing address? On your web-page, why don't the colorful highlighted areas link to maps or the report of other details? I found stuff but had to work at it. Finally and significantly, how would I know that a review was taking place? It seems to me that there was more publicity for earlier boundary reviews. And I got to make an in-person presentation. Are in-person submissions saved only for elected officials or prominent Albertans? Improvements could be made to enhance participation. Good luck to the commission in moving Alberta forward.

Dale Boddy [REDACTED] Red Deer, AB. [REDACTED]

How did you hear about the review?

- Radio

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Subject: FW: Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission

From: arose58 . [REDACTED]
Sent: July-12-17 10:41 PM
To: info <info@elections.ab.ca>
Subject: Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission

Hello:

I am writing this on behalf of my wife and myself. To have the Cypress/Medicine Hat region divided as proposed or any of the other rural regions reduced displays the attitude of some one that has never resided in a rural area. I am asking that Elections Alberta to deny this proposal to ensure that "All Alberta" retains the same contact with representation.

In a city such as Calgary or Edmonton an MLA can meet with 50% of the electorate in 1 day. In a rural situation it may take half a day to see 2%.

Regards

Alan Rose/Ingrid Rose

[REDACTED]
Medicine Hat, Ab

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

Grande Prairie Wapiti

Submission

The Grande Prairie Smokey boundary should include Wembley, Beaverlodge, Hythe, Horse Lake First Nations and other small communities in the immediate trade area of Grande Prairie. Hwy 59 is a natural boundary to consider. To meet the population guidelines, it would be understandable if communities further away from Grande Prairie were moved into another riding.

The issues concerning the communities mentioned above are more aligned with Grande Prairie and they have opportunities to collaborate and cooperate for regional service delivery. Dividing them into different constituent boundaries could mean that the concerns of these smaller communities gets lost because their issues may not be similar to those of the Central Peace-Notley area.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
- Facebook
- Other

Chamber of Commerce

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Decore & Edmonton Northwest

Submission

I live in Decorde, and on the board of a Calder CA.. [REDACTED]
 Decore
 Wasn't it kind of silly dropping the southwest corner of the Old Decore and pushing into the central east of another ED. Or are you bounding by postal codes.

Edmonton Northwest
 I think the map needs to be scaled differently, as You cannot determine where the boundary ends with Norwood, in the southeast corner. In the old calder this went into Norwood considerable, but the new map is difficult to distinguish where it ends.
 thanx

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Interesting that we did not receive notification from the government

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Address

Town of Sexsmith
[Map It](#)

Electoral Constituency

Grande Prairie - Smoky

Submission

The Town would not support the current proposed boundary recommendation from the commission which would put Wembley, Beaverlodge and Hythe into the Central Peace- Notley division.

The preferred official position of the Town is to remain with the status quo. The Town feels the region has been well served with the current divisions.

If there must be a change then the Town would support an alternative that includes Hythe, Wembley and Beaverlodge into the same region as their current trading partners since the Town of Sexsmith, Town of Wembley, Village of Hythe, Town of Beaverlodge, County of Grande Prairie and the City of Grande Prairie all work together regionally.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Other

Neighboring municipality



July 13, 2017

VIA E-MAIL

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Submitted to info@ABebc.ca

Dear Commission Members:

Re: Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta
Interim Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
May 2017

On behalf of the McLeod Community League, I am providing a writing submission to the Report which recommended that the boundaries of Edmonton-Manning be adjusted by moving the McLeod neighbourhood into adjacent Edmonton-Decore.

McLeod Community League requests that the McLeod neighborhood remain part of Edmonton-Manning. The western boundary of Edmonton-Manning should be 66 Street, from the City of Edmonton boundary, south to 137 Avenue.

McLeod Community League is a non-profit organization and represents over 19,000 residents in the neighborhoods of Matt Berry, Hollick-Kenyon, Miller, Casselman, and McLeod. As a member of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, we serve the social, cultural, athletic, and civic needs of our residents. Our volunteers deliver sports programs, playgrounds, a community centre, safety information, and many community events like movie nights, youth field trips and community celebrations. We support community gardens, "No Stone Left Alone", "Front Yards in Bloom", and "Snow Angels", all projects that help build community connections.

We've work hard for the past 45 years for residents to see all five neighborhoods as our one abundant community.

(1) Our residents are best served by being within one provincial constituency, served by one MLA. It is easiest to have one point of contact for dealing with grants, legislative concerns and other provincial matters. Four out of five of our neighborhoods would be in Edmonton-Manning and one would be in Edmonton-Decore. It would be a duplication of provincial legislative resources to have two MLAs addressing the same community concerns.

(2) 66 Street is a natural boundary between Edmonton neighborhoods. Keeping a straight line will reduce voter confusion at election time and between elections when they're contacting

their MLA for assistance.

(3) School boards use that boundary to designate school attendance boundaries. If kept as suggested, parents would live in Edmonton-Decore, but the community's school is just across the street in Edmonton-Manning. It would be consistent for both to be in Edmonton-Manning.

(4) McLeod residents would live in Edmonton-Decore but the McLeod community hall would be located in Edmonton-Manning.

(4) There are about 1,400 voters (www.edmonton.ca McLeod Community Profile) in the McLeod neighborhood, and keeping them in the constituency would not significantly affect the provincial average +/- 1%. 46,066 voters (interim report) + 1,400 = 47,466 total voters.

(5) We find our focus in northeast Edmonton concerns, rather than north central Edmonton. We're concerned with provincial education (new schools north of 167 Avenue), transportation (bridge proposal on 195 Avenue) and economic development (Heartland Industrial Area) among other issues. Our businesses and commercial centers (main streets) are in Manning Crossing and along 167 Avenue, which are both in Edmonton-Manning. Manning Drive is a major transportation route and forms the eastern side of our community league.

The interim report states "moving the boundaries in this fashion avoids splitting neighborhoods" (page 51), but in our case, it does split OUR neighborhood. We respectfully request that the boundary be drawn north/south along 66 Street.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this important matter. We hope to remain part of Edmonton-Manning provincial constituency. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Leanne Rosinski
President, McLeod Community League
president@mcleodcommunityleague.ca

Cc: Councillor Ed Gibbons, Ward 4
MLA Heather Sweet, Edmonton-Manning
McLeod Community League Board of Directors

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Medicine Hat Map It
Electoral Constituency
Cypress - Medicine Hat
Submission
I have a couple of major concerns: 1) The Commission is taking away 3 rural constituencies and that is not appropriate and will hurt rural Alberta citizens, I strongly oppose this decision. 2) The Commission is also proposing to change the boundaries of the two Medicine Hat ridings and eliminating one of them and the new proposal is not realistic. I strongly oppose this idea and I believe we need to keep the two ridings of Medicine Hat and Cypress - Medicine Hat.
How did you hear about the review?
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Subject: Website submission from Jeff Mackenzie

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Jeff Mackenzie

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

I believe that it is far more important that boundaries reflect a similar lifestyle and environment than it is that the number of voters in a riding are all virtually the same. Lumping Cochrane into a riding with Airdrie or Calgary makes no sense for the people of Cochrane, and does nothing to allow realistic representation by someone from our area who has common concerns with our community. Having parts of Rockyview north of Cochrane joined with Chestermere for example is bizarre, as they have far different needs to those in Cochrane. In Cochrane our main concerns are inadequate highways and bridges, and those concerns have persisted for many years, partly because the system does not provide adequate representation for our area as members do not live and experience our world on a daily basis.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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AddressEdmonton
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Edmonton Mill Woods

Submission

July 13, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

re: Edmonton Mill Woods – Interim Boundary Report and Feedback

I am writing on behalf of the Edmonton Mill Woods NDP with regards to the interim report released by the Boundaries Commission and the proposed map for Edmonton - Mill Woods West.

We appreciate the Commission's efforts to balance a variety of complex factors. We agree with the majority of the report's findings on the larger issues such as the appropriate number of electoral districts for the big cities. However, when it comes to the proposed map for what the Commission calls Mill Woods West, we have a few concerns and suggestions.

The biggest change proposed by the Commission would be the removal of 2/3rds of the Ridgewood community from our district (the neighbourhoods known as Minchau and Weinlos) and the addition of the Millhurst community instead (the neighbourhoods of Meyokumin and Sakaw, which are currently part of Edmonton-Ellerslie). We find this swapping of two similarly sized areas, with nearly identical population counts, as noted in the latest Census, to be without merit. It would result in over 10,000 people changing districts across these two communities, and in both cases these communities have been with their current respective districts since at least 2003. This large swapping of areas, when the population numbers of both are so very close, will only confuse the public as to which electoral district they reside in.

We understand that the constituency of Mill Woods (now Mill Woods West) must grow, to meet the new provincial average. To accomplish this, we would suggest the addition of the Bisset neighbourhood to our district. Bisset is one of three parts of the Ridgewood community, the other two of which (Minchau and Weinlos) are already part of our constituency. Adding Bisset would bring the entire Ridgewood community league under one umbrella, and solve some longstanding problems with mail routes that cross between these neighbourhoods/districts. Bisset is extremely similar in makeup to the rest of the Ridgewood community and would fit the Mill Woods West district in terms of demographics and infrastructure age.

As another form of growth, we agree with the proposed addition of the Knottwood communities of Ekota and Menisa to our district. This will bring the entire Knottwood community into one district, which will again help to solve for simpler boundary explanations and for mail routes that go throughout the community.

We have examined the population numbers from the recent 2016 federal census. Bringing the three neighbourhoods of Bisset, Ekota and Menisa into our district will lift our constituency population numbers to be almost exactly at the new provincial average. It will also result in the least amount of change required to meet that new provincial average. It will also solve for the problem of overlapping mail routes and divided communities. People in our proposed areas already use many of the same schools and other community infrastructure as our existing constituents. We believe our plan solves problems both for our constituency and for our neighbouring constituencies.

We hope you will consider this feedback.

Thank you for your work,
Chantelle Hughes-Kreutzer
President, Edmonton Mill Woods NDP

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

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July 5, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 - Kingsway Avenue, NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5

Dear Sirs;

Re: Proposed Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul and Vermilion – Lloydminster Provincial Constituency Boundaries

Lamont County Council appreciates that the task of re-aligning constituency boundaries within Alberta is a daunting process for your commission and significant changes may be unavoidable. County Council, having reviewed the boundaries for the two above mentioned constituencies however, has grave concerns with regard to the proposed boundaries.

The existing Fort Saskatchewan – Vegreville constituency contains our entire County and two of our major trading partners, Fort Saskatchewan and Vegreville. The northwest boundary of the existing constituency is the North Saskatchewan River, a natural political boundary. The northern part of the east boundary is the east boundary of our county. Elk Island National Park has road access only available from either Lamont County or Strathcona County.

The proposed Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul constituency includes St. Paul and a small portion of the County of St. Paul, both on the other side of the North Saskatchewan River. These areas have much closer natural and trading connections to the Bonnyville and Elk Point areas and to Lake Land County. The northeast corner of the proposed constituency around Tulliby Lake, also north of the North Saskatchewan River, has very limited physical or other connections to the western part of the proposed constituency. The railway line, which linked Bruderheim and Andrew to Two Hills, Myrnam and Dewberry, has been gone for at least ten years. Much of the eastern portion of the proposed constituency has a much closer trading relationship to Lloydminster than to the western part of the new constituency. The long narrow east-west orientation of the proposed constituency with its largest urban center to the extreme west, surrounded by heavy industry, becoming more and more rural to the east does not create a cohesive political entity in our opinion. The inclusion of the rural service center of St. Paul, on the opposite side of a major river with limited bridge connections, and stronger connections to areas outside the proposed constituency does not, in our opinion help create a geographically sensible political unit.

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The proposed Vermilion – Lloydminster constituency also has a negative impact upon Lamont County, in particular, carving out the areas immediately south of Mundare and Elk Island National Park.

The largest urban and industrial area for this new constituency will be located at the extreme east end of the proposed constituency in and around Lloydminster, almost a mirror image of Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul proposed constituency. Areas such as Vegreville are more closely connected to Edmonton than to Lloydminster. Elk Island National Park is closely connected to the Beaverhills Initiative area and the newly created Beaverhills Biosphere, an initiative of Strathcona, Lamont, Leduc, Camrose and Beaver Counties. As indicated above the national park is almost totally contained within the existing Fort Saskatchewan – Vegreville riding. In our opinion this proposed constituency does not align with existing economic, social or political connections of the residents.

Both of the proposed constituencies will require political interaction between MLAs and an increased number of municipalities increasing the workload for elected officials from both levels of government.

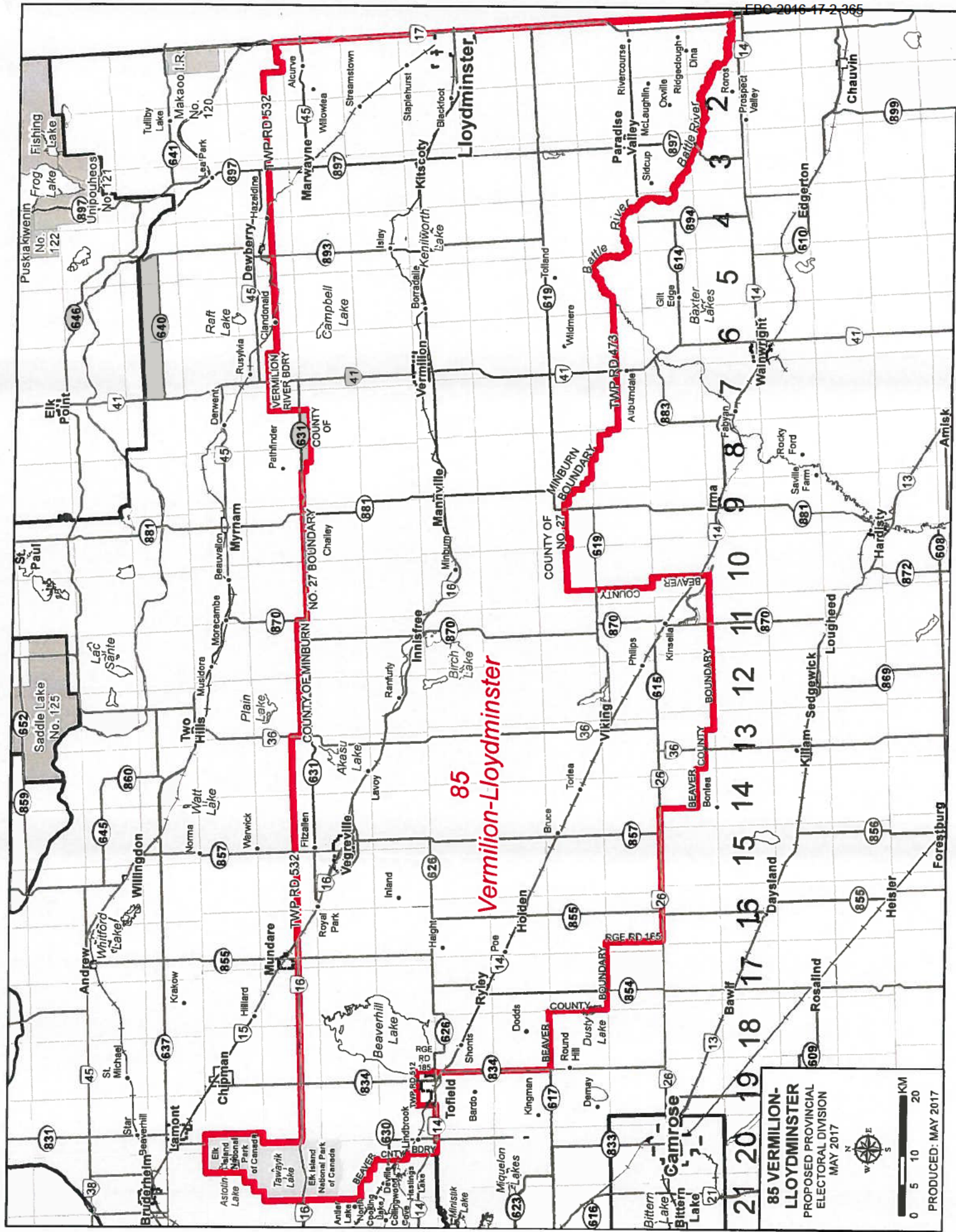
For the reasons set out above we are requesting that the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission reconsider the proposed Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul and Vermilion – Lloydminster constituency boundaries and return to a constituency similar to the existing Fort Saskatchewan – Vegreville constituency.

Sincerely,

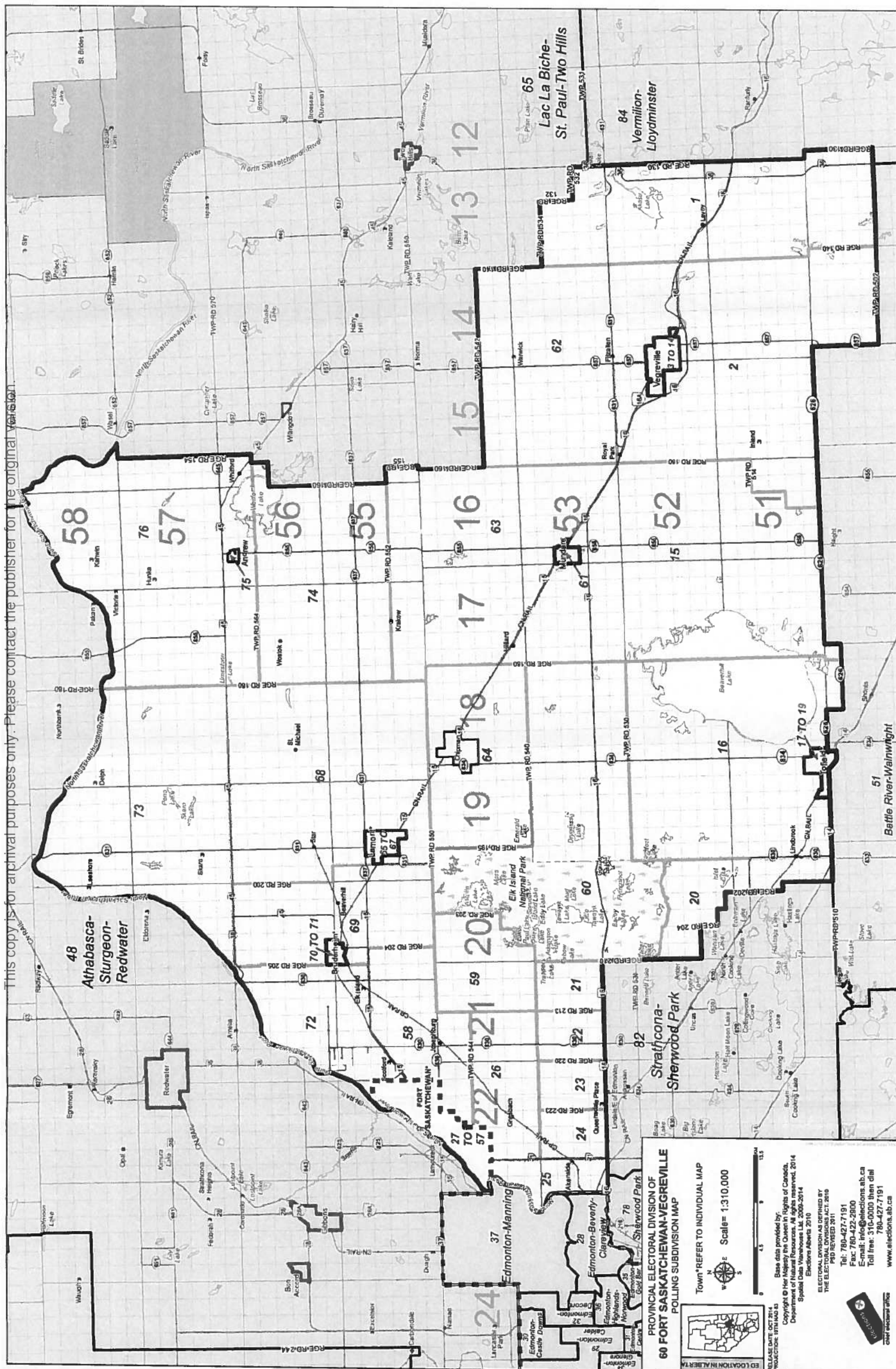
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Robyn Singleton, J.D., Q.C.

County Manager, on behalf of Reeve Wayne Woldanski

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cc: Jessica Littlewood & Mayors/CAOs Lamont



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POLLING SUBDIVISION MAP

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July 12, 2017

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

I would first like to extend my sincerest thanks for your efforts on the provincial electoral boundary file. I know that designing electoral district boundaries is a uniquely challenging endeavour.

I am contacting you to recommend that the provincial constituency boundaries in my region of Southern Alberta not be redrawn in a manner that divides municipal jurisdictions.

I believe that numerous difficulties could arise from drawing provincial constituency boundaries in a manner that divides municipalities. Doing so would compromise the ability of municipal officials to coordinate with their provincial counterparts, and thereby negatively impact those officials' capacity to serve their residents.

Specifically, my recommendations are that:

- Strathmore-Brooks remain united as a single provincial electoral district;
- The County of Newell not be divided at the provincial level;
- Wheatland County not be divided at the provincial level.

Ensuring that provincial electoral district boundaries remain aligned to the greatest extent possible with municipal boundaries will allow municipal and provincial officials to continue to provide their constituents with a high standard of service.

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Once again, thank you for your work on this challenging file, and for considering my recommendations.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Martin Shields, M.P.
Bow River

**LLOYDMINSTER**

July 7, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Commission Members,

RE: Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency #85

After reviewing the proposed change to the constituency, the City of Lloydminster Council, recommends the Commission add the area north of TWP Road 532. The Tulliby Lake, Lea Park and Dewberry areas back onto Vermilion-Lloydminster constituency. This area that was removed is a portion of the County of Vermilion River and is a natural part of the Lloydminster trading area.

This would be disfavour to the voters of the area who have been well served as part of the Vermilion-Lloydminster constituency in the past.

We hope you will give this recommendation due consideration and see fit to redraw the northwest corner of the Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency.

Sincerely,

Gerald S. Aalbers
Mayor
City of Lloydminster

[REDACTED]
Edmonton, Alberta
[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

June 29, 2017

To Whom It May Concern

RE: PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR EDMONTON DECORE

With regard to the proposed boundaries for Decore, the removal of Killarney does not make sense. By having the electoral division cross a major boundary, the rail road tracks and underpass on 127 Avenue, it isolates that community from the rest of the Electoral Division. Additionally, by crossing the Yellowhead Highway and the railway, it makes it harder for these electors to vote. By taking Killarney back into Decore, Norwood has the room to take back Spruce Avenue and Westwood. This would then give downtown more room to grow, given the new high rises being built.

Move the boundary east, to Fort Road and Manning Drive, and use 153 Avenue in the north. This respects the major boundaries in the Area. This would take some population away from Manning, which needs room to grow. While this forces Castle-Downs to take two other communities, Eaux Claires and Belle Rive, everything east of 82nd Street could go into Manning. This would create a more logical block of communities, while still providing growth room where it is needed. As Decore is a mature area with no new growth expected, we can afford to take on more population.

If you have any questions or require more information please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Bill Maxim; Returning Officer
Edmonton Decore



July 13, 2017

Justice Myra Bielby, Chair
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Mail – Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
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Dear Justice Bielby:

Thank you for the second opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Commission's review on the electoral boundaries. We would like to take this opportunity to address the general position of the majority of the members of the Commission, as well as the changes to the constituency which affects Lac La Biche County specifically.

We are concerned with the philosophy driving the recommendations made by the majority, whereby three primarily rural constituencies will be eliminated for three primarily urban ones. We feel that interpretation of the *Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* overstated the importance of voter parity. We do, nonetheless, respect the perspective of the Commission on these matters and still support some of the individual recommendations made by the majority, including some of those directly affecting Lac La Biche County.

The Commission provided specific subjects where they are requesting input. We would be happy to share our perspective on two of these, one being the Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche population size, and the other, the orientation of this constituency, along with Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo.

We believe that the way in which the Commission accounted for a potential population drop caused by the 2016 wildfire, by subtracting 9,000 people from the Fort McMurray area, overstates the long-term effect the fire will have on the population. We believe that the 2016 federal census numbers, unaltered for the fire, should be used to calculate the proposed constituencies given that the Commission's final recommendations will determine boundaries for the next two elections, where during this time, Fort McMurray's population can be expected to have significantly rebounded to pre fire levels.

Regarding the orientation of Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche and Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, we support the change and regard it as necessary if Lac La Biche County, Athabasca County and all municipalities contained within are to be included in the proposed constituency.

We feel that the Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche constituency does a good job of including local trading routes and common interests of the region. We feel that this could be improved by also including Kikino and Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, and Whitefish Lake First Nation. The hamlet of Lac La Biche is an urban centre accessed by many of the residents of from these


Justice Myra Bieibly, Chair
page 2

communities for school, business and pleasure. This addition will increase the population of the constituency by 2,956, which will bring it closer to the average constituency size immediately, giving Fort McMurray's population a chance to rebound over the coming years.

The other improvement to the Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche Constituency is the inclusion of Improvement District 349 (ID 349). Currently, seniors housing requisitions from ID 349 support the Greater North Foundation, to which the following municipalities belong: Lac La Biche County, ID 349, Athabasca County, the Summer Village of Whispering Hills, West Baptiste, Island Lake South, Mewatha Beach, Sunset Beach, Island Lake, Bondiss and South Baptiste, the Village of Boyle, the Town of Athabasca, as well as the M.D. of Opportunity. Requisitions from ID 349 represent 22.7% (\$341,303.71) of the \$1,498,312 levied. Including the ID 349 will reflect the connection it has to these municipalities, as a contributing member to the Greater North Foundation.

We once again appreciate the effort by the Commission to listen and consider the perspectives of all Albertans and that well established and thorough public consultation process is part of the decision making process.

Sincerely,


Omer Moghrabi,
Mayor

cc: Lac La Biche County Council

Shadia Amblie, Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor Melissa Blake, RMWB

Reeve Doris Splane, Athabasca County

Mayor Roger Morrill, Town of Athabasca

Mayor Bob Clark, Village of Boyle

Chief Morris Monias, Heart Lake First Nation

Chief Germaine A. Anderson, Beaver Lake First Nation

Chief Brian Favel, Whitefish Lake First Nation

Floyd Thompson, Chair, Kikino Metis Settlement

Horace Patenaude, Chair, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement

Mayor Tyler Lindsay, Summer Village of Bondiss

Mayor Chad Newton, Summer Village of Island Lake

Mayor Gary Tym, Summer Village of Island Lake South

Mayor Barry Walker, Summer Village of Mewatha Beach

Mayor Steve Hamilton, Summer Village of South Baptiste

Mayor Mark Lindskoog, Summer Village of Sunset Beach

Mayor Keith Wilson, Summer Village of West Baptiste

Mayor Dennis Irving, Summer Village of Whispering Hills

Brian Jean, MLA for Fort McMurray-Athabasca

David Hanson, MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills

Colin Piquette, MLA for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater

July 13, 2017

Susan Hodges Marlowe

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Vermilion, AB [REDACTED]

To the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and to read our letters of concerns.

As I read the Interim Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and the proposed changes to the current boundaries the report did raise some concerns with some of the proposals to change the boundaries of the Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency.

My concerns would be that in dealing with area of Beaver County that county currently has multiple constituencies to deal with. I would suggest you bring in Tofield into the Vermilion-Lloydminster constituency boundary as it would bring the trading area into consideration and make it easier.

I did like the idea of having Vegreville in this constituency as it is also in the trading area for most of the Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituents on the West side of the constituency.

Also an area of consideration which I believe is needed to be adjusted is in the North East area of the constituency. I believe the area concerning Dewberry, Clandonald, Lea Park and Tulliby Lake need to remain in the constituency and retain the County of Vermilion boundary which is already established and understood by residents.

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Thank you and best regards,

[REDACTED]

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Ronald Boothman
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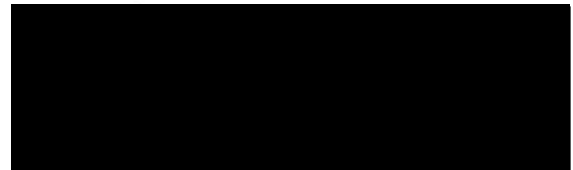
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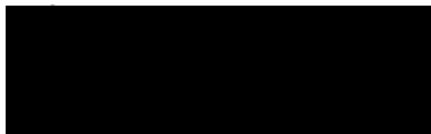
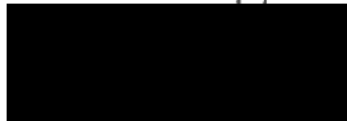
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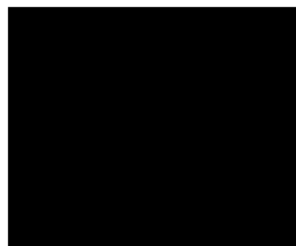
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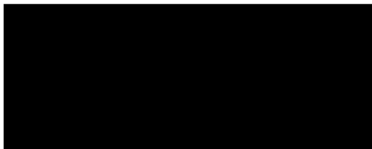
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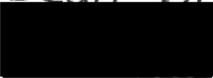
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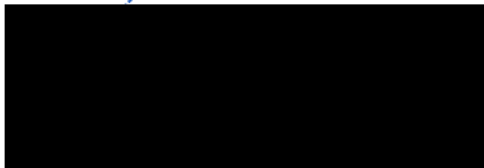
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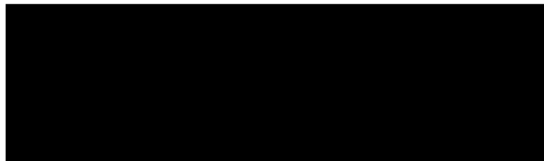
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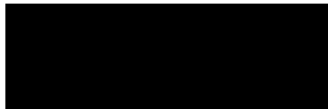
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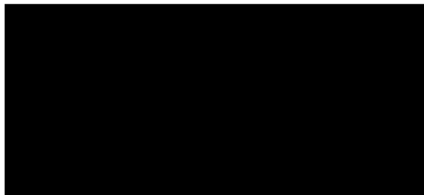
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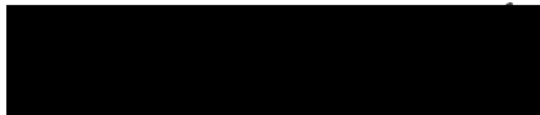
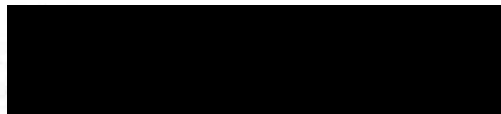
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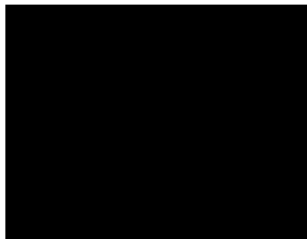
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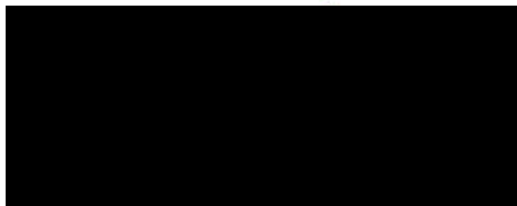
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[REDACTED]

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DANEEA GOUDSMITH

[REDACTED]

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Dewberry A.B.

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[REDACTED]

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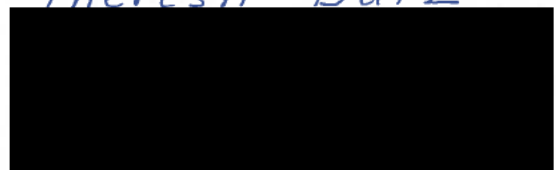
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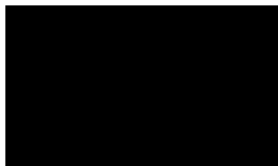
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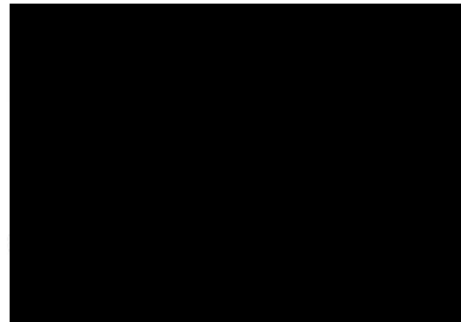
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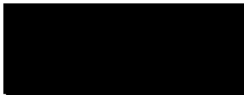
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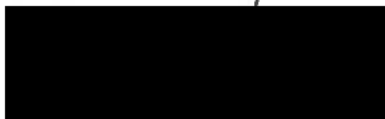
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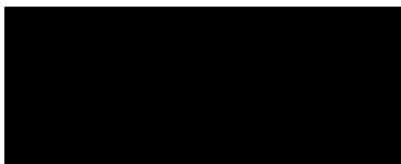
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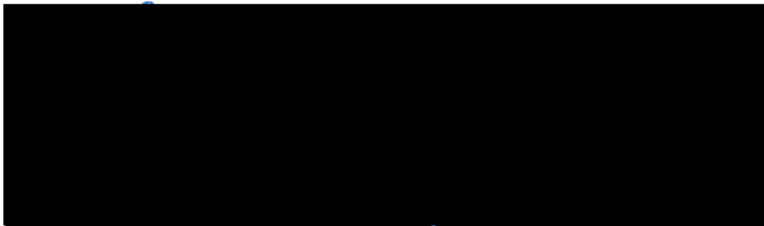
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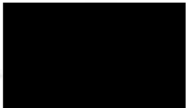
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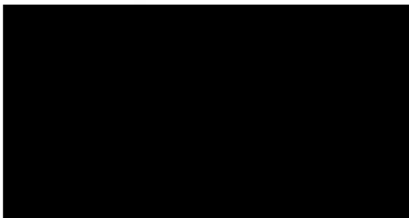
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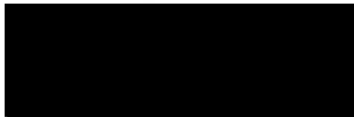
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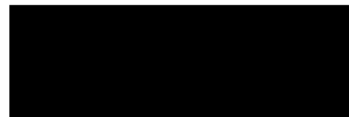
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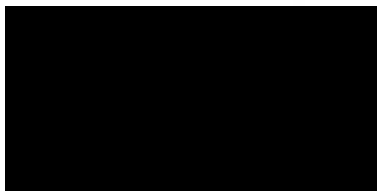
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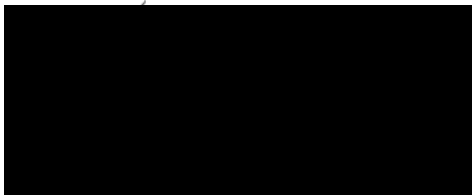
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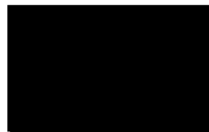
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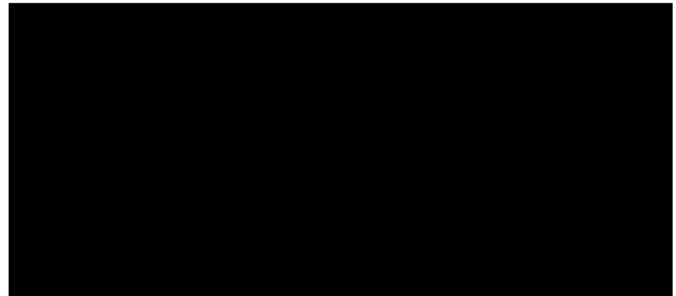
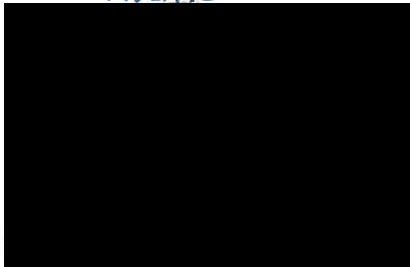
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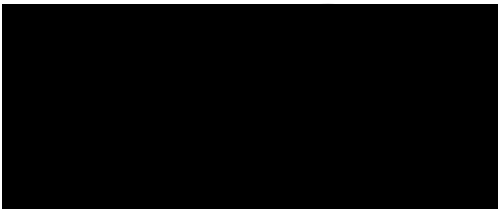
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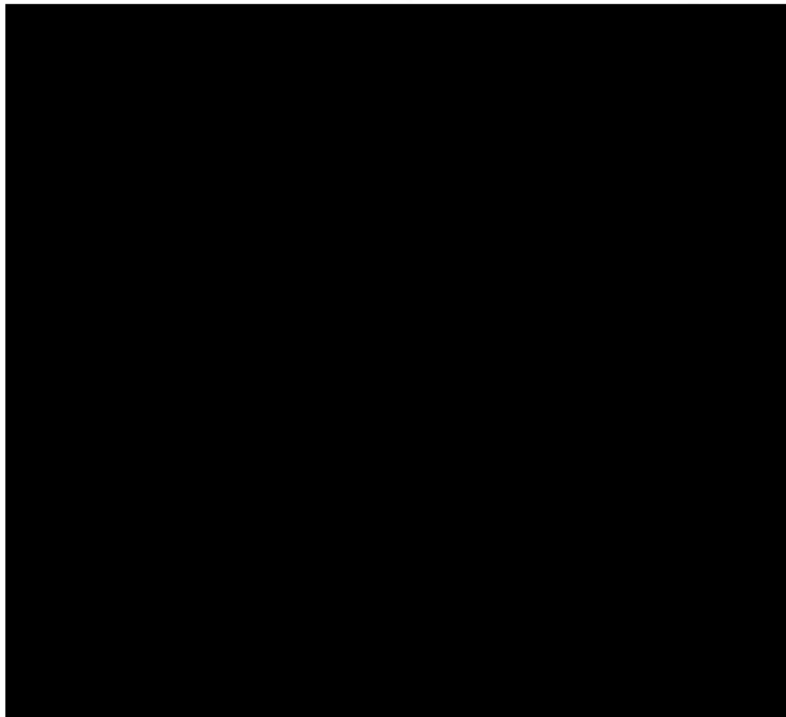
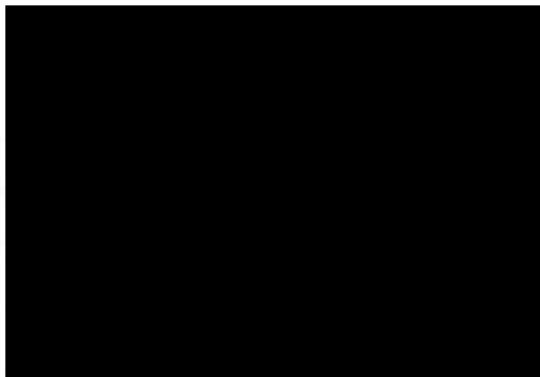
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To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Submission to ABEC Interim Report
Date: Friday, July 14, 2017 9:13:23 AM
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From: Matt Dow [REDACTED]
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Hello,

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Thank you for this opportunity and if you have any questions or difficulty viewing the attachment, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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AAMDC Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission – *Interim Report*

June 2017



Prepared by the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Alberta Association of Municipal District and Counties (AAMDC) is a provincial association that represents Alberta's rural municipalities which include 64 municipal districts, four specialized municipalities, and the Special Areas Board. Together, AAMDC members cover approximately 85% of Alberta's land mass and 18% of Alberta's population.

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The AAMDC is concerned that the consolidation of these ridings, and the resulting loss of legislative seats in rural Alberta, will impact the ability of rural Albertans to be effectively represented in Alberta's legislature.

In response to the *Interim Report*, the AAMDC would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that Alberta's democratic institutions effectively represent Albertans from all walks of life and areas of the province. Achieving this representation by balancing population and demographics, community interest and characteristics, existing municipal and natural boundaries, and other relevant criteria is a difficult but necessary task. Over-reliance on absolute voter parity may inhibit the ability of Albertans to be effectively represented.

The AAMDC submission featured below speaks to several important points for consideration by the AEBC as they form their final recommendations.

1. *Balance Blended Constituencies* – blended constituencies can be a viable option when required and in those instances, the AEBC should attempt to balance both urban and rural populations to ensure that the elected representative has an incentive to work with both rural and urban communities.
2. *Support for the AEBC's Minority Report* – the AAMDC asks that the AEBC consider the important perspectives raised in the *Interim Report's* minority report that speaks to concerns with the erosion of rural ridings
3. *Consideration of Geographical Distances* – constituencies in rural Alberta are very large geographically. This can impede the ability of both constituents and elected MLAs from connecting and sharing local, regional, and provincial concerns.

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5. *Consider Unique and Special Circumstances for Deviance from the 25% Variance* – the *Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* allows for deviations from the 25% variance for unique considerations such as low population density. The current areas where deviations exist should continue to receive such an exemption to ensure such areas are effectively represented.
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INTRODUCTION

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As a voice for Alberta's rural communities, the AAMDC is well-positioned to provide a unique and necessary perspective to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission (AEBC) during the 2016/17 review of Alberta's electoral boundaries. The submission below outlines the AAMDC's input to the AEBC's *Interim Report* released in May 2017. As a provincial association, the AAMDC will not provide comments specific to individual constituencies, but instead will provide comments more general in nature.

SUMMARY OF AEBC'S INTERIM REPORT

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As will be outlined below in further detail, the consolidation of these electoral constituencies raises several concerns for rural municipalities and rural residents.

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.

The AEBC acknowledges these trends in the *Interim Report* and Alberta's rural municipalities recognize these shifting demographics and the potential outcomes they may produce. The AAMDC and its members, however, want to emphasize the importance of maintaining adequate and equitable representation for Alberta's rural residents and communities despite these shifting demographics. It is problematic that even though rural areas are growing (though not at the same pace as some urban areas), they will ultimately lose representation should the *Interim Report*

recommendations be adopted. Higher rural populations being represented by fewer MLAs results in a cumulative disadvantage for rural Alberta that is not necessarily warranted based on its demographic trends.

EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION

As outlined in the AAMDC's initial submission to the AEBC and recognized in the AEBC's *Interim Report*, effective representation is the cornerstone of our representative democracy. This has been outlined in 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)*, that stated that 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 population such as geography, community history, community interests, and community identity need to be considered to ensure that Alberta's legislative assembly effectively represents the diversity of Albertans.

In 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 would like to reiterate its support for these principles for consideration in the 2016/2017 Alberta's Electoral Boundaries Commission's review.

ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE RURAL REPRESENTATION IN ALBERTA

Alberta's rural municipalities and the residents they represent were concerned that the 2016/17 AEBC recommendations would 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. These concerns are realized in the *Interim Report* which has seen a reduction of rural seats. The following concerns and recommendations are provided by the AAMDC for consideration by the 2016/17 AEBC in the context of the *Interim Report*.

General Concerns

As a necessary step to improve Alberta's democratic process, the review of electoral boundaries is designed to ensure that different factors including population, community interest, existing municipal and natural boundaries, and effective representation are used in determining Alberta's electoral boundaries. The AAMDC is concerned that voter parity has taken precedence over these other priorities. The use of these different factors is essential to ensuring that Alberta's democratic process is both fair and equitable for all Albertans.

The AAMDC does not believe that the *Interim Report* reflects the best effort to achieve 'effective representation' and instead, agrees with the Minority Report featured in Appendix A which reads,

“As new ridings are added to the cities, electoral divisions must be taken from the ‘Rest of Alberta’. This results in ongoing erosion of ridings in rural Alberta and is not sustainable if all Albertans are to be effectively represented.”

As stated in the *Electoral Boundary Commission’s Act* (“the Act”, hereafter), there is an allowable variance of the population within boundaries to account for non-population variables and the AAMDC agrees with position outlined in Appendix A that states that the changes to the electoral boundaries featured in the *Interim Report* are unnecessary given the provision for variances within the Act.

Balance Blended Constituencies

The *Interim Report* has sought to minimize the creation of blended constituencies that combine a large urban area with a non-urban area. Where this was unavoidable, the AAMDC recommended, as a general principle, that the AEBC balance the rural and urban populations as closely as possible. This would ensure that the elected MLAs have an incentive to work with both rural and urban constituents and understand their issues and concerns.

The AAMDC also supports AEBC’s efforts, where blended constituencies were unavoidable, to combine areas where residents are likely to have common concerns such as in a suburban community surrounding a large city whose residents work and/or commute frequently to that city. The same is true for smaller urban centres within a larger rural community.

The AAMDC is encouraged that those that made submissions to the AEBC in blended constituencies indicated that this model was working well.

Consideration of Geographical Distances

It has been 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. The AAMDC is disappointed that the consolidation of rural ridings presented in the *Interim Report* will only grow the geographical size of several electoral constituencies. With this comes additional challenges for elected MLAs as they would have to travel additional distances to attend community events and listen to constituent concerns.

Though advances in technology may ease this burden of distance, 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.

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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.

The AAMDC is encouraged by the AEBC’s efforts in the *Interim Report* to align constituencies with municipal boundaries where possible, even going so far to reflect inter-municipal partnerships that exist in regions of the province.

As 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, the AAMDC recommends that the AEBC continue to use municipal boundaries as a guiding tool for establishing electoral boundaries.

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 ABEBC noted the scarcity of population as justification for the deviance from the 25% threshold.

The *Interim Report* reinforces the support for the two electoral boundaries that exceed this variance, Central Peace-Notley (renamed) and Lesser Slave Lake. In these instances, the AAMDC feels the deviations are appropriate given the geographic expanse that these two constituencies cover. Requiring adherence to the 25% variance target would be unreasonable and exacerbate further the challenges of large electoral constituencies.

The *Interim Report* states that, in the context of factors that determine whether the variance of above or below 25% is justifiable, “Preservation of the rural voice is not one of those factors” (p.27). The AAMDC would like to provide a more global perspective, which is that preserving traditionally “rural constituencies” and the “rural voice” is a means to preserving common community interests.

Protecting Common Community Interests

The AEBC’s comments regarding “common community interests” do acknowledge that this is indeed a consideration for the determination of electoral boundaries and although, as the AEBC *Interim Report* states, “most current electoral divisions outside of Edmonton and Calgary do not contain a single common community”, it is fair to say that creating larger geographical ridings into already diverse electoral constituencies only further moves away from the recognition of common community characteristics that do exist. The expansion of electoral boundaries that are already large is, more often than not, at odds the preservation of “common community interests.”

CONCLUSION

The AAMDC appreciates the opportunity to provide input and 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 and areas of the province. Achieving this representation by balancing population and demographics, community interest and characteristics, existing municipal and natural boundaries, and other relevant criteria is not an easy task. 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.

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City of Cold Lake

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 14, 2017

Via email: info@ABebc.ca

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Re: Feedback on the Interim Report

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We would like to submit, in the interest of accuracy, that the statement on page 36 that there is a "...sole roadway into the Range," is incorrect. There are, in fact, three (3) roadways which reach the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range.

It is accurate; however, to say that the proposed electoral boundary for Bonnyville-Cold Lake would bring the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range into the sole constituency from which it can be accessed, whereas it previously had been located within a constituency that had no legal access points to the Range.

While I believe that this is consistent with the spirit of the original feedback gathered for the report, it is submitted only for accuracy's sake.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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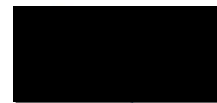
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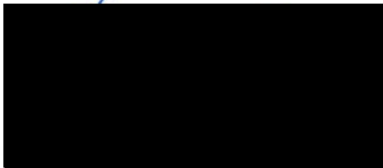
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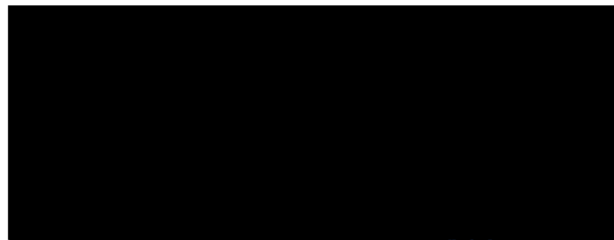
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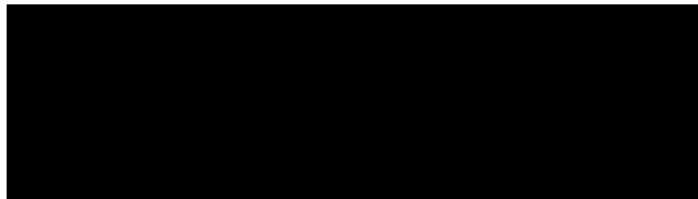
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COLIN MINISH



VERMILION



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DAVID ODDAN

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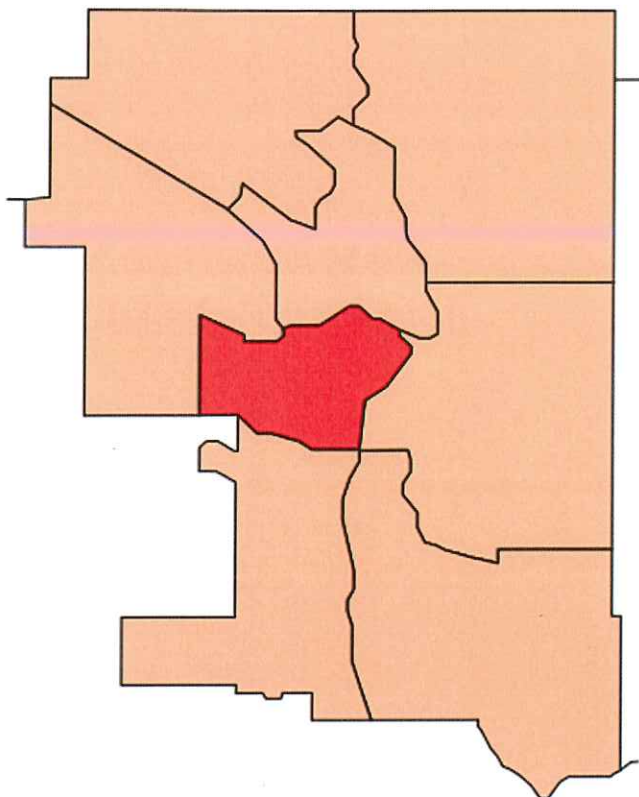
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DEBRA HEGEDOS

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DEWBERRY AB

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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE ALBERTA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION'S INTERIM REPORT

JULY 2017

PRESENTED BY: SHEILA KITZ, CAO

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

INTRODUCTION

The County of St. Paul has reviewed the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's (AEBC) Interim Report and has deep and abiding concerns regarding the proposed changes to Alberta's electoral boundaries. Simply, the proposed severing of the County into two separate electoral divisions, Bonnyville – Cold Lake and Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul, will have substantial, negative implications for County residents. The intent of this response is to humbly request that the Commission reconsider the proposed electoral boundaries submitted in its Interim Report and constitute a single electoral division that incorporates the entire County of St. Paul. The inclusion of the entire County in one division is necessary to ensuring a fair and effective representation for County residents.

The County strongly believes that the proposed boundaries in the Interim Report are problematic, both from a local and provincial perspective. From a local perspective, the County argues that the Commission has deviated from its mandate laid out in Section 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*. From a provincial perspective, the decision to reduce rural representation provincewide deeply concerns the County. The County does not believe that this was necessary given the discretion allowed for variances and additional considerations besides population provided for in the *Act*. The County argues that growth in the urban population should have been managed through increased variances in the cities and not an increase in the number of ridings in the two major cities. Undoubtedly, Rural Alberta will be less effectively represented based on the recommendations of the Interim Report and the County contends that this is detrimental to democracy in Alberta.

AEBC MANDATE AND SECTION 14 OF THE *ELECTORAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION ACT*

Section 14 of *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* is clear and concise regarding the mandate and the factors that the Commission must follow in carrying out its tasks. By breaking down these factors individually, the County desires to demonstrate that the Commission would be sharply deviating from its mandate should it proceed with the recommendations proffered in the Interim Report. The factors include:

- (a) *the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;*

In the 1991 *Reference Re Provincial Electoral Boundaries (Sask)* decision made by the Supreme Court of Canada, the principle of “one man, one vote” from the United States Supreme Court decision of *Baker vs. Carr* was fundamentally rejected. It was determined by the Court that the purpose of the right to vote guaranteed in Section 3 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* is not to obtain pure equality of voting power, but the right to “effective representation.”

John Courtney in his seminal work on how electoral boundaries are drawn in Canada, *Commissioned Ridings*, argues “factors like geography, community history, community interests, and minority representation may need to be considered to ensure that our legislative assemblies effectively represent the diversity of our social mosaic. These are

examples of considerations which may justify departure from absolute voter parity in the pursuit of more effective representation” (2001, pg. 159). Moreover, he argues “the exigencies of geography, very sparse population, transportation, and communication warrant deviation from the ideal” (pg. 158). Ostensibly, a myriad of factors beyond population and voter parity should be strongly considered when the Commission finalizes its recommendations. The County argues that the Commission has hewed too closely to the concept of absolute voter parity while overlooking other crucial factors that contribute to effective representation.

Rural Alberta and the County of St. Paul are witnessing their representation become less effective, not more effective. As Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Member Gwen Day argues in her Minority Position in Appendix A of the Interim Report, “rural Albertans control the land, access to the land and provide a significant portion of the labour force that most of our primary industries depend on... 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 in Alberta depend on” (pg. 69). The County of St. Paul agrees with Ms. Day; the ongoing erosion of ridings in Rural Alberta is unsustainable and will be harmful to Alberta as a whole.

(b) sparsity and density of population;

The Interim Report states “various submitters asked the Commission to recommend constituencies with a smaller geographic size overall and shorter travel distances than those experienced in the former Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills. This recommendation would help to achieve that goal” (pg. 54). The County of St. Paul vehemently disagrees with this statement. The Commission has simply taken the previous north-south configuration of Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills and flipped it to an east-west configuration in Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul; there has been no demonstrable reduction in geographic size or travel distances. The facts belie the Commission’s statement.

Focusing on the distances between the largest communities in Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills, travel times from Lac La Biche to St. Paul and St. Paul to Two Hills are approximately 75 minutes and 35 minutes respectively.

In the proposed riding of Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul, travel times from Fort Saskatchewan to Two Hills and Fort Saskatchewan to St. Paul are approximately 70 minutes and 100 minutes respectively. The Commission has, in fact, increased travel times in some cases under the proposed Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul riding.

In the proposed riding of Bonnyville – Cold Lake, travel time from St. Paul to Bonnyville and from St. Paul to Cold Lake is approximately 50 minutes and 80 minutes respectively. Again, the Commission has in fact increased travel times in some cases under the proposed Bonnyville – Cold Lake riding.

The County strongly believes that given the constraints posed by sparsity and density of the population, the previous electoral boundaries of Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills were preferable to the Commission's proposal.

(c) *common community interests and community organizations, including those of Indian reserves and Métis Settlements;*

Over the past four years, the County of St. Paul has partnered with several neighbouring municipalities including the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay in addition to other surrounding counties on twelve (12) Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grants; this kind of success rate for the ACP Program is unmatched during this period. The County and its partners have even received recognition in the form of a Municipal Excellence Award for its Regional Occupational Health and Safety Initiative Project.

The proposed boundaries will see the Town of St. Paul and part of the County in one riding (Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul) while leaving Elk Point, the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay, and the remainder of the County in another riding (Bonnyville – Cold Lake). The proposed separation of these partnering municipalities will hamper collaborative efforts that our regional partnerships have worked hard to achieve and as a result there could be a decrease in successful joint ventures moving forward. Unquestionably, the proposed boundaries proposed in the Interim Report pose challenges to the County of St. Paul's community interests.

It is noteworthy that the Interim Report recommends bifurcating the County of St. Paul while keeping other counties intact. For example, the Interim Report makes a recommendation to "keep Flagstaff County intact, an important goal given the significant work in which the County is engaged relating to inter-municipal partnerships. It is apparently regarded as a template for regionalization in other areas" (pg. 54). The County questions why the Commission placed so much emphasis on Flagstaff County's work and not any on the County of St. Paul's or other counties (such as Lacombe County, the County of Newell, County of Vermilion River, and several others) for that matter. The County strongly believes that the Commission did not adequately weigh the County's and its neighbouring municipalities' collaborative achievements before bifurcating the County into two electoral divisions.

Unquestionably, the County of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, Town of St. Paul, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay have common community interests. The County implores the Commission to treat the County of St. Paul with the same regard that it treats Flagstaff County.

It is also noteworthy that the rural environment of the County of St. Paul does not share much in common with the City of Fort Saskatchewan. Fort Saskatchewan is faced with a growing population of 25,500 people in a relatively dense area of 48 km², when compared to the County with less growth pressures and a population of approximately 6,475 people within 3,309 km², the challenges facing these two municipalities could not be more different. The County believes that the current boundaries of Lac La Biche – St.

Paul – Two Hills, boasting three rural municipalities, demonstrates a much stronger alignment of community interests.

(e) wherever possible, the existing municipal boundaries;

The Commission has bifurcated the County of St. Paul into two separate ridings. It is very important to underline the language found in the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* that states “wherever possible” the existing municipal boundaries should be considered. The County of St. Paul believes that the Commission has not adhered to this language. In the County’s view, it is very possible to construct boundaries that would preserve the County of St. Paul within a single electoral division. Having the County reside in two separate electoral divisions creates substantial challenges as the County will need to engage with two different MLAs.

(f) the number of municipalities and other local authorities;

The bifurcation of the County of St. Paul into two ridings will markedly diminish the County’s voice by creating increased competition with other municipalities when seeking to access and engage MLAs. In the current Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills riding, nine (9) municipalities exist that require access to and representation from their MLA. Each of these individual municipalities have unique challenges and unique representational needs. The Commission’s proposed bifurcation of the County of St. Paul exacerbates the County’s challenges to have its unique perspective and concerns sufficiently heard.

In contrast to Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills, the proposed riding of Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul, boasts fifteen (15) municipalities and in the proposed riding of Bonnyville – Cold Lake, there are eight (8) municipalities present. In Bonnyville – Cold Lake, there are also several First Nations and Métis Settlements present that the County will also now need to vie with for representation. This means that the County of St. Paul would now compete with more than three times as many municipalities and local authorities when endeavouring to engage their MLAs.

The County strongly encourages the Commission to take the number of municipalities into account when making their final recommendations. The proposals in the Interim Report would serve to diminish both the County’s perspective and voice.

(g) geographical features, including existing road systems;

The County recognizes that the proposed boundaries in the Interim Report are crafted with the intention of achieving greater voter parity, however the recommendations do not adequately consider other factors including geographical features and existing road systems.

There are now several highways and municipal roadways within the County of St. Paul that will fall within two separate ridings. Echoing the concerns above, the County will now need

to advocate to two MLAs when providing input on various road infrastructure projects. Simply, the proposed boundaries in the Interim Report are arbitrary from a geographical standpoint.

(h) the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries.

Regarding the desirability for understandable and clear boundaries, the County feels that the proposed boundaries are counterintuitive and illogical. The Commission has simply sliced out of portion of the County to achieve greater voter parity, but this has created boundaries that defy the geographical nature of the County of St. Paul. For example, there is no comprehensible difference between the north and south sides of Township Road 590. Yet under the Commission's Interim Report, residents on the north side will be in the proposed Bonnyville – Cold Lake riding, while residents on the south side will vote in Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul. From a geographic perspective, the proposed boundaries are arbitrary.

The names of the proposed ridings will also present challenges. For residents of the County of St. Paul that have been voting in a “St. Paul” riding for their whole lives, the shift to Bonnyville – Cold Lake will be confusing. Since 1913, residents in the area have been voting in a riding with “St. Paul” in its name. Residents understand where they pay their property taxes to and where they receive their services from, but they will not intuitively understand the arbitrary line that has been drawn in the current proposal. From the County's perspective, the proposed boundaries are more confusing than they are understandable.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

The County of St. Paul strongly encourages the Commission to place the County in a single electoral division, not bifurcate the County into two ridings. The County wishes to put forward a proposal that would accomplish this.

In the Interim Report, the Saddle Lake Cree Nation is located on the southwestern boundary of the proposed Bonnyville – Cold Lake riding. Saddle Lake contains roughly 6,200 residents.

In the Interim Report, the Town of St. Paul and the southwestern portion of the County of St. Paul are located within the proposed riding of Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul.

The County of St. Paul is proposing that the Town of St. Paul, with approximately 5,800 residents and the portion of the County of St. Paul with approximately 500 residents be shifted into the Bonnyville – Cold Lake riding. The Saddle Lake Cree Nation will be shifted into the Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul riding. That said, with the County of St. Paul and Town of St. Paul being moved to Bonnyville – Cold Lake, the County would recommend naming this riding Fort Saskatchewan – Two Hills and naming the other riding Bonnyville – Cold Lake – St. Paul.

This proposal would ensure that roughly the same number of residents remain in each of the two proposed ridings thereby achieving relative voter parity, but also ensures that the County of St. Paul is located in one electoral district. Neither the Saddle Lake Cree Nation nor the County of St. Paul would be bifurcated under this proposal. The County believes that this proposal is preferable to the proposed recommendations outlined in the Commission's Interim Report.

CONCLUSION

While the County recognizes the genuine effort of the Commission members to create the proposed electoral boundaries, the County strongly believes that the Commission has focused too strongly on the concept of absolute voter parity and overlooked other critical factors that contribute to effective representation. Ultimately, the proposed boundaries will diminish the representation of Rural Alberta's interests.

From the County's perspective, it is in Alberta's best interests to preserve the boundaries of as many existing ridings as achievable using the permitted variances provided for in the *Act*; the variances do not need to be extreme to accomplish this.

The County argues that the Commission has options available to preserve rural ridings while crafting ridings in Edmonton and Calgary that can provide effective representation to those urban residents. For example, a critical provision in the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* states:

- 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.

It appears to the County that, despite this provision for up to +/- 25%, the Commission has opted to establish low variances particularly in Calgary and Edmonton. As Commission Member Gwen Day writes in her Minority Position in Appendix A of the Interim Report, "the average variance in Calgary and Edmonton for the proposed divisions is +/- 5%. This is a full 20% below that allowed by the *Act*" (pg. 70). Based on these comments, it appears that the Commission is demonstrating an unnecessary motivation to achieve voter parity despite being provided with many options to ensure that the new boundaries reflect Alberta and are capable of providing effective representation to Albertan residents. The County questions why Ms. Day's positions have been completely marginalized.

The County also feels that it is noteworthy that the Councils for the City of Calgary and the City of Edmonton perform their representative functions admirably with fifteen (15) and thirteen (13) Council members respectively in contrast to the Commission's proposed seat allotment of twenty-six (26) ridings for Calgary and twenty (20) ridings for Edmonton.

As well, a cursory evaluation of the factors for consideration set out in Section 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* demonstrates that the Commission has sharply deviated from its mandate in drawing the preliminary electoral boundaries set out in the Interim Report. In particular, the County feels that its bifurcation into two separate ridings is inconsistent with the intent of the *Act*. If the Commission fully considers the factors laid out in Section 14 of the *Act*, the County believes that a better alternative option is available

to ensure the County is confined within one riding. Simply, the current proposed boundaries will unnecessarily dilute the County's voice and diminish the representative capacity of the two MLAs for the proposed new ridings.

In conclusion, the County strongly believes that the Commission needs to revisit their recommendations and place a stronger focus on the existing legislation and case law that have provided the foundation of Canadian representative democracy. The County encourages the Commission to balance voter parity with other elements of effective representation such as geography, common community interests, municipal boundaries, and the desirability for clear and understandable boundaries; effective representation for the County of St. Paul depends on it.

Respectfully submitted,


Sheila Katz, CLGM

Chief Administrative Officer, County of St. Paul No. 19

From: [Info - EBC](#)
To: [Aaron Roth](#)
Subject: Fw: Website submission from Michael Archer
Date: Friday, July 14, 2017 10:53:18 AM

From: Michael Archer [REDACTED]
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Subject: Website submission from Michael Archer

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AddressSaddle Hills County
[Map It](#)**Electoral Constituency**

Dunvegan Central Peace – Notley, Grande Prairie Wapiti, Grande Prairie Smoky

Submission

On behalf of Reeve Alvin Hubert and Saddle Hills County Council:
July 13, 2017

Alberta's Electoral Boundaries Commission
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

RE: Proposed Electoral Boundaries Changes – Dunvegan Central Peace – Notley, Grande Prairie
Wapiti, Grande Prairie Smoky

Dear Justice Bielby,

Saddle Hills County Council has studied the Commission's Interim Report and has some concerns about the impact some of the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries in the Peace Region of Alberta will have on rural representation in the legislature. We feel that there are three main issues that will affect the electorate and local representation in our riding of Dunvegan Central Peace – Notley.

Rural Alberta is the cultural heartbeat and economic engine which drives the Province and rural Alberta will be less well represented if the proposed changes are implemented.

Rural Alberta's strategic importance in terms of future development and economic growth cannot be over-stated and the proposed changes threaten to reduce the effectiveness of rural representation in the legislature.

Although we are aware that the Dunvegan Central Peace Electoral District has a population of less than 75% the provincial average, we believe that the status quo must be maintained for a number of reasons:

- a. Less access to our MLA: Personal access to our MLA is absolutely crucial in rural districts such as ours and the proposed changes will make it more difficult to have effective personal contact with our MLA.
- b. Less effective, meaningful relationship with our MLA: The size of our riding is already challenging due to the distances our MLA must travel. Adding to those challenges will diminish the effectiveness of our MLA and our ability to maintain a meaningful relationship.
- c. Threat to Natural Economic & Business Ties: The geography the Central Peace Region effectively dictates that the natural economic trade and business relationships have developed, and will continue to grow along east-west lines to the north and south of the Saddle Hills. To disrupt those natural alignments by drawing a line on a map will be a disservice to residents and businesses in both areas.
- d. Less Representation for Rural Albertans: The proposed changes will lead to more representation for urban areas and less or, at the very least, less-effective representation from rural areas.
- e. Less stability: With less effective representation and skewed local economic relationships, the proposed changes will lead to less economic and political stability in the Central Peace at a time when we can ill afford those risks.

For these reasons, we ask that you maintain an effective and meaningful rural focus to the ridings in the Peace Region by maintaining the status quo and rejecting the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Alvin Hubert
Reeve

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Through regular contact with our Provincial Government and neighbouring communities.

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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AddressCalgary
[Map It](#)**Submission**

I feel the CKE community NOT be split between electoral boundaries.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Community Association Newsletter

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Subject: Fw: Website submission from Sherry Butler
Date: Friday, July 14, 2017 10:54:23 AM

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Subject: Website submission from Sherry Butler

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

Little Bow (to be changed to Chestermere)

Submission

We live approximately 15 minutes from both Okotoks and High River and used to be in the Highwood constituency, that was changed to Little Bow before last election.....this was ridiculous then, everything we do is in Okotoks and High River.. We need to put back into our area. I was hopeful that was going to be the case but now see we are being shuffled into the Chestermere area... This again makes no sense to us. We feel that we are left out of the election process as our the area we now vote in (and potential changes) has nothing to do with our day to day living, shopping, entertainment, etc. lifestyle.

Please put us back in Foothills.....are maybe add another constituency to the area. Why are we penalized and left out of the democratic process? Our votes are meaningless and have nothing to do with the area that we live in.....??

How did you hear about the review?

- Facebook

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Electoral Constituency
Grande Prairie- Wapiti
Submission
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Thank you for giving our presentation your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted;

Gary Burgess
Mayor
Village of Hythe

GB/gg

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

July 14, 2017

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Mayor
Village of Hythe

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Electoral Constituency

St Albert Redwater

Submission

I really like the proposed boundaries for St Albert Red Water. It will be a hybrid riding that provides a fairly equal distribution between high density (St Albert), medium density (sturgeon) and lower density (Red Water and Smoky Lake). It could be a model for future ridings as it helps to bridge any perceived divide between rural and urban ridings. Great job and keep up the good work.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Other

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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<p>Calgary-Hawkwood Keith Brownsey Professor, Political Science and Policy Studies Mount Royal University</p> <p>Several arguments can be made for retaining the communities of Ranchlands, Arbour Lake, Citadel, Hawkwood, and Silver Springs within the boundaries of a single constituency. The proposal to eliminate the riding of Calgary-Hawkwood disrupts the socio-economic, infrastructure and population patterns of the various communities involved. There are several arguments in support of this statement.</p> <p>First, the communities of Arbour Lake, Hawkwood, Ranchlands, Citadel, Dalhousie, and Silver Springs are contiguous. They share the same schools, shopping areas and community resources such as public health facilities, churches and other religious centres, schools, and community organizations. An important, but often overlooked, aspect of the social integration of the communities of Ranchlands, Citadel, Arbour Lake and Silver Springs within Calgary-Hawkwood are youth sports. This includes baseball, soccer, and ice hockey leagues for children and teens. These association build and integrate communities. Separating these communities would be a disservice to voters familiar with neighbours and organizations within existing boundaries. It would be a disaggregation of these communities of interest. To separate Ranchlands, for example, from the other communities within the existing riding of Calgary-Hawkwood would ignore existing relationships among the communities. There is a natural flow among the people of these northwest Calgary neighbourhoods that has been created over several generations. The transportation corridors of John Laurie Boulevard, Crowchild Trail, Nosehill Boulevard, and the LRT have created one community which should not be separated. As well, services are integrated among these neighbourhoods. Voters in Citadel use the dentists located in Ranchlands and Silver Springs and many in Ranchlands have their personal physicians in Arbour Lake, Silver Springs and Hawkwood.</p>

Children from Ranchlands attend middle and high schools in Dalhousie and Arbour Lake. Keeping Silver Springs within the proposed riding of Calgary Edgemont would preserve the diversity of the constituency. Ranchlands would be the only community within Calgary-Edgemont with social/ public housing. To hive off Silver Springs (Arbour Lake, Citadel and other neighbourhoods) would be to consolidate the wealthier communities at the expense of Ranchlands. According to Statistics Canada data Ranchlands and Silver Springs are very similar in their socio-economic make-up. Ranchlands and Silver Springs have much more in common than do Ranchlands and Edgemont. The education levels within the several communities which make-up the proposed constituency of Calgary Edgemont are quite high; but this is not reflected in the very diverse neighbourhoods of Silver Springs and Ranchlands. Once again, Ranchlands would be an outlier and not be well-represented with the new riding. As well, the income levels would rise in Calgary Edgemont skewing it toward a much higher average income level. If Silver Springs and Arbour Lake were to be separated from the constituency, income levels would rise considerably, making Calgary Edgemont much less representative of its diverse population than other Calgary ridings.

If electoral boundaries are to reflect the interests of the communities they represent, then the several neighbourhoods of northwest Calgary should not be separated, but instead remain within the boundaries of one constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary-Hawkwood

Submission

Thank you to the Commission for allowing me to share my thoughts on the work that you have done to date.

I would like to address some of the central issues which the Commission addresses as well as some specifics when it comes to what you are proposing in Calgary and around the province.

Population Growth

The Commission is making many assumptions about population growth in Calgary and around the province, even though they do not necessarily have accurate data on growth projections or neighbourhood development and planning (p. 30 of the Interim Report). Accounting for future growth by leaving those areas with seats that are well under the quotient is rather unprecedented for a Commission to do in Alberta and the other provinces, and it is something which you state is not an enumerated factor in the Act. I would propose that you reconsider the extent to which you apply this consideration, as by doing so you are making your work more difficult and open to criticism in many circumstances than need be. Calgary Loughheed is a good example where, while there currently significant green space for the city to expand and there is a plan in place, it has been delayed for the Southwest Ring Road work since 2007. The Area Structure Plans (ASPs) for the City of Calgary has scheduled development to begin shortly but in all likelihood it will be five years before it begins. Population growth in Calgary Loughheed should be left to the next Commission. In other areas, such as the East Village, older core neighbourhoods and downtown, it appears that the Commission has not accounted for the high-density and infill developments which are occurring. The various projects now under way will rapidly increase the population counts, particularly as the economic recovery progresses and vacancy rates fall.

That said I would like to commend the Commission for its efforts to keep constituencies within a closer threshold of the quotient whenever possible. It was clear from the submissions in the first round of

consultation that balancing population between Electoral Districts is important to Albertans.

Blended Seats and Effective Representation

The Commission is also on the correct path in its efforts to employ blended seats only when necessary, and to attempt to keep as much balance between rural and urban populations when doing so, so that no one community has a majority of demand on the elected member's time and effort. Most of the questions which the Commission is seeking public input on pertain to the question of population balance, the differing communities of interest between rural and urban constituents, and the importance of effective representation and what that means for both the MLA and their constituents.

I feel that the Commission may have missed opportunities to apply these considerations in some parts of the province and could create seats that address your concerns in a more effective way.

The first is in the application of the Special Status Seats outlined in s. 15(2) of the Act. There is an argument to be made that Ft. McMurray-Conklin be given status under this section of the Act. The questions on population estimates for the seat in light of the disruption from the 2015 wildfires, and the unique economic and geographic characteristics of the region mean that the Commission could give consideration not to including the distant and distinct communities of Lac la Biche and Athabasca in Ft. McMurray-Conklin and instead create a special status seat of Ft. McMurray-Conklin. This also addresses the Commission's question to the public for input on the orientation of the Ft. McMurray seats. The Commission is correct in identifying the large, sparsely populated Electoral District which would result in the creation of an urban and a blended Ft. McMurray pairing of seats, or in the east-west division which exists in the current iteration of these two seats. Dividing the region in to a northern and southern District would consolidate most First Nations in one seat, and create a more manageable constituency for both MLAs with regards to size, travel, and population.

In the Medicine Hat region the Commission has asked for input on the orientation of the Electoral Districts, and the option of creating more blended seats. The Commission's proposed boundaries create two primarily rural seats immediately surrounding an urban seat in Medicine Hat. The current map contains a blended seat and an urban seat. By expanding the population of the blended and rural seats in its proposal and having two instead of one, the Commission has drawn in communities from much further afield than the current version of distribution in this area.

Taber-Vulcan becomes geographically expansive with no natural highway corridors linking one side of the seat to the other. Brooks-Cypress, moreover, concentrates most of its population in the area opposite that of Medicine Hat, where the balance of the urban population of the city is located. A more elegant solution would be to continue the urban/blended pairing around Medicine Hat which currently exists. This incorporates the constituents and communities who surround Medicine Hat and consider the city as a service and economic centre in to one seat, and provides a single MLA who can represent and understand the interests of the city and its surrounding communities. This would mirror what the Commission is attempting for other regions such as Grande Prairie, St. Albert, Strathcona County, and Airdrie and which has proven to be an effective model.

Airdrie provides another circumstance in which the Commission has made the correct recommendation to recognize the need and effectiveness of urban and blended seats, and which should be replicated elsewhere. I would encourage the Commission to consider uniting Spruce Grove and Stony Plain as one urban seat. The surrounding region includes rural agricultural, acreages and summer communities, and bedroom communities which centre on the Edmonton.

The creation of rural constituencies which surround the major municipalities, rather than radiate away from them, better unites communities of interest and recognizes the economic, developmental and cultural ties between the major cities and the smaller municipalities immediately adjacent to them. Proposed Electoral Districts such as St. Albert-Redwater miss this fact, tying disparate and unrelated communities together in a seemingly random way, while the Commission in other proposals succeeds in recognizing it, such as with Chestermere.

Recognizing Communities of Interest

While it is of course not always possible to avoid splitting neighbourhoods or tying together different communities of interest, the Commission has done a very good job in attempting to understand and recognize the characteristics of the communities which they are considering changing.

Uniting First Nations and Metis communities together within Electoral Districts as the Commission has attempted to do is a long-overdue step to helping raise the voice and influence of this important community, as is recognizing them in the naming of Electoral Districts.

The Commission should consider the gulf between neighbourhoods which the Deerfoot Trail/Airport/commercial areas create in the northern half of Calgary. The proposed Calgary Northeast constituency, for example, pulls very distant communities together. Rather, this corridor should be treated as a natural divide and electoral districts established starting from either side, working down the east side off the city, and across the northwest respectively. This has the added benefit of better preserving existing boundaries, rather than the major disruption caused in the Commission's proposal – something the Commission has stated it wants to avoid when possible. Consistency in the neighbourhoods contained in a seat makes it easier for the MLA to be an effective representative - one of the Commissions primary considerations.

Likewise, within the major cities I would urge the Commission to keep neighbourhoods and communities together over the consideration of population variance whenever possible. The dense, urban constituencies present different challenges for effective representation. As the Commission has heard from numerous submissions, voters in urban constituencies recognize their local neighbourhood with its retail, recreational, and service centres to be the primary definition of their community, and this sometimes contradicts what the city might have labelled as the actual borders of the neighbourhood. Splitting these communities between Electoral Districts has an impact on representation for both the MLA and the constituent, especially when it comes to neighbourhood events and interests such as development, transportation, and services that might be the jurisdiction of the province.

How did you hear about the review?

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Electoral Constituency

Cypress Medicine Hat

Submission

For this boundary to be changed shows an ignorance toward rural life. In a city such as Calgary or Edmonton you could have access to your MLA in as little as 5 minutes and a max of 20 minutes. In a rural setting things become more complicated with distance if you or your MLA need to travel 2 to 4 hours to meet. This creates a major impediment for fair representation. This seems ok on the surface but when you dig deeper you can see how this is undemocratic. Both my wife and I are opposed to this move and we have both lived in rural settings and dense populated areas.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Friends

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Submission
Communities that are grouped together for community associations should be kept within the same constituency. There is a greater likelihood for situations to arrive where the individual communities could wind up competing against each other on opposite sides of issues. It only makes sense to keep the community associations together within the same electoral constituency.
How did you hear about the review?
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July 14, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Boundary Commission Members,

Thank you so much for including the Sundre area in the proposed revision of electoral boundaries in Alberta. You have been able to address many of the issues I wrote to you about that make our constituency unique and, as the community of Sundre and District, we are very grateful to have been heard.

Keeping Sundre with Clearwater County, and Rocky Mountain House is important to our municipal relationships. I would like to point out that there is an area of people who have been isolated from this proposed new boundary, and that is those who live in the Bergen area. My request would be to have them put back into this constituency. The numbers that I am talking about are inconsequential to overall totals a few hundred people at most, but those people use Sundre as a trade area, and they tend to work and send their kids to school here. I am asking that they be put back into this riding.

We are also very proud of the fact that the "Sundre" name is in the current electoral boundary name. As a community we believe that is very important to us. As the southern border community for the current constituency, the name describes the constituency appropriately. We respectfully request that the new constituency also have the "Sundre" name included as part of the constituency name, as it will also appropriately define the southernmost constituency boundary. We are working very hard to "grow our brand name" in tourism and economic development initiatives and it makes such good sense to have our constituency connected with those initiatives. Thank you in advance for considering this very important request from our community.

We know that you are struggling with all the puzzle pieces of trying to balance each constituency and we don't envy your job. I would comment that the inclusion of Drayton Valley in this constituency would make it the largest population constituency in Alberta, as well as making it the geographic size of Belgium. Using your magic tools, if you were able to reduce both the population and geography size of the proposed constituency, constituents and communities would have better access to their elected MLA.

Thank you so much, again, for all the work you are doing in this very complicated business. All the best in your efforts.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Terry Leslie.

Terry Leslie
Mayor
Town of Sundre

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Banff-Cochrane
Submission
<p>Please be informed that as chair, I am indicating that the Kananaskis Improvement District council supports the position detailed in the attached letter from the mayor of Canmore, dated 07july2017.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our recommendation.</p> <p>Yours truly,</p> <p>Bruce Lukey Chair, Kananaskis Improvement District council</p> <p>Letter from Town of Canmore:</p> <p>July 7, 2017</p> <p>Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5</p> <p>To the Honourable Myra Bielby,</p> <p>Canmore Town Council unanimously passed the following motion on July 4, 2017: "that the Town provide feedback to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission suggesting that the</p>

entirety of Improvement District #5 be included within the Banff Stoney electoral district.”

The Town of Canmore has a long history of working with Kananaskis Country on matters of common interest such as seniors housing and the tourism economy. Since we often look to the Province for support, we believe that it would be most beneficial to have one MLA representing all of our communities. We are concerned that the proposed Electoral Districts of Highwood and Livingstone-Macleod - which would both contain a part of ID#5 - have little in common with our communities and shared recreational tourism economy. There is a concern that there might be little motivation at the MLA level to show the same cooperation that has benefitted our communities over the years.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment on the proposed electoral boundaries.

With best regards;

John Borrowman
Mayor
Town of Canmore

Cc: Cameron Westhead, MLA Banff-Cochrane
Bruce Lukey, Chair, Kananaskis Improvement District Council
Dene Cooper, Reeve, Municipal District of Bighorn
Karen Sorensen, Mayor, Town of Banff

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June 30, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam:

At the Town of Athabasca regular council meeting, Council had concerns with the Alberta's Constituency Boundaries Review. The map as attached, indicates where the Towns in the review will be combined and linked with a much greater population in some of the area. The changes will not represent the smaller populated communities as set out by the Commission as indicated on the map.

The Town of Athabasca needs your support to change these boundaries so that the communities will be represented fairly. The Commission will consider, population figures and relative population density throughout the province, common community interests, existing municipal and neighborhood boundaries, geographical features, including existing road systems, which suggest natural boundaries.

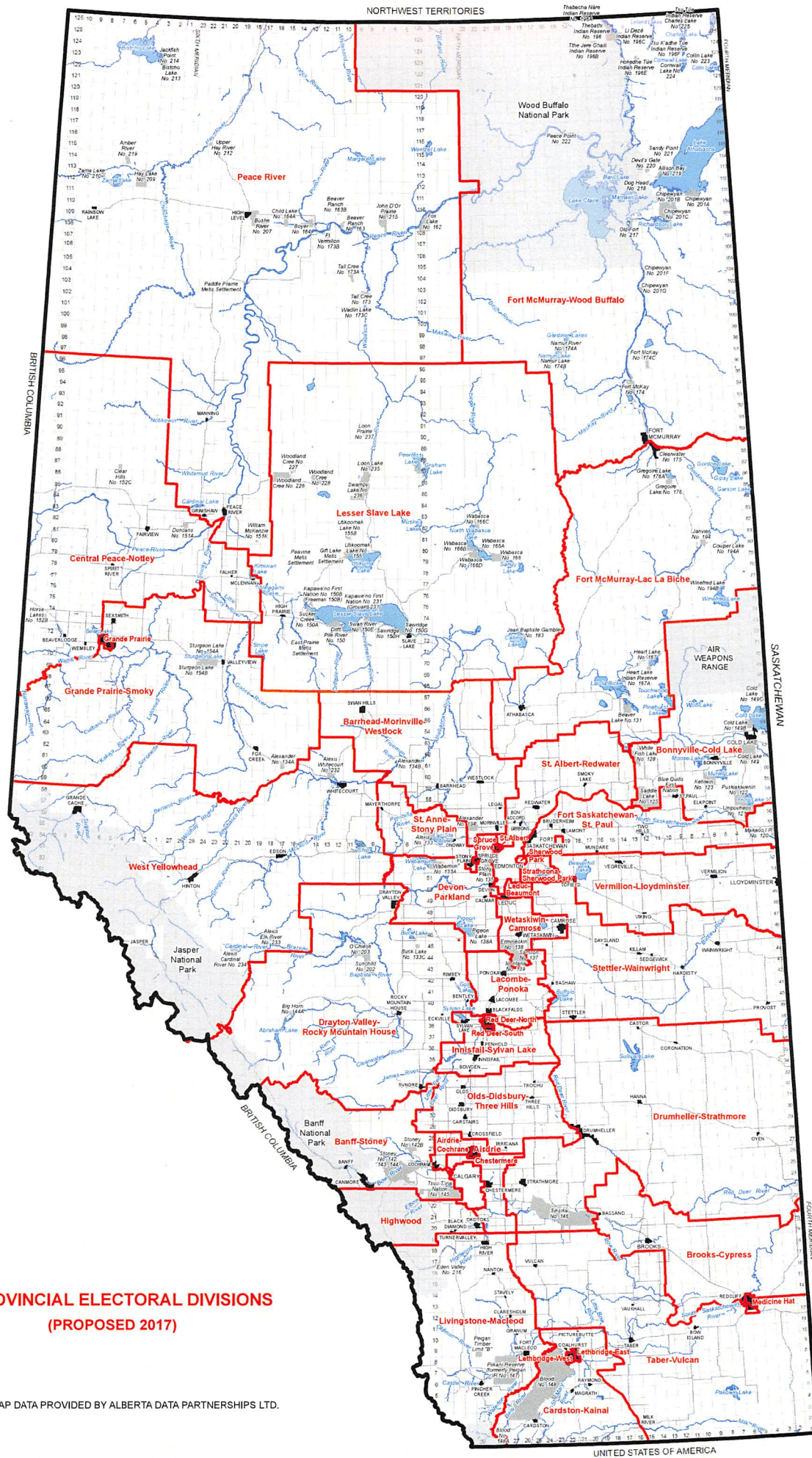
The obligation of the Commission is to recommend constituency boundaries that respect that principle that each of our votes should be relatively equivalent to every others, while allowing for adjustment required to maintain effect representation in all constituencies. The Town of Athabasca does not agree that the new boundaries will do that, as our population does not measure up, and therefore, the smaller communities will need to review the way the boundaries currently are being proposed.

Your concerns can be submitted online at <http://abebc.ca/submissions/>, the Town of Athabasca encourages you to do so by July 16, 2017 as we will be doing the same.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Robert Jorgensen, LGA
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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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RE: Feedback on the Interim Report

Electoral Boundaries Commission,

In the Interim Report on Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta, the community of Capitol Hill is assigned to the Calgary Mountain View riding. Under the section on "Recommendations for Boundary Changes" the report states:

The population (of Calgary Mountain View) would be 51,478, 10% above the provincial average. The level of positive variance in population created is justified, in the view of the majority, by the fact that the future population growth rate is likely to fall below provincial average, given the "fully built-out" character of this area. Population levels will likely be at or below provincial average population by the time of the next electoral boundaries review. (Page 42)

For the community of Capitol Hill, the statement is inconsistent with the population growth observed in the community using civic census data. This civic census shows a 14% population growth in Capitol Hill from 2011 to 2016, an increase of 568 people. According to the Government of Alberta website, the provincial population increased by 10% between 2012 and 2016, less than that of Capitol Hill. The Electoral Boundaries Commission may wish to review the annual census data publically available through The City of Calgary website (calgary.ca), particularly the data set on 5 year comparative population by community.

Furthermore, the Capitol Hill Community Association has been taking active steps to revitalize our community and encourage an increase in population. In recent years we have worked with The City of Calgary to complete an Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) in partnership with the community to the west of Banff Trail. For Capitol Hill specifically, parcels along key corridors has been identified for a city-initiated rezoning to a land use that would allow for higher density residential developments. We are already seeing these developments being built around our community.

We hope this insight into our community is helpful to the Commission as they prepare their recommendations.

Kind Regards,
Jessica Lajoie
President, Capitol Hill Community Association

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Fort-MacMurry-Lac la Biche
Submission
<p>Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,</p> <p>The concerns with the new boundaries for For-MacMurray - Lac La Biche centre around the great distances between the major population bases. The new outlines of the boundaries are difficult for any elected representative to navigate and connect with the people living in these areas. Rural populations are more spread out and less concentrated which changes service delivery modal for health care, social issues, and community health and wellness. It appears that the outline does not take into consideration the great travel distances for these population bases to reach essential services. How will there be fair representation for the people of this area with the new area that will require long distance travel to major centres.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
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Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater

Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the Interim Report. In general I find myself sympathetic to the minority Commission report where it recommends the Commission use the 25% variance provisions in the legislation to maintain more or the less the present balance between rural and urban ,and as well as existing boundaries as much as possible. The 2010 EBC Commission included in its recommendations (p 20) that :

"The Legislative Assembly needs to seriously consider how the urban/rural perspectives will be addressed in the future. The Commission believes that this is an Alberta issue which will have to be addressed, probably before the next Commission is appointed."

This has not been addressed as of yet by the Assembly, nor have the recommendations for provision for additional offices, etc. been addressed either. Therefore "countervailing factors" to effective representation known and acknowledged by both Commission reports and critical unsettled issues have been simply set aside in the recommendations. Instead the boundary recommendations merely exacerbate previously acknowledged barriers to effective representation in large rural ridings. Until this political question is settled by the Assembly - as the 2010 report recommended- it behooves the Commission to avoid anticipating the Assembly by making one particular point of view on the matter ascendant. Although the commission argues in the report that respecting urban and rural balance per se is not listed in the legislation as a factor for consideration, that the commission has the authority to assess all factors deemed appropriate is indeed explicitly provided for. In fact this distinction is acknowledged by previous commissions as we see here. Otherwise, how are we to make sense of the 2010 recommendation on rural representation I just referenced above?

Setting a precedent for ever increasing the size of rural ridings due to the lower proportion of rural residents to urban ones impacts effective representation in other ways as well. Making rural ridings even larger than at present and thus even more time consuming to represent effectively while being able to maintain anything approaching a work/life balance will deter many quality people from considering running at all - especially those with family responsibilities, mobility challenges and so on, so that diversity will be impacted. Sadly, I believe it will also give young people in rural ridings progressively less opportunity for access and mentoring in public life as opposed to urban young people, and thus fewer result in rural candidates in the future -, and more candidates parachuted from urban areas to represent rural ridings instead.

The disruption in existing relationships and communities is compounded in the present context of radical changes in other areas impacting political life in Alberta and thus impacting effective representation. The 2015 Legislature included the greatest proportion of first term members in Alberta history and it takes time for members to understand the needs of their ridings and to become effective representing them. We have also witnessed big changes in electoral expense rules and reporting requirements, political party organizations, as well as unprecedented economic challenges and disruptive natural disaster. The system is already stressed. Changing the boundaries of ridings that are within the existing variances in pursuit of a strict parity not required by legislation will have pernicious effects on effective representation in the short term as it will inordinately task the ability of political actors to accommodate to the multitude of concurrent changes to established practices and communities of interests in the present context before the next scheduled election in May 2019. In effect it will overwork the small numbers of volunteers who make democratic political life possible in rural areas and lead to lower participation generally. There is a reason that previous commissions prided themselves on causing the least disruption to existing boundaries.

This is particularly problematic for Fort McMurray which has recently gone through a devastating natural disaster that has had a severe impact on the existing networks that make up political life with key community members not returning and all citizens occupied with unprecedented degrees of change and challenge. It does not seem appropriate to then ask those in public life to adapt to a complex new riding that requires the integration of two other quite divergent regional hubs separated by long distance. Especially when the most recent numbers from the Municipality of Wood Buffalo would suggest that the existing boundaries are indeed justifiable under legislation. I would think the burden of proof in this instance would be for those seeking to change existing boundaries rather than the reverse.

I respectfully request that the Commission revisit its boundary recommendations taking into due account all factors relevant to effective representation and make appropriate use of the variances built into the legislation to avoid unnecessary disruption and give the appropriate weight to the other factors to be considered as well. This would mean in practice a requirement to justify breaking apart ridings that are in accord with the legislation and that have been proven to work well in representing the interests of constituents - such as Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater, rather than disrupting them in the pursuit of a strict parity that is neither part of our own law nor our tradition.

Sincerely,

Colin Piquette
MLA, Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater

How did you hear about the review?

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Although my wife, Polly, and I have only lived in High River for the past 13 years we have grown to like our riding and have worked for nominations and candidates here. Now to be torn out of the riding and lumped-in with Pincher Creek and Waterton with their totally different local needs and problems appears, in my opinion, to be most unsatisfactory. Please rectify this and return us to be able to enjoy representation along with our neighbouring communities including Okotoks, Black Diamond etc etc. If that means our votes do not carry exactly as much clout as those from Pincher Creek I really do not mind.
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Electoral Constituency

Northern Hills

Submission

When the commission met 8 years ago, the Northern Hills Community Association made a submission for a Calgary-Northern Hills Constituency. However, their interim report indicated the plan was to split up the Northern Hills, designating Coventry Hills with communities east of the airport. We considered this unreasonable for a number of reasons, including not meeting the requirements of legislation, so we requested to make a presentation to the Commission, who then challenged us to come up with a new plan for all 25 constituencies in Calgary, which we did, and Calgary - Northern Hills was created. Eight years later, we find ourselves challenging the commission again, yet for the exact same reasons: the legislation. This time, the Interim Report is even worse in our opinion.

The Commission has proposed a boundary running along Harvest Hills Blvd designating Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills and Livingstone into Calgary North East, again grouping these communities with communities east of Metis Trail. Country Hills, along with Beddington, Hidden Valley and Huntington Hills are designated into Calgary - Beddington. Panorama Hills will become part of Calgary - North including Evanston, and Carrington.

The commission is required to make several considerations including: community boundaries, interests and community organizations; existing community boundaries within the City of Calgary; existing municipal boundaries; geographic features including existing road systems and the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries.

It is our opinion that splitting up our communities into 3 different constituencies does not meet the legislation. Why is this important?

1. As a community association, this would mean attempting to coordinate and communicate with 3 different MLA's, adding additional work to a volunteer organization already stretched thin on resources.
2. As constituents, we are concerned that having 3 MLA's could diminish our effective representation. Since there is no requirement for MLAs to live within the districts they represent, imagine having 3 MLA's, none of whom have a vested interest in their district?
3. The NHCA is concerned that in not having an MLA dedicated to the majority of the Northern Hills residents, getting infrastructure needs such as the North High School, may be lost to other communities.
4. Vivo desperately needs expansion and we are still hopeful for a north Greenline. However, if Harvest Hills and Coventry Hills, are represented with communities east of Deerfoot that already have LRT, a high school and a newer recreation facility as community focal points, it may be difficult to engage an MLA to represent our needs.
5. Not only did the NHCA successfully challenge the commission in 2010, but we worked hard to have municipal and federal boundaries changed to reflect the different needs and common interests west of Deerfoot Trail. Effective as of this October's election, the Ward 3 boundaries will finally group north central Calgary communities together, something City of Calgary Administration attempted to do many years ago. We were unsuccessful convincing the federal commission that the boundary needed to move, and we continue to have an absentee MP in Calgary Northeast representing Coventry Hills and Harvest Hills, largely due to the vast empty space, commercial development and airport lands that sit between us and those Northeast communities. It is concerning and frankly appalling that this commission wishes to go backwards and reunite us with communities east of Metis Trail.

Could there be a benefit to having 3 MLA's? Possibly, but that is difficult to determine and at face value, seems more of a detriment. The NHCA acknowledges there could be some benefit in having ONE boundary within the community. The reason is, that the current average population per constituency is 46697. The commission has a mandate to be plus or minus 25% which would put Calgary - Northern Hills within hundreds of the cap. While it could be done, this dilutes our votes in that it would mean 58000 of us are voting for our government representation, while only 35000 might be voting in another district. While we are still working on the numbers, and with the growth expected in Harvest Hills, and in Carrington and Livingstone to the north, there must be a better way to divide the community to a maximum of two MLA's.

Again, the current proposal dividing Calgary - Northern Hills fails to recognize the following factors:

- common community interests and community organizations, including those of Indian reserves and Métis settlements,
- wherever possible, the existing community boundaries within the cities of Edmonton and Calgary,
- wherever possible, the existing municipal boundaries,
- geographical features, including existing road systems
- the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries

The communities of Coventry Hills, Country Hills Village, Harvest Hills Country Hills, and Panorama Hills are an island, surrounded by major Calgary roadways to the point a vehicle trap cuts our communities off from those south of us. The Northern Hills Community Association represents all 57000 people in this area. North Central Calgary, with over 100000 people lacks medical facilities, schools, seniors services and even a public high school. Splitting Northern Hills into 3 districts is a mistake. Grouping communities from the north central region with communities east of Deerfoot and south of Beddington Trail is simply unfair and unreasonable based on the mandate. We ask that you please reconsider, as the commission did 8 years ago.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Previous submission

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Electoral Constituency
Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater
Submission
<p>I recommend against formation of the proposed new Fort McMurray--Lac La Biche--Athabasca ED and for retention of the Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater ED.</p> <p>There is little common between Fort McMurray and either Lac La Biche or Athabasca and combining these three population centres in one ED will leave many—almost certainly in the two smaller towns and all the rural population in the mid-to-southern part of such an ED—without effective representation. In addition to the approximately 350 km from north to south, a large area extending about 200 km south from Fort McMurray is very sparsely populated. Travel distances from north to south would be huge, and to provide any reasonable service to all would require three MLA offices.</p> <p>The present Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater (ASRW) has, in the most part, sufficient commonality of interests and connections have been developed amongst the regions which may have had less commonality before. It is near the population required to be within the guidelines and if it's necessary to increase the population of the ED the boundaries could be extended slightly to include other populations still with a commonality of interest with the current ED. And removing Redwater from ASRW and combining it with St. Albert, with which it has little or no commonality, would violate 14(c) of the Act.</p> <p>Much has been made of how Alberta has such good communications, including SuperNet that connects about 400 small communities with the large urban centres and the rest of the world. Unfortunately, however, this does not include the rural population, who won't have optic fibre connections anytime soon and for whom a microwave—or even more expensive satellite—connection is the only possible reasonable bandwidth solution. These are too expensive for many and even for those who have them there's a need for applications that can be used for anything but social networking; i.e. it's difficult, time-</p>

consuming, or expensive, to have synchronous meetings. This makes party organization and electioneering and MLA work much less efficient and disenfranchises the population for such a large and sparsely populated area.

Recommendation: Leave Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater as is and, if necessary, extend the boundaries slightly to include sufficient additional population.

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- Other

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Calgary Acadia
Submission
<p>The proposed changes to the boundaries of Calgary Acadia are generally good, creating an electoral district with the natural boundaries of the Bow River and Fish Creek Park, as well as the man made one of Anderson Road and 14 St SW.</p> <p>The notable exception is the notch on the west side, bounded by Elbow Drive, 75 Ave SW, Glenmore Trail and 14 ST SW, encompassing the community of Kelvin Grove. This area is cut off from the rest of the proposed new Calgary Elbow by Glenmore Trail, the second busiest road in Western Canada. In contrast, residents of Kelvin Grove can walk across 75th Avenue to Chinook Park, and have easy access to Kingsland as well. Residents of these three neighbourhoods share schools, parks and local stores. The population of Kelvin Grove in 2006, according to Wikipedia, was 2,266, and is probably not much more than that now. While it is recognized that Calgary Acadia is already above the provincial average for electoral district population, adding Kelvin Grove makes sense.</p> <p>The eastern part of the northern boundary could also be improved. Calgary Acadia includes the Alyth Rail Yard. The Inglewood neighbourhood (part of Calgary Buffalo) is right next to the rail yard and is more affected by rail yard operations than any neighbourhood in Calgary Acadia. East of 11 ST SE, the norther border could be moved just south of the CP Rail main line, all the way to the Bow River. No residential areas are affected, so there is no population impact. Doing so would allow residents of Inglewood to address concerns about rail operations to their own MLA. It is recognized that railways are federally regulated, but from the perspective of logical boundaries, the point stands.</p> <p>The map in the document PROPOSED_ED01_CALGARY_ACADIA-1.pdf that is provided on the web site incorrectly shows the old CN Rail line going west past Elbow Rive. The line actually ends at Blackfoot Trail.</p>
How did you hear about the review?

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Electoral Constituency
Calgary Greenway
Submission
<p>Dear committee:</p> <p>I am writing about the proposed boundaries for my quadrant of the city, Calgary Northeast.</p> <p>I want to begin by recognizing the great work you have done on redrawing provincial constituencies. However, with the greatest of respect, I do not support the proposed boundaries you have drafted for this corner of the city for reasons, which I hope to outline for you here. Also, I have some suggestions for what can be done to make this a better represented part of the city.</p> <p>Our neighbourhoods and communities in Northeast Calgary are very much interconnected to each other. We shop, work and live in this region of the city east of the airport and as such the Deerfoot Trail in N Calgary serves as a natural divide between the communities across this trail. Normally, we do not access services, recreation, or schools across Deerfoot in that part of the city and it doesn't make sense to have a constituency that goes across that way. The only time I go on the Deerfoot is if I need to use that for going downtown Calgary or north towards Edmonton. For that reason, I do not like the boundary of a constituency from east of Deerfoot trail crossing over the Deerfoot and submit that Deerfoot trail should be respected as a dividing line.</p> <p>I think a better way to divide the area is to take everything east of the airport and divide it into two. As its a growing area, I submit that you spread the growth out by having one seat incorporate the future growth east of 60th Street (such as Savanna) and other seat incorporate growth along northern neighbourhoods (such as Skyview / Redstone). Accordingly, the Saddleridge neighbourhood you can split along 60th, taking everything east of 60th and putting it in the southeast seat and adding everything west side of 60th in the south seat. I have lived in Tradable and know lots of people from this area who have family living in these new neighbourhoods so I would suggest keeping them together. I also suggest you should keep all of Taradale neighbourhood together within this northern constituency,</p>

which may include Saddleridge east of 60th, and everything north, like Redstone and those neighbourhoods up there, which should be in the new seat and its own seat because it is a growth area for the city and whereas further south the houses have been around for a bit longer.

Thank you for you time.

Best Regards,

Atiya Ashna

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary-Klein

Submission

I'd like to see Mt. Pleasant and Capitol Hill stay in the Calgary-Klein riding. They are near neighbours to where I live and it makes sense for us to be represented by the same person. Our MLA has a close relationship with these communities and it would be a shame for that to be lost — he even lead a Jane's Walk that included the two communities in it.

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Electoral Constituency
CALGARY - NORTH WEST
Submission
FRED MCCALL WAS A RESPECTED AVIATOR DURING BOTH WORLD WARS. THE ORIGINAL AIRPORT IN NORTHEAST CALGARY WAS NAMED MCCALL FIELD AFTER HIM. I RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION KEEP THE NAME "CALGARY - MCCALL" FOR THE ELECTORAL DIVISION CONTAINING THE AIRPORT IN CALGARY.
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Calgary Mountain View
Submission
<p>The proposed changes to the boundaries in Calgary Mountain View do the best possible to accommodate broader changes made in the rest of the city.</p> <p>Moving the western boundary to Crowchild Trail makes a far more natural boundary for the communities involved, while adding on areas north of 16th avenue that are developmentally similar to the rest of the riding.</p> <p>It tidies up the riding into a more compact area with communities facing similar social and economic issues being lumped together while those being lose west of crowchild trail were outlier communities in the context of the riding.</p> <p>All in all, given the situation of change through Calgary, Mountain View ends up more compact without unduly affecting other areas to the benefit of the constituents of the riding</p>
How did you hear about the review?
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Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

July 16, 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 would like to thank the Commissioners for their work in this important process. The act of redistributing electoral boundaries is a challenging process and not one that should be taken lightly. In particular, this Commission faces the challenge of redistributing Alberta's electoral boundaries without having the advantage of increasing the number of districts.

I have included below my recommendations in response to the interim report released by the Commission in May 2017:

Population

I believe this Commission can improve the population balance proposed in the interim report. 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.

I recommend that the Commission attempt to keep districts within ten percent, and ideally within five percent, above or below the provincial average population per electoral district.

New Boundaries

I recommend the Commission consider the following amendments to the proposed districts included in the interim report:

Edmonton-East, Edmonton-North West, Edmonton-South, Edmonton-South West and Edmonton-West Henday: The Commission should reconsider using these geographic directional names for proposed districts, as they could cause confusion among voters. The names of the proposed districts are not necessarily reflective of their geographical areas. For example: The proposed Edmonton-East district is located west of the Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview and Edmonton-Manning districts and much of Edmonton-Northwest is located south of Edmonton-Castle Downs and east of Edmonton-West Henday.

Edmonton-Mill Woods-East and Edmonton-Mill Woods-West: I believe the names in these proposed districts may cause some unnecessary confusion among voters. I recommend the names of these proposed districts be changed.

Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul, Vermilion-Lloydminster, and Stettler-Wainwright: These proposed district span from the Edmonton Metro area to the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary, with the first two resembling a shelter-belt rather than a constituency representing communities of common interest. The Commission should consider redistributing the proposed districts in a way that would not divide communities along such oddly drawn east-west boundaries.

Highwood: It should be noted that under this proposed district, the Highwood River is no longer located within the Highwood constituency, for which I believe it may be named.

St. Albert-Redwater: The population of the City of St. Albert is too large to warrant the creation of two districts within the municipal boundaries. Instead of expanding a second St. Albert district north to

Redwater, Smoky Lake, Buffalo Lake and Kikino, I recommend the creation of a district that would include St. Albert and the municipalities of Sturgeon County, Morinville, Legal, Cardiff, Bon Accord and Gibbons.

St. Anne-Stony Plain: I expect this has already been brought to the attention of the Commission, but the correct spelling is Ste. Anne, in reference to Lac Ste. Anne. It is my recommendation that the name of the proposed district, if it remains in the final report of the Commission, be renamed Lac Ste. Anne-Stony Plain.

Wetaskiwin-Camrose: I commend the Commission for their decision in the interim report to recommend the creation of a fully contiguous proposed district of Wetaskiwin-Camrose.

Thank you to the Commissioners for the opportunity to respond to the interim report. I wish you good luck in months ahead as you consider the feedback you have received in order to create the final report of this electoral boundary review.

Sincerely,

David Cournoyer

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Electoral Constituency

Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock

Submission

Dear Electoral Boundary Commission,

I am making a submission today to express my concern about the proposed your proposed St. Albert-Redwater constituency, and how I believe that the boundaries proposed should be adjusted to provide a much more unified constituency based more solidly on the principle of the representation of interests. This principle is based on the idea that populations with similar interests should be grouped together into constituencies to ensure stronger representation.

While it is appropriate that you have taken a similar approach to St. Albert as has been done in Sherwood Park and Strathcona County, Grande Prairie and Medicine Hat. It does make sense that when a municipality has enough for one full urban constituency but not quite two it may be necessary to create one urban and one blended riding instead of two blended ridings. I disagree strongly where you've put those boundaries, and suggest boundaries that would put communities that have similar interests together, rather than combining St. Albert with the Redwater area, which has little commonality with St. Albert.

You did receive submissions asking for Morinville and Sturgeon county to be included with the St. Albert area. The population around St. Albert in Sturgeon County is much better suited to make a blended riding with, due to having similar interests and alike populations. Rural Sturgeon county and Morinville have a stronger cultural, economic, and infrastructural relationship with St. Albert than the Redwater area, including highways and proximity to each other. It also includes many bedroom communities to Edmonton, with constituents who regularly use the capital for services, entertainment, and employment.

The St. Albert, Sturgeon County, Morinville and Legal corridor is an historically linked region with common travel patterns and cultural relationships that predate the creation of Alberta as a province. The region is nationally recognized as a francophone corridor dating back to the original settlement of the St. Albert area. Additionally many residents of Sturgeon County and Morinville particularly access many of their public services in St. Albert. The vast majority of Morinville residents go to the Sturgeon Community Hospital in St. Albert to access their health care services. Their children attend schools at either the Sturgeon School division or the Greater St. Albert Catholic School division.

Currently In your proposal, you've drawn the lines from St. Albert all the way out to the Kikino Metis settlement, a full 2 hour drive away from St. Albert. This is unnecessary, and in fact splits apart some historically, culturally and economically connected communities, putting them in constituencies that seriously dilute the representation of their interests, particularly in the case of Morinville and Legal. Morinville has little commonality with communities such as Barrhead, Westlock and Swan Hills. As much as we need some blended ridings, this one ignores the principle of the representation of interests, and there has been no public support submitted requesting St. Albert to be joined with rural communities so far to the east.

If the commission were to take a smaller piece of St. Albert into the riding, you could make a constituency that follows the neighbouring boundaries west, includes Calahoo, wraps around Alexander 134, includes Alcomdale and Legal, and even potentially reaches up to highway 18, then comes back down Range Road 233 on the east side. This proposed constituency would be based around the highway 2 corridor, which is a much more natural divide than reaching over to Redwater, and should still be around 10% variance under the provincial average, depending on what piece of St. Albert you use, recognizing that this is a high-growth area of the province.

Those boundaries would also serve to keep more of the area's Franco-Albertan heritage communities in one riding than the current proposal, which you noted as one of your primary concerns.

Again, thank you for the opportunity, and we hope you take steps to address the issues in this area.

Sincerely,
Barry Turner

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Heard about the review during my service on Morinville Town Council.

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Electoral Constituency

Drumheller-Stettler

Submission

Dear Electoral Commission Board and Members

Thank you for the work you've done and for the consideration you've given to the population differences in electoral districts. I'd like to commend the EBC on taking in a wealth of information and opinions and doing their best to accommodate the requests of everyday Albertans as well. As a farmer living outside Endiang, I'd like to provide some feedback on Drumheller-Strathmore, Olds-Didsbury, and Stettler-Wainwright.

I understand from your interim report that you are recommending the riding of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills should stay the same.

I have some points regarding this:

While the current population of the riding may fall 2% below the provincial average, the growth in the Highway 2 corridor area is likely to outpace the growth of the rest of the province. Previous provincial growth has been spurred not only by the larger urban centres, but also by communities in northern Alberta such as Grande Prairie. All this growth has been spurred by energy, and we know from recent events that energy prices may never return to their former level. This strongly suggests a slowdown of growth for those areas and cities of the province specifically linked to oils sands exploration and development. While the corridor along Highway 2 north of Red Deer and south of Leduc will not be immune to this slow down, the mixed economy of the area, and its proximity to Highway 2, suggests that its growth rate over the coming years will be higher than the rest of the province. This will effectively increase the riding's population over time to be above the average.

The communities along the Highway 2 corridor are changing, and are not the rural communities they once were. They are becoming younger, and more driven by trades and business than by agriculture. This is in contrast to the communities along Highway 21 and 806, which are still largely agricultural. Lumping them in with cities like Crossfield that are largely residential does not serve the consideration of common interests.

The Commission could move the eastern border west, and run it along Highway 791. As well, they could extend the boundaries of the riding north to follow the Highway 2 corridor., taking in the communities of Bowden, Innisfail and Penhold. This would join these communities, which have a strong commonality of interest with the Olds, Didsbury and Carstairs. It would connect communities of interest along Highway 2 and it would give the constituency of Olds-Didsbury room to grow in the coming years so that it's voting representation is not diluted. It would put those farming communities along Highway 21 and 806 into a riding with the other eastern Alberta farming communities to which they are more closely aligned both by occupation and by geography.

In regard to the proposed new boundaries for the constituency of Drumheller-Strathmore, I agree with some of the recommendations, and have suggestions for improvement in other areas:

First, in regard to the Special Areas, I applaud the Commission's commitment to keeping them together. As history has shown, this area of the province is in particular need of good management, and the Special Area Boards are not only important in themselves but as partners in keeping a very important part of the province running effectively.

In regard to the Siksika Nation, I agree with the Commission that keeping their area together in one riding is important, and giving Indigenous communities greater voice is one of the mandates that I fully support. However, expanding the riding as far south as you have puts the Siksika Nation at the far south of a very large geographic area, and cuts them off from the areas directly east and south of them like Queenstown, Rosemary and Bassano. Their needs might be better met if they were included with the towns closer to them. This could be accomplished by running the boundary a bit north of where they are, and making the Siksika Nation a bigger part of a smaller riding. Otherwise they are at the southern end of a large riding that has very little in common with them, especially when you get up into the areas of Consort and Coronation, being distant agricultural communities.

In regard to the area around Drumheller, again I think in large terms the Commission was correct in including Drumheller in this riding. However, drawing the boundary along the river beside Drumheller cuts off the little section of land right across the river. It also cuts off Drumheller from the natural transportation corridor of Highway 21 and Highway 806 and communities like Linden, Acme and Beiseker. All that area in there, going up to Three Hills, is part of a natural trading and service area. It has more in common with Drumheller and region than it does with the more developed Highway 2 corridor to the east. I believe we must strengthen rural voices when we can. Including those towns with towns along the Highway 2 corridor (like Olds and Didsbury) doesn't really do that. Highway 2 is becoming a highly developed area compared to the east of the province.

In your interim report, you said that you wanted to keep Flagstaff county intact: This recommendation would keep Flagstaff county intact, an important goal given the significant work in which that county is engaged relating to inter-municipal partnerships. It is apparently regarded as a template for regionalization in other areas.

With that in mind, I recommend using more county boundaries in that area to make a riding. That would be Camrose County, Flagstaff County, County of Stettler No. 6, County of Paintearth No. 18, and Beaver County (minus Tofield, due to the population). The population of that area should be right on the mark for the provincial average for a 0% variance, and you keep alike communities together, using existing boundaries from the counties.

Thank you again for reading my opinions, and thank you for the work that you are doing on behalf of all Albertans.

S. Somerville
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Electoral Constituency

Calgary Klein

Submission

Dear Commission Members,

I'm writing today to offer feedback regarding the new electoral boundary proposed for Calgary-Klein. A number of neighbourhoods to the east of Deerfoot that have now been included in the riding that are not only geographically cut off from the rest of the riding by major arterial roads (16th avenue and Deerfoot) but are of significantly different character in terms of structure and age. For example, North Airways, South Airways, McCall, Horizon, Sunridge, Meridan, Franklin and Mayland are considered major employment centres while the neighbourhoods west of Deerfoot are primarily residential and built out in the 1950s and earlier. There is evidently not only a geographical divide between these two areas but also sharp contrast in their form and function.

This would not be particularly problematic if it weren't for the exclusion of Mount Pleasant and Capitol Hill. With our current electoral boundary, most of the neighbourhoods in the riding were constructed in the 1950s and prior. More specifically, the divide between Mount Pleasant and Tuxedo Park creates an electoral divide between two neighbourhoods that are historically analogous. Furthermore, this division works to break up consistent representation according to the boundaries of the existing public school district. Were Mount Pleasant and Capitol Hill to be retained in the new riding, the electoral boundary would correspond to the school district boundary. There are a number of educational communities that will be impacted by this decision and a social fabric that will be invariably impacted by the shift in political representation.

With these points in mind, I recommend retaining 19th St NW as the western boundary of the riding to keep Mount Pleasant and Capitol Hill in the riding. Since the inclusion of communities to the east of

Deerfoot does not cleave the public school district boundaries, it may be appropriate to retain them but not at the expense of separating Mount Pleasant and Capitol Hill from the riding. The configuration I am proposing here would create a riding that is made up of two distinct areas but retains some commonality within them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kindly,
Barbara Silva

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Electoral Constituency
Calgary-Northern Hills
Submission
I would suggest to make changes in the electoral boundaries and have all the Hills Panaroma Hills, Coventry Hills, Country Hills, Harvest Hills, Evanston, Carrington and Livingston should be under Calgary North.
How did you hear about the review?
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<p>Please consider keeping the communities of Mount Pleasant and Capitol Hill in the Calgary-Klein constituency.</p> <p>I have lived in Capitol Hill for twenty-three years and know that it has more in common with other the communities to its north than the more downtown neighbourhoods like Sunnyside or the Beltline, which it would join were it to change to Calgary-Mountain View.</p>
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Electoral Constituency

Leduc Beaumont

Submission

I welcome the Commission's decision to concentrate a new riding around the towns of Leduc and Beaumont. However I believe did not take into consideration the economic ties of the surrounding region, specifically the Edmonton airport lands. I also believe that the Commission's proposed riding is too large in population.

There is currently significant development close to the Edmonton airport, especially a major outlet mall. These projects are a major employer of people in the Leduc and Beaumont area, and the mall will be a major employer as well. Therefore the airport area should be back in the riding.

As for population, Leduc and Beaumont are some of the fastest-growing communities in Canada. The Commission's proposal creates a riding that already has a large population and it will only get bigger and further over the provincial average. I would suggest that the commission focus the riding on Leduc and Beaumont, so they could remove the area east of Range Road 235 and the area west of Range Road 230. This would create more of an 'urban' Leduc-Beaumont seat.

Additionally, the Commission's proposal uses the proposed annexation of land by the city of Edmonton. I would point out that the proposal has not been fully accepted and it would be premature to set the riding boundaries now. I would suggest that the commission restore the northern boundary back to 41 Ave.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

A friend told me about it.

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Medicine Hat
Submission
<p>To the AB Electoral Boundaries Commission,</p> <p>The Commission requested specific public input on the subject of the proposed ridings of Medicine Hat and Taber-Vulcan. Specifically, to choose between a geographically large primarily rural riding of Taber-Vulcan and urban riding of Medicine Hat or creating two blended rural-urban ridings out of these two ridings.</p> <p>I understand the Commission's reasoning for minimizing blended ridings, but in this case two blended ridings would be the better option.</p> <p>1. First, the Commission understands that while similar population size is the main concern when configuring ridings equitable work for MLAs must also be considered.</p> <p>The Commission talks about the different strategies rural MLAs can take to mitigate the travel time in serving geographically large ridings. The Commission also talks about urban ridings and the other factors that could complicate an urban MLA's work. By trying to compare the work of rural and urban MLAs the Commission is trying to compare apples and oranges, but implied is that different MLAs, whatever their riding characteristics, should have roughly equal workloads. Equitable work is a part of equal effective representation.</p> <p>In this case there is an easy way to ensure equitable work between the two MLAs of SE Alberta. By creating two blended rural-urban ridings you would ensure that both MLAs have a similar population to serve and a similar geographic riding size--no need to try and compare apples and oranges.</p>

2. The Commission concedes on page 18 that "at some point increasing geographic size impedes a rural MLA's ability to continue to provide this degree of access." However, we rely on the Commission to make the judgment call on what is too large a riding size.

When the Commission visited Medicine Hat on January 26 you heard from one sitting MLA and four former MLAs. All of whom spoke that the current Cypress-Medicine Hat riding's geographic size made representation challenging. All asked to keep the riding as is.

I understand why the Commission could not keep the status quo in SE Alberta, however, the words of so many MLAs should carry considerable weight. If we take their word, then the two blended ridings option again becomes the better choice. Otherwise we have an even larger riding in Taber-Vulcan for a rural MLA to manage.

What constitutes too large a geographic riding? This question has not been definitely answered. However, there is reasonable grounds to believe that the current proposed Taber-Vulcan would be too large.

If this is a grey area, where it's unclear, the Commission can easily resolve the dilemma by choosing the two blended riding option.

Sincerely,

Kris Samraj
Medicine Hat

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Electoral Constituency

Northern hills

Submission

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As the President of the Northern Hills Community Association we provide representation for 5 communities which include harvest hills, panarama, Coventry, Country hills and country hills village. This would split our community into 3. Some of the advocacy issues we face and need support on may potentially be divided not just by boundaries but by political and party adgenda. This puts our communities ability to plan effectively and ensure responsive representation. Having different representation in the communities could create unnecessary delays in getting adequate schools and other service. This will divide us vs provide the support intended.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

News

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Red Deer Map It
Electoral Constituency
Red Deer South
Submission
<p>Thank you for your work on the electoral boundaries here in Red Deer. After my initial presentation when the commission met in Red Deer, I was happy to see that the commission listened to the written submissions from Red Deer, and extended the boundary between Red Deer North and Red Deer South along Ross Street. Having the communities of Deer Park Village, Deer Park Northeast, and Davenport together in Red Deer South better suits the common needs of those communities and their neighbours. I know from my involvement in the past 2 provincial elections that the large majority of residents in Deer Park consider themselves residents of the south side of Red Deer, and therefore assume that they would vote in Red Deer South. Ross Street (50th street) is also a clear and distinct line through Red Deer that groups similar neighbourhoods and establishes acceptable population variances for Red Deer North and Red Deer South.</p> <p>Another important factor that reinforces your plan for Red Deer is the Red Deer Municipal Development Plan. There are three new neighbourhoods planned for Red Deer, which you can see on the last page of their plan. All three of those new communities will be in Red Deer North, so they will definitely need the room for population growth. The existing, but fledgling Red Deer North neighbourhoods of Timberlands, Garden Heights, and Evergreen, are also still projected for significant growth in the short term. Moving the boundary to 50th Street to allow for that growth to happen in Red Deer North is good forward thinking that should lead to balancing the populations of each riding. Along a similar line of thinking, it would also be consistent with neighbourhood boundaries and like communities if the boundary at Taylor Drive and the Red Deer River simply followed the river to the west, and terminated at Highway 2. This slight suggested change would only add a handful of electors to Red Deer South - electors who only just went through a switch from Red Deer North (2012) back to Red Deer South (2015) and potentially back again.</p>

Sticking to Red Deer city boundaries for both ridings is also a sound decision. Given that the city has the population for two constituencies, and that people are already used to Red Deer's boundaries for their municipal and provincial elections, using the city boundaries for these two constituencies is the correct choice to provide the strongest representation possible for city residents in the provincial legislature.

Best of luck on your next round of drafting, and thank you again for your thorough work on these boundaries. I would have taken the opportunity to join you in Red Deer again this summer, but a family commitment out of town prevents me from attending. Please keep me apprised of your progress, and feel free to let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Merredew

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Volunteer political involvement

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Electoral Constituency

Wetaskiwin-Camrose

Submission

Dear members of the Commission;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed boundaries. I have some follow-up recommendations for the proposed boundaries of Wetaskiwin-Camrose.

In some initial submissions, there were many requests that the 4 Cree Nations of Maskwacis and Ma-Me-O Beach be included in one electoral district, which would provide the best representation to the first nations communities living in the area. I would insist that this is possible, and the best possible outcome for the area. You have an opportunity here that I hope doesn't pass us by.

Right now, you have Wetaskiwin, Camrose, and Mackwacis in the same riding. If you extend the riding west, you can include Pigeon Lake and Ma-Me-O Beach very easily. The boundaries of the western portion would be: Highway 611 to the south, Highway 771 to the west around Pigeon Lake, then east across the lake to Highway 616, up Highway 778, east along the northern edge of Wizard Lake, then straight east to connect around Camrose.

This will create a riding based around the communities in the area, namely the cree nations, Wetaskiwin, and Camrose, and based around the transportation corridors in the area. We have Highway 13 connecting the whole riding east to west, and highways 2 and 2A connecting Mackwacis to the south.

While the 4 Cree Nations of Mackwacis are in your Wetaskiwin-Camrose proposal, which I'm sure those communities will appreciate, I sincerely hope you consider this option that includes Ma-Me-O beach.

For the population variance, the interim report noted that Wetaskiwin-Camrose will now have “a population of 49,058, 5% above provincial average.” Under our proposal that extends west, the riding will be at approximately 10% variance, within acceptable limits.

Thank you for your time,
Gabrielle Blatz, Resident of Wetaskiwin

How did you hear about the review?

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From my MLA

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Fort McMurray - Conklin
Submission
<p>The commission definitely has the right idea to orient the two Fort McMurray constituencies as east-west rather than north-south. However the Commission's proposal does not respect some of the historical boundaries of Fort McMurray, as well as not following county boundaries. We would re-orient the constituency along the Highway 63 and Highway 881 corridors, as the commission has done, with some changes in the city of Fort McMurray to balance the populations.</p> <p>We would suggest extending the southeastern boundary to cover the entirety of Lac La Biche County. This of course would ensure that the entire county is within one constituency. Additionally we would add the community of Kikino. In the Commission's proposal, Kikino is isolated from Lac La Biche, where the people access the majority of their services. This would put Kikino back into a constituency with Lac La Biche.</p> <p>We also recognize the potential difficulties that the MLA could face serving three different population centres. As proposed by the Commission, the MLA would have to serve both downtown Fort McMurray, as well as the population centres of Lac La Biche and Athabasca. We would support removing the parts of Athabasca County that the Commission's proposal puts into the riding. This will allow the MLA to only have to serve two major population centres: Lac La Biche and Fort McMurray, instead of three, and thus only require two constituency offices. Three offices would be difficult to afford and staff.</p> <p>Within Fort McMurray, we would suggest removing downtown Fort McMurray from Fort McMurray-Cold Lake and instead place it in Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo. Downtown Fort McMurray has traditionally been represented with the northern communities, as it did in the old Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo. This would also provide a better balance of demographics to both Fort McMurray seats, as there are some</p>

differences between those who live in the old downtown area and those in newer neighbourhoods.

To account for the loss of population from removing Athabasca County and downtown Fort McMurray, we would add the neighbourhoods on and surrounding Thickwood Boulevard, with the green space separating Thickwood and the Timberlea neighbourhoods as the new border. The southern part of Thickwood was part of the former Fort McMurray - Conklin constituency so it would remain somewhat consistent with the old boundaries. This also ensures that the communities hit hardest by the wildfire, which were Thickwood and Beacon Hill, will be represented in the same constituency.

The resulting constituency would have an estimated population of 37 600, which is 20% less than the provincial average. This is consistent with the Commission's proposal. As the Commission refers to in their questions for public input, it would be expected that homes in the affected areas will be rapidly re-built and re-populated, so that variance would quickly stabilize closer to the provincial average.

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary Buffalo

Submission

To the Chair and Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I've watched with interest the development of the Interim Report and the many submissions and considerations that the Commission has had to consider.

As a constituent of Calgary-Buffalo, I would like to point out written submission #551 from Kevin Allen, the Returning Officer for Calgary Buffalo. I believe he makes an important point regarding the projected population increase of this constituency. In his notes he projects that East Village will welcome 12,000 residents over the next few years, and that other communities like Beltline are on track to become among the largest communities in Calgary.

While I do not have Mr. Allen's expertise or knowledge of polling stations, I do know that there are at least 19 condos developments that I can name that are either built, starting to fill up, or will be completed and occupied before the next provincial election. Based on the number of units and an average of 2 people per unit, the constituency will add another 9,000 people from those developments alone.

In the Interim Report the Committee's recommendation was based on the assumption that "...the future population growth rate is likely to fall below provincial average, given the character of this central area."

I would like to suggest with respect that the Commission's assumption in this regard is inaccurate, and that a better estimate of population growth can be easily determined by either reviewing Mr. Allen's submission in detail, or by doing the simple calculations that I myself was able to do. Given that real future population growth, Calgary-Buffalo will be well over the provincial average by the time of the next

election.

While it is always difficult to adjust boundaries without making some kind of impact on neighbourhoods, I can suggest a solution to this constituency's population problem.

The area of Lower Mount Royal, south of 17th Ave. SW, and bounded on the west by 14 St. SW and on the east by College Lane SW, is an area of apartments and condos. This neighbourhood is delineated by Bagot Ave. SW and Royal Ave SW on its south side, and shares an orientation toward the 17th Ave. SW strip. The commission should incorporate all of this area into Buffalo as it shares the same downtown, higher density characteristics as neighbouring communities in the Constituency.

Directly south of this is Upper Mount Royal, which is primarily single detached homes and separated geographically from Lower Mount Royal which is at the bottom of the hill. I suggest that Upper Mount Royal and Elbow Park remain in Calgary-Elbow. This area has similar types of development and demographics to Roxboro and Britannia to the east and south, and with Bankview and South Calgary to the west.

Incorporating the East Village into Buffalo makes sense as the demographics, community characteristics, proximity to the city core, and interests of the community are consistent with other areas of the constituency. The natural divide created by the river, between the East Village and Ramsay/Inglewood, offer an easily identified boundary for the constituency. Including any of Inglewood, Ramsay, or other communities as the Commission suggests would ignore the population pressures and different communities of interest between those two areas. Therefore, they should not be included.

The development and growth projections for the East Village will more than compensate for the loss of these other neighbourhoods, as indicated above, in Mr. Allen's submission, and in the attached chart.

As an Albertan who cares about the principle of equality of representation by population, I hope and trust that you will re-evaluate your assessment of the projected growth rate of Calgary-Buffalo, and make some adjustments accordingly.

Thank you again for the chance to submit and for listening to the voices of Albertans.

Paisley Sim

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Lethbridge East
Submission
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>I write to express concern about the interim report's impact on one neighbourhood in Lethbridge. Legacy Ridge is a distinct and separate residential neighbourhood on the north side of the city, bordered by collector roads and the river valley. It is contiguous and is clearly distinct in terms of commuter traffic, neighbourhood parks and pathways, and the age of development of the community. It has recently developed its identity further with the addition of a new elementary school.</p> <p>One small part of the neighbourhood -- around 20% of the whole community -- is separated from the rest. It is in the Lethbridge-West riding, polls 1 and 2 from the previous division map. At the time that the previous divisions were made, the neighbourhood did not exist, and it fell on the West side of an arbitrary line drawn straight north from the end of Stafford Drive. Stafford Drive does not create the division -- rather, it ends, and a line is drawn straight north, severing this small part of the community from the rest of Legacy.</p> <p>In fact, there is no natural division between the major part of Legacy that is found in Lethbridge-East, and this small part of Legacy in Lethbridge-West. I live in the second last home in Lethbridge East. My residential block continues into Lethbridge West, where this small part of the community is severed from its main access points into Lethbridge, which run through Lethbridge East. Indeed, that part of Legacy has no public building suitable for a polling station. As such, they will need to leave the community to find a polling station within the Lethbridge-West riding -- and ironically, will likely need to travel via Lethbridge-East to do so.</p>

When the boundaries were last modified in the last redistribution, the boundary between East and West at this north end of the city had a small shift to bring Legacy Ridge mostly into Lethbridge-East. At that time, all of Legacy Ridge that was developed came into Lethbridge-East, but this ignored future development in the community. That problem became apparent in the last election when these brand new homes fell in Lethbridge-West. Now that the neighbourhood has fully developed, now is the time to ensure that these residents come into Lethbridge-East, where they fit more naturally.

I suspect that this will be a change that is inevitably made, both to correct the separation of this distinct community, but also as Lethbridge-West continues to grow at a faster pace than Lethbridge-East. This will be a natural fix, and we might as well ensure that these residents become accustomed to voting in Lethbridge-East now, before they gain further experience voting in Lethbridge-West and are switched later.

I understand the preference not to make a change based on the populations in each riding already being around average, but this would make a small improvement and may help a bit to maintain that average population even as the west side of the city grows at a faster pace. The simplest fix may be to bring both Poll 1 and Poll 2 from Lethbridge-West into Lethbridge-East.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)
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- Other

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Submission
<p>Hello electoral boundary commission,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed boundaries.</p> <p>This submission is primarily concerned with the St. Anne-Stony Plain constituency (81), and the area west of Edmonton. I have a constituency in mind that will maintain the commonality of interest between rural and urban areas, deliberately excluding Spruce Grove and Stony Plain to ensure the riding is primarily rural. There are several great natural boundaries and municipal boundaries in this area that can be used to make this happen.</p> <p>The boundaries would be as follows:</p> <p>From the edge of Edmonton, from 215 street and Whitemud, head south.</p> <p>At 33rd ave, go east and around the Blackhawk Golf Club.</p>

Follow the North Saskatchewan river west all the way to Northleigh, range road 63 and highway 624.

Go west to the Pembina River, then follow it north and around, all the way to Lac la Nonne.

Go around Lac La Nonne, Camp Nakamun, and Alexander 134 reserve.

Go south on Highway 779, east on Highway 633, South on Highway 44, east on Highway 16.

Then follow the Edmonton municipal boundary to complete the boundary.

From this boundary, I excluded Stony Plain and Spruce Grove, which have enough population together to be their own constituency. This better achieves the goal of not having a blended constituency.

The population of this proposed rural boundary, according to our work, would be around 51,000 as well, 9% variance above the provincial average, which is within prescribed limits, and is an area that is not growing in terms of population.

The use of the municipal boundaries of Edmonton, Spruce Grove, and Stony Plain, and the natural boundaries of the North Saskatchewan and Pembina Rivers, create a clear, focused constituency of rural folks west of the capital region. The riding captures several of the larger lakes in the region, including Wabamun and Lac Ste. Anne, which would be a great name for the constituency. It also provides good representation to aboriginal voices by putting Alexander 134 and Stony Plain 135 together.

I hope you consider this potential constituency, given the many submissions requesting less blended ridings, and the clear natural boundaries available in the area. Constituents in the area will appreciate being represented on their common interests.

Thank you,

Krista Vican, Resident of Sandy Beach

How did you hear about the review?

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From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Dear commission members,

Please see attached for my electoral boundaries submission in regards to the electoral district of Leduc-Beaumont.

I appreciate the time and consideration.

Thank you,

Brandon Sonnenberg
Leduc, Alberta

Dear electoral boundary commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your proposed boundaries. I am writing to you today with some suggestions for the Leduc-Beaumont constituency. The changes I am suggesting to your proposed boundaries are based on:

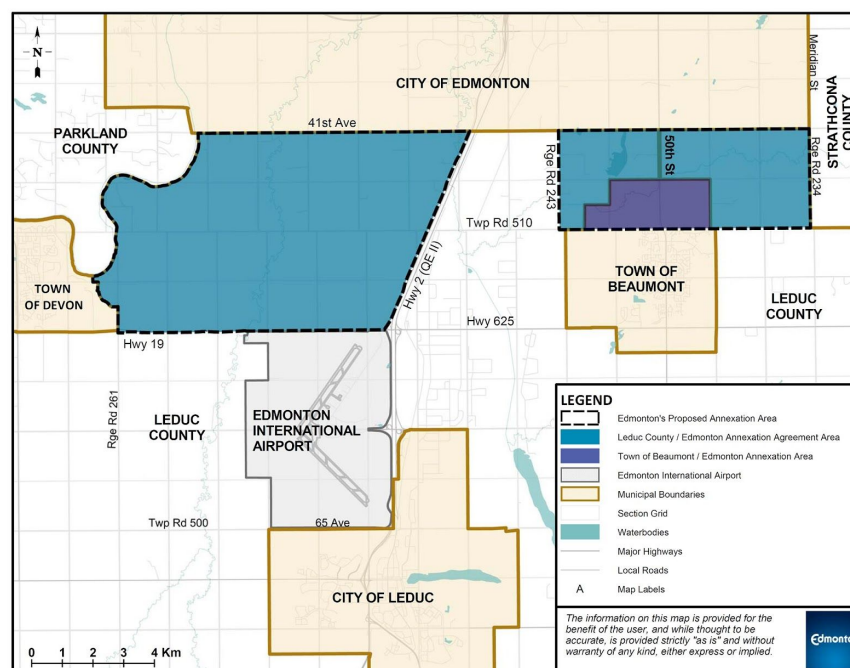
1. Ongoing annexation negotiations between the City of Edmonton, Leduc County, and the City of Beaumont.
2. The large population growth expected in Leduc and Beaumont (backed up by Capital Region Board projections).

For the land involved in the City of Edmonton annexation, I recommend that the new provincial boundary maintain the existing boundary along 41st Avenue. My rationale for maintaining the boundary there is that development in this area is far off, and in the time being people in these areas use Beaumont, Nisku, and Leduc as their primary service centres. This is especially true of the area immediately around Beaumont. Additionally, the annexation agreement is still being negotiated with respect to Beaumont.

The agreement in any case will leave the Edmonton International Airport in Leduc County, so it should stay in Leduc-Beaumont (especially given its importance to Nisku and Leduc). The map on the right is the Edmonton-Leduc County annexation, as published by the City of Edmonton.

In terms of the population growth, the proposed variance for Leduc-Beaumont is **11% above the average**, in a constituency with two of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada.

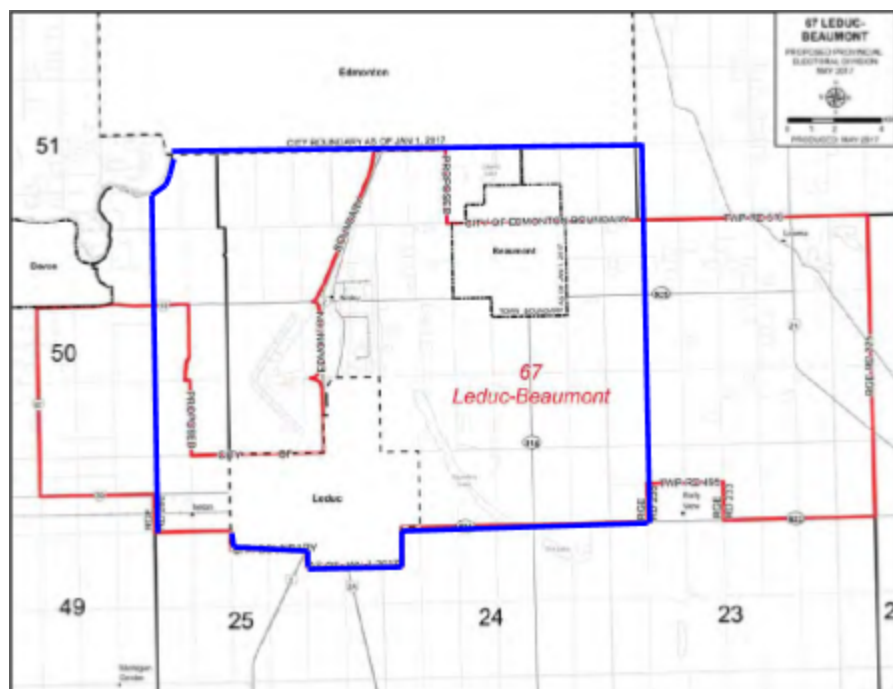
Beaumont is the 5th fastest growing municipality in Canada, and Leduc is the 14th fastest growing municipality in Canada. My understanding is that setting the boundaries as proposed now would put Leduc-Beaumont **around 13-14% above the provincial average in 2024** when the Electoral Boundary Commission meets again. Leduc and Beaumont alone are 1.48% above the provincial average this time around, and will be about 4.34% above the provincial average next time, without factoring in any rural constituents in the rest of the riding. I recommend that the commission plan ahead for this issue by pulling the



eastern and western boundaries in, as it will need to be addressed sooner or later, and constituents should not be underrepresented in the meantime.

In tables at the end of this submission, I've laid out the population growth for Leduc, Beaumont, and Alberta, followed by projected variances for Leduc, Beaumont, and the proposed Leduc-Beaumont constituency. I used those numbers to come to the conclusion that Leduc-Beaumont needs to be reduced geographically. My numbers are from Statistics Canada's population projections for Alberta, and the Capital Region Board's "Capital Region Growth Plan". I used the M1 growth scenario for Alberta; and I used Capital Region Board's 2040 population estimates to get a 2024 projection for Leduc and Beaumont.

My recommended boundary borders are in the following image. This boundary is at a 6% variance, to provide room for growth. The proposed Leduc-Beaumont boundary is in red, and my recommendation is in blue.



Thank you very much for the opportunity to make these recommendations. I hope my work informs your decision-making.

Sincerely,

Brandon Sonnenberg
Leduc, AB

Population Growth for Leduc, Beaumont, and Alberta

Jurisdiction	2011 population	Growth from 2011 to 2016	2016 population	Projected Growth from 2016 to 2024 (CRB and Stats. Can. projections)	Projected Population by 2024
Beaumont	13,284	31.0%	17,396	35.44%	23,561
Leduc	24,304	23.4%	29,993	19.58%	35,865
Alberta	-	-	4,062,609	21.96%	4,954,900

Municipalities in Canada with the largest and fastest-growing populations between 2011 and 2016.

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/as-sa/98-200-x/2016001/98-200-x2016001-eng.cfm?&wbdisable=true>

Population Projections for Canada, Provinces and Territories (91-520-X): Figure 3.17 Population, observed (1989 to 2013) and projected (2014 to 2038) according to selected scenarios, Alberta. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/91-520-x/2014001/c-g/desc/desc3.17-eng.htm>

Projected Variance for Leduc and Beaumont by themselves, Leduc-Beaumont minus Leduc and Beaumont, and the proposed Leduc-Beaumont boundaries

Boundaries	2016 Population	Variance from 2016 provincial average (46,697)	Projected 2024 Population	Variance from projected 2024 provincial average (56,952)
Leduc and Beaumont by themselves (from the Capital Region Growth	47,389	+1.48%	59426	+4.34%

Plan)				
Leduc-Beaumont minus Leduc and Beaumont	4237	-	5168 (using average provincial growth 2016-2024)	-
Leduc-Beaumont, as proposed	51,626	+10.55%	64594	+13.42%

Capital Region Growth Plan - Schedule 1: Population and Employment Projections 2014 to 2044.
<http://capitalregionboard.ab.ca/Website/files/96/9673a809-4d44-474f-a663-65c6eac75a63.pdf>

Round 2 Submission to the [Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission](#) for July 19, 2017
 Sherwood Park New Democrat Constituency Association

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to your Interim Report, and we commend the principled work you have done with this major undertaking.

The Sherwood Park New Democrat Constituency Association had contemplated a submission to you for Round 1 of your work, but failed to actually submit it. It would have repeated what individual members of our Board and other organizations, such as Public Interest Alberta [EBC-2016-17-174] and the Seniors' Action and Liaison Team [EBC-2016-17-754], had said, and which you have respected:

- Every vote should have nominally equal weight in determining who represents us in the Legislature. Electoral boundary populations should not vary by more than $\pm 5\%$.
- Current boundaries should be respected as much as possible, with adjustments for new ridings as required, except for those situations, such as Spruce Grove-St. Albert, where the constituency boundaries are not consistent with the interests of either community.
- We do not support creation of "rurban" constituencies because doing so would dilute the interests of both urban and rural constituents.
- Electoral boundaries should reflect the predominant characteristics of the community (urban, suburban, or rural) to ensure that MLAs can more effectively represent the needs and interests of their constituents.
- MLAs with large geographic regions should have adequate resources to ensure reasonably local constituent access to their MLA. Those MLAs should have extra allotments (mileage, additional staffed offices, etc.) to account for the size of their constituency.

First, we are content with the minor changes you have recommended for Sherwood Park itself; there is very little disruption to the population, community and physical area we currently have. We appreciate that you considered my personal wish that the entire defined urban area of the Park might be a single electoral district.

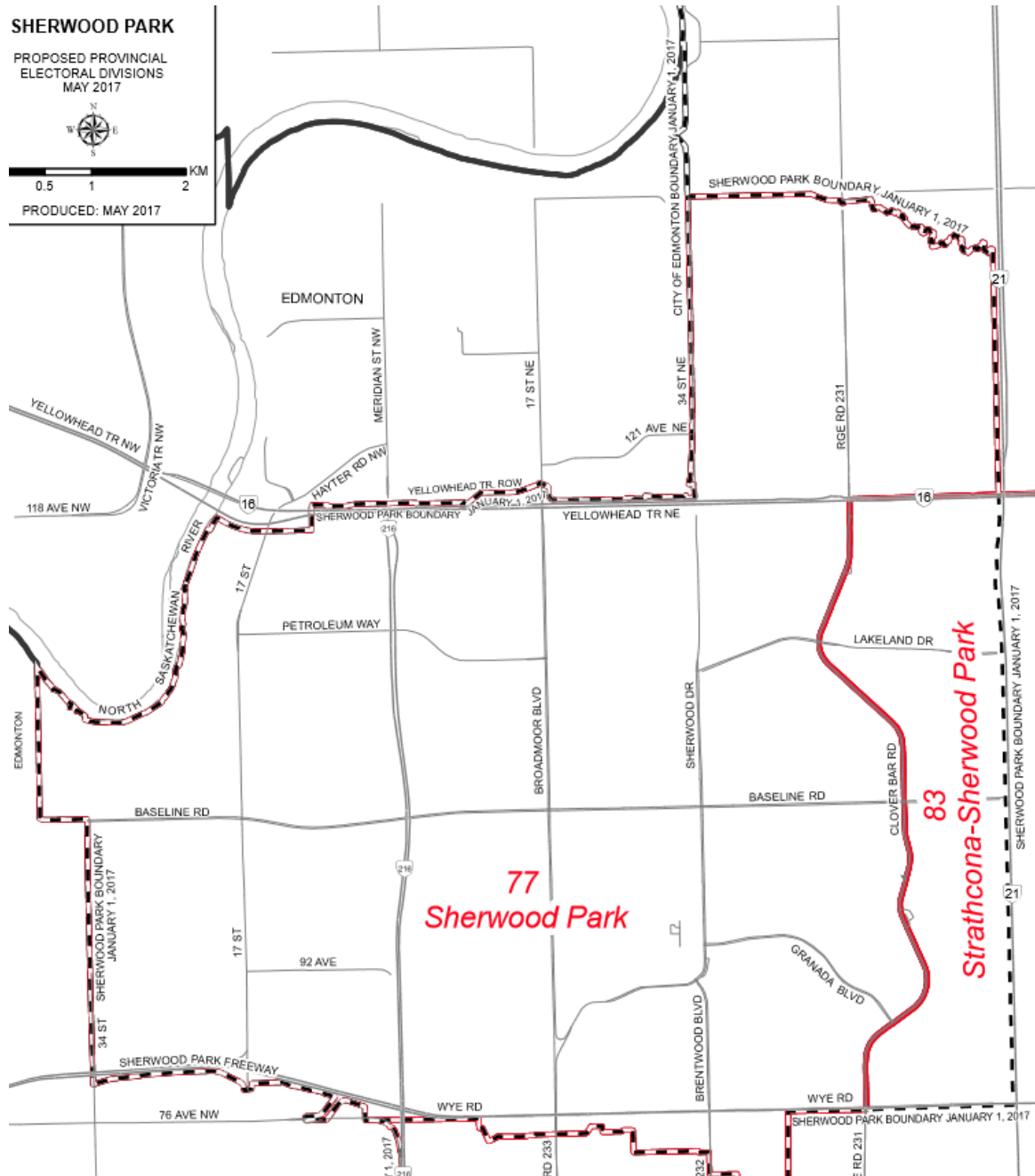
"It is recommended that the small area remaining from the former Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville electoral division be added to Sherwood Park and that the southern boundary of the electoral division be moved to align with the municipal boundary, all as shown in Map 77.

The resulting population would be 45,951, 2% below the provincial average. The constituency would thus remain largely unchanged from its current form while capturing an "orphaned area" and producing a more logical southern boundary.

The public request that the entire urban area of Sherwood Park be united into one electoral division is not possible given its high population.

Populations of Interim Recommended Electoral Divisions : Sherwood Park 45,951; - 2% " 1

¹ [Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission](#)

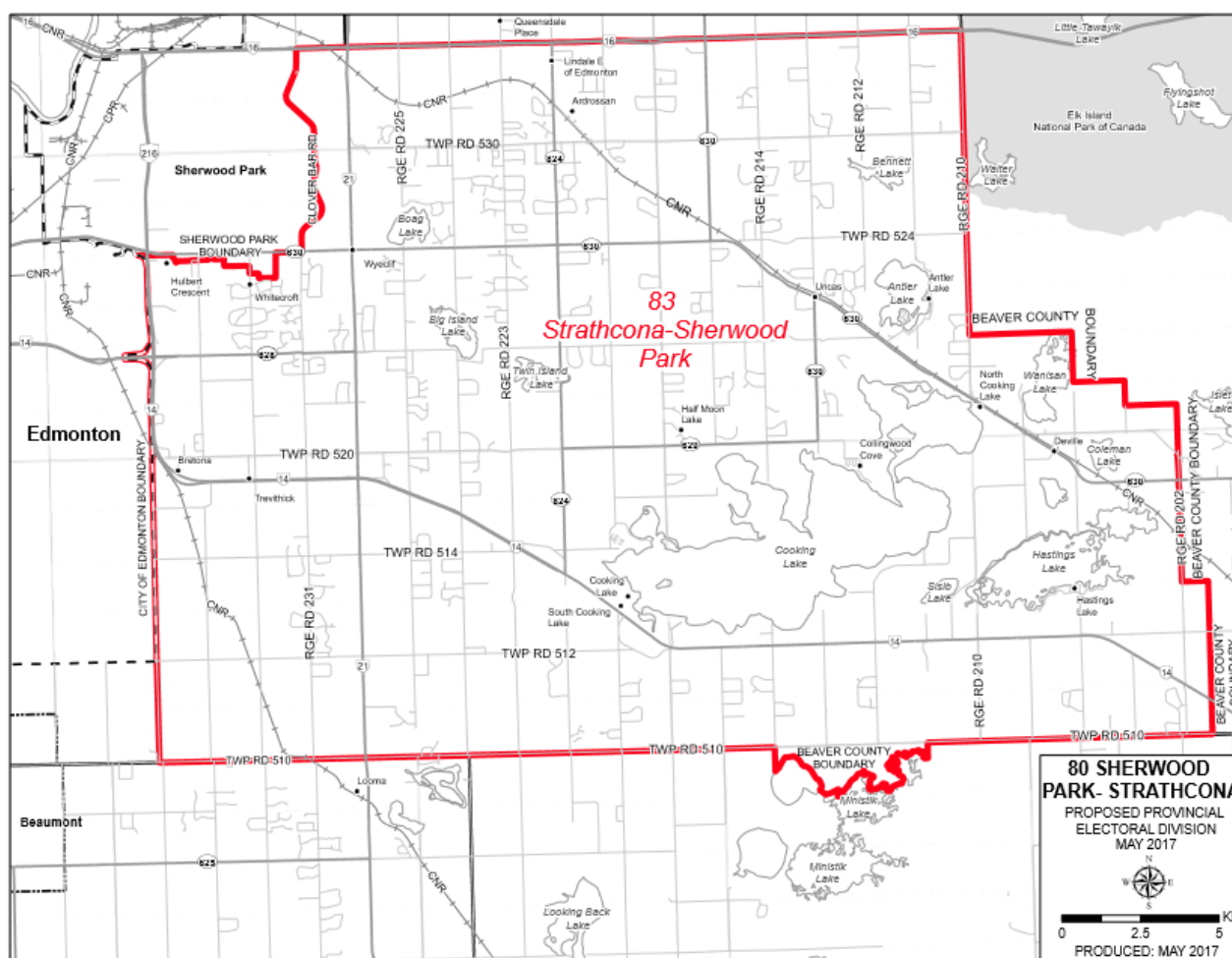
PROPOSED SHERWOOD PARK 2017

Note: There were no changes to the electoral division in the [2009/10 Electoral Boundaries Commission Final Report](#); there was a -2,5% population variance.

PROPOSED ED83 STRATHCONA SHERWOODPARK 2017

It is recommended that the boundaries of this electoral division remain unchanged except to straighten out the northern boundary it shares with Sherwood Park constituency, as shown in Map 83. See discussion on Sherwood Park. This would result in a population of 47,843, or 2% above the provincial average. No submissions were received in relation to this constituency.

Populations of Interim Recommended Electoral Divisions : Strathcona-Sherwood Park 47,843 +2% ²



Note, from the [2009/10 Electoral Boundaries Commission Final Report](#): The area of Strathcona County north of Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway 16 was transferred to the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville electoral division. There was a 7.16% population variance.

² [Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission](#)

[Strathcona County](#) is a "specialized municipality" made up of the urban area of Sherwood Park and a large rural area of farms, acreages and eight smaller hamlets. Most of our area - 87,502 hectares – is designated agricultural; with another 9,000 hectares industrial, 2,000 commercial, and 18,542 residential.³

Governance is a single County Council, with a mayor, and elected Councillors from the 8 County wards. We are represented in the Alberta government by two provincial constituencies, *Sherwood Park*, composed of a large portion of the urban area of Sherwood Park, and *Sherwood Park-Strathcona*, a mix of the rural areas, the smaller hamlets, and the eastern portion of Sherwood Park [Clover Bar Road to Highway 21, between Wye Road and Highway 16].⁴

In the 2016 Census, Strathcona County recorded a population of 98,044, a change of 6% from its 2011 population of 92,490. 70,618 residents live in the urban service area of Sherwood Park., and the remainder on farms and acreages and in eight smaller hamlets.⁵ Population increase has been mainly in urban Sherwood Park, but that growth will soon be constrained by its physical area. Future growth is being planned for new urban communities and subdivision development. The Bremner "urban growth node" is being planned for 54,000 residents, with significant retail development, with other residential areas north of Highway 16 and west of Highway 21 planned for an additional 11,500 people. The county's hamlets of Ardrossan, Josephburg and South Cooking Lake have been planned to accommodate an additional 5,000 more residents. Colchester, south of Sherwood Park and Highway 628 [the Whitemud Extension], remains a possible development area.⁶

The population itself is representative of the Alberta population, with a similar age distribution between rural and urban areas, and, like the rest of Alberta, with a gradual aging. Rural residents are slightly older than those living in Sherwood Park, but this is likely to be readjusted with the planned population growth in currently rural areas.⁷

We have learned that the Sherwood Park-Strathcona NDP Constituency Association is proposing to move the area bounded by Lakeland Drive, Highway 16, Sherwood Drive, and Clover Bar Road from Sherwood Park to Sherwood Park-Strathcona. This would further decrease the Sherwood Park ED population below the existing -2% variance, and further increase the Sherwood Park-Strathcona population above the existing +2% variance. Sherwood Park-Strathcona is already facing a significant future increase when the various County development plans are implemented. We do not agree with that proposal.

³ [2017 Facts and Stats brochure](#)

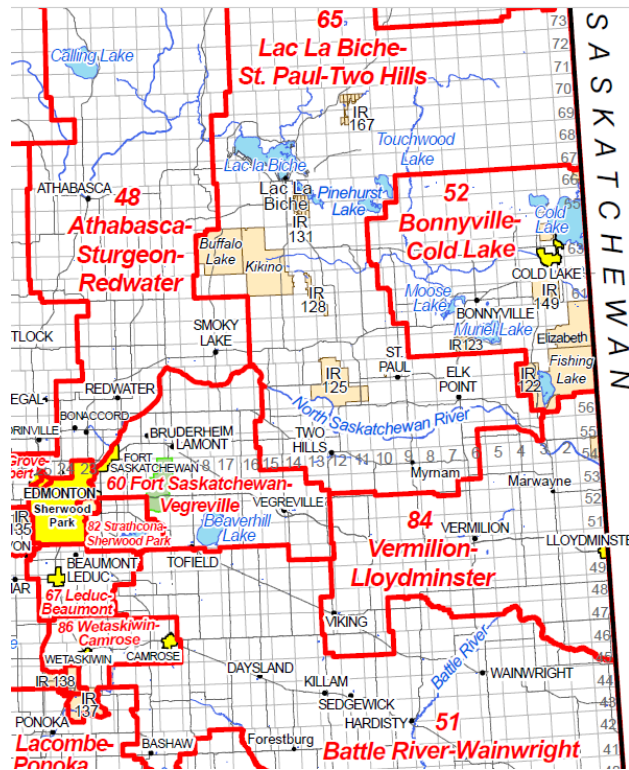
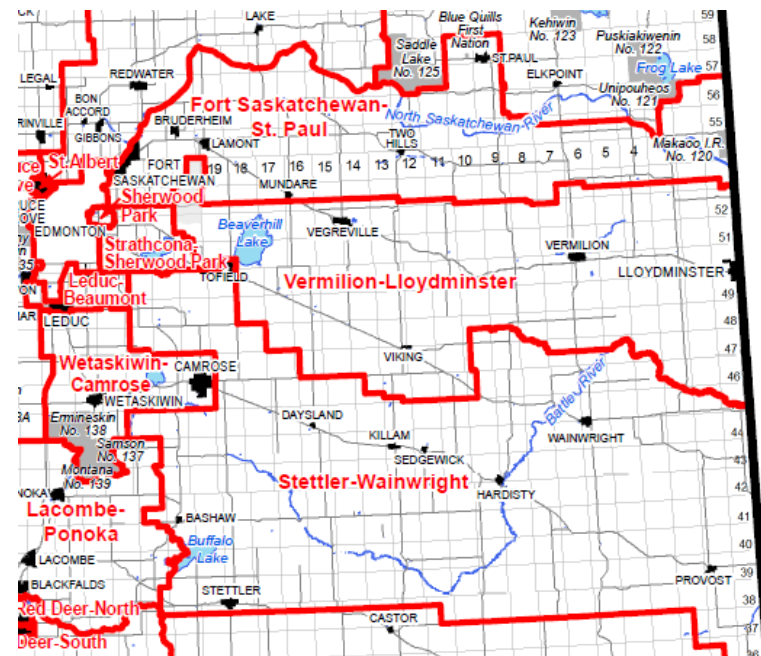
⁴ [Strathcona County - Wikipedia](#), [Statistics Canada](#)

⁵ [Census Profile, 2016 Census Strathcona County, Specialized municipality \[Census subdivision\], Alberta and Alberta \[Province\]](#)

⁶ [endorsed Bremner Growth Management Strategy](#); [Bremner Survey Map](#)

⁷ [2015 Municipal Census Report, Census Profile, 2016 Census Strathcona County, Specialized municipality \[Census subdivision\], Alberta and Alberta \[Province\]](#)

Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul, Vermilion-Lloydminster, and Stettler-Wainwright

BEFORE⁸AFTER⁹

⁸ 2009/10 Electoral Boundaries Commission – Maps (Appendix E) [Download PDF \(18.09 MB\)](#)

⁹ http://abebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/PROPOSED_ALBERTA_11X17.pdf

Re: Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul, Vermilion-Lloydminster, and Stettler-Wainwright.

We do have major concerns about the proposed changes to these neighbouring areas east of us. We accept that changes were warranted, with the proviso that our colleagues in Fort Saskatchewan wouldn't bet the family farm on your predictions for its population growth.

It does appear that you have given thought to the issue of voter equality. What is missing, we see, is a preference for the most compact possible physical area which will also respect voter equality and community interests.

The Yellowhead Trail is a major east-west transportation route, but this does not make it a realistic regional or electoral district boundary. It cuts through the middle of the Vegreville catchment area. The proposed riding includes the northern half of Vegreville's natural trading area, while St. Paul is almost completely separated from its natural trading area.

"The current Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency is about 5,000 kilometres squared [sic]. The proposed Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul district would climb to almost 8,000 square kilometres."¹⁰. Although much of the additional area is almost empty of population, the proposed population would be 10 per cent above the provincial average.

The City of Fort Saskatchewan makes up 49.9 per cent of the proposed new riding with 25,553 of the 51,216-total population. Fort Saskatchewan grew by 3.9 per cent between April 2016 and April 2017. This urban area of the proposed riding is one of Alberta's high growth areas, expanding at almost three times the Alberta average rate of 1.4 per cent in the same period. It seems unwise, therefore, to make this new riding larger in population than average in anticipation of high growth elsewhere, as, should growth continue in Alberta, there is every reason to expect the new riding to grow at somewhat higher than the Alberta average rate, even with no growth in the riding outside Fort Saskatchewan.

Predominant, defining community interests are usually occupation/trading, public service areas, and other community partnerships, including those defined by historical, cultural and social characteristics, and currently being defined again by municipal regionalization initiatives.

We don't believe that the narrow, 250 km-long rectangles represent community, municipal or regional interests and concerns as well as alternative geographic boundaries possible within the combined area of two or three of the districts now defined as Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul, Vermilion-Lloydminster, and Stettler-Wainwright.

We strongly support a reconsideration of these interim boundaries with particular attention to submissions from the persons and organizations affected as well as the premise that our votes should be as equal as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wodak,
Vice-President, Sherwood Park New Democrat Constituency Association

¹⁰ [New electoral district proposed for Fort | Fort Saskatchewan Record](#) Fort Saskatchewan may see provincial electoral district extended to Saskatchewan border Jun 8, 2017

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Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Riding
Submission
<p>I believe that the Commission is on the right track when it comes to orienting the two Fort McMurray constituencies as east-west, rather than north south. However, I believe that the Commission should include downtown Fort McMurray with the northern part of the region. The reason for that is because downtown Fort McMurray serves as the main regional hub for the northern communities. This is also consistent with the way Fort McMurray was divided in the 2010 redistribution. This also avoids the issue of split representation of the city of Fort McMurray. The MLA representing the proposed Fort McMurray - Cold Lake would be able to spend more time representing his or her constituents based around the Lac La Biche area, whereas the MLA for Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo would represent the main part of the historical Fort McMurray, so that area is not under-represented. To avoid overpopulation of this new riding, we would suggest that we re-combine the Thickwood community (which was previously split along Thickwood Boulevard in the 2010 redistribution) and put that community in the Fort McMurray - Cold Lake constituency. I would use the green space separating Thickwood and Timberlea as the dividing line (where Thickwood Boulevard becomes Confederation Way), with Thickwood in Fort McMurray - Cold Lake and Timberlea in Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo. This proposal has the added affect of keeping together neighbourhoods in Fort McMurray that were relatively unscathed after the Fort McMurray wildfires. This means that the populations remained stable, so it avoids the depopulation issue that is addressed in the Commission's questions for public input. The resulting constituency would have a population of about 45 597, 2% under the provincial average.</p> <p>Thank you for time, Sincerely Stephen Drover</p>
How did you hear about the review?
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Electoral Constituency
Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater
Submission
<p>I work in agribusiness in Thorhild County, and I have concerns with the way you've drawn up the boundaries in my area. You've put together two very different communities between the agriculture community and the oil and gas community. We have completely different interests and needs than the folks over in Ft. Mac, so I'd prefer that our riding not be thrown together with them.</p> <p>As well, I'd like to point out that there is a different perspective and interest between the agriculture community around Athabasca than the community around Lac la Biche. Those should be separate, too. Our distinct communities need distinct representation, which we wouldn't get if our communities were all put together with Ft. Mac.</p> <p>As an alternative, I've found that in my business, we share a lot of common ground with the people of Gibbons. Athabasca is our regional hub here, so the riding should go south down to Gibbons and encompass the agriculture community there to create a constituency. This would unite our whole area and provide a good riding for strong representation from our MLA.</p>

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Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Glenora
Submission
<p>Submission by the Edmonton Glenora NDP.</p> <p>The constituency of Edmonton Glenora captures the residential neighbourhoods just to the west of the downtown. The riding in its current boundaries and the boundaries proposed by the boundary commission ensures that the communities in the West of the downtown remain whole. The area is unique because the majority of residents shop and socialize both in the constituency but also at destinations in the downtown. The constituency is uniquely tied to the downtown core in ways that are different than neighbourhoods closer to the Hendey. This is vital for a constituency where residents identify with their neighbourhood, walk their young children to schools and daycares and get involved with local groups in their community.</p> <p>The boundaries proposed by the commission continue the trend for the constituency where residents also shop within Edmonton Glenora. Residents east and west of Groat Road shop at the Groat Road Shopping Centre or the Costco that is within the constituency. Residents also use the Mayfair Common and businesses along Stoney Plain Road. More importantly, 124th Street remains unchanged in the commissions proposal. This street is increasingly becoming an important destination for Edmontonians and especially for residents of Edmonton Glenora. Shops, restaurants and bars are walkable for many residents and are often full of local customers. There is also a farmers market that serves families who live in Edmonton Glenora. The street is a point of pride for residents. As 124th street continues to grow and develop and attract new businesses it is crucial that this street remains unchanged and continues to have one MLA that can advocate for the district's interests.</p> <p>Edmonton Glenora is home to young families that use community leagues, daycares and schools in the riding. Parents use their community leagues and the parks in the community leagues. Parents walk their kids to school and to daycare. This reality brings communities together. Parents and children become</p>

friends and then use their community leagues to put on events for their entire neighbourhood. Breaking communities in Edmonton Glenora between electoral districts would dramatically change how residents socialize and get involved in their community. They want their neighbourhoods to remain whole in all respects.

While Glenora is diverse, there are issues that are constant throughout the constituency. Glenora and Westmount are old historic communities that are working to preserve the character of their neighbourhood. Most other neighbourhoods are dealing with growth and working to ensure that while their communities grow, the characteristics of their community remain unchanged. Other communities like Inglewood and communities North of 111th street are growing as young families are moving their to buy their first home. The challenges and the solutions residents are finding are different than one would find in electoral districts west and north of Edmonton Glenora that are dealing with new development and new and expanding neighbourhoods.

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary-Klein

Submission

Good day,

This is Craig Coolahan, the MLA for Calgary-Klein and a resident of the community of Capitol Hill. After reviewing the proposed changes to the boundaries of Calgary-Klein, I would like to offer some insight into why I think that these proposed changes should be reconsidered, and ultimately I believe that the best solution for this constituency is to maintain the boundaries as they were in the elections of 2012 and 2015.

Firstly, as a resident of Capitol Hill, I am concerned that this community and Mount Pleasant are being removed from the riding.

This is a concern due to the fact that 16th Ave, which is the city thoroughfare of the TransCanada Highway, is a natural boundary. As such the communities north of 16th Ave. tend to hold joint community events, kids go to schools and day cares north of 16th, and they also play sports in these same areas. The point is that the communities on the north side of 16th Ave tend to stay north of 16th when going to school and participating in activities; we generally do not venture down the hill south of 16th Ave to do these things.

In addition, with the changes to municipal electoral boundaries, the proposed provincial boundary changes would make it such that Capitol Hill and Mount Pleasant would have the same Alderman and MP but a different MLA from its neighboring communities.

In terms of the Commission's understanding that the population growth of Calgary-Klein is static, I disagree.

There was a population growth of 7,000 between 2012 and 2015. What's more, these neighborhoods are becoming increasingly densified, with in-fills and apartment buildings. Also, there is a development that has been approved on the former Highland Park Golf Course that will see as many as 4,000 new

residents.

While I have no real objection to the proposal of adding the communities on the east side of Deerfoot, both north and south of 16th Ave, I do believe that the Commission should consider the fact that, like 16th Ave., Deerfoot is a natural boundary that again is generally not crossed to participate in school and activities.

What's more, adding the communities east of Deerfoot and south of 16th Ave., makes the two farthest points at either end of the riding a great distance.

Again, my preferred boundaries for Calgary-Klein is to leave it status-quo; however, if growth does need to occur, I believe that the best solution is to consider this riding one that is much more urban than suburban. As such, one solution is to make the northern boundary McKnight Blvd., and then extend the riding as is being currently proposed only on the north side of 16th Ave.

In closing, Capitol Hill and Mount Pleasant must remain in Calgary-Klein. The communities north of 16th Ave have much more in common and in participation with each other than do those south of 16th Ave.

Due to densification, growth will continue in all of the Calgary-Klein communities.

For these reasons, as well as the aforementioned MLA representation issue, I am submitting this with the hopes that the commission will reconsider its proposed changes and allow Calgary-Klein to remain as is, with an emphasis on Capitol Hill and Mount Pleasant remaining in the riding should any changes need to occur.

Regards,

Craig Coolahan, MLA Calgary-Klein

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- Other

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Electoral Constituency

Calgary Northern Hills

Submission

The communities of Panorama Hills, Coventry Hills, and Country Hills Village should be kept together by dividing the current riding East/West along Country Hills Blvd. These communities share the same schools, recreational centre, and community association; they will want to be represented on similar topics by their elected official.

With you current suggestion of dividing the riding North/South, the proposed new riding will have too much non-residential space in between the communities. There is the airport and the industrial areas splitting up this proposed riding, and the demographics are very different on either side of this gap.

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Electoral Constituency

Edmonton-Centre

Submission

After reviewing the Commission's proposal, we believe that the Commission was wise to add the neighbourhoods to the north to the existing Edmonton-Centre. Those areas have similar characteristics to the Queen Mary Park and Central McDougall neighbourhoods that are already in Edmonton-Centre. The proposal would also add the NAIT campus to Edmonton-Centre, which allows for students at both NAIT and Grant MacEwan to be represented in the same constituency, allowing for the MLA to be the student voice. The proposal also adds Kingsway Mall, which is a major hub for the surrounding community and a major employment centre for residents of the current Edmonton-Centre.

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My work as a legislator.

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Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Decore
Submission
<p>Hello,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Electoral Boundaries Commission on their recommended new boundaries for Edmonton-Decore.</p> <p>Considerations: Add Crystallina, Kilkenney, and Killarney</p> <p>Given that the Chair of the Commission said themselves in public hearings on January 16 that there was no need to ask about boundary changes for Edmonton-Decore because it was a "special constituency" nearly exactly at the provincial average, it seems odd that the Commission would recommend boundary changes nonetheless.</p> <p>As quoted by the Commission themselves from Page 10 of their interim report from Justice McLachlin: "The need to recognize cultural and group identity and to enhance the participation of individuals in the electoral process and society requires that other concerns also be accommodated."</p> <p>Unquestionably, one of the considerations to address when considering participation in the electoral process is continuity, and the maintenance of constituency boundaries unless it can be proven that a change is required to correct substantive issues with the riding.</p> <p>In the case of the community of Killarney (bounded by 127th Ave to the south and 97 St. to the west) the consideration of continuity and the consideration of keeping urban neighbourhoods of interest together (a consideration explicitly recognized by the commission) have both been thrown out the window in favour</p>

of a quick solution to another constituency's population shortfall.

Killarney has been part of the Edmonton-Decore constituency since 2003. It has strong ties to its neighbouring communities of Balwin and Glengarry, and with them shares a service orientation toward Northgate Centre and the businesses along 97 St.. There are also many common schools in the area.

In contrast Killarney is situated across two natural boundaries from Highlands-Norwood where it is suggested it move - the CN rail tracks and the Yellowhead Trail. This move is not justified except on the sole basis of population, and as has been stated in many contexts in the Commission's deliberations, population should not be the only consideration used.

For the above reasons I strongly urge the Commission to keep the community of Killarney within Edmonton-Decore.

The Commission has also proposed moving the communities of McLeod and Kilkenney into Edmonton-Decore.

These recommendations seem less problematic in regard to splitting communities. However, the proposed boundary for McLeod runs down 58 St.. This is not physically possible, given that 58 St. does not extend south of 149 Ave.. In addition, this partition, if extended to 59 St., would effectively cut the community of McLeod in half, with the community hall and school on one side and the residential neighbourhood on the other.

Instead of cutting this community in half we strongly recommend running the eastern boundary of Edmonton-Decore straight down 66 St. NW. This would simplify the boundary and align it with a natural transportation corridor.

For many of the same reasons as noted above, we recommend that the community of Crystallina Nera remain within Edmonton-Decore. This area has similar development patterns with Ozerna to the south, and it has been in the riding for some time.

Thank you again for allowing me to submit these opinions, and thank you for the hard work that you are doing on behalf of all Albertans.

Darcy Thiessen

How did you hear about the review?

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- Radio

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Submission
Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission July 15, 2017
Electoral Constituency - Strathcona-Sherwood Park
I wish to thank the Commission for their time and commitment in preparing their Interim Report. As a long-time resident of Sherwood Park, and a realtor in the area, I appreciate this opportunity to make my submission in response to that Report.
Strathcona County is a specialized community made up of urban and rural hamlets. Strathcona County members attend meeting of both the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) so that Council can work together to meet both urban and rural needs.
Sherwood Park itself is made up of a variety of communities, some being older, established neighbourhoods, while others are newer developments, built with walkability and sustainability in mind.
The communities of Summerwood, Aspen Trails and Emerald Hills are three such newer communities, all with similar construction timelines under Strathcona County's North of Lakeland Drive Area Concept Plan. The Interim Report recommends splitting these communities between two Electoral Constituencies, being Sherwood Park and Strathcona-Sherwood Park.
I would recommend that the electoral boundaries for Strathcona-Sherwood Park be revised to extend

west along Lakeland Drive to Sherwood Drive, north to Township Road 534 and east to Highway 21. These boundaries would then align perfectly with the Ward 4 boundaries in Strathcona County and would also be very similar to the Elk Island Public School Board Trustee boundaries.

Including Aspen Trails and Emerald Hills communities in Strathcona-Sherwood Park Electoral Constituency, together with Summerwood, would provide clear and understandable boundaries and at the same time keep communities of interest together. In marketing homes for sale to residents of these areas, I like to highlight the many community-connected features of these three neighbourhoods. Residents enjoy access to the same shopping district, sports and leisure activities and schools.

As previously mentioned, Strathcona County is a specialized community made up of urban and rural hamlets. I believe that, in this instance, having a "rurban" MLA is not out of the norm of how constituents' needs are represented in our area.

Thank you for your consideration,
Elan Lynes
Private Citizen

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

speaking with an MLA from the area

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Redwater Athabasca
Submission
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed boundaries.</p> <p>My feed feedback is mainly about a logistical issue around your proposal for Athabasca, Lac La Biche and Fort McMurray. These three areas are all regional hubs so if you put them together into one constituency, then that MLA will need to have 3 constituency offices or people will not be represented, and their MLA will not be accessible. It is frankly an issue of cost and folks in that area deserving a present MLA.</p> <p>As well I'd like to provide feedback on your population estimate of Fort McMurray given you've asked for public input on that point. People will be moving back there in high numbers in the coming years. It is going to grow rapidly due to people reclaiming their homes and rebuilding efforts going on. With that kind of growth expected again, it really does not make sense to pair Fort Mc Murray with two other regional hubs.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
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Submission
<p>Thank you to the Commission for the work they've done to review the electoral boundaries in Alberta, and thank you especially for taking the time to hold hearings in many rural communities in Alberta.</p> <p>I find the Commission's recommendation for the riding of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville troubling for just that reason. After listening in on some of the hearings and reading the transcripts, I don't think anybody suggested that the riding be stretched out so far east-west like it is.</p> <p>Instead, I heard a lot of about natural trading areas and areas of common interest. In fact, when asked the specific question about how to adjust boundaries, neither of the Mayors of Cold Lake or Lloydminster suggested that the boundaries be extended west to take in Fort Saskatchewan. Gerald Aalbers, Mayor of Lloydminster, suggested following the natural trading corridors north and south, and recognized the natural trading and service area of Cold Lake, Bonnyville and St. Paul. Craig Copeland, Mayor of City of Cold Lake, talked about those areas as well as Lac la Biche as a natural service and trading area.</p> <p>As far as I can tell from the public hearings, there wasn't one suggestion to change the riding orientation the way that the Commission has recommended. This point of view was reinforced by Mr. Preston when he appeared on January 23, and stated "It is my opinion and that of many others in this constituency (Lac la Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) that the current boundaries are a fair reflection of the lifestyles and beliefs in this northeastern area."</p> <p>As noted by the Commission itself, keeping communities of interest together and respecting natural boundaries are important considerations. The presenters at the public hearings have largely noted that commonalities of interest in rural Alberta are organic. The presenters at the public hearings dealing with</p>

eastern Alberta primarily noted that those natural trading and service areas run north-south, and are grouped in patterns that do not fall along strict east-west corridors.

The Commission's recommendation separates St. Paul from its surrounding area and the communities with which it shares services and transportation.

It also imposes an artificial barrier between the large Ukrainian populations of the area and Vegreville, which is the centre of Ukrainian culture in eastern Alberta.

In the Commission's recommendations it states that the new riding "...would follow the path of the Yellowhead Trail, a major highway, between Sherwood Park and the border." In fact it does not do this. It splits Highway 16 in half.

Highway 16 East does create a natural travel and trading pattern in that area. Highways 15 and 16 form a natural link between the communities of Bruderheim, Lamont, Chipman, Hilliard, Mundare and Vegreville. Indeed that corridor forms the basis for much of the travel in the area.

The Commission stated that the new design reduced travel for constituents in Lac la Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, but this map - which stretches from the Saskatchewan border all the way to Edmonton - would make it difficult for the MLA and constituents to reach each other. It is standard practice to follow travel corridors and highways as the stem of the leaf, so to speak, when forming rural boundaries for any level of government. The proposed design bisects highways almost at random, creating an almost incongruous seat from a travel standpoint. Where constituency offices will be located is troubling, as one would almost certainly have to be in Ft. Saskatchewan because of its population, leaving essentially two thirds of the area to be served by a second office should there be a budget for one. The MLA would face disparate demands on their time trying to service the major centre of Ft. Saskatchewan, located at the extreme far end of the seat, and balance that with the many other communities spread out along the constituency.

The Commission's recommendation would also see the seat spread across 6 regional municipal districts and multiple towns, some districts only being of a small portion of the seat.

For all the reasons above, I strongly recommend that the Commission consider the map I am proposing for this riding. It meets the criteria of:

keeping communities of interest together along Highway 16

incorporating the counties of Lamont and Minburn

respecting the communities of interest that have been identified in eastern Alberta around St. Paul.

accommodating travel consideration for the more elderly population the Commission took note of

respects cultural, economic, and service habits in the region by centring on Vegreville

While I respect the Commission's integrity and commitment to creating balanced and fair representation, I feel that in this case they have erred in creating something that nobody wants, and which does not respect several important considerations.

Given the changes I'm proposing for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, I have recommendations to adjust Bonnyville-Coldlake, and Vermillion-Lloydminster. Both of these constituencies are best suited to a north south orientation down the border, as Highway 41 carries all the way through both.

Vermillion-Lloydminster should take Highway 41 as the north-south trunk of the seat, and the branches of Highway 13, 14 and 16. This would include the communities of Innisfree, Vermillion, Kitscoty, Lloydminster, Irma, Wainwright, then Hardisty down to the end of the Provost Municipal District. The constituency would be at around the average population, and cover the southern half of the County of Vermillion River, the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61, and the Municipal District of Provost No. 52. It could also optionally extend to Two Hills and the highway 45 corridor to unite all of Two Hills and Vermillion Counties in to one seat, with a population a bit over the average but consistent with what the Commission has done elsewhere with rural seats that are not going to experience growth as strong as the provincial average.

Bonnyville-Coldlake should have the west side up Highway 28 around St. Paul pulled in, to prevent St. Paul from being as isolated. The boundary would come down from Lakeland Provincial Recreation Area, come east across Highway 881 before Highway 28, then run parallel to Highway 881 down to the Vermillion-Lloydminster border. The constituency would be at around the average population and of a compact geographical size to aid in effective representation for the MLA.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback. Thanks for the work you're doing, and thanks for listening.

How did you hear about the review?

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Electoral Constituency

Red Deer South

Submission

I appreciate the Electoral Boundary Commission's work thus far in developing a more neighbourhood sensitive boundary between Red Deer North and Red Deer South and keeping both Electoral Districts within the City of Red Deer boundaries. I expect with the development of the city in the next few years, with more neighbourhoods planned for the North, that the minor population disparity between the two ridings should disappear in a meaningful sense.

Although positive steps have been taken to rationalize the boundaries between city neighbourhoods, particularly in the Deer Park area of the city, the section of Deer Park to the east of Donlevy and Dodge Avenues, north of 39 Street remains in Red Deer North on Maps 75 & 76 of the interim report. At this time 50 Street (Ross Street) does not extend to the city limit, when it does this part of the Deer Park neighbourhood will be South of it, and, like the rest of Deer Park, fit into Red Deer South in a more organic manner. I would ask the commission to consider adding this area to Red Deer South at this time, rather than including it with Red Deer North, from which it is, and shall remain a distinct neighbourhood. Again, the present proposal is an improvement, but still seems, according to the map in the interim report, to fall short of incorporating the whole neighbourhood into one electoral district.

It would also make sense that the boundary between the two Electoral Districts follow the Red Deer River, upstream (west) from the Taylor Drive Bridge. This would also rationalize the boundary along neighbourhood lines as the few electors on the north side of Cronquist Drive west of 60 Ave, the current proposed boundary, would be lumped in with electors far from them on the north side of the river, rather than their neighbours across the street. Most of this area, aside from the north side of Cronquist Drive is, and shall remain municipal park and contains no other electors.

Keeping the two ridings within the City of Red Deer is also a sound decision, though, as commented in the interim report they each exceed the average population for Alberta ridings. For the time being this discrepancy is more than off-set by the representatives being able to have a more singularly urban focus in advocating for their constituents.

Again, the hard work of the Commission is appreciated. It is hoped that these minor, but meaningful, suggestions may be incorporated into your final review.

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Cypress/Medicine Hat
Submission
<p>Wally Regehr, Past President of the Cypress/Medicine Hat NDP Constituency Association, now living in the Medicine Hat Electoral Constituency [REDACTED]</p> <p>This submission is about your proposal for the areas around Medicine Hat. I find that the constituency has a lot of issues, namely how it crosses county lines, and breaks apart the rural community around Medicine Hat. We would be better served if we were combined with the people next to us around the city, rather than with Brooks.</p> <p>Brooks should be the centre of its own constituency, as the crossroads between highways 36 and 1. Why not try to pull together the counties of Newell and Taber? These have a lot in common regarding their economic interests.</p> <p>To the south, it is true that Taber-Vulcan is a bit large geographically but the fact is that south-eastern Alberta is a sparsely populated area. Going back to one seat surrounding Medicine Hat would keep all of those who use the city as the centre for services closer together with one MLA, and give the Commission the ability to create other seats for further-flung communities. It is also curious why you used highway 4 as the border in Warner rather than Warner County. Including either all or none of the county would make sense and give the county one MLA to deal with.</p> <p>There are a few natural boundaries that can be used with the county lines to provide a common-sense boundary near the provincial average for this corner of the province. You can follow the Red Deer River</p>

or Cypress County line to the north heading west as you have proposed, go south along the Cypress County boundary, follow the Old Man River to the west, cut south before Taber because the population would be too much, then follow the County of Warner No 5 to the provincial border, then the along the provincial border to finish the boundary. This proposed boundary would nicely combine all of the counties in southeastern Alberta - Cypress County, County of Warner No. 5, and County of Forty Mile No. 8.

In terms of Medicine Hat, your proposal there seem very reasonable, with that one corner being added to the constituency for the extra population.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Wally Regehr

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Electoral Constituency

Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House- Sundre

Submission

I want to thank the commission for all of your hard work over the past few months and the work that will continue into the next few months.

I would like to take this time to address the commission as a concerned citizen in the current constituency of Rimbey, Rocky Mountain House, Sundre.

I have taken a look at the proposed boundary lines and I would like to point out a glaring mistake. On a map this may not seem like such a big deal, but I am writing you to explain why this just can not happen and ask you to change it back to the way it was. From the looks of the new map you have cut off the southern portion of this constituency. This would include the people around the Bergen area. These people in Bergen area, shop in Sundre, they work in Sundre and they go to school in Sundre. They should be represented by the Sundre MLA. What makes this segregation of this group of people in area even more isolated, there is no road that they can directly travel to their new proposed MLA. This would mean that they would have to travel to 3 constituencies just to get access to their new MLA. This would have been the same problem if Sundre was attached to Banff Stoney constituency. There is no road that would connect the communities and constituents would have to travel through 3 constituencies to get to their MLA. This does not make any sense and it would be way easier to add them back into constituency that includes Sundre. The population's numbers in that area are not enough to change the percentages either way and as such it makes sense to keep this portion of our community within the boundaries that include their community of Sundre.

The boundary line at the south end of this constituency should get back to what it was and include the surrounding population around Bergen and further to that, I strongly feel that Sundre should stay in the Name. Including the name Sundre would clearly name how vast this new proposed constituency would be, making it clear where the southern portion of the constituency is, under the current proposed revised name it only identifies about a 1/3 of the proposed constituency.

Thank you for your time.

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Electoral Constituency
Cypress Medicine Hat
Submission
<p>Simply lopping off the Medicine Hat portion of our riding and combining the rest with much of the Little Bow riding was pretty easy on paper but it will not give either area the kind of representation they deserve. This recommendation ignores common community interests and the challenges the physical size of this new riding present. The majority report chooses to discount and disregard the very valid concerns expressed at the public hearings by rural Albertans, including those in this region. Your report says it's time to stop thinking of Urban and Rural but then goes on to state a goal of eliminating split ridings seemingly because the Mayor of Edmonton doesn't like them. Cypress-Medicine Hat has functioned very well as a split riding for many years. Your rationale in this area is contradictory and doesn't hold up. This riding could have met the required population number or a slightly lower number, which is of course allowed, with some less drastic geographic changes.</p> <p>Finally the proposed name serves to ignore the identity of a large portion of the riding. That makes no sense at all. Cypress-Vulcan? Cypress-Taber-Vulcan? How about Cypress-Taber and put Vulcan in with Highwood or Strathmore?</p> <p>This has been a tough job, no doubt about that and we knew that some urban areas needed new ridings. If the recommendations of this report are adopted in entirety, the urban-rural divide in Alberta will simply widen.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
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AUMA and our MLA

Mayors & Reeves of Southwest Alberta

Mayors & Reeves of Southeast Alberta

July 7, 2017

Honourable Madam Justice Myra Bielby
 Chair
 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Justice Bielby

Re: Redistribution of Provincial Electoral Boundaries in Southern Alberta

The Mayors and Reeves of the communities listed below meet on a regular basis regionally and jointly once a year. The objective is to share information for the betterment of our communities and to work toward jointly solving common problems. The proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in the south will have a major impact.

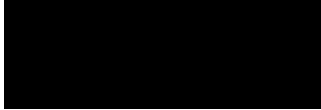
At a recent joint meeting of the Mayors & Reeves groups of Southwest and Southeast Alberta, a great deal of concern was expressed about the Commission's proposal for redistribution of electoral boundaries in Southern Alberta. While the group certainly understands the Commission has parameters to work, we feel some important points have been discounted, including common community interests and effective representation. A resolution passed instructing the chair of that meeting to write to you, expressing our concerns.

The report seems to treat the concerns that creating large geographic ridings as only a minor inconvenience that can be addressed by increasing the MLA's budget and staff. The very significant increase in the geographic size of some ridings is astounding, especially the so-called, Taber-Vulcan constituency. The current riding of Cypress-Medicine Hat has functioned well as an urban-rural split and could have met the population criteria with a modest increase in geography. It seems rather simplistic to combine Little Bow and Cypress Medicine Hat to fit the population criteria when there is precedent for having a riding with lower number. An MLA representing this proposed constituency would, in our view, be hard-pressed to adequately visit and represent each of the communities within this new boundary let alone be on top of local issues and concerns. This puts a large constituency such as this at a significant disadvantage.

On page 26 of the Report in the section on Rural Concerns, it is stated that: *"The majority accepts that the time has come to stop treating differences between rural and urban Albertans as a main driver in setting the boundaries of electoral divisions."* This is commendable and could be seen as a way to address the growing rural-urban divide in this province, however the Commission's stated desire to eliminate split ridings is contrary to the statement above and simply serves to widen that gap. This section of the report goes on to discount and disregard the very real concerns of rural Albertans that made submissions at the public hearings. For many

communities in Southern Alberta, the recommendations in this report are very disappointing and we believe will weaken our voice on Provincial issues.

Yours truly,



Mayor Gordon Reynolds
Vice Chairman,
Mayors & Reeves of Southeast Alberta

Southwest Alberta

Cardston County	Town of Magrath
City of Lethbridge	Town of Milk River
County of Warner	Town of Nanton
ID 04 Waterton Lakes NP	Town of Picture Butte
Lethbridge County	Town of Pincher Creek
MD of Pincher Creek	Town of Taber
MD of Ranchland	Town of Vulcan
MD of Willowcreek	Village of Barnwall
MD of Taber	Village of Barons
Mun. of Crowsnest Pass	Village of Carmangay
Town of Cardston	Village of Coutts
Town of Coaldale	Village of Glenwood
Town of Coalhurst	Village of Milo
Town of Fort Macleod	Village of Nobleford
Town of Granum	Vulcan County

Southeast Alberta

City of Brooks
City of Medicine Hat
County of 40 Mile
County of Newell
Cypress County
MD of Acadia
Special Areas
Town of Bassano
Town of Bow Island
Town of Hanna
Town of Oyen
Town of Redcliff
Village of Duchess
Village of Empress
Village of Foremost
Village of Rosemary

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Submission
<p>I believe the interim report recommends Skyview Ranch, Coventry and Harvest Hills would be a Constituency. This is a bad idea. Deerfoot trail should be a diving line in making Constituency boundaries. There are the following differences between the communities on the east side of deerfoot trail and those on the west side.</p> <p>There are the following differences in these communities:</p> <p>Recreation: VIVO for Healthier Generations is the community hub for Calgary Northern Hills. It would be part of the proposed Calgary-North East riding. It has very little connection with Redstone and Skyview Ranch. There is too much distance between Coventry Hills, Country Hills Village, and Harvest Hills and the other communities across the Deerfoot, and past the airport north commercial district, and Metis Trail to the NE communities of the proposed riding. VIVO should be closely connected to the communities it serves. Redstone and Skyview Ranch communities are more oriented to go to The Genesis Centre in the Saddle Ridge, Martindale and Taradale neighbourhoods, rather than VIVO in the Coventry neighbourhood.</p> <p>Community Associations: The Northern Hills Community Association is serves Panorama Hills, Coventry Hills, Country Hills Village, Country Hills and Harvest Hills. It has no connection with communities East of Deerfoot. The proposed boundary changes would split this community association and its political advocacy into 3 Electoral Districts.</p> <p>School Infrastructure: The Notre Dame High School (Calgary Catholic School District/CCSD) and the future North Calgary High School (Calgary Board of Education/CBE) are both provincially funded school systems, and their source communities are/will be Panorama Hills, Coventry Hills, Country Hills Village, Harvest Hills, Country Hills. The students in Redstone and Skyview Ranch communities are more oriented to go to the new Nelson Mandela High School in Taradale.</p> <p>Transportation- These communities have different needs and concerned in regard to transit routes and</p>

services.

Rather than dividing Calgary-Northern Hills North/South along Harvest Hills Blvd, we recommend that the division should be West/East along Country Hills Blvd.

This would keep Panorama Hills, Coventry Hills and Country Hills Village together, and cover future growth of Livingston and Carrington – to the Northern Calgary Boundary.

2016 Civic Census Results:

Panorama Hills (25,729) + Coventry Hills (17,459) +

Country Hills Village (2,689) + Livingston (0) + Carrington (0) = 45,877

The Eastern boundary could be A. CPR tracks, B. Deer Foot Trail or C. 36th Street NE.

The Western boundary could be Range Road 14 and Stoney Trail connecting to Country Hills Blvd.

Calgary-North should be renamed to:

A. Calgary-Northern Hills

B. Calgary-Panorama Hills

C. Calgary-Buffering Rubbing Stone

D. Calgary-McDougall (named after Rev. Geo McDougall, the site where he passed away in 1876)

2. The proposed Calgary-Beddington electoral division would use Country Hills Blvd as the new northern border, and use the same Eastern boundary as Calgary-North. eg. If it used 36th Street NE, then the airport would again be part of that electoral division, similar to Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill.

The rest of Calgary-Beddington would be the same, as the current Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill.

2016 Civic Census Results:

Beddington Heights (11,792) + Macewan (4,932) +

Sanstone Valley (6,033) + Huntington (13,497) + Harvest Hills (7,568) + Country Hills (3,829) = 47,651

Calgary-Beddington could be renamed to:

A. Calgary-Nose Hill Park

B. Calgary-Mackay

C. Calgary-Beddington

Sincerely,

Brad Tomlinson

President Calgary Northern Hills Constituency Association

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Submission
<p>After reviewing the recommendation of the Commission, I support the continuation of the Edmonton-McClung constituency centered on the Callingwood neighbourhood. However, the proposal by the commission fails to account for a significant barrier: Whitemud Drive. There are only a few places to cross Whitemud Drive from the current Edmonton-McClung and it allows a natural border to neighbouring constituencies, as it did after both the 2003 and 2010 Electoral Boundary Commission changes.</p> <p>I would propose new boundaries for Edmonton-McClung using Whitemud Drive as a natural barrier. I would keep the constituency as proposed by the commission, with the subtraction of neighbourhoods north of the Whitemud, and the addition of the Jamieson Place, Glastonbury and Granville neighbourhoods. This creates a constituency with a population of approximately 45 479, 3% under the provincial average.</p> <p>This proposal establishes Whitemud Drive as the primary barrier. To account for the loss of population from removing the neighbourhoods north of Whitemud Drive, this proposal would add the Glastonbury / Granville neighbourhood to the west of the 2010 Edmonton-McClung. Glastonbury / Granville is still under development so there is room for some growth in the community. It also fits in the characteristics of the current Edmonton-McClung, which has mostly single-family, detached homes. These neighbourhoods were also part of Edmonton-McClung until the 2010 redistribution.</p> <p>This proposal also restores a major community of interest that the Commission's recommendation split up. The Commission's proposal removes the neighbourhood of Jamieson Place from Edmonton-McClung. Jamieson Place has significant ties to the rest of the Edmonton-McClung constituency. Along with the Ormsby Place neighbourhood, it forms the Willowby Community League. Additionally, most</p>

Edmonton Public School students living in Jamieson Place would attend S. Bruce Smith School, which is also within the Commission's proposed boundary. Residents of Jamieson Place would also use the Marketplace at Callingwood as their primary shopping destination for groceries and services, including the office of their current MLA.

Finally, the proposed Edmonton-McClung is roughly in-line with city of Edmonton municipal ward boundaries. This proposal would put Edmonton-McClung entirely within the city's Ward 5, whereas the Commission's proposal would split it between Wards 1 and 5. Keeping the riding within one municipal ward would foster better cooperation and coordination between provincial and municipal representatives to serve their constituents and address local concerns.

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Leduc-Beaumont
Submission
<p>The Leduc-Beaumont area is one of the fastest growing regions in all of Alberta. The Commission was correct to create a new riding centred on these two communities. I do question a couple of their decisions in their proposal.</p> <p>The riding is already over population in their proposal, and as I wrote earlier, Leduc and Beaumont are growing quickly. The MLA will quickly have a very overpopulated riding. I would suggest that they remove the rural areas that are to the east and west in their proposal to concentrate it more on Leduc and Beaumont themselves.</p> <p>I also question why they removed the airport from the constituency. The airport is a huge employer and there is a lot of building there, including the new outlet mall. It is a huge economic part of the community so it is important to keep it in the riding.</p> <p>I also want to point out that the annexation agreement between Leduc County and Edmonton has still not yet gone through, so the northern boundary should still be 41 Avenue.</p>
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Athabasca Sturgeon Redwater
Submission
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed boundaries.</p> <p>My feed feedback is mainly about a logistical issue around your proposal for Athabasca, Lac La Biche and Fort McMurray. These three areas are all regional hubs so if you put them together into one constituency, then that MLA will need to have 3 constituency offices or people will not be represented, and their MLA will not be accessible. It is frankly an issue of cost and folks in that area deserving a present MLA.</p> <p>As well I'd like to provide feedback on your population estimate of Fort McMurray given you've asked for public input on that point. People will be moving back there in high numbers in the coming years. It is going to grow rapidly due to people reclaiming their homes and rebuilding efforts going on. With that kind of growth expected again, it really does not make sense to pair Fort Mc Murray with two other regional hubs.</p>
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July 16, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Electoral Boundaries Commission Members;

Re: Rural Representation Retention

On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Gibbons and my colleagues on Council, I would like to express our appreciation for this opportunity to put forward our thoughts for consideration.

First and foremost, we understand that it is imperative that all citizens in Alberta receive effective representation from their respective MLA's regardless of the size or location of their riding. We further recognize that Alberta is continually growing its urban population thereby placing greater pressure on balancing the needs of those living in urban centres versus rural communities.

Therefore, we believe the Commission must address the concepts of equal representation among urban centres experiencing significant growth through the addition of the appropriate number of ridings and do so without having a detrimental impact on those receiving effective representation in their current riding if at all possible.

Secondly, just because the mandate may be to not increase the number of overall riding... it may be an irresponsible target to do so especially when the overall result cannot help but effectively erode the rural voice especially if the Commission's recommendation to eliminate three (3) rural ridings (MLAs) as your report suggests.

Thirdly, it may be reasonable to consider expanding the rural ridings adjacent to larger centres to absorb the increasing number of urban dwellers rather than adding new ridings or eliminating rural ridings and thereby allow the effective representation to continue where it is being experienced regardless if it's in a rural or urban riding.

In closing, we understand that the task set forth for the Commission is not an enviable one and we truly appreciate the predicament you are. We are sure that you will do what you believe is in the best interests of "All" Albertans both today and those who will experience the impacts "good and bad" for a great many years to come.

Respectfully,



Louise Bauder
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Electoral Constituency

Stony Plain

Submission

My submission today concerns the proposed boundaries for Spruce Grove and Stony Plain. On one hand, you did a great job separating Spruce Grove from St. Albert, as was recommended by several written submissions (88, 99, 164, 279, 434, 455, 616, 640). However, I and many other submitters feel strongly that the communities in Stony Plain and Spruce Grove are better aligned with each other than with the far corners of Lac Ste. Anne county and the rural areas to the north east, and that they should be combined into one constituency. This is echoed in several of the first round written submissions (164, 267, 279, 546, 616, 707).

Stony Plain and Spruce Grove currently have around 51,000 people together, around 9-10% variance if they were to be combined. This warrants Stony Plain and Spruce Grove being their own urban constituency, as the variance is within acceptable limits, and the area's growth is stable enough that the riding would not become oversized for 15-20 years, after several rounds of the electoral boundary commission.

This also avoids creating any mixed urban-rural constituencies where there doesn't need to be. Constituents in these rural and urban areas deserve representation aligned with their own interests, rather than having two mixed constituencies. The municipal boundaries themselves provide an easy, clear outline for a new boundary, too.

I appreciate very much the hard work you've done creating these new boundaries, and hope you keep my recommendation in mind when you are re-drafting.

Thank you,

Robert J. Twerdoclib
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Spruce Grove Map It
Electoral Constituency
Spruce Grove - St. Albert
Submission
<p>As a resident of Spruce Grove, I would like to make the following recommendation for redistribution of electoral boundaries of the current Spruce Grove – St. Albert riding.</p> <p>Due to the proximity and population of the two communities, I believe that Spruce Grove and Stony Plain should be one constituency. With their close proximity to each other, the two urban areas are essentially one, demographically and economically. Although the combined populations are slightly higher than intended limits, it is within allowable limits. The new riding would be stable for fifteen to twenty years.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twitter

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

Edmonton Calder

Submission

I support the main thrust of the Interim Report. It is grossly unfair to Alberta's largest cities that the rural vote is worth more than the urban vote.

So for Edmonton and Calgary to receive a few more seats is a bare minimum step towards a more democratic representation of Albertans.

I would like Alberta to keep moving toward equitable numbers of voters in each constituency. Such a redistribution of seats needs to be done on a regular basis.

To save taxpayers' money, next time the number of MLAs should just be reduced for rural areas. Alberta doesn't need so many MLAs.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio

July 12, 2017

Dear Electoral Boundaries Commission Members,

Grande Prairie Urban Constituency

At its meeting of July 10 Grande Prairie City Council passed the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Radbourne Council support the proposed fully-urban City of Grande Prairie constituency. - Carried

We were pleased with the recommendation in your May 2017 interim report that Grande Prairie should have a completely urban constituency. This step is particularly important as Grande Prairie continues to be a growing mid-sized city; between 2007 and 2015, municipal census figures show the City's population increased from 50,277 residents to 68,556. These residents deserve to have their voices given equal weight with those of residents living in other mid-sized cities which have long had urban constituencies.

Grande Prairie Rural/Urban Constituency

Also at its meeting of July 10 Grande Prairie City Council passed the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Radbourne Council support the balance of the City of Grande Prairie be reflected in a constituency as indicated in Map 1. – Carried.

We do have a concern with the proposal in the interim report that would place neighbouring communities to the west of Grande Prairie – Wembley, Beaverlodge, the Horse Lake First Nation, and Hythe – in the Central Peace-Notley Riding. Instead, we would ask that you consider locating these municipalities within a Grande Prairie Rural/Urban riding that includes the balance of the City of Grande Prairie (see Map 1).

These communities, and the rural County population, have significant geographic, economic and social ties to Grande Prairie. The layout proposed in Map 1 would be more closely aligned with existing partnerships and relationships within our region including inter-municipal arrangements such as the Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership (GPREP) and the recently completed Joint Regional Recreation Master Plan in addition to many, many, other existing and potential future relationships.

Our proposal also attempts to recognize the special status and the dilemma associated with the lower population of Central Peace-Notley constituency. We believe it is important that this special status be maintained and that Northern Alberta maintain adequate representation in the Legislature.

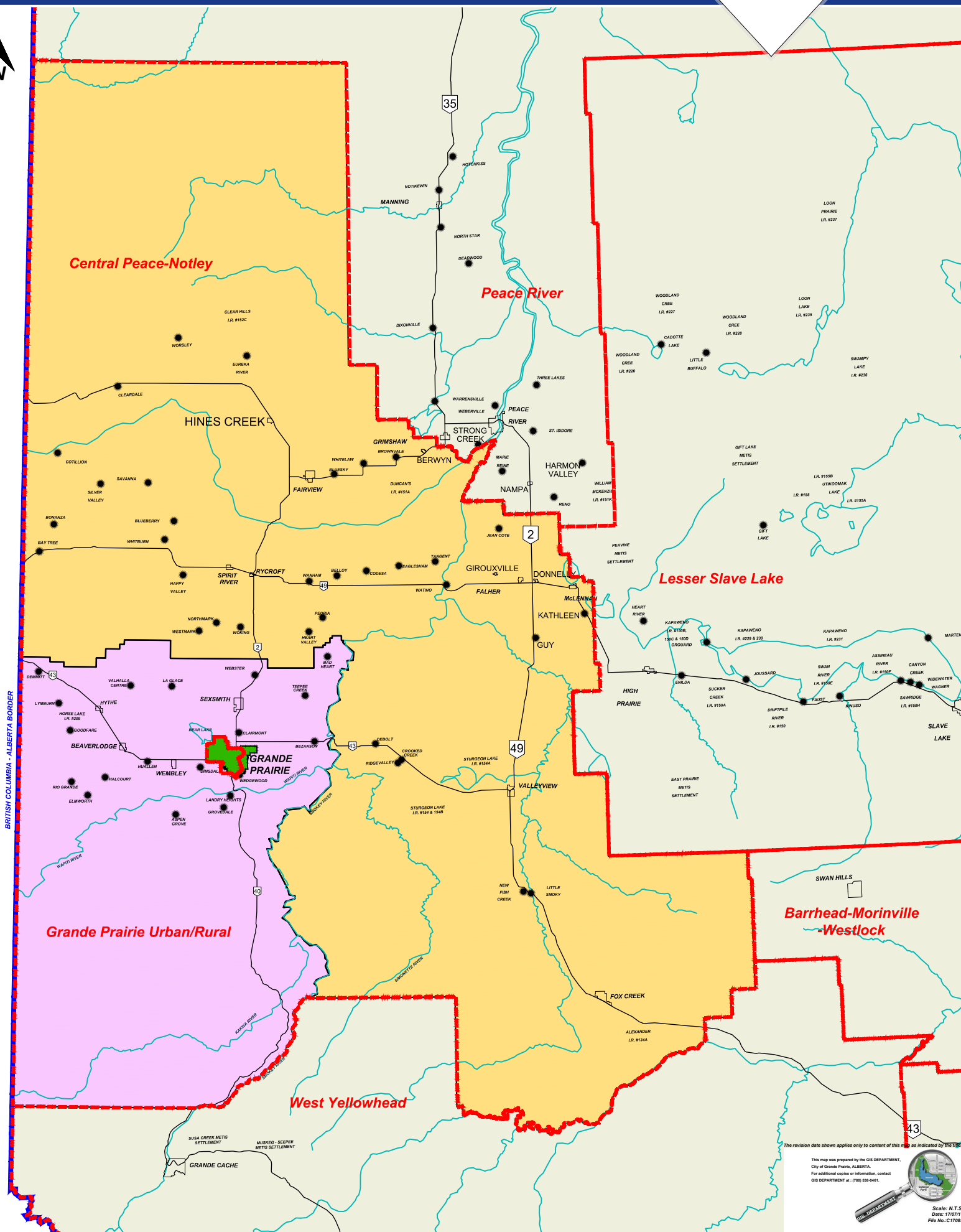
Respectfully submitted,

Bill Given

Mayor - City of Grande Prairie

Map 1 - Electoral Boundaries Commission

Submission July 2017



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Electoral Constituency
Edmonton Mill Creek
Submission
<p>In speaking with my neighbours about the redistributing, I've found a few issues with the redistribution of our area in SE Edmonton.</p> <p>The first issue that arose, which has by far the broadest agreement, is that the name Mill Creek should continue to describe the constituency. Residents feel Mill Woods East and West are insufficiently descriptive or unique, and the Mill Creek is a well-loved local geographical feature of the area. This is one point I am entirely in agreement with and I hope the Commission reconsiders the proposed name.</p> <p>The second issue comes from residents of Maple and Tamarack. They feel more connected to the rest of the Meadows area than with the much older neighbourhoods of Edmonton Goldbar. In character and geography, those two neighbourhoods are closer to Laurel, which is part of the proposed Edmonton Ellerslie riding. The residents of The Meadows I've spoken with feel being split into three constituencies is detrimental to their ability to get their voice heard at the provincial level. I agree with their point—neighbours shouldn't have to manage advocacy efforts across three MLA offices. Their ideal is one, but two is understandable and acceptable.</p> <p>The third issue is Minchau being included in Mill Creek. The residents there feel they have a more natural relationship with the neighbourhoods of Mill Woods West. It is a significantly older neighbourhood by build date than the rest of the proposed Mill Woods East constituency. I found residents of Weinlos and Bisset indifferent, in my conversations.</p> <p>The other residents I've spoken with in the other neighbourhoods of the proposed constituency are satisfied with how they are affected (or unaffected) by the changes for the most part, other than the</p>

name, which was almost universally unpopular. Even those unopposed to the name aren't very strong supporters of it, and would be just as happy with returning to "Mill Creek."

On behalf of my neighbours in southeast Edmonton, thank you for the hard work by all members of the commission.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Newspaper (Print)
- Newspaper (Online)
- Radio
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Electoral Constituency
Lac la Biche/St. Paul/two hills
Submission
As a school trustee with Northern Lights Public Schools, I feel that the Kikino & Buffalo Lake Metis Settlements should be included in the new LLB/Fort McMurray constituency. All the children from these settlements attend schools in the new constituency and are not naturally affiliated with St. Albert. Trading patterns also support this change to the draft boundary review. Thanks for consideration of these comments.
How did you hear about the review?
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Electoral Constituency
28 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview
Submission
I'm a strong fan of improving voter parity in Alberta, and I don't find any of the oppositions excuses to hold water. In modern times with regional airports and driving times, it is not out of the ordinary for rural Albertans from the corner of the province to travel to a large city just for a bit of light shopping and dinner before heading home. If ordinary citizens can carry out this activity, then surely MLA's can travel between regions easily as well.
How did you hear about the review?
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Submission
Urban voters deserve equal voting power. The notion that rural voters require smaller ridings is ridiculous in the age of email. One person should equal one vote.
How did you hear about the review?
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Submission
I write to support allocating new ridings to areas which have seen population growth. Concerns over large rural ridings should not override the principle of equal representation; urban votes should not be diluted in favor of smaller rural ridings. Concerns over large ridings are largely mitigated by modern communication and transportation, and should not deprive each vote of equal weight.
How did you hear about the review?
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Electoral Constituency
Fort McMurray-Conklin
Submission
<p>It is unfair that MLAs in rural areas have constituencies with far fewer voters than urban constituencies.</p> <p>It should be the case that MLAs represent roughly equal populations, even if this means making rural ridings larger overall (perhaps offset by larger staffing and travel allowances for some rural MLAs). I understand that the current allowable deviation in riding populations is now at 25%, and believe this should be lowered to 15%, with a goal of achieving 10%.</p> <p>Urban areas should have more ridings. At least two ridings should be added in Edmonton. Calgary likewise needs additional seats.</p> <p>My own riding of Fort McMurray-Conklin should be changed so that it better represents the urban area of Fort McMurray, while our sister riding of Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo should be changed to represent the surrounds rural area, while balancing the population in each.</p> <p>Redistricting should end with more seats in the legislature, not less.</p> <p>Another consideration is that another seat could also be added to specifically represent our indigenous population, without being tied to geography, as is done in Nova Scotia. However I understand that in the twenty-plus years this seat was created, no one has ever been elected to it as it goes against the idea of a nation-to-nation relationship. Consultation with indigenous groups would be essential before the creation of such a seat.</p> <p>And while this may not be the proper venue for such comments, it is time that we end the first past the</p>

post system. A campaign to educate voters on the merits of ranked ballots (my preference) and proportional representation should be commissioned, along with a timeline for a referendum.

Thank you for your time.

How did you hear about the review?

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Electoral Constituency
Drumheller Stettler
Submission
The boundaries changes are always coming up trying to give City residents more voting power. MLA's from the rural not only have the distance from Parliament to deal with but extreme distances from one end of their riding to the other. In this attempt to even out the voting power it does not take in effect the fact that a lot of MLA's out of the cities run out in the rural areas. If the idea is to transfer more to the cities there should be no riding crossing to represent an area. A MLA who runs in the rural and does not representation for that area provides nothing in that riding.
How did you hear about the review?
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High River Map It
Electoral Constituency
Highwood
Submission
<p>After reviewing the Interim Report of May, 2017 from the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission in regards to the Highwood Constituency I suggest the following:</p> <p>With respect to the North-eastern boundary of the Highwood riding: As suggested in first round submission I maintain that, as is tradition, electoral boundaries for the Highwood riding should be set using natural boundaries. In the north-east quadrant of the riding, this would include using the Bow and Highwood Rivers.</p> <p>There are a number of concerns I have with a move away from using these natural boundaries, opting instead as currently proposed, to us Highway 2 as the eastern boundary. As you are no doubt aware the proposed change would remove the communities of Davisburg, Artisia, and Heritage Pointe from the Highwood riding, adding them to the Chestermere riding. In addition to there being no natural socio-economic relationship between these communities and the community of Chestermere, in order for these constituents to connect with the rest of the Chestermere riding, they would need to circumvent the natural river boundaries and drive through the city of Calgary including 3 - 4 other constituencies.</p> <p>Given that these communities again have no socio-economic relationship with Chestermere and that it is in fact fairly difficult for these communities to physically connect with that riding, I have undergone an extensive review of the first round submissions to better understand why such a decision, to use Highway 2 as the eastern boundary of Highwood, might have been made. It was indicated in the interim report that using Highway 2 as the eastern border "was requested in various submissions" however I was unable to find any such request. The only request I have been able to find included in the first round of submissions to respect Highway 2 as a boundary was much further north (100 KM) in relation to the Airdrie area.</p> <p>Given the concerns expressed above, I strongly recommend that the north eastern border of the Highwood riding respect both the natural boundaries set by the Bow and Highwood rivers as well as the</p>

socio-economic relationships in place and leave the Davisburg plain and the communities of Heritage Pointe and Artesia in the Highwood riding.

With respect to removing the Town of High River from the Highwood riding:

I was also unable to find, in the first round of submissions, any request or recommendation that the Town of High River be removed from the Highwood riding. A similar change was proposed during the 2010 electoral boundary changes but it was quickly decided that such a change would be a mistake. As raised by then Highwood MLA George Groeneveld, a historic economic synergy between High River, Aldersyde, and Okotoks has existed for generations. The space between the three communities acts as an economic corridor as demonstrated following the floods of 2013. High River residents, relocated to temporary housing in Aldersyde, depended heavily on goods and services found in Okotoks both immediately following the flood to provide basic daily living needs, and for years to follow as the community rebuilt. While this is a very pointed example of the economic relationship between the three communities, trade between these communities continues to grow stronger and more entrenched in the fabric of High River, Aldersyde, and Okotoks every day.

In addition, the MD of Foothills and the Foothills and Christ the Redeemer Catholic School Divisions all have responsibility for the schools in, and land surrounding High River, Aldersyde, and Okotoks. Removing High River from the Highwood riding would interrupt the opportunity these groups would have to seek representation from a single MLA for issues impacting the three communities together.

Attached is a proposed boundary as per my earlier submission, utilizing the Highwood River (East) and Bow River (north) as natural boundaries, and the existing eastern/southern boundary including High River, west to 552, would give the constituency an average population of 54,815, well within the +25%, -25% average population of 46,697.

I request you consider this submission, as a more accurate and proper representation of Highwood based on historical content, natural boundaries, representation from the MD, School Divisions and various elected officials, concerned citizen and business owners.

The Electoral Boundary Commission has focused too heavily on population parity within Edmonton and Calgary, unnecessarily taking seats away from rural Alberta.

Despite the Commission's insistence on population parity within the two largest municipalities almost a third of the proposed boundaries in Calgary have a double digit population variance. The aggregate ridings vs. population currently hold between 5%-6% for each city. The Commission could and should redraw the boundaries to accommodate these numbers since they are well within the $\pm 25\%$ found in section 15(1) of the Act.

Constituents, municipal leaders and MLAs must make submission that show the Commission the unique challenges in governing Alberta's rural communities. One provincial riding could have dozens of municipalities and municipal leaders, many school divisions and school trustees, distinct communities and community celebration. All Albertans deserve fair and effective representation.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

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Electoral Constituency
Airdrie
Submission
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Electoral Boundaries Commission on the recommended new boundaries for Airdrie and Airdrie-Cochrane.</p> <p>I'd like to commend the EBC on following the major considerations with which they were tasked in both spirit and application.</p> <p>Not only is equity of population seen as a criteria for equity of representation by the Commission, but the majority of people who submitted in writing viewed equity of population as an important value as well. From a cursory survey of the approx. 750 submissions, it appears that close to one third expressed their support for using population as the primary consideration for constituency boundaries. This is by far the largest single issue that was raised in written submissions.</p> <p>Secondly, the Commission moved ahead with creating a riding completely within urban boundaries for this constituency, and recommended a second riding of Airdrie-Cochrane to accommodate the population of the City above the recommended limit. This recommended limit also included room for growth, which is vitally important in this area north of Calgary.</p> <p>This approach was not only a consideration of the Commission, but was echoed at public hearings in Olds on January 25, 2017 by Michael Robertson, President of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills Wildrose Constituency Association. He pointed out that the boundaries in 1993 split Airdrie, creating...two urban ridings where you had these large population basins at the bottom which really needed a more urban representation and had particular needs in trying to align a transportation policy with Calgary and all sorts of things like that.</p>

Other presentations at the public hearings talked about the unique nature of Airdrie, and that it was not simply a bedroom community of Calgary but a City in its own right, drawing people from its own rural area who did not and would not necessarily go to Calgary, and deserving of a strong urban voice in the Legislature.

While some people at the public hearings suggested splitting Airdrie down Highway 2, we support the EBC's majority report in its recommendation to create one urban riding sticking with the existing municipal boundaries. While Highway 2 may be considered a natural boundary in some ways, it is certainly not a deterrent to effective representation on the part of the MLA, nor is it a deterrent for constituents who want access to their MLA. There are many bridges over Highway 2, as well as public transit. If anything, one MLA representing both sides of Highway 2 in Airdrie can be seen as a force for cohesion, and in no submissions was the concern raised that the current MLA was not able to effectively represent both sides of the highway.

As the Commission experienced from the public hearings, there is a lot of debate about Airdrie and about the best ways to split it. I think the Commission has done the best job possible within the context of their guiding considerations and taking into account the overriding factor of population growth.

As for your proposed Airdrie-Cochrane constituency, after reviewing the other submissions from the area on the ECB website, I think it's obvious that there are several good arguments for this new constituency, and that it largely meets the criteria established by the Commission itself.

The new electoral division will have a population within 10% of the provincial average.

Given the necessity of creating a riding that is closer to the population average, it does a good job of respecting natural boundaries and keeping communities of interest together. As pointed out by submissions to the EBC, the Town of Cochrane shares many similar interests with the City of Airdrie. The rural area encompassed by this new riding was already represented by an Airdrie-based MLA, so constituents should be used to dealing with an MLA representing a blended riding.

In regard to the Commission's specific questions for public input for this riding:

- This recommendation raises a concern, however, that 'a single MLA could not effectively represent this area, a blended constituency containing not just a portion of a city but also a town of significant size.'
- It has been made clear by the EBC's own review of the situation that Cochrane and Airdrie are already "enjoying a cooperative working arrangement between their two administrations." This should help alleviate the challenges of one MLA representing both parts of the constituency, and indeed should help foster that cooperative spirit, which is an important element of planning and growth management for the future.

It is important to point out that other constituencies have similar mixtures of larger and smaller urban centres. The current constituency of Highwood, for example, contains both the larger bedroom community of Okotoks and the smaller town of High River. Nowhere in the written submissions or public hearings was it mentioned that this situation caused concerns for the constituents or other stakeholders. Indeed, Wayne Anderson, the MLA for Highwood, raised no mentions of those concerns in his public hearing presentation. In addition, constituencies such as Spruce Grove-St. Albert contain a mixture similar to that proposed for the new riding of Airdrie-Cochrane, with part of a City, a small town and rural areas. The submissions to the EBC about Spruce Grove-St. Albert largely focused on the desire to keep communities of interest together. The issue of the current MLA being unable to represent such a blended riding was not paramount.

The boundaries of the new riding in the rural areas are largely similar to the existing boundaries, and seem to mirror major roads in the area. Again, rural constituents should be used to dealing with an MLA from a major population centre.

In regard to the major change that this new electoral division proposes 'the inclusion of Cochrane in a blended riding with part of the City of Airdrie as opposed to being part of an electoral division with Banff

and the Bow Valley' there are arguments that support this move.

As pointed out by Adam Linnard (358), the town of Cochrane did not share a strong community interest with its previous riding of Banff-Cochrane and the other towns in the Bow Valley. This was echoed by Tamara Ross (428) and Jocelyn Poissant (244).

Of the approximately 27 submissions that identified themselves as being part of the current ridings of Airdrie or Banff-Cochrane, more people identified the criteria of keeping communities of interest together as more important than any other consideration.

In addition, as pointed out by the Commission themselves, Cochrane and the rest of the rapidly growing areas North and Northwest of Calgary share common interests and challenges.

For these reasons I support the Electoral Boundary Commission's proposal for Airdrie-Cochrane, too, and hope that it is approved.

Thank you again for allowing me to submit these opinions, and thank you for the hard work that you are doing on behalf of all Albertans.

How did you hear about the review?

- Other

Constituency Association

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Submission
Boundaries for constituencies should be the same as for Federal ridings. Multiple boundaries create confusion and frustration. Although I make a point of knowing who my MP or MLA is not everyone does and frankly consistency in where to vote and where to find your MLA or MP's office is a reasonable expectation. Do not try to package city folk in with country folk, the priorities are too far apart for anyone to be looked after properly. Every Albertan should have the expectation of having good representation from an MLA actually has a clue what is needed, city folk are not adequately represented by an rural MLA and rural folk are not adequately represented by a city MLA who has no idea what it is like to be a farmer or rancher.
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Electoral Constituency

Chestermere- Rockyview

Submission

I support the proposal in the interim report. Shifting three rural constituencies to the rapidly growing urban centers strengthens democracy by better ensuring that everyone's vote is of equal political value. Do not be swayed by arguments for "effective representation". Only a very small percentage of electors meet face to face with their MLA regardless of how densely or sparsely populated a constituency is. MLA's in geographically large constituencies could be given larger travel allowances if necessary.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)

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Electoral Constituency
Cypress Medicine Hat
Submission
<p>Please leave Cypress-Medicine Hat the way it was, and educate Albertans about the fact that not all constituencies can have the same number of voters. It just isn't practical. We live in a very beautiful, diverse province, where much of it is sparsely populated. Those living in sparsely populated areas contribute to Alberta's economy and their communities, just as those living in urban areas do. All Albertans deserve to have an MLA they can get to know and talk to when necessary. They deserve to have their MLA attend functions in their area without needing to hire an airplane to attend multiple functions in a day. They deserve to have their MLA represent their issues and views, without different circumstances creating conflicting views in the same constituency 4 hours away! This would make it a less effective position than those representing a portion of a large urban centre, such as Calgary or Edmonton where there are many commonalities and short distances to travel. One of the main concerns raised at the Electoral Boundaries Commission open house in Medicine Hat in January was that any changes in the boundaries should not increase the local ridings in size because of the problems it creates for effective representation.</p> <p>We agree with the statement in the Medicine Hat News which said, "Ensure the City of Medicine Hat has two constituencies with its name in it. The plan proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission would have Medicine Hat reduced down to one seat in the legislature."</p> <p>The new name of Brooks-Cypress and Taber-Vulcan do not indicate that Medicine Hat is the area's hub for Cypress County. It is a city of roughly 63,000 people and the riding should use both Cypress and Medicine Hat in the name. Who would ever imagine that Taber-Vulcan included the area around Medicine Hat? Taber and Vulcan are associated more with Lethbridge and much of that area uses that city as its hub. To extend a riding from the U.S. and Saskatchewan borders up to 20 minutes south of Calgary is far too large to provide fair and equitable representation.</p> <p>We are asking you not to take three seats out of rural Alberta. Leave them as they are, possibly with</p>

slight adjustments, rather than making such large geographical ridings which become ineffective and complicated.

Marilyn Fisher

On behalf of the Elkwater Community Association

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Other

Community Association meeting

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Calgary Glenmore
Submission
Our community association is CKE (Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, and Eagle Ridge). The new Alberta Electoral Boundaries would separate all 3 communities into different boundaries. This does not make sense. We are a strong close knit community association and have similar issues, separating us into different boundaries will fragment us as a community.
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Community Association

Subject: FW: Edmonton-Mill Creek Electoral Boundaries Commission submission
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:00:16 PM
Attachments: [Edmonton-Mill Creek Electoral Boundaries July 16th Feedback Submission - Map Attachment.pdf](#)

From: Denise Woollard [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Info - EBC
Subject: Edmonton-Mill Creek Electoral Boundaries Commission submission

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

This is the submission of feedback on the proposed electoral boundaries, as outlined in the May 2017 Interim Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Minister Christina Gray from Edmonton-Mill Woods, Minister Marlin Schmidt of Edmonton-Gold Bar, MLA Rod Loyola of Edmonton-Ellerslie, and I, MLA Denise Woollard of Edmonton-Mill Creek discussed and reviewed the proposed electoral boundaries in our affected constituencies. Following this meeting, each of us reached a consensus on a proposed redistricting of electoral boundaries that we believe to be better suited for the constituencies of Edmonton South.

Firstly, in regards to the re-naming of the proposed electoral boundary of new Edmonton-Mill Woods East, I would propose that the name of the constituency remain Edmonton-Mill Creek. This constituency will be referred to as Edmonton-Mill Creek hereafter, in the submission below.

I have summarized the alternative redistricted electoral boundary for Edmonton-Mill Creek below:

- Northern boundary is the Whitemud Drive from 50th street to City of Edmonton boundary.
- Western boundary runs south of Whitemud Drive NW and extends along 50th Street NW, Mill Creek, and 34th St NW.
- Southern and eastern boundaries are the Anthony Henday Freeway extending east and north along the City of Edmonton border to the Sherwood Park Freeway.

The areas presently proposed to be designated to Edmonton-East—the area bound by Whitemud Drive to the north, 17th street to the northwest, 34th street from the southwest, and the Anthony Henday to the south—would be better suited for Edmonton-Mill Creek constituency. This area includes the Tamarack neighbourhood and other emerging neighbourhoods that access schools, recreation centres, community leagues and other amenities within the proposed boundaries of Edmonton-Mill Creek. These neighbourhoods also share similar demographics with the neighbouring communities in Edmonton-Mill Creek. Furthermore, it would be more convenient and practical for the Member of Edmonton-Mill Creek, rather than Edmonton-East, to reach these neighbourhoods.

I propose that the following areas be made part of Edmonton-Mill Woods:

- The neighbourhood of Minchau, located east of 50th street, west of 46th street, and north of

34th avenue.

- The neighbourhood of Weinlos, located west of Mill Wood Road East, east of 50th street, south of 34th avenue and north of 23rd avenue.
- The neighbourhood of Bisset located east of Mill Woods Road East, west of 34 street, south of 34 avenue and north of 23 avenue.

I propose that the following areas be made part of Edmonton-Ellerslie:

- The neighbourhood of Daly Grove, located between Mill Woods Road East NW and 34th Street NW, south of 23rd Avenue NW and north of 16A Avenue NW).

Attached is a map outlining the proposed amendments to be made to the electoral boundaries the Edmonton-Mill Creek constituency.

Thank you for your consideration of our submission,

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Electoral Constituency

Drumheller -Stettler

Submission

With the discretion allowed in the Act for sparsity & density of population and community interests & community organizations, are new ridings in Calgary and Edmonton required? All the changes and shuffling of ridings would seem to impede effective representation for areas outside of Edmonton and Calgary. Is change so important that chaos and confusion result. People need to know what riding they are part of and take ownership to it.

The proposal to change Drumheller-Stettler to Drumheller-Strathmore would change the dynamics of the riding from a rural to urban focus. Drumheller & Stettler have much more in common than Drumheller & Strathmore. Strathmore is basically urban and a bedroom suburb of Calgary. The proposed Drumheller Strathmore riding is then 16% over the provincial average.

Drumheller has much more in common with Stettler and Brooks than Strathmore. It would seem logical to extend Drumheller – Stettler north to Flagstaff or south to Brooks.

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Newspaper (Online)
- Other

From Elections Alberta

Progressive Conservative Caucus – Reply to the EBC Interim Report

The PC Caucus is pleased to receive the interim report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission. We understand that reviewing Alberta's constituencies is a large and important undertaking, and we appreciate the work of the commission represented in this report. That work will help to ensure that Albertans have the best possible representation when electing future representatives to serve their constituents.

Although there is much in the interim report that our caucus supports, our reply is focused on areas where we believe there is room for improvement. We understand there is a balancing act that goes into making sure Albertans across regions and demographics are represented, but we do believe that there are some instances where the report does not adequately take into account the unique challenges faced by rural constituencies. We would like to commend Commissioner Day for setting out some of these concerns in her minority report, and would certainly encourage the Commission to find some way to incorporate Commissioner Day's suggestions to lessen the impact on rural constituencies.

Specifically, our caucus is concerned that constituencies have been redrawn so that many of the ridings in Edmonton and Calgary are at or below the average population, while new rural ridings are faced with populations exceeding the average. The new rural constituencies of Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House and Drumheller-Strathmore are now the most populous constituencies in the province, with 17 and 16 percent over the provincial average respectively.

The Electoral Boundaries Commission has stated that this is to account for the possibility of higher population growth in our major urban centres, but it will have an immediate and negative impact on the effective representation of Albertans outside Edmonton and Calgary. While it may be that the Commission is attempting to take into account the future effectiveness of the constituency, we do not believe that the response is proportionate to the need. In order to maintain the ability of Albertans outside Edmonton and Calgary to have their voices heard in government, we ask that the commission consider having the urban constituencies drawn so that they have a higher population than the average, while still remaining within the 25% variance.

We contend that the desire for perfect population parity will damage parity of representation. As Commissioner Day notes on page 70 of the Interim Report:

The increasing geographical size of some rural ridings has made it even more unmanageable for the MLAs to effectively represent their constituents as we heard repeatedly in our hearings. Conversely, in the densely populated urban divisions MLAs are more able to well represent their population even with a larger positive variance because of easier communication and travel logistics, shared responsibilities amongst neighboring MLAs, ease of access to other levels of government officials and the availability of other resources to meet the constituents' needs.

The increase in size for many of the redrawn rural constituencies will further strain an MLA's ability to interact with their constituents. Where an MLA from Calgary or Edmonton could meet multiple groups and attend numerous events in their constituency within the span of a day, the same number of meetings and events result in significant travel time for a rural MLA, if it was in fact possible at all. While there is increased funding for rural MLAs to help compensate for these challenges, the MLA is a single

person and no amount of funding can substitute for the in-person presence of an elected representative.

We ask that the Electoral Boundaries Commission reconsider the removal of rural constituencies in favour of more representatives for Calgary and Edmonton. In accordance with Commissioner Day's minority report, we suggest that the Commission strive to preserve as many of the existing ridings as possible using the acceptable population variance. We believe that this could be accomplished without unduly disadvantaging either rural or urban ridings, balancing population parity with the need for effective representation. The PC Caucus considers itself responsive to the interests of all Albertans, regardless of region, and we encourage the Commission to ensure that all of those interests are fairly represented in the make-up of our government.

Additionally, we are disappointed to see that not only was our suggestion to rename a constituency in honour of the late Manmeet Bhullar ignored, but that the constituency which he so ably served has been dissolved and renamed. While we believe the slight to be unintentional, it is a disservice to a man who gave so much back to his province. While we understand the reluctance of the commission to name more constituencies after politicians, we believe the unusual and tragic circumstances of Mr. Bhullar's passing combined with his exemplary dedication to public service make him a worthy recipient of such an honour. We hope that the commission will take this into consideration in their final naming decisions.

Once again, we would like to thank the commission for their hard work on behalf of Albertans, and we hope that you will give serious consideration to the concerns we have raised.

On Behalf of the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Caucus

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Electoral Constituency

Stony Plain

Submission

Currently, my constituency includes the town of Stony Plain and the vast majority of Parkland County (I reside in Parkland County). This is an effective constituency for size, population, and commonality. I believe that the population of the area is almost spot on average, and the traveling area for constituents is reasonable. With the proposed changes, Stony Plain will leave the Parkland County area and be paired with Lac Ste Anne. I disagree with this option. Typically Lac Ste Anne residents do not use Stony Plain as a business center, nor share school districts nor are part of the very effective "Tri" region. From my Parkland County point of view, Stony Plain is the natural center for business, schooling, recreation, etc. Having our center in Devon with areas that have different school divisions and no natural common sharing of recreation and industry makes no sense at all. While I understand that changes are inevitable, our current Stony Plain constituency seems to be one of the few that "didn't need fixing". I submit that Stony Plain and Parkland County remain a single constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

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Submission to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Post 2017 Interim Report 2017 publication

MLA Wes Taylor Battle River-Wainwright (BRW) Riding

Thank you for the opportunity to forward a submission in response to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission 2017 Interim Report (IR).

The majority of the current riding of BRW includes areas that are sparsely populated inter-dispersed with Towns ranging from a few hundred to Wainwright just in excess of 5000 souls. Despite the demographics, BRW makes a substantial and vital contribution to Alberta's agricultural and energy markets.

The Commission highlights, as it should, the importance of providing "effective representation". The Commission's primary function is to achieve effective representation via a process of analysis, deliberation and decision making.

While the provincial average population, or quotient (Section 13, Part 2, of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Act – "the Act") is a consideration its purpose is to act merely as a jump off point for debate.

Clear indication of this is the facility provided by Section 15(1), the 25% variance rule. I quote the Commission's own words (page 14):

"Simply put, the Commission is required to undergo the analysis imposed in Part 2 of the Act, which sets out certain factors that the Commission must consider when setting boundaries; however, that list is not exclusive and the Commission is free to consider any other facts that assist in achieving the goal of effective representation."

Therefore the quotient is to be adjusted, riding by riding, through the provisions in Section 14 of the Act; the “certain factors” referred to above. These are otherwise referred to as “countervailing factors” i.e. offset the effect of (something) by countering it with something of *equal* force (my italics).

In addition it is not be unreasonable to expect to see detailed commentary relating to these factors when changes are proposed. Indeed Section 6(1) Part 1 of the Act stipulates that:

“6(1) The Commission shall, after considering any representations to it and within 7 months of the date on which the Commission is appointed, submit to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly a report that shall set out the area, boundaries and names of the proposed electoral divisions *and reasons for the proposed boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions*”

I italicize the last sentence as this clearly refers to consideration of Section 14’s “countervailing factors”. These factors allow for adjustment of the quotient - the quotient is not a “holy grail”, nor an immutable number.

The vast distances between population centres in BRW create challenges that effect the ability of the MLA to attend events, meetings and other functions. These range from town council meetings, town halls, rodeos, centennials, graduation ceremonies, general school visits (all grades), historical societies, cattle auctions, hockey teams, and charitable events for and at hospitals, senior homes and emergency services locations. These challenges are amplified in the winter months when at times conditions can be prohibitive.

The proposed Stettler-Wainwright (S-W) riding would see a significant increase in the number of counties, MDs, Towns, Villages, School Boards, High Schools and Elementary Schools that the MLA must either represent, work with, and/or is requested to attend community and local authority events (e.g. council meetings, anniversaries, etc.) It would also mean increased involvement with energy based businesses either in regard to their proposed expansions/downsizing, or their community support activities.

The proposed (S-W) riding would present a more disrupted topographical scene than is currently the case. There is some illogicality around the inclusion/exclusion of certain roads (and/or parts thereof).

Exacerbating the issue of the number of boards and councils is the vast distances required to travel to and from the locations in question. The proposed S-W riding is now in area some (my estimate) 25% larger than its predecessor. I argued at the public hearing in Wainwright that this was at the capacity one could provide effective representation to. The distance between the two largest conurbations, Stettler and Wainwright, is almost 200kms, a return drive of over 4hrs.

With a population of 50,607 (8% above the quotient) and no town larger than 6000 the S-W riding is, notwithstanding the invention of the internal combustion engine or the (entirely unrealistic) provision of a driver, simply too large an area for one person to provide effective representation.

Modern communication tools can ameliorate these issues to some degree however, people have an innate preference to see other people in person. Electronic solutions are, frankly, no substitute. Witness the Commission's own remit to have both pre and post report public meetings; there are deep psychological reasons for this instruction.

The current population of BRW riding is 39,037 (2016 census). Though under the provincial average, this is still more than recorded by the previous census and, crucially, is within the prescribed variance of +/- 25%.

The Commission's mandated consideration of sparsity of population must reasonably be applied to BRW and there has to be clear and stated reasons for changing the riding boundaries. I see no reasons stated, other than population which, as I have just identified, has increased.

Significant change to BRW and other rural ridings carried out to solve a perceived issue elsewhere in the province is not the something the Commission should be considering without exhausting all other options first. I use the word perceived as the Commission's rationale is not supported by its own 'population average measure test' in both Calgary and Edmonton.

The proposed changes to the BRW riding will affect the local political and administrative stability of the riding. More importantly it will most certainly have an effect on achieving the ultimate goal of effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In support I include letters and emails I have received from some local authorities which reflect the opinion expressed here.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and your commitment to the democratic process in the province of Alberta.

Attachments:

County of Wetaskiwin



Electoral
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Town of Hardisty:



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July 5, 2017

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Dear Madam Justice Bielby:

RE: Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission

Since the tabling of the Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on May 23, 2017, the County of Wetaskiwin has been made aware of significant questions and concerns from the over eleven thousand citizens that we represent and have been asked to comment regarding the aforementioned report and initial conclusions made by the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Overall, the County of Wetaskiwin is greatly disappointed and concerned with the initial conclusions that have been made by the Commission for several reasons. First, in regard to specifically the County of Wetaskiwin, the municipality under the conclusions of the Interim Report would be a part of five different constituencies being Devon-Parkland, Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House, Lacombe-Ponoka, Stettler-Wainwright, and Wetaskiwin-Camrose, which is an additional constituency from the current situation where the County of Wetaskiwin is located in four constituencies. In all of these proposed constituencies aside from the constituency of Wetaskiwin-Camrose, the County of Wetaskiwin makes up a very small and insignificant portion of the constituencies, making up approximately less than ten percent of the total land area of each constituency. Combined with the fact that the constituencies of Devon-Parkland, Drayton Valley-Rocky Mountain House, Lacombe-Ponoka, and Stettler-Wainwright cover land areas that stretch over hundreds of kilometres, this will undoubtedly leave the County of Wetaskiwin and the citizens who call the area home to be represented by their Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in a severely ineffective manner as the MLA will have to cover an unreasonable amount of distance to interact with the citizens and representatives of the County of Wetaskiwin, a County that is proposed to be an insignificant part of the overall constituency.

Secondly, the County of Wetaskiwin strongly questions the majority opinion of the Commission to base the proposed electoral boundaries based solely on achieving an equalized population amongst all constituencies. In the case of the County of Wetaskiwin and many rural municipalities being ineffectively represented if the proposed constituencies were established, the Commission in our


opinion has made a glaring error in not taking other factors into consideration as mandated by the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* such as sparsity of population, common community interests, trading areas, and geographic size. The County is also highly concerned that the Commission believes, as stated on page twenty-six of the Interim Report, “that the time has come to stop treating differences between rural and urban Albertans as a main driver in setting the boundaries of electoral divisions.” This statement by the Commission strongly implies that the Commission has the opinion that rural Albertans do not matter to the same extent as an Albertan who lives in the Calgary and Edmonton areas, an opinion that appears to be confirmed as being true as the Commission believes this is an “inevitable result” as stated on page twenty-seven. Clearly, the Commission does not realize that rural Alberta, including the County of Wetaskiwin, does indeed matter to the overall strength of the entire province as a whole. With the two main economic industries of agriculture and resource extraction being located almost exclusively within rural Alberta, rural Alberta should be recognized for being home to the main economic drivers of this province with effective representation through their MLA. Instead, the Commission appears to be labelling rural Albertans as second-class citizens just because they do not live in an urban metropolis that has led to unmanageable urban sprawl, which has led to a significant negative impact on the agricultural and other industries that have made Alberta the prosperous province that it is today. The Commission needs to realize that rural Alberta does indeed matter and that effective representation should be a right based on more factors than just how many citizens call an area home.

Thirdly, the County of Wetaskiwin has concerns as to the constant change in electoral boundaries in Alberta. The County recognizes that the Commission as mandated under of *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* must review the existing electoral boundaries established, but are not legally required to change said boundaries. In the past two reviews, the County of Wetaskiwin have gone from being within three constituencies to four constituencies currently, with the proposal being that the County will be split amongst five constituencies. These constant changes from review to review have left citizens in the County of Wetaskiwin and possibly elsewhere in Alberta to be confused as to who their elected representative is and what constituency they are a part of. The County does note that citizens can easily access this information from Elections Alberta, but the ongoing changes to what constituency a person resides in and who their MLA is can and undoubtedly has led to dissatisfaction in the democratic electoral process throughout Alberta as can be extrapolated through increased voter apathy and lower voter turnout. Stability in electoral boundaries would allow for people to remain interested, informed, and connected to the issues within the constituency and how their MLA is dealing with said issues and concerns, therefore leading to a higher voter interest and turnout and an overall healthier democracy.

In summation, the County of Wetaskiwin is immensely concerned with the position that the Commission has taken in regard to basing the proposed new electoral boundaries for the Province of Alberta almost exclusively on population. Without taking additional factors such as, population sparsity, geographic size, trading areas, common community interest linkages, the uniqueness and importance of rural Alberta to the overall strength of Alberta as a whole, and the continued increase in splitting up the County of Wetaskiwin into five constituencies from three as was the case only two reviews or less than a decade ago, the Commission will ultimately fall far from their goal of providing effective representation for all Albertans, particularly rural Albertans, as set out as the single most important goal of the Commission in the Interim Report. The County of Wetaskiwin would strongly recommend that the splitting of our municipality be held at the current four constituencies or preferably reduced to the County of Wetaskiwin being contained completely within three or less constituencies in order to effectively represent the citizens of the County of Wetaskiwin to an even greater rate than what is proposed in the Interim Report.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the position of the County of Wetaskiwin, please advise. The County of Wetaskiwin hopes that the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission under your leadership does take both our concerns and the concerns of all affected Albertans seriously and look forward to a resolution that can be accepted by all parties.

Regards,


Kathy Rooyakkers
Reeve

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cc: Mr. Bruce Hinkley, MLA, Wetaskiwin-Camrose
Mr. Mark Smith, MLA, Drayton Valley-Devon
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Mr. Wes Taylor, MLA, Battle River-Wainwright
Mr. Al Kemmere, President, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC)



June 22, 2017

Hon. Wes Taylor, MLA
Battle River-Wainwright

RE: Alberta Electoral Boundary Commissions Interim Report – Municipal Feedback

Dear Hon. Wes Taylor,

Pursuant to your e-mail of June 6, 2017 requesting feedback from the municipalities within the existing Battle River-Wainwright Constituency regarding the new electoral boundary report, the Town of Hardisty supports your concern relating to the vast boundary. Council made the following motion in support of your concern and submission to the Alberta Electoral Commission:

MOVED by Councillor Beringer THAT Council directs the CAO to advise Hon. Wes Taylor that in their opinion the new electoral boundary as presented will mean the MLA for the Stettler-Wainwright area will be covering a vast boundary. This could mean less attention to community concerns with a much broader focus that could result in negative impacts to areas within the riding.

Thank you for taking on this initiative and we support your efforts.

On behalf of the Town of Hardisty Council,

Sandy Otto

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June 21, 2017

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Dear Honourable Mr. Taylor:

Re: Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission Interim Report

During the June 21, 2017 meeting, Council discussed the concerns that you brought forward regarding the realignment of the provincial electoral boundaries in our region. Council shares your concerns with the proposed size of the district and the potential inability of our representative to be able to manage the concerns brought forward from such a large area. Council also shares your concerns regarding the potential loss of rural representation within the legislature.

Our children are taught *"No majority, no matter how large, should take away the basic rights and freedoms of a minority group or individual"*

https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/socstud/foundation_gr9/blms/9-2-5c.pdf and yet that is how the rural population of Alberta is beginning to feel. That our right to adequate representation is being eroded. We firmly believe that the realignment of the electoral districts needs to take geographic region into consideration as well as the population.

We urge you to continue bringing these concerns forward to the Electoral Boundaries Commission and to ensure that the provincial government is fully aware that, although rural Alberta does have a smaller population it does represent a much larger geographic area. We continue to be very concerned on the attempt by the Alberta Government to focus all efforts into major urban areas at the detriment to rural Alberta.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 780-582-3668 or by email to cao@forestburg.ca.

Yours truly,

Peter Miller, Mayor
Village of Forestburg

Majority – Minority Issues

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Protecting the rights of minorities is a fundamental problem of a democracy. In a situation where "majority rules," how can a nation ensure that *all* citizens have equal treatment and equal opportunities, even those who are not part of the majority?

Democracies and Majority – Minority Rights:

- Majority rule is a way of organizing government and making public decisions. It does not mean that the majority has the right to practise oppression. No majority, no matter how large, should take away the basic rights and freedoms of a minority group or individual.
- Minorities, based on factors such as race, ethnic background, culture, language, religion, geographic location, income level, or simply because they were the "losers" in elections or in political debates, are entitled to rights that may not be denied by government. In Canada these rights are protected by constitutional law.
- Minority rights need to be protected to ensure that *all* citizens are able to fully participate in the country's democratic institutions.
- All democratic governments should take measures to protect the basic human rights of citizens, whether of the majority or of a minority (e.g., freedom of speech and expression; freedom of religion and belief; due process and equal protection under the law; freedom to organize, speak out, dissent, and participate fully in the public life of their society).
- Democratic principles recognize that a key responsibility of government is to protect the rights of minorities to uphold their cultures, social practices, individual consciences, and religious activities.
- Acceptance of ethnic and cultural groups that seem strange or unusual to the majority can represent one of the greatest challenges that any democratic government can face. But democracies recognize that diversity can be an enormous asset. They treat these differences in identity, culture, and values not as a threat but as a challenge that can strengthen and enrich them.
- There is no single solution to dealing with minority-group differences in perspectives, beliefs, and values. Only through the democratic process of tolerance, debate, and willingness to compromise can free societies reach agreements that embrace the twin pillars of majority rule and minority rights.



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RE: Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission Interim Report

Dear Honourable Mr. Taylor;

The Town of Sedgewick Council reviewed your comments about the current Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission's Interim Report pertaining to the recommendations.

Sedgewick Council is *very* disappointed with the recommendations pertaining to rural ridings.

Council is especially concerned about the proposed new geographical area of Stettler-Wainwright and the ability of any future elected Representative being able to effectively manage the concerns and requirements of such a large area.

Council is also *very* concerned that the Interim Report's proposed boundary changes would result in a loss of *three* rural representatives in the province; continuing the trend to transfer the 'political voice' to the large urban centres.

Council respectfully submits this letter of concern and support for your endeavours to challenge the proposed changes.

Respectfully,

Mayor Perry Robinson,
Town of Sedgewick

Cc: Flagstaff Urban and rural municipalities



July 17, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

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To Hon. Myra Bielby, Chair:

RE: County of Grande Prairie No 1. Written Submission to accompany the County's presentation for the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission May 2017 Interim Report Public Hearing

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the County of Grande Prairie No.1, we respectfully submit this response to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission May 2017 Interim Report. The County sincerely respects the complexity of the Commission's task in its work to establish boundaries that allow for the voices of all Albertans to be fairly and equitably represented. In our review of the Commission's recommendations, the County considered an approach that would both provide effective representation for Albertans as a whole and provide for the preservation of our democratic principles.

COUNTY POSITION

The Commission has aimed for equal representation through population equity, and has established recommended electoral boundaries with this goal in mind. However, the County maintains that when setting electoral boundaries, more than just population must be considered. Effective representation involves many factors; equalizing population is just one. The creation of electoral boundaries must take into account the economic, social and cultural interests of an area, the natural geography, weather, transportation networks, communication linkages and reasonable access to the MLA.

Under the Commission's recommendations, a new urban division of Grande Prairie would include only City of Grande Prairie residents, with a section of the City becoming part of a new rural-urban Grande Prairie-Smoky division. The northwest section of the County would become part of Central Peace-Notley.

The County's primary concern with these electoral boundaries is that these divisions [REDACTED] Alberta communities together in ways that do not properly reflect natural boundaries between us. There are a multitude of [REDACTED] shared by communities along the corridor that encompass [REDACTED] and Grande Prairie-Smoky communities to the east.

Section 3 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as well as the Supreme Court decision on the topic of Electoral Boundaries (Sask) (1991), states that effective representation takes into account "factors like geography, community history, community interest and minority representation . . ." (page 12, Interim Report)



COUNTY PREFERRED OPTION – MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO

With this in mind, the County's preferred option is to maintain the status quo – an option also supported by many of our neighbours. Our region, under the current electoral boundaries of Grande Prairie-Wapiti and Grande Prairie-Smoky, has been very effective at developing partnerships that promote shared goals between our municipalities, while supporting each municipality's autonomy and perspectives. This is a formula that has proven to be very successful. It can be measured by our region's strong economy – one of the most robust and fastest growing in the nation – an unemployment rate that sits below the national and provincial average, and our competitiveness on a global scale.

Two MLAs working on behalf our region (where Alberta's primary industries are located), both representing an urban and rural voice, have been key to our success and our ability to optimize our region's assets. As many residents live in rural areas and work in urban areas, or vice versa, they have shared rural and urban concerns; under the current divisions, the breadth of their priorities can be represented by both MLAs. These priorities include regional health care, education, transportation and highway improvements, municipal sustainability funding, policing, resource issues affecting agriculture, forestry, oil and gas, and FireSmart work addressing Mountain Pine beetle to name only a few.

We believe that increasing the size of Grande Prairie-Smoky and taking in more communities will make it very difficult to achieve proper and fair representation in this rural area. Extensive travel would significantly add to the workload of one MLA, and make it increasingly difficult for rural constituents' voices to be heard and fairly represented.

The City and County populations continue to see an above average growth rate, increasing at 13.5 percent and 13.1 percent respectively. It is expected that this high growth will continue in both municipalities; as such, the population increase will be balanced between the two divisions.

Under this proposed recommendation, Central Peace-Notley would remain below the provincial average population and maintain its special status.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION

[REDACTED] once is to maintain the status quo, should this not be an option [REDACTED] county presents an alternative. This option recommends the [REDACTED] Grande Prairie division that includes all of the City of Grande Prairie, and a Grande Prairie-Smoky division that includes all of the current rural-small urban Grande Prairie-Smoky as well as rural-small urban Grande Prairie-Wapiti.



While this alternative increases the size of Grande Prairie-Smoky, it does take into account Greenview's natural boundaries along with Valleyview and Fox Creek, which are part of our trading corridor. This alternative recognizes that sharing common ground facilitates tackling complex problems, taking advantage of opportunities, and advocacy work. An electoral division along an east-west axis aligns with the many current partnerships and agreements. Aligning the current northwestern part of the County with the electoral division to the north, as recommended in the report, would have a significant detrimental impact on the collaboration in our region.

As noted in the City of Grande Prairie's February 8, 2017 submission to the Commission, the City anticipates that with the creation of an urban Grande Prairie electoral boundary, a second urban MLA will be required within 10 years. We are concerned that this additional urban MLA could mean the further erosion of the voice of rural Albertans. However, this would not be the case should we remain status quo.

ELECTORAL DIVISIONS WITH SPECIAL STATUS

In our initial submission to the Commission, the County of Grande Prairie stated our opposition to the loss of any ridings in Northern Alberta. We appreciate that the Commission has recommended maintaining the special status of the current Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley and Lesser Slave Lake. These divisions are home to Alberta's primary industries, and as such, play an integral role in Alberta's economy. It is imperative for all Albertans that voices within these divisions are fairly represented.

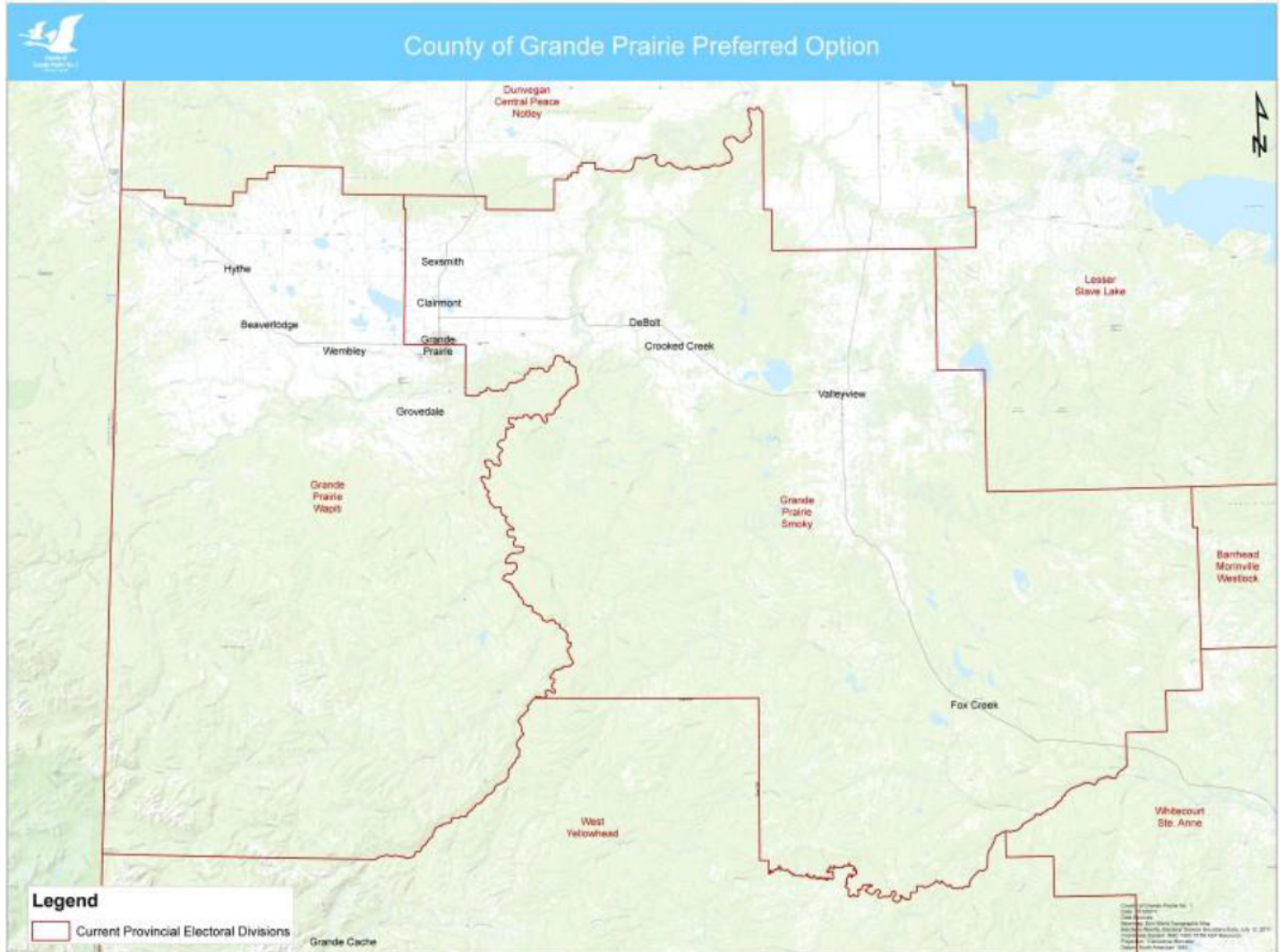
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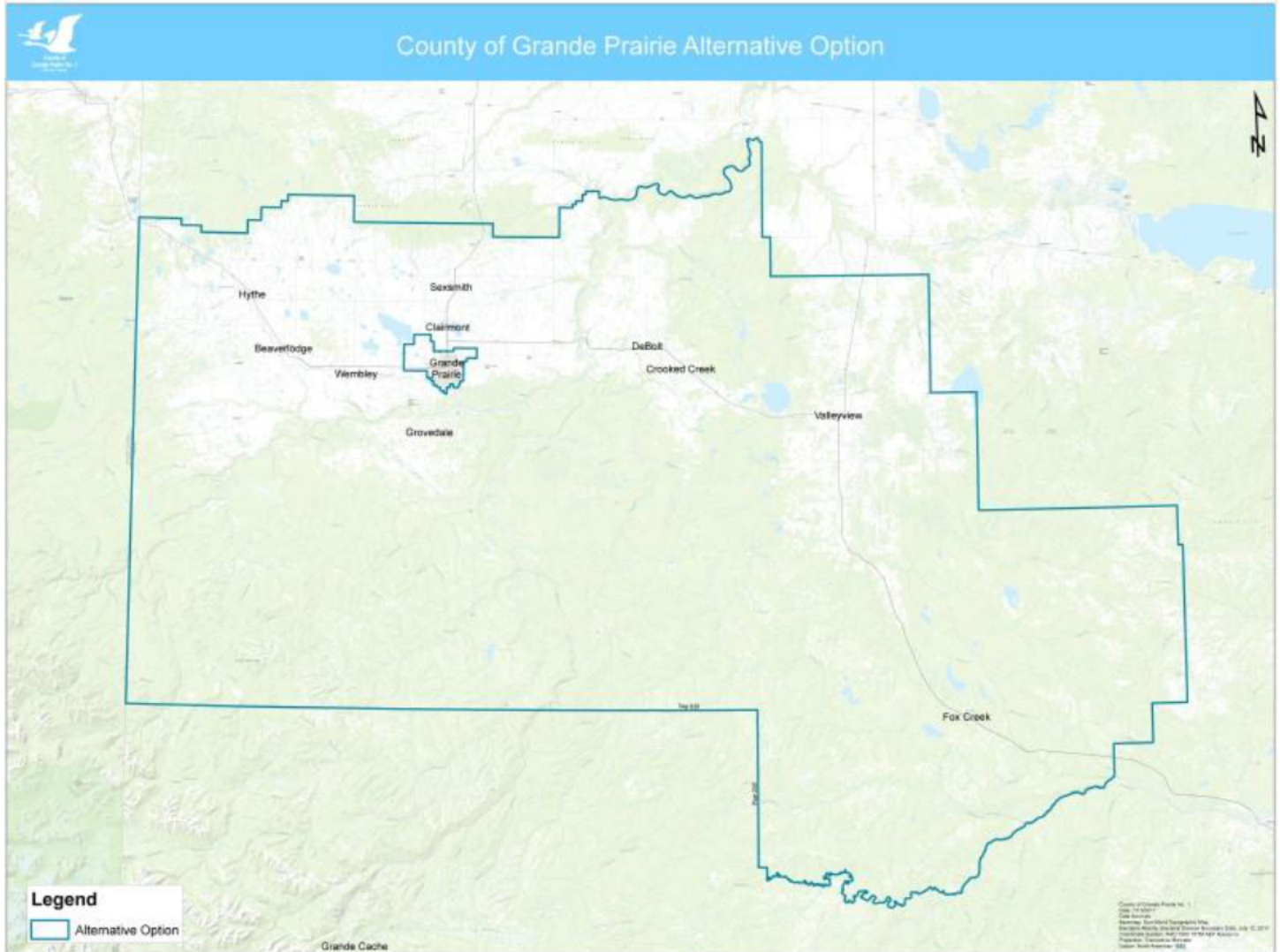
Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the recommendations. The County respectfully requests that the Commission carefully consider the strength and success of our northwestern region that has been built on partnerships based on common interests and the work of two MLAs who, through the current boundary structure, have been able to represent these common interests. Indeed, this is a formula that reaps benefits that reach well beyond our northern borders to all Albertans.

Respectfully,



Reeve Leanne Beaupre
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July 14, 2017

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Submitted Via Email: info@ABebc.ca

**Re: Written Submission to May 2017 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
 Interim Report ~ Amendments to Proposed Airdrie-Cochrane Riding**

At their July 10, 2017 Council meeting, Council for the Town of Cochrane unanimously resolved to submit feedback to the Electoral Boundaries Commission as follows:

that Council direct Administration to submit feedback to the Electoral Boundaries Commission, requesting revisions to the proposed boundary adjustments which would create a Cochrane riding that encompasses Cochrane, Airdrie Rural (East), a portion of Rocky View County Wards 6 and 9, as well as Wards 7 and 8, as presented.

This document is being submitted in conjunction with the submission from the City of Airdrie for consideration of an alternate Electoral Boundary for the Cochrane and Airdrie electoral area.

The Town of Cochrane has reviewed the 2016-17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, dated May 2017 and recognizes that boundary adjustments are inevitable with a Province experiencing 14% growth since the last electoral riding review. We also note that Cochrane alone has had the privilege of being a significant contributor to those provincial growth numbers with a population increase of 49% since the 2011 Federal Census.

Understanding that the Commission recommendations are based upon many factors, including the 2016-2017 population established at 46,698, the proposed Cochrane-Airdrie riding would contain two of the fastest growing areas of the province and at its inception, would be 6% over that target.

The Commissions interim report identified that the creation of this constituency *"arises from the requirement to divide the city of Airdrie"* and goes on to acknowledge *"that a single MLA could not effectively represent this area, a blended constituency containing not just a portion of a city but also a town of significant size"*.

Cochrane firmly believes the above statement to be true and will prove to be an increasing challenge given the rate of population growth both in our community and the City of Airdrie. Further, Cochrane is concerned that the issues and priorities of Town residents, will be overshadowed by the City of Airdrie initiatives and dual MLA representation.

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It is therefore recommended that the Commission propose an alternate boundary alignment creating a Cochrane-RVC West riding (map attached).

As proposed, this riding would divide the geographical area population as follows:

- Cochrane-Rocky View County West – 41,662
- Airdrie West – 46,923
- Airdrie East-Rocky View East-Chestermere – 45,911

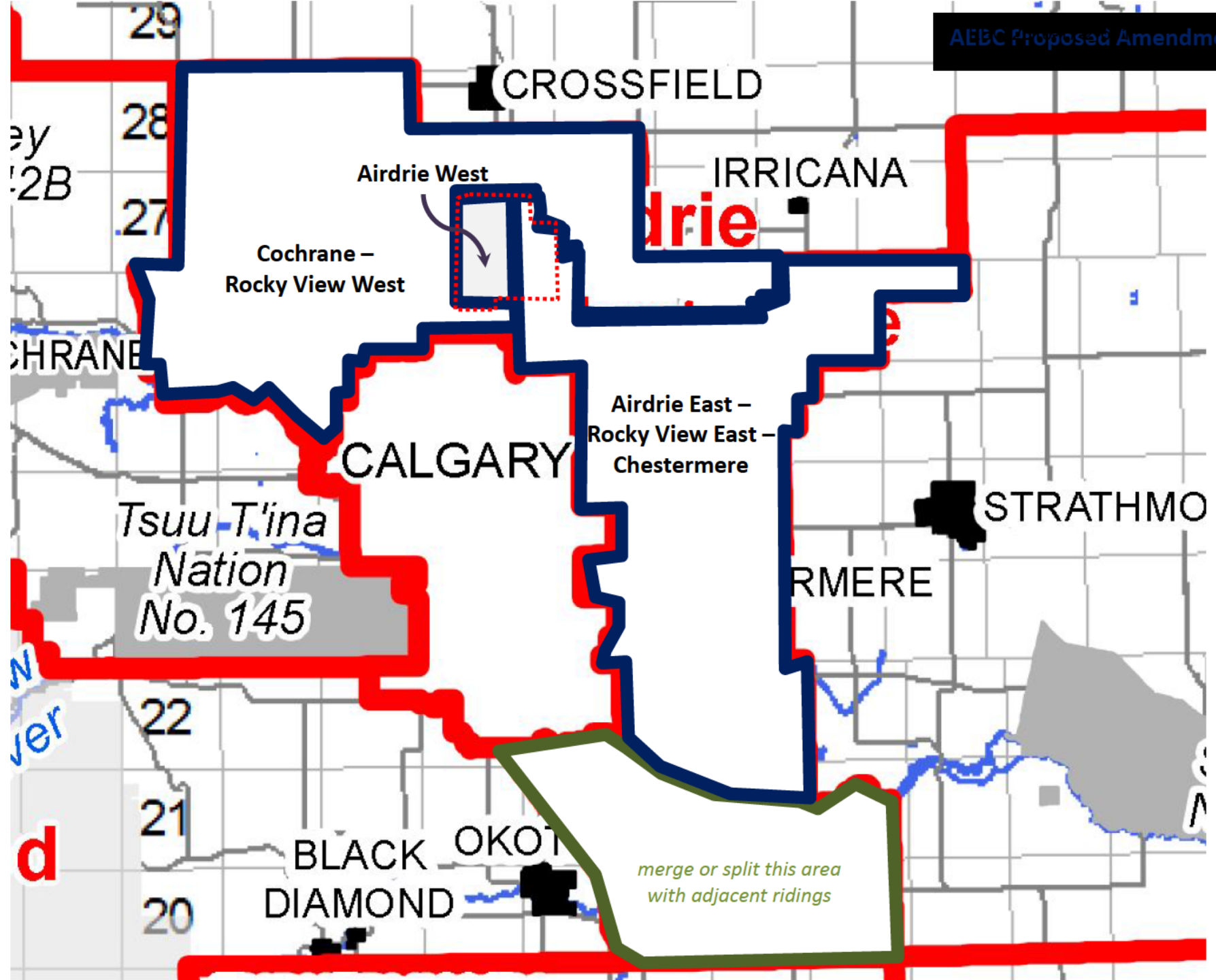
Resulting in an even distribution of the area's population of 31%, 35% and 34% respectively, while providing effective representation for all constituents.

The significant growth in our Province and being experienced directly by Cochrane residents comes with many pressures, inclusive of the need to work collaboratively at all levels of government for the benefit of all citizens. The Town of Cochrane believes it is imperative to ensure adequate representation now and into the future as this region will continue to grow.

The Town of Cochrane respectfully requests the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission amend its recommendation to support the creation of the Cochrane-Rocky View County West, Airdrie-West and Airdrie East-Rocky View East-Chestermere ridings, as identified in the attached map.

Respectfully,

Stacey Loe, Senior Manager, Legislative and Government Services
Town of Cochrane





COUNTY OF
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July 14, 2017

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Attention: Honourable Myra Beilby, Chair

RE: Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta

Dear Honourable Myra Beilby:

The County of Newell wishes to express its strong desire to keep all of the communities within its boundaries as part of one electoral division. The 2016-17 Electoral Boundary Commission's recommendations affect our southern areas of Scandia, Rainier, Bow City, Tilley and Rolling Hills, moving them to the proposed Taber-Vulcan electoral division. Although this would boost the Taber-Vulcan population a small amount, the resulting increase is not significant enough to justify the separation of these hamlets and/or surrounding areas from the Brooks-Cypress proposed division. Important to note is that this change not only removes these communities from the County of Newell, but also moves them across the Bow River, a natural boundary.

Our local municipalities, Bassano, Brooks, Duchess, Rosemary and the County of Newell, as well as our Eastern Irrigation District, continue their work together with the focus of improving the lives of our ratepayers through effective and efficient delivery of services to all of our region's residents. Along with collaboration and cooperation, inter-municipal initiatives and shared revenue have become the norm. The seamless dissolution of the Village of Tilley in 2013 and our County's current on-site assistance of the administration of the Town of Bassano are two examples of our regional focus. We note your comment on page 61 of the EBC report that supports why Flagstaff County remains intact and respectfully ask that the County of Newell be afforded the same consideration.

In addition to this letter, the County of Newell will present further information at the public hearing in Brooks to follow-up on our goal of keeping our municipality whole, whether in Brooks-Cypress or Strathmore-Brooks.

Your diligence and thought put into the Interim report are appreciated by our Newell Council. We look forward to meeting you on the 21st. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Reeve Molly Douglass

Submission to the Electoral Boundary Commission from Derek Fildebrandt

Issues with the EBC's Majority Report in South-Eastern Alberta

Overview

- As proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC), already large constituencies will become massive, far-flung constituencies.
- Some of these constituencies are not 'natural,' with disparate interests.
- Some of these constituencies are hugely overpopulated (Drumheller-Strathmore, 16% over), while others are underpopulated (Taber-Vulcan).

Drumheller-Strathmore

- The EBC's proposed constituency of Drumheller-Strathmore (D-S) is 16% *over* population, or 7,500 people more than the average.
 - According to the 2011 census, 7500 people is the equivalent of having a town the size of Coaldale, Banff, Innisfail, Drayton Valley or Drumheller added to a constituency.
 - It is highly unusual for large, rural constituencies to be *over* populated. The +/- 25% variance accorded to the EBC is normally used to ensure that large rural constituencies are not too large geographically, and the communities composing them do not have interests too disparate from one another.
 - D-S is not a 'natural' constituency.
 - Strathmore is culturally both a small prairie town, and a suburban commuter town, as a part of the Calgary Regional Partnership.
 - Drumheller is a small Badlands community, largely independent of any other large metropolitan influence.
 - Hanna, Acadia, the Special Areas and other rural county areas have little in common with Strathmore, the largest single population centre of the proposed D-S.
 - There are a total of 38 municipalities in the proposed constituency.
 - 6 towns
 - 14 villages
 - 10 unincorporated communities
 - 5 counties and special areas

- There are approximately 97¹ elected officials that the MLA would have to know and work with.
- County lines are not kept in tact.
 - An area of northern Vulcan County is added to D-S, alienating those people from the MLA representing the vast majority of that county.
 - Stettler County is divided.
- Siksika Nation could naturally be a part of the current constituencies of Strathmore-Brooks (S-B) or Little Bow (LB), or the EBC's proposed D-S or Taber-Vulcan (T-V).
 - With the current S-B and proposed D-S already overpopulated, it is advisable that Siksika Nation be a part of the currently underpopulated LB or proposed underpopulated T-V.

Brooks-Cypress

- Newell County is arbitrarily divided, with a section south of Brooks taken from the current S-B and moved to T-V, alienating those people from the MLA representing the vast majority of that county.
- Brooks could naturally be joined to either Strathmore or Cypress County.

Proposal for a More Effective Redistribution of South-Eastern Alberta

Overview

- Equalize the populations of the proposed, large south-eastern constituencies.
 - Currently there is a variance of up to +16% (D-S) down to -11% (T-V).
- Where possible, restore municipal county boundaries.
- Ensure that as much as possible, the communities have common interests.

Maintain Strathmore-Brooks (S-B)

- S-B is a natural constituency.
 - Both Strathmore and Brooks are of nearly equal size.
 - Both Wheatland and Newell counties, with their inlaid smaller municipalities, are of nearly equal size.
 - Both ends of the constituencies are connected by a major and obvious transportation and trade corridor, the TransCanada Highway.
 - Both the northern and southern boundaries of the constituency have natural barriers; the Bow River in the South and the Red Deer River in the North.
 - The municipalities in S-B are entirely intact, encompassing all of both Wheatland and Newell counties with their inlaid communities.

¹ 42 in towns, 42 in villages and 13 in Siksika

- The population in S-B is the only current south-eastern rural constituency that is close to the average provincial population (+/-2%).
 - With strong population growth in Strathmore and western Wheatland County, the population of S-B should not vary significantly from the provincial average before the next EBC.
 - Strathmore is expected to grow by 7% over the next 5 years.²
- Under the proposed boundaries, southern Newell County will be separated from Brooks and the rest of Newell County, substantially impacting effective representation in the area.
- Return the southern portion of Newell County given to T-V back to S-B.
 - The MLA for T-V would have to know the Newell Council and be familiarized with Newell regional issues for only a few hundred constituents.
 - Likewise, the MLA for D-S or S-B would have to know the Vulcan County Council and be familiarized with Vulcan regional issues for only a few hundred constituents.

Constitute Drumheller-Cypress (D-C)

- D-C is a more natural constituency than D-S.
 - The eastern parts (Special Areas, Acadia) of the proposed D-S have more shared interests with Cypress County than with Strathmore, Wheatland County, Vulcan County and Siksika Nation.
 - D-C is entirely within the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor.
 - D-C is a more congruent constituency than D-S, with the mushroom-shaped D-S.
- D-C would be +10 over the average provincial population, contrasted with the extremely overpopulated D-S at +16%.
 - While still overpopulated, it is not as unreasonably so.
- The geographic size of D-C would be approximately the same size as when it was Drumheller-Stettler

Modify Proposed Taber-Vulcan (T-V)

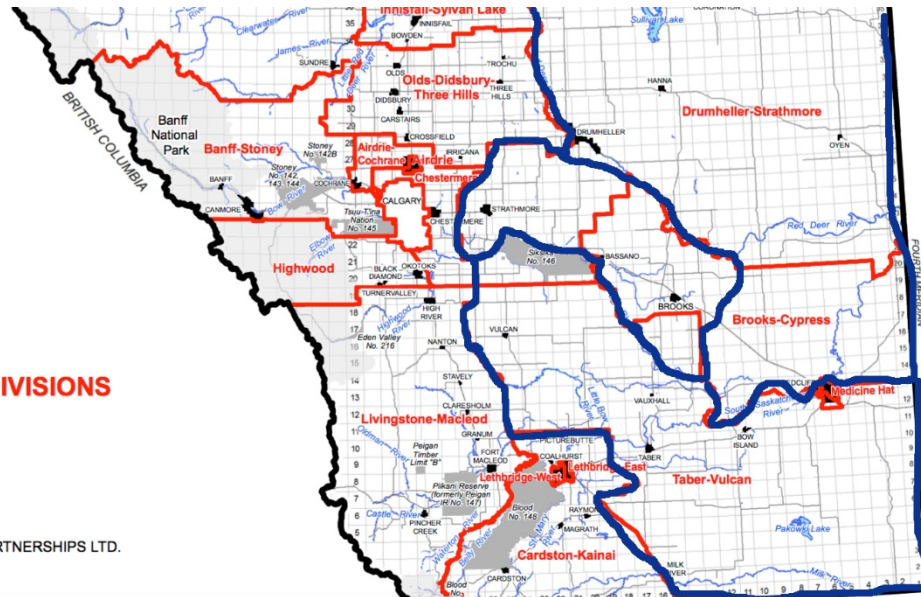
- As proposed by the EBC, T-V is massive and so any changes should not significantly add to its size.
- As proposed by the EBC, T-V would be -11% underpopulated, while it would be -2% under this proposal.
 - This would not materially affect the geographic size of T-V.
- Return northern Vulcan County to its current LB or proposed T-V.
 - Northern Vulcan County is currently detached from the rest of Vulcan County.
 - This proposal keeps the municipality together, opposed to the EBC proposal which keeps T-V under-populated at the expense of an overpopulated S-B/D-S.
- Return Siksika Nation to its current LB or proposed T-V.
 - Siksika Nation could naturally be joined to either LB/T-V or S-B/D-S, however it has traditionally been a part of LB.

² <http://www.strathmore.ca/include/get.php?nodeid=1113>

- As it straddles both banks of the Bow River, there is no natural boundary for it to be associated with either constituency over the other.
- With S-B/D-S overpopulated, it is logical that it should be joined to underpopulated LB/T-V.

PROPOSED 2017 PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

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Electoral Constituency

highwood

Submission

I want to remain in the highwood constituency. I live on [REDACTED] and do not want to be moved to a different constituency.

How did you hear about the review?

- Householder (Direct Mail)
- Newspaper (Print)
- Radio
- Other

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Electoral Constituency
Bonnyville/Cold Lake
Submission
<p>Our Council has discussed proposed changes to the electoral boundaries in our region. We are against the proposed changes, for several reasons:</p> <p>First of all, these changes seem to be based on the idea that you require a certain level of population in order to be considered a constituency. This is an outmoded idea that was introduced many years ago by the previous P.C. Government, and in our view is not a fair representation for rural regions, where geographic boundaries often make more sense.</p> <p>In our area alone, you have proposed to separate areas that have been historically bound through proximity, trade and social traditions. Which does not make sense to us.</p> <p>Further, the proposed boundary changes seem to be based on Federal Census numbers, which in our area have proven to be Grossly inaccurate, as evidenced by our Municipal Census numbers.</p> <p>At the end of the day, Our recommendation is to change the existing legislation to eliminate population as the key parameter.</p>
How did you hear about the review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other
Email advisory from Province plus our attendance at Information sessions

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Calgary Mackay NoseHill
Submission
<p>I am somewhat concerned with the proposed division in the community of Evanston. As this is a relatively new community that is lacking in infrastructure, I feel that dividing the community will ultimately divide it's voice as well and jeopardize it's ability to advocate for the infrastructure it needs. If we can keep the community together, including the Northwest portion that is slated to be included in Calgary-Foothills, the population of Evanston as a whole could work together under one MLA to advocate for the developments that we need and deserve.</p>

From: [Info - EBC](#)
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Electoral Constituency
Banff-Cochrane
Submission
<p>I am writing to the Commission to support the recommended changes to my riding, Banff-Cochrane.</p> <p>There are a number of strong reasons to support the new riding, Banff-Stoney.</p> <p>The distribution of population is fair as the population in the proposed riding is close to the provincial average. Banff-Stoney will be 5 per cent below the average, which will allow room for future population growth in this high-growth part of the province.</p> <p>Omitting Cochrane and keeping the other Bow Valley communities together is supportable because it keeps communities with like concerns together. In the Bow Valley, there is a common interest of concerns. Issues related the Bow River, wildlife, tourism, and emergency services, to name a few are common to the Bow Valley communities.</p> <p>I am pleased to see the addition of the Tsuu T'ina reserve to Banff-Stoney. It will lead to a higher proportion of visible minority voters in the riding, which will likely lead to stronger relations with the MLA and better democratic representation in the Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>I have two reservations about the proposed changes, however.</p> <p>First, the Banff-Stoney name seems appropriate given the size of Banff National Park and the Stoney-Nakoda reserve. That said, it would be reassuring that the name is appropriate after consultation with local Indigenous leaders and elders.</p>

Second, Kananaskis Park is not part of the riding even though the administration and supports for the Park are by and large located at the Provincial Building in Canmore. I believe the Banff-Stoney MLA would be in the best position to effectively represent the Park. The addition of the Park would not lead to a drastic increase in the population, either. The Park should be added to Banff-Stoney for these reasons.

In sum, I support the proposed change from Banff-Cochrane to Banff-Stoney. With the two reservations, I believe that the recommendations in the Commission's Interim Report address the need to have an average number of people in the riding, and keep together communities with common concerns.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janine Giles,
Canmore, AB

How did you hear about the review?

- Newspaper (Online)



July 14, 2017

Justice Myra Bielby
Chair of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Justice Bielby,

On behalf of Rocky View County (the County) I would like to thank you and the Electoral Boundaries Commission members for the opportunity to comment on the Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission (the Report). I understand the complexities of the review and the multiple considerations that the Commission must take into account when making its recommendations.

Rocky View County has approximately 40,000 residents making it the 3rd largest municipality in the Calgary region by population and the largest municipality by size. As a consequence of its size, the County's residents are represented in four different ridings. County Council has reviewed the interim report and concluded that, overall, the proposed changes are an improvement on the current electoral boundaries that encompass the County. However, there are two areas of concern Council has identified.

1. **Chestermere Boundary (Map 55).** The proposed Chestermere boundaries include land west of QE2 Highway and north of the City of Calgary (Attachment 1). The proposed boundary separates the Bearspaw community into two different ridings.

Council requests that this area be added to the Airdrie - Cochrane Boundary (Map 48) as shown in cross hatching on Attachment 1. The rationale for this request is the commonality of this area with Bearspaw residents and the shared services (schools, shopping, and recreation etc.) between County residents and residents of the municipalities of Airdrie and Cochrane.

This change would result in an additional 4,467 residents (based on the County's 2013 census), which pushes the number of residents beyond the average riding population target. The County suggest this number could be offset by moving the area in the County west of Highway 22 and north of Cochrane from the Airdrie - Cochrane Boundary (Map 48) to the Banff Stoney Boundary (Map 49) as shown on Attachment 1. There are 1,285 County residents in this area.

2. **Proposed name change from 'Chestermere – Rocky View' to 'Chestermere'.** Rocky View County is opposed to this change for several reasons.

First, the rationale for the change as stated in the Report is factually incorrect.

"The west and northwest sides of the constituency – from where the Rockies can be viewed – would not remain within the constituency. Hence, the name should be shortened to Chestermere." pg. 45.

Views of the Rocky Mountains from the north western portion of this riding are spectacular as evidenced by a drive on Highway 1a. Furthermore, the views of the mountains on the east side remain in much of this riding. As stated in the Report

"No name change should be recommended for constituencies where boundaries continue to contain the geographic feature or geographic orientation or city/town for which they are currently named" (pg. 33).

Secondly, the naming convention used in the report, with a few exceptions, recognizes only urban municipalities as worthy of naming. Within the proposed 'Chestermere' riding, Rocky View residents account for approximately 18,000 constituents or 40% of the riding. In general, the County's suggests the naming convention be reconsidered and specifically, for reasons outlined above, the name of this riding should remain Chestermere – Rocky View.

Again, thank you for the Commission's work on this difficult task. Should you have any questions please contact my office for further discussion.

Regards,
ROCKY VIEW COUNTY



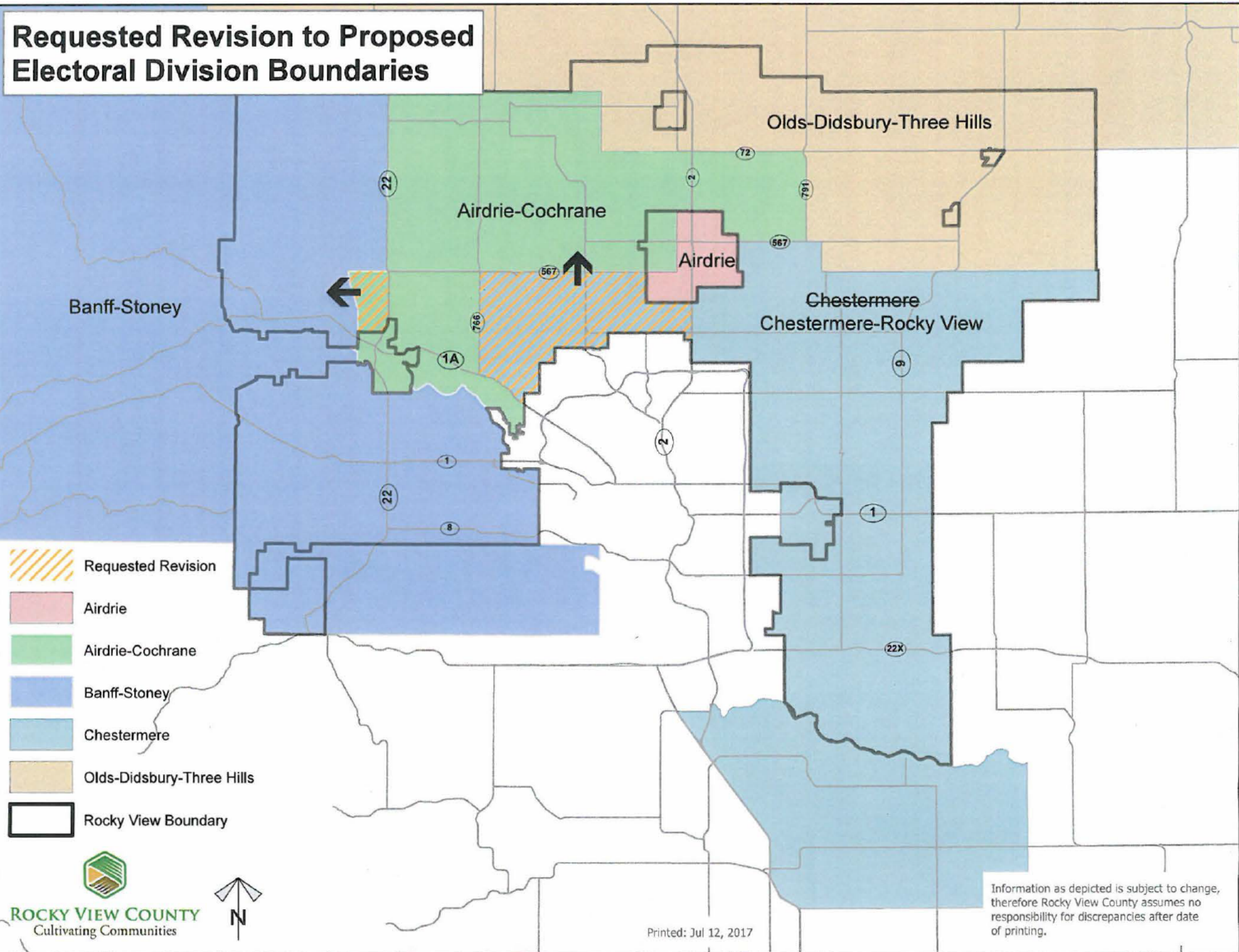
Greg Boehlke
Reeve

Attachment: Requested Electoral Division Boundaries Revisions

cc: Rocky View County Municipal Council
Kevin E.J. Greig, County Manager, Rocky View County

Requested Revision to Proposed Electoral Division Boundaries

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July 13, 2017

Dear Sirs

Re: Proposed Fort Saskatchewan – St. Paul and Vermilion – Lloydminster Provincial Constituency Boundaries

Bruderheim Town Council appreciates the opportunity to review the draft copy of the information outlining possible re-aligning of constituency boundaries within Alberta. We would like to share the following concerns we have with the proposed changes to the above noted boundaries.

Currently the Fort Saskatchewan - Vegreville Constituency encompasses our boundaries and two of our major partners, Fort Saskatchewan and Vegreville. Geographically the North Saskatchewan River is a natural political boundary on the northwest and the northern part of the east boundary is the east boundary of Lamont County. Road access to Elk Island National Park is only available through Lamont County or Strathcona County.

The proposed Fort Saskatchewan to St. Paul Constituency includes St. Paul and a small portion of the County of St. Paul, both on the other side of the North Saskatchewan River. The eastern portion of the proposed constituency has closer trading relationships to Lloydminster than to the western part of the proposed new constituency. The narrow east-west orientation of the proposed constituency has its largest urban center to the extreme west, surrounded by heavy industry, becoming more and more rural to the east which does not create a cohesive political entity. The inclusion of the rural service centre of St. Paul, which is on the opposite side of a major river with limited bridge connections, and strong connections to areas outside the proposed constituency does not seem to be an effective geographically sensible political unit.

The proposed Vermilion – Lloydminster constituency will also have a negative impact for us as it will remove the areas immediately south of Mundare and Elk Island National Park. With the proposed constituency changes, the largest industrial area and largest urban area, will be located at the extreme east end of the boundary, in and around Lloydminster. Areas such as Vegreville are more connected to

Edmonton than to Lloydminster. Elk Island National Park is totally contained within the existing Fort Saskatchewan – Vegreville riding and is closely connected to the Beaverhills Initiative area and newly created Beaverhills Biosphere, an initiative of Strathcona County, Lamont County, Leduc, Camrose and Beaver County.

Both of these proposed changes to the constituency boundary do not align with the existing economic, social and political connections of the residents that reside within the existing boundaries. It will require MLA's to interact with an increased number of municipalities which will increase the workload for elected official from all levels of government. It is already challenging for our MLA to provide service to the municipalities within the current constituency boundaries due to the distance between communities and the changes to the constituency boundaries will add to these challenges. Additionally, in rural municipalities, the council members often work during the day and the distance they would need to travel to attend meetings could compromise their ability to attend meetings, which results in the possible lack of rural input on important discussions and their access to critical information.

Our council is requesting that the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission reconsider the proposed Fort Saskatchewan – St Paul and Vermillion – Lloydminster constituency boundaries and consider a constituency similar to the existing Fort Saskatchewan – Vegreville Constituency.

Sincerely,

THE TOWN OF BRUDERHEIM



Karl Hauch

Mayor

c.c. MLA Jessica Littlewood

Submission to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Post the 2017 Interim Report

Lee Cooper - Resident of Wainwright Alberta.

By email to [:info@abebc.ca](mailto:info@abebc.ca)

I am grateful for the opportunity under the Act to make this submission to the Commission. In doing so I am hoping to alert the Commission to the potential disservice their current proposal will do to rural ridings and, more importantly, to the principle of effective representation.

I believe that the current Interim Report proposals leaves the Commission open to a legal challenge. This challenge would take the form of a reverse Electoral Boundaries (Sask) (1991) 2 S.C.R 158 scenario.

Commission Options and Choice.

The Commission appears to be between the Scylla and Charybdis of these 2 options:

1. Reconfiguration of all 87 ridings to accommodate the population increase.
2. Reconfiguration of urban ridings to accommodate the population increase.

It is important to note that while the vast majority of the population increase has occurred in urban areas it is by no means exclusive to urban areas.

Option 1 is the path outlined by the Commission in their Interim Report (IR).

Commission Rationale for Option 1 – The Process

The Commission examined Alberta as three separate entities; namely Edmonton, Calgary and Areas outside Calgary and Edmonton (Rest of Alberta).

For both Calgary and Edmonton they took the total population and divided this by the average population (46,679) to ascertain the number of ridings that they believed ought to be allocated.

The Commission refers to this as the “process”. See calculations below:

(all population figures taken from IR 2017 <http://abebc.ca/about/stats/>)

The process informed the Commission majority that Edmonton required 1 more riding, an increase to 20.

In Calgary the Commission’s process informed them that 1.5 was required, an increase from 25 to 26 (or 27) ridings.

For reasons which are unclear, the Commission did not apply their process in precisely the same fashion when dealing with the Rest of Alberta.

For consistency of comparison I have applied it for them here below, in two forms;

A. Using the current all-inclusive total

and

B. Using a reduced population number, achieved by removing the populations of the 15(2) areas and Fort McMurray-Conklin (the Commission agrees that this is a unique case see page 31 of the IR 2017). This is the more equitable comparison as these are ‘outliers’.

A. 1938073 divided by average population $46697 = 41.5$ ridings

B. 1841672 divided by average population $46697 = 39.4$ ridings – half a riding below the existing 40 which cater for this population.

The chosen process, exclusively population driven and carried out in this particular format, is not what the Redistribution Rules require of the Commission. To begin, population is only a start point for further analysis it is not the primary factor and it is not inviolable.

This chosen process “frames the question” in a manner which has a seductive and simple appeal, but is flawed. This process simply serves the Commission majority’s selected aim of “minimal deviation from the average number” (page 67 of IR 2017).

This aim is however, not an explicit requirement of the Act. Indeed the rules in Sections 14 and 15(1) render greater implicit legitimacy to the notion that “minimal deviation from the average number” is not to be the aim of this, or any, Commission. As Commissioner Day states:

The *critical* (my italics) provision in the Act to ensure that effective representation is granted to all Albertans is the use of variances”

(page 69 IR 2017 -Commissioner Day minority opinion)

A recalculation using the Commission's stated population figures and applying, appropriately, rule 15(1) percentage metric as a guide, looks like this:

Calgary

Total population 1,239,185 divided by 25 existing ridings = 49,567

Using 15(1) metric this equates to 6.1% above provincial average.

6.1% is well within the 15(1) variance.

I am uncertain why any further action, other than reconfiguring Calgary's 25 existing ridings, is required.

However, the Commission proposes adding a riding, giving this calculation

Total population 1,239,185 divided by 26 = 47,660

Using 15(1) metric this equates to 0.02 above provincial average.

Edmonton

Total population 933,128 divided by 19 existing ridings = 49,112.

Using 15(1) metric this equates to 5.1% above provincial average.

5.1% is well within the 15(1) variance.

I am uncertain why any further action, other than reconfiguring Edmonton's 19 existing ridings is required.

However the Commission proposes adding a riding, giving this calculation

Total population 933,128 divided by 20 = 46,627

Using 15(1) metric this equates to 0.15% below provincial average.

Rest of Alberta

For the purpose of this current round of deliberations I suggest Lesser Slave Lake, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley and Fort McMurray-Conklin are treated separately when considering the average population of rural ridings. The first two are 15(2) areas and Fort McMurray-Conklin is acknowledged by the Commission (page 31), in similar fashion to the 15(2) areas, as 'outliers'.

Total population 1,841,672 divided by 40 = 46,042

Using 15(1) metric this equates to 1.4% below provincial average.

Summary

By applying Sections 13 and 15(1) of the Act to the population in the three discrete areas (as identified by the Commission) we see that the only exercise that is required is the redistribution of populations within those three discrete areas.

This enables the end result to be better aligned with the law and avoids unnecessary conflict arising via an urban v rural divide debate.

Analysis and Critique of Commission majority's proposals

The above calculations demonstrate that the Commission fails to justify its proposals both when framing the question in a way not laid out by the Act and when Section 15(1) rule is applied appropriately.

This section now considers aspects of failure specific to the Act in respect of Section 14 and in regard to the primary principle of “effective representation”.

By selecting Option 1 the Commission majority is suggesting that it is proper for all province ridings to be included in absorbing the, mainly urban, 765,037 population increase. I disagree.

My argument is based first on the primary principle of “effective representation” over the improperly named or, at the very least, poorly defined term “voter parity”.

Secondly I would like the requirement to treat ridings uniquely through the application of “countervailing factors’ (referred to as “other considerations” by the Commission) to be fully upheld. In the Commission’s proposal my contention is that this is not the case.

I’m pleased to see that the Commission agrees in spirit, if not in practice, with me. See the statement quoted below:

“... if absolute voter parity in each electoral division were achieved, the population in each division would be 46,697. Absolute voter parity is relevant because it is the place where the Commission began its analysis of the boundaries of each electoral division before *beginning to apply other considerations*, (my italics) as mandated by the Act.”

(page 12 IR 2017)

However, contrast that statement to these two insights from Commissioner Gwen Day in her minority dissenting submission:

1. "We began the work with the priority of voter parity carrying the most weight, which of course led to the desire to have a minimal deviation from the average number of 46,697 people per constituency".

2. "In spite of the provision for up to 25% +/- variances, a priority by the Commission was set to achieve the lowest variances possible, particularly in Edmonton and to some extent in Calgary, thereby justifying an additional riding in both cities"

(page 70, 2017 IR).

now consider these two statements by the Commission majority:

1. "The majority is pleased that the proposed recommendation would result in 57 of Alberta's 87 electoral divisions having a population within 5% of the provincial average, or 61% of the total"

(page 64 2017 IR)

2. "Alberta is no longer rural"

(page 16 IR 2017)

The second statement has all the charm of the late Jim Prentice's "look in the mirror" comment.

The Commission compound this provocative, and meritless, statement with this paragraph and the opinion contained therein:

While consideration of "common community interests" is such a factor, most current electoral divisions outside of Edmonton and Calgary do not contain a single common community in total, or individually... Some are primarily agricultural in focus, but others have an oil and gas or forestry or mining focus, or some combination of all these factors. As a result, the majority could not conclude that those Albertans living outside of Edmonton or Calgary share a common community of interest for that reason alone or that each of these 43 constituencies currently share a common community of interest one with the other.

This temerity of this comment is breathtaking. In any independent quantitative survey of a rural town hamlet or village regarding ties of consanguinity, work ties, school ties, church ties, 4H ties, who knows their neighbor, who has these same connections with the conurbation s North, South, East and West of them and compared this with a similar independent study in either Edmonton or Calgary the results would demonstrate the absolute nonsense of this paragraph.

I believe a retraction of this paragraph is in order.

By linking all the statements together it becomes clear that the commission majority believe that absolute voter parity is the priority. In addition, and quite arbitrarily, they set 5% as the optimum variance.

It is noted that 19/20 ridings in Edmonton made that cut. Indeed none are higher than +4%, while the lowest is at -8. The mean is precisely 0%.

In Calgary, by contrast, only 6 of the 26 ridings are at +/- 5%, despite the overall percentage by overall population being 6%.

The Rest of Alberta, having been denuded in service of the process, has 21/41 within the +/-5%. The variances in the remaining ridings are quite stark ranging from +17% to -15% (I have omitted the 2 x 15(2) areas and Fort McMurray-Conklin replacement).

In doing so the Commission has adopted the Egalitarian* approach toward redistribution. I wish to highlight that this perspective was rejected by the Supreme Court in their Electoral Boundaries (Sask) (1991) 2 S.C.R 158 decision. That decision provides the framework for the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act at Part 2 (Redistribution Rules).

*(a useful term used in this review of the Sask (1991) case; <http://lawjournal.mcgill.ca/userfiles/other/1448357-39.1.Johnson.pdf>. Contrast this with Pluralistic)

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(i) Effective Representation

It is worth bearing in mind this explanation of the goal of redistribution as contained on an Elections Canada website:

“The right to vote under Sect 3 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guaranteed the right to “effective representation” The goal of redistribution is the constitutional right of *effective representation*” (my italics).

http://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=res&dir=rep/off/recom_redis&document=ch2&lang=e

and, for assistance, this summary by the 2009/10 Commission on what effective representation is:

In summary, the principles of effective representation were, to the 2009/10 Commission, as follows:

1. Relative parity of voting power.
2. The tradition in Canada is “effective representation,” not absolute parity as in the U.S.
3. The process of achieving effective representation may involve diluting the political force of some votes but not unduly and not without reason.
4. The balancing of these interests is a delicate one, which involves an examination in depth of the social history, geography and demography of communities in every sense of the word.

(page 3 IR 2009/10)

Key here are the statements at 2 and 4. The 2009/10 Commission themselves give clear indication that the exercise is not one purely of

mathematics. Indeed, while cognisant of the mathematical average population ‘jump off point’, they appear to have run the “countervailing rules” over all ridings, urban and rural.

This is the pluralistic* approach toward redistribution. It should be recognised that this perspective was confirmed by the Supreme Court by their Electoral Boundaries (Sask) (1991) 2 S.C.R 158 decision which provides the framework for the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act at Part 2 (Redistribution Rules)

(*<http://lawjournal.mcgill.ca/userfiles/other/1448357-39.1.Johnson.pdf>).

Further evidence for this pluralistic approach is in the options the 2009/10 Commission considered. Despite a similar urban population increase bias the rural (Rest of Alberta) ridings were considered either for addition of one riding or for no change:

In summary, three general options were considered by the Commission:

Option 1 – increase Calgary by 2 additional divisions, Edmonton by 1, *Rest of Alberta by 1*

Option 2 – increase Calgary by 2 additional divisions, Edmonton by 2, *Rest of Alberta no change*

Option 3 – increase Calgary by 3 additional Divisions, Edmonton by 1, *Rest of Alberta no change*

The importance of the *No Change aspect* is that, despite recognizing the need to increase ridings in the urban areas due to population increases, they saw no need to re-examine the rural ridings. My sense is that they considered the integrity of those ridings to be sound having (i) not seen a fall in overall population and (ii) there being no change to the countervailing factors - as is the position currently.

Ultimately the 2009/10 Commission favoured and proposed Option 1, which was adopted.

In reality this was unavoidable because the population increase in Fort McMurray had taken it beyond the +25% variance allowed by Section 15(1) of the Redistribution Rules.

(ii) Voter Parity

In response to the Commissions comment re absolute voter parity relevancy I would offer this observation made by Justice McLachlin in the Electoral Boundaries (Sask) (1991) 2 S.C.R 158 decision:

"First, absolute parity is impossible. It is impossible to draw boundary lines which guarantee exactly the same number of voters in each district. Voters die, voters move. Even with the aid of frequent censuses, voter parity is impossible."

So, while absolute voter parity has an intuitive appeal - one person, one vote (OPOV) - it is no more than a numerical start point. Incidentally nowhere in the Redistribution Rules is the concept of voter parity even mentioned. Further, population and voter (parity) numbers are two entirely different measures. More on this later.

The real problem however, comes with the Commission majority's desire to achieve minimal deviance and their arbitrary 5% target.

In *Dixon v. British Columbia (A.G.)* the permitted variance from absolute voter parity was set at 25% +/- . This number is embedded in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act at Part 2 (Redistribution Rules) Section 15 (1).

Unsubstantiated Incursion on Areas outside of Calgary and Edmonton based on Population numbers

For this section, as indicated before, I would like to exclude the 15(2) ridings and Fort McMurray-Conklin which the Commission recognizes as unique currently.

Of the remaining 40 rural ridings only two, Drumheller-Stettler (-1284) and Lac la Biche-St Paul-Two Hills (-1823) have seen a fall in population. Overall the Rest of Alberta ridings have grown in number.

This suggests, to paraphrase Twain, that the reported death of rural Alberta is greatly exaggerated.

Rural Alberta is growing - simply not at the pace of urban areas. None should be surprised about this.

With an almost universal increase in each existing rural riding's rural populations, and those populations still being comfortably within the 25% variance under 15(1), where is the legal or moral justification for redistributing/reducing the number of rural ridings?

The Commission majority's arbitrary 5% target may have some appeal to those who believe that equality of outcome is all. Yet this is scant legitimacy, if legitimacy at all. Indeed if the rural ridings are viewed through the lens of the countervailing factors which by law enable them to be above or below the average - and there is no evidence to support otherwise - then there is no legitimacy in the equal outcome philosophy whatsoever.

Few Section 14 reasons for change are articulated in the IR Section entitled "Recommendations for Boundary Changes". The one constant refrain in almost all ridings (page 35-63) runs thus, either:

"this variance can be supported as this is an area where future population growth is likely to fall" (page 36 Bonnyville-Cold Lake)

or

“this degree of negative variance from the provincial average is justified because this electoral division contains areas of future high growth” (page 44 Calgary-South East)

While the Commission may, under Section 14, take into consideration any factors it considers appropriate there is no data published in the IR to support the contentions made in respect of population increases and/or decreases.

Without such data to underpin these comments they merely educated musings. Only time will tell if they are right or wrong.

Yet these population prognostications are not something the Commission are explicitly mandated to involve themselves in, something they themselves acknowledge:

“The Commission agree that, while not expressly listed in the Act, it would be proper to consider other factors in the design of electoral division boundaries, including, projected growth rates...”

(page 15 IR 2107)

Notwithstanding the clause inserted by the Commission to justify attention to population rates I am perturbed when, in the riding by riding Recommendations (page 35-63), consideration of this selected factor is overwhelmingly the sole justification offered for boundary changes.

I believe investing too much in population projections is both not in the spirit of the Act and, irrespective of its legality, unsound. My understanding is that the function of each Commission is to reset the electoral map based on the activity occurring between Commissions. It is not to try and solve issues which may face the next Commission.

It is important to remember the Law:

The Act directs the Commission to divide the province into 87 electoral divisions, with a population within 25% of the provincial average, in a way that will ensure effective representation for Albertans.

(page 1 IR 2009/10)

No mention of voter parity primacy is made, nor is there a direction to get numbers close to or near the average population found anywhere in the Act. For those who argue this is implicit I might agree – but I would not agree that the Commission can make changes to achieve these goals for the next Commission.

The Voter Parity Canard. How it is used to justify the Commissions Egalitarian proposals

During my initial reading of IR 2017 I was confused by the phrase ‘voter parity’. I find I am in good company.

SCOTUS in its *Evenwel v Abbott* (2016) decision, upheld the voter parity by population principle. However as this review explains, <http://www.heritage.org/courts/report/evenwel-v-abbott-what-does-one-person-one-vote-really-mean>, this is due to the recent history of the US, in particular, precedents set in civil rights cases.

So officially, in the US, voter parity doesn’t have anything to do with actual voters. Alberta is however, not subject to US law. Her, while

population is a jumping off point, it is, as I have oft repeated in this submission, not the sole arbiter of riding size. Population variance is allowed.

Section 14's countervailing factors are there to provide recalibration of any inequity brought about by an anodyne numbers calculation. The ultimate aim is to produce "effective representation".

In my opinion using the phrase voter parity to describe the exercise of dividing up populations confers upon it a legitimacy that is, at best, tenuous.

When an election takes place pollsters do not ask the population who they will vote for, they only ask voters. Note, when selecting Commissioners to carry out a redistribution exercise the post is not open to the population at large:

Commissioners must be:

"Persons appointed under subsection (1) must be Canadian citizens, residents of Alberta and at least 18 years of age"

(page 1 Electoral Boundaries Commission Act)

Not all the population can fulfill these requirements - but all voters in the population can. If this standard and status is considered important for law makers why is it not used for quantifying the community who elect the law makers?

When the public hears voter parity they think "one person - one vote" (OPOV). In this exercise this is far from what they get. Ridings are allocated an MLA post based on their population size. Yet it is the voters

(or at least those who turn out) that select which of the candidates becomes the MLA. These are two different metrics.

While urban areas will still edge the voters versus voters comparison they are comfortably ahead using the false voter parity by population number.

I bring this subject up as I was shocked by this specious comparison below, clearly intended to sway debate in favour of the Egalitarian position - despite the fact that population and OPOV are mutually exclusive terms:

“Populations now range from 28,858 in Lesser Slave Lake to 92,148 in Calgary-South East. An election held based on those constituencies would result in a vote cast in Lesser Slave Lake having 3.5 times the effect of one cast in Calgary-South East”

(page 16 Interim Report)

This comparison is both false and wrong. Patently, the entire population of any riding is not the electorate. The electoral list (Elections Alberta web site) tells us that Lesser Slave Lake has 19303 registered voters (67% of the population) while Calgary-South East has 46555 (51% of the population).

The resultant comparison is now 19334 v 46995. This means that the effect is not 3.5 : 1 but 2.4 : 1.

Continuing to use these *voter* percentage number as the true metric of voter parity, and substituting the Commission's proposed population for Calgary-South East of 40,309, it would result in that riding having 20,557 voters (51%). This means Calgary-South East has just 1254 more *voters*. The quoted 3.5 : 1 disparity now drops to just 1.06 : 1.

It is also important to note that Lesser Slave Lake is a riding which attracts the special provisions of Section 15(2). As such the comparison was grossly unfair from the start.

Considering the countervailing factors pertinent to this Section 15(2) area and, using the voter metric rather than population, I consider my harsh criticism of the comparison fully justified.

Law of Unintended Consequences? The effects on rural ridings

As I am resident in Battle River Wainwright (BRW) I carried out a comparison of the effect of the proposals for BRW against all the proposed Edmonton ridings using both a population comparison and an (estimated) voter comparison.

The percentage range difference in population ranges from +16% to +4% in BRW's favour (perhaps that should be disfavour).

As regards voters the percentage difference in the proposed ridings is greater as the estimated mean % of voters in Edmonton is currently 64% versus BRW's 67% (Edmonton-South West is, like Calgary-South East, low at 51%)

So to solve a non-existent problem in Edmonton; recall that reconfiguring the 19 ridings would result in a 'voter parity' variance of just +5.1% (adding one riding takes the figure to 0.15% below the average, well within Section 15(1)) - some 17 of the 40 rural ridings now find themselves well in excess of the average population. 7 of these are in double figures.

This "robbing rural Peter to pay urban Paul" approach fails using either an accurate definition of voter parity i.e. comparing voters with voters,

or the 'imprecise' definition which chooses to compare population to population.

We should recall that these ridings are geographically far larger already than any urban riding. Crucially, they also possess more layers and points of contact in the municipal, school, support services and social milieu.

Each town, BRW has 24, while part of the larger community, sees itself as independent. This is understandable when the distance between most towns in BRW is greater than the total distance across the majority of urban ridings. They each have their Rodeos, Centennials, Graduation Ceremonies historical societies, cattle auctions, hockey teams, charitable events for and at hospitals, senior homes and emergency services locations.

Edgerton High School had 7 graduates in 2017. The MLA was invited to attend and bring greetings. To turn down such an invite could easily be interpreted as rude and divisive particularly when the MLA is seen accepting invites from the remaining 13 high schools.

By contrast Mr. Taylor's Wildrose colleague Prasad Panda (MLA for Calgary-Foothills population currently 41,273) has just 1 High Schools in his urban riding. The proposed enlargement of BRW exacerbates this situation as the High Schools of Tofield, Stettler and Donalda are added.

In respect of other social invites, taking Saturday 10th June this year as an example the MLA attended 4 separate events that day. He travelled a total of 370km. His day began at 0730 and did not finish until 2200hrs.

On that day he had to refuse invites to Hardisty's 150 celebration, Edmonton's Pride Parade and, if he were the Stettler-Wainwright MLA, he would have to choose between attending the Stettler Rodeo parade (200km away) or the 4 events he did attend that day.

The proposed ridings are even larger. If BRW morphs into Stettler-Wainwright it adds significant numbers of counties, towns and school divisions.

The Commission majority made an attempt to diminish the geographic, municipal and social difficulties. They reminded us that a riding was named originally for the distance that could be covered by horse in one day. They suggested that motor vehicles had increased scope. Superficially this is true.

Unhappily the Commission majority failed to recognise that the length of a working day has not increased concomitantly. Expecting a constituent, or the MLA, to spend 4 hours experiencing “windshield time” to attend a meeting or an event, certainly gives added poignancy to the Robert Louis Stevenson quote “it is better to travel happily, than to arrive”.

Further comments regarding providing, better allowances, more staff, satellite offices and video conferencing etc., none of which is in the Commission’s gift, were made previously in the 2009/10 IR. More notably, this aspect was fully examined in the Sask 1991 case, where they cut no ice.

The interesting thing to note about these comments is how they tacitly confirm the reality of the countervailing factors. And yet, while doing so, these factors which “*shall* (my italics) be taken into consideration” (Redistribution Rules Section 14) are being subtly ignored in favour of a mathematical calculation.

Summary

I have tried to explain and offer justification for my contention that the current “robbing rural Peter to pay urban Paul” proposals are at best unfair and, at worst, possibly breach the Redistribution Rules.

I believe that there is adequate evidence here to demonstrate that the Commission majority adopted the Egalitarian mindset in their approach to this matter. This approach does not mesh with the legal requirements

The Commission majority appear to be prepared to minimise the inflection of Section 14 and play very loose with section 15(1). To wit, insisting on taking Edmonton from a very acceptable 5% over the average down to 0.15% below and Calgary from 6% down to 0.02% by using a calculation that has no standing.

As regards the Rest of Alberta I have made the case that a failure to properly apply Section 14 factors, allied to the Egalitarian mindset, is providing a rationale to rob some rural ridings of their current status. In turn this is diluting, perhaps in some cases removing effective representation, the goal of the Redistribution Rules.

Put candidly I believe that the Commission is opening the door to a “reverse” Sask 1991 legal challenge.

Suggestions to the Commission:

1. Please apply rules 13, 14 and 15(1) as there were intended. In suggesting this I am endorsing the view of Commissioner Day. In particular this aspect, actually highlighted by the Commission majority:

"Commissioner Day's minority report ("the minority"), found in Appendix A, recommends that electoral boundaries be set in each of Calgary and Edmonton in such a manner that no additional electoral divisions would be required to be added in either city. That would result in most or all of the electoral divisions in each city containing populations above provincial average population size but below the 25% maximum size permitted under the Act. As a result, no amalgamation of electoral divisions outside of these cities would be required. The populations of many of those electoral divisions would be left at current levels, some well below provincial average population size."

(page 5 IR 2017)

This method may however, require a redistribution of population in all three discrete areas in order to pander to the zeitgeist fixation over OPOV and voter parity.

2. In view of the circumstances uncovered via this exercise i.e. increased population growth and restriction on number of ridings a recommendation should be made by the Commission that a wider and more reaching review of the Act be undertaken.

The issues arising here from the restriction placed on the number of riding's highlights an Act too inflexible for a modern, and fast moving society, faced with a range of issues the original drafters could not be expected to envisage. Elements for inclusion could be:

1. Perhaps a set lower and higher population/actual voter number could be set for urban and rural ridings?
2. If 40,000 persons justified a riding in 2009/10 how is it we now countenance populations at circa 55,000 - a 37.5% increase - without murmur?

In addition recognition of the voter profile when comparing ridings should be included as a countervailing factor.

I thank the Commission in anticipation of their serious consideration of this submission.

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Attention: Electoral Boundaries Commission

This written submission is in response to the May 2017 Interim Report on recommended changes to Electoral Boundaries.

Wembley Town Council cannot support the recommendation in the report that would see the Town of Wembley and our other neighboring municipalities consolidated into Central Peace – Notley. We recognize the differences between urban and rural areas and the need for effective representation.

The use of equalized population is a good starting point, however there are other factors that require consideration.

Natural boundaries and trading areas that are well established, would be impacted by a North/South alignment, as would the existing regional collaboration agreements that presently exist.

Our preference is for an East/West alignment that would support our existing connections and retain the strength and opportunities that the municipalities have fostered with the County of Grande Prairie, City of Grande Prairie and the municipalities to the west.

In the interest of Intermunicipal collaboration in the region the proposed changes in the interim report are contrary to the current economic, social and geographic connections that currently exist.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and feedback to the commission.

Sincerely,

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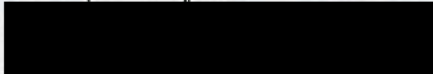
The proposed changes to the electoral boundaries of the Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater have come to the attention of Smoky Lake County Council. Both broadly and specifically speaking, the shift in electoral boundaries that is beginning to erode rural representation in the Alberta Legislature is opposed by Smoky Lake County.

The watering down of the representation of rural communities by having electoral boundaries encroach into urban centres is ill-conceived. Continually hybridizing largely rural constituencies with ever-increasing urban populations will not serve rural people well.

As for the dynamics of our riding, we strongly believe that we share experience and interest with the rural residents of the Town and County of Athabasca more so than we do with the intense urban centre of St. Albert. We believe that it is not the constituency where relative rural-urban differences need to be addressed, but on the floor of the legislature.

We understand that the current Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater population is within the allowable limits for remaining status quo. We firmly believe that the status quo is the best option for the people of Smoky Lake County that are within the boundaries of the Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater riding.

Sincerely,


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Submission

I wish to submit the following map as an alternative proposal for all 87 electoral divisions. I believe they represent an improvement on the boundaries from the Commission's Interim Report.

<https://goo.gl/DcCPF0>

Thank you for your consideration.

How did you hear about the review?

- Google

July 13th, 2017

Please leave Cypress-Medicine Hat the way it was, and educate Albertans about the fact that not all constituencies can have the same number of voters. It just isn't practical. We live in a very beautiful, diverse province, where much of it is sparsely populated. Those living in sparsely populated areas contribute to Alberta's economy and their communities, just as those living in urban areas do. All Albertans deserve to have an MLA they can get to know and talk to when necessary. They deserve to have their MLA attend functions in their area without needing to hire an airplane to attend multiple functions in a day. They deserve to have their MLA represent their issues and views, without different circumstances creating conflicting views in the same constituency 4 hours away! This would make it a less effective position than those representing a portion of a large urban centre, such as Calgary or Edmonton where there are many commonalities and short distances to travel. One of the main concerns raised at the Electoral Boundaries Commission open house in Medicine Hat in January was that any changes in the boundaries should not increase the local ridings in size because of the problems it creates for effective representation.

We agree with the statement in the Medicine Hat News which said, "Ensure the City of Medicine Hat has two constituencies with its name in it. The plan proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission would have Medicine Hat reduced down to one seat in the legislature."

The new name of Brooks-Cypress and Taber-Vulcan do not indicate that Medicine Hat is the area's hub for Cypress County. It is a city of roughly 63,000 people and the riding should use both Cypress and Medicine Hat in the name. Who would ever imagine that Taber-Vulcan included the area around Medicine Hat? Taber and Vulcan are associated more with Lethbridge and much of that area uses that city as its hub. To extend a riding from the U.S. and Saskatchewan borders up to 20 minutes south of Calgary is far too large to provide fair and equitable representation.

We are asking you not to take three seats out of rural Alberta. Leave them as they are, possibly with slight adjustments, rather than making such large geographical ridings which become ineffective and complicated.

Marilyn Fisher

On behalf of the Elkwater Community Association



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Attention Minister McLean:

I understand that the Alberta Government is currently reviewing electoral boundaries to balance the workload for the MLAs within Alberta. A review of the changes reveals that the community of Montgomery is recommended to be moved to join with communities south of the Bow River. As President of the Montgomery Community Association, I request that this decision be reconsidered.

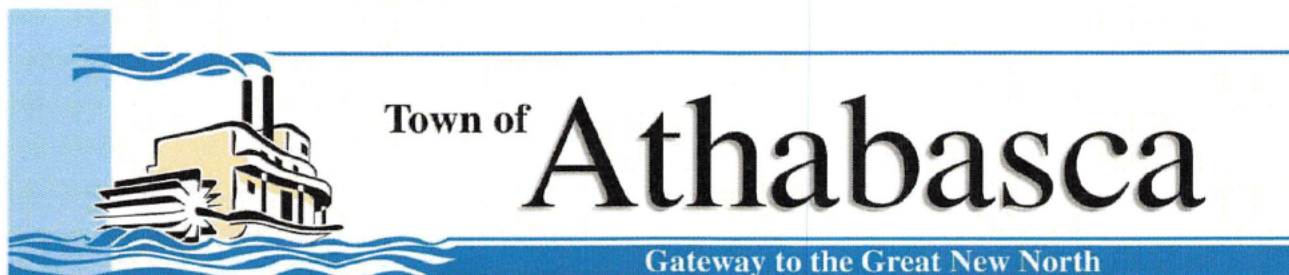
The Community boundaries have been moved three times in the last four elections (Calgary Bow; Calgary Mountain View/Calgary Varsity; Calgary Varsity). We have developed a positive, solid working relationship with Calgary Varsity representative and constituency office.

Montgomery Community borders major provincial properties including University District, Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Medical Centre, Alberta Cancer Centre, and the University of Calgary. The Community is actively engaged with the major provincial projects and properties. Montgomery Community is a recognized stakeholder within the current and planned construction within the provincial holdings including West Campus Development Trust/University District, Calgary Cancer Centre, Foothills Hospital Parking Lot 1, Alberta Children's Hospital Parking upgrade, and the University of Calgary developments. Given the close proximity of these significant provincial projects to the community it is imperative that we as a community remain fully engaged. All of the projects are north of the Bow River and it would continue to make sense for the community to be connected to the other communities north of the Bow River where there is significant engagement in these projects.

The Community is represented on the South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group which includes representatives from Calgary Varsity, University District, Foothills Medical Centre, Cancer Centre Project, University of Calgary, City of Calgary (Planning, Roads and Transit departments), Vecova, Market Mall, Innovate Calgary, and the Communities of St. Andrew Heights, University Heights, Parkdale, Varsity, and Montgomery. We have forged strong attachments and alliances within this larger community. To move to join communities south of the river would separate Montgomery from the representative of the provincial projects bordering the community. Additionally, the proximity of the projects to the other communities' south of the river would perhaps make the impact of the development less of a concern/priority for the Calgary Bow representative and could ultimately result in an increase in the workload of the Calgary Bow MLA.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like clarification, do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

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Justice Bielby and members of the Commission;

I thoroughly appreciate the value of equality of vote and representation based upon population, and that changes may be necessary to electoral boundaries to adhere to those principals. As for the proposed realignment of our current constituency of Athabasca-Redwater-Sturgeon for the Town of Athabasca, I would like to take opportunity to draw attention to some concerns.

Within our current boundaries it can be stated that similar economics of industry and commerce exist with good connectivity of roadways between communities of similar population densities and reasonable distances. The proposed changes will erode these attributes.

Vastly extended boundaries will cause travel issues and less ease for direct MLA interaction with constituents. The Town of Athabasca is located somewhat centre of the Athabasca County and works closely and effectively with that municipality, and together we are served by one MLA. Proposed changes will take that number to three. Aspen View Public Schools, predominately within our current constituency, will see further division under current proposal. This overall fracturing will provide obstacles and place the greater community of Athabasca at disadvantage.

Besides aforementioned considerations, I ask that final designation of our constituency include Athabasca being named.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Roger Morrill
Mayor, Town of Athabasca.