



Outlook

Concerns Regarding Interim Report and Rural Representation

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Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing to express my strong concern and disappointment with the interim report recently tabled by the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. While I understand the Commission's mandate to maintain effective representation and population balance among constituencies, the proposed changes appear to further erode rural and peri urban representation in favour of urban centres, and they fail to reflect the real social and geographic communities in southern Alberta.

I reside just outside the City of Lethbridge—only a two-minute drive from the city limits. My family's daily life is entirely connected to Lethbridge: my daughter attends school there, I work and shop there, and all of our essential services are based there. Despite this, under the current boundaries I am placed in the **Cardston-Siksika** riding, a community with which I have no tangible connection. The new proposed boundaries move me into **Livingstone-Macleod**, another region that does not represent the community of interest I actually belong to.

This makes no practical or democratic sense. I should not be expected to drive nearly an hour to meet with an MLA whose constituency office is located in a region I have no ties to, when the city that shapes every aspect of my life—Lethbridge—is represented by a different MLA altogether. These boundaries ignore the lived realities of residents in peri urban areas, where community life, education, employment, and commerce are tied to nearby cities rather than distant rural centres.

More broadly, I am deeply concerned about the continued dilution of **rural representation** in Alberta. Reducing the number or influence of rural ridings in order to boost urban representation undermines the foundational principle of fair and effective representation for all regions of this province. Rural voices and communities are already under significant strain, and these boundary adjustments will only deepen that imbalance.

I urge the Commission to reconsider its interim recommendations, particularly in the Lethbridge region, and to give greater weight to community connections and practical geography when finalizing the new boundaries. Communities like mine deserve to be represented by MLAs who understand our realities and can effectively advocate for us—not by representatives based hours away in communities with entirely different priorities.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that in your final report you will take into account the serious representational concerns raised by Albertans living in peri-urban and rural areas.

Sincerely,

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Message

I think the UCP should not be allowed to gerrymander election boundaries to suit themselves. All parties should have a say in this and the public should also have some input. The UCP have forgotten they work for the people and cannot just do whatever they want without input from the public.

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Dear Honourable Justice Dallas K. Miller and Electoral Boundary Commissioners,

We have carefully reviewed the first draft of the Proposed Electoral Divisions Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta report tabled by Speaker McIver on October 28th, 2025 on your behalf. As Members of our legislature who represent the vast and productive north of Alberta, it is our hope that the second draft will incorporate our feedback. Every MLA, regardless of partisan affiliation, wants a boundary map that reflects the considerations found in s.14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* (the “Act”) and a map that allows each of us to **effectively represent** our constituents.

The Commission is directed by the Act to consider a number of factors including sparsity, communities of interest, geography, transportation, clarity, and other factors. It is our view that the Commission has clearly not met these criteria in the north. The total elimination of another northern riding, in turn reducing meaningful representation of all northern Albertans, is unacceptable and if allowed to happen will effectively result in an unsustainable map with an ever-growing number of urban constituencies and an ever-growing population of effectively non-represented northern Albertans. As the Commission’s predecessors wrote in the 2017 Final Report “if at every boundary review, we collapse two or three rural ridings [...] a critical part of our history, culture and primary economic voice will be lost” and that “[i]t’s simply not a sustainable approach to this challenge.”

For northern Albertans, losing our voice is not an option. We are a people that have chosen to raise our families and build our communities in a vast and harsh land. Our provincial economy is physically married to our northern landscape, as is so much of Alberta’s culture and history from time immemorial. In every corner of the north, from Rainbow Lake to Cold Lake, Albertans will continue to live, work, and vote. As a consequence, we suggest the commission should consider s.14(a) and (c) in the north through the lens of a permanent population and an essential workforce that requires adequate number of MLAs to be their

effective representation in our legislature. Ten northern MLAs represent forty percent of the province's geography and likely an even higher share of our highways, wellsites, forested land, and royalty revenues. The infrastructure and social programming required to see the north continue to provide for her province requires sufficient voices at the provincial table.

The proposed map for the north has a large number of consequential departures from the current riding boundaries. However, the change that affects every northern resident is the deletion of a riding from the north, as stated on page two in the Executive Summary in the report, "seven electoral divisions in the north [...] be consolidated into six." The report continues on page thirty-one that the riding is deleted with reluctance and sympathy. As Northern representatives the sympathy is noted and appreciated, however our constituents are also constitutionally entitled to effective representation.

Though the report implies it is eliminating Peace River riding from the north, upon examining the draft it becomes clear that it is in effect removing Lesser Slave Lake as that riding's population and geography has been quartered into the four neighboring ridings. The majority of Mackenzie's area and population currently sits within the Peace River riding, not Lesser Slave Lake. Notably, the two largest centers and service hubs from Lesser Slave Lake (High Prairie and Slave Lake) are removed from Mackenzie; however, La Crete and High Level continue in Mackenzie.

Though the current population of Lesser Slave Lake is the lowest in the province the residents have maintained common political interest and cultural community, and a shared economy for over one hundred years. Since the 1909 electoral boundaries map and the 1913 general election there has been a riding centered around today's Lesser Slave constituency boundaries. By collapsing this riding into the neighbouring ridings, communities of interest are divided in an attempt to awkwardly attach them to existing communities hundreds of kilometers away (s.14(b)). This proposal also eliminates any natural clarity that has existed for a century among northerners (s.14(e)). Counties and towns would be forced into political, social, and economic relationships that have no obvious transportation or corridor connections (s.14(e)).

A number of problematic and consequential examples result from the proposed map in the north. To name a few from an extensive list, drive times within the proposed constituencies reach over eight hours within a single constituency, weather permitting. Shadow population is acknowledged in the explanations of the draft as a detraction to effective representation, however, there seems to be little to no accounting for it in the actual map. Ultimately if these factors are not considered as outlined above, it will inevitably collapse another rural riding from the north and our northern voice in the legislature would be transferred to one more riding in South Edmonton or Calgary.

In addition, the commission is able to consider other factors according to s.14(f). Without consideration of these "other factors" as outlined in the Act and without consideration of relevant judicial interpretation of electoral law, our province would suffer. Long term, there would be an erosion of every riding outside Edmonton and Calgary. The size of rural

ridings would grow to an unmanageable degree, where constituents could not get access to effective representation and result in the aggregating of disparate communities. It would cause unnecessary disruption to community life and to their representation, as we have discussed in the case of Lesser Slave Lake.

We suggest that rather than eliminating a riding from the north, a riding like Lesser Slave can continue to exist similar to its current form, just as it has since 1909. However, just as over the past century the province has grown, so too will the ridings have to grow. The Commission notes on page 25 in the report the importance of maintaining the status quo. The Peace River riding is one of only two constituencies that has existed in shape and name in every election since the creation of our Province in 1905, and before that in the legislative body of the Northwest Territories. Keeping the lion's share of boundaries as close as possible to our current lines, while invoking the variances entitled in the Act, is our advice to the Commission.

To meet the minimum requirement of population, even with the variance afforded in the Act, the boundaries in ridings like Lesser Slave Lake could grow towards the south. The provision of s.15 in the Act is there to be used. As northern representatives we consider s.15 an important tool for the report authors to deliver a boundaries map that enables effective representation. Unfortunately, the commission has chosen not to utilize the legislative tools at its disposal. Only one constituency invokes s15.2, the newly created Mackenzie. This is in spite of the fact that almost every northern riding can meet three of the five criteria. All four of these variations under s.15.2 should be included in your next draft. However, even without the use of s15.2, the northern provincial deviation average is at ten percent when twenty five percent variation is afforded in legislation without any need for further justification. Without using the variations permitted, our northern ridings will always be disadvantaged with unconstitutional, ineffective representation.

It is our belief that there continues to be a path to preserve truly effective representation for our communities while balancing growth across our province. Along with our constituents, we look forward to engaging with the Commission before the next draft is produced in order to ensure our northern voice is heard and that the Commission considers our unique interests across the north.

Thank you for your tireless work for the province of Alberta.

Regards,



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Maintaining the Lacombe-Ponoka Riding | Feedback to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

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October 30, 2025

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Dear Chair and Members of the Commission:

Re: Concerns regarding the proposed new electoral division of Lacombe – Rocky Mountain House

I am writing as a concerned Albertan to provide feedback on the proposed electoral boundaries advanced in the 2025 Interim Report and to express my **strong** concerns about the proposed riding combining the Lacombe region and the Rocky Mountain House region. I strongly urge the Commission to reconsider this change for the following reasons:

1. Geographic Coherence

An electoral division that joins the Lacombe area with the Rocky Mountain House area covers two very distinct regions with **significantly** different community profiles, service-access patterns and economic bases. While the Commission's report emphasizes that "effective representation" is supported by boundaries that respect communities of interest as well as manageable geographies, I believe this proposed riding **fails** both criteria. For example, residents in the Lacombe region tend to be oriented toward the Red Deer / Central Alberta corridor, with commuting patterns, service-centres and economic relationships aligned accordingly. In contrast, the Rocky Mountain House region is far more rural, far more dispersed, and faces hugely different logistical challenges (for example, access to health care, transportation, and

support services) than the Lacombe/QE2 corridor. When a riding spans these very different zones, it will dilute representation for both. The Interim Report itself notes that geography, travel time, and size of electoral divisions matter for accessibility and effective engagement by constituents. While I recognize rural ridings inevitably cover large areas, combining two large and disparate zones increases that burden.

2. Impact on residents

Economic opportunity, employment-training, transit, childcare issues, and alike in the Lacombe-Ponoka area differ markedly from challenges in the Rocky Mountain House area (where lower population density, longer travel distances, and fewer service hubs are available). A single MLA covering this broad and diverse riding will struggle to engage meaningfully with both sets of needs. The report's discussion of representation underlines that a Member of the Legislative Assembly must be able to connect with constituents across the riding, but overly large or heterogeneous ridings will impede that connection.

3. Accessibility

The physical size and travel burden of a riding matter for constituents, especially those in more remote or disadvantaged situations. If the riding stretches across the Lacombe region and climbs into the Rocky Mountain House area, the distances and terrain covered may make it difficult for constituents to access their MLA's office, attend community meetings or feel they are being heard. The Interim Report highlights that in rural areas, "the condition of roads, terrain, extreme weather and distance from major service centres" are among the factors that can hamper effective representation. In this proposed riding, many road-users, especially those in smaller communities and remote locations, may face significant logistical obstacles, meaning their voices risk being under-represented.

4. Weaker representation for Rural Alberta

When a riding encompasses two dominant zones (Lacombe corridor and another region like Rocky Mountain House) plus the many small communities in between, there is a risk that smaller towns or unincorporated areas become marginalized. Their local concerns (e.g., workforce training for people re-entering employment, small-town childcare, transport access) may not receive sufficient focus if the riding is dominated by the larger centres or by the dominant needs of one zone. Given the Commission's principle of supporting "fair and effective representation" for all electors, saddling many small, diverse communities under a broad riding will reduce the capacity for local voices to be heard.

5. Desired Future

In light of the above, I suggest the Commission consider instead:

- Keeping the Lacombe region aligned with the Central Alberta corridor/QE2 communities (with similar commuting/service orientations) in a more compact riding, and
- Keeping the Rocky Mountain House region (and its neighbouring rural/mountain-foothill communities) in a distinct riding that reflects its geographies, service-centres and challenges.

Such a configuration would better align with the criteria of community-of-interest, manageable geography, and accessibility of representation.

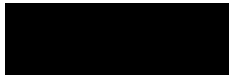
Conclusion

While I understand the difficult work of drawing electoral boundaries in a province with large rural areas and shifting populations and thank you for your work, I strongly believe that the proposed Lacombe - Rocky Mountain House riding would undermine several of the Commission's own guiding principles: effective representation, communities of interest, manageable geography and accessibility.

I respectfully request that you reconsider this boundary change recommendation and instead adopt a structure that gives smaller communities, and their specific representation needs a stronger voice, rather than combining two very different regions into a single riding.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important matter. I trust the Commission will give full weight to this submission and the voices of all concerned Albertans who may otherwise find themselves under-represented. I would welcome the opportunity to provide more detail or attend a public hearing in the future, if possible.

Sincerely,



Mary Dallas





Submission regarding 2025 Interim Report

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I live in the division of Calgary-Varsity and also have farmland near Pincher Creek in the division of Livingstone-Macleod. As such I have insights into both divisions.

I presented to the Commission in June in Calgary. I also sent a follow-up email to the Commission regarding Livingstone-Macleod. In large part the Commission has followed my suggestions for the alignment of the division to reduce the north-south extent and to align it east-west. However, I would like to have you consider whether a better alignment may be to include Cardston County and the Blood Reserve in Livingstone-Macleod and to move Lethbridge County to what you have named Cardston-Taber-Warner. In addition to being better aligned this would reduce the population of

Livingstone-Macleod from the stated 60,036 to likely about 58,700 which would be about 6.9% above the provincial average. The shift of Lethbridge County would increase the other division to be about 56,275 people and about 3.1% above the provincial average.

In my view Cardston County and area have more affinity for the division of Livingstone-Macleod. For example the proximity of Cardston to Waterton National Park and to Pincher Creek. Pincher Creek and Cardston are similar sized towns. Lethbridge County on the other hand has more proximity to Taber and Warner.

The other division I wanted to comment on is Calgary-Varsity. As shown Calgary-Varsity is larger than Calgary-Klein and Calgary-Mountain View and my suggestions are to reduce the size of Calgary-Varsity.

Calgary-Mountain View now has a western boundary at 28th street and Memorial Drive. I would suggest first of all 29th street is a more natural boundary. The

area of Calgary-Varsity I would shift to Calgary-Mountain View is the community of St. Andrews Heights which has a population of about 1,800. This area is bounded by 29th street, 16th avenue, and Crowchild Trail. This slightly increases the population of Calgary-Mountain View.

The western boundary of Calgary-Klein is shown as 18th street and 16th avenue whereas north of 24th avenue the western alignment is 19th street. The more natural alignment would be 19th street and 16th avenue. This would slightly increase the size of Calgary-Klein. If desirable the western boundary between 24th and 16th avenues could also be 20th street if the view was to further increase the size of Calgary-Klein.

I had asked in my presentation in Calgary if the area in square kms could be provided for each division and so provide effectively a measure of the physical size of proposed divisions and that they meet the legislated criteria as well as showing the population density per division. I did not see this in the interim

report. Inclusion of this information would provide improved insights into the various divisions.

Respectfully,

Kevin T. Van Koughnett





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Thoughts on electoral boundaries commission - northern resident

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Good afternoon,

I am a constituent in Grande Prairie and I am dismayed to see that the population growth of urban Alberta is being used on one hand to excuse the lack of Education funding, and at the same time is used in an attempt to reduce Northern (and rural) representation in Legislature.

I would like to emphasize some of the Rural Concerns:

"The amount of time a rural MLA must spend driving to and from such events is vastly greater than MLAs in Calgary or Edmonton. Rural MLAs have all of the Indian reserves and Metis Settlements within their jurisdiction. Representing these Albertans is an important constitutional duty that no urban MLA shares at this time. Industries such as agriculture and agri business in Southern Alberta, forestry, oil and agriculture in Northern Alberta, and natural gas in Western Alberta enable this to be the thriving province that it is. Ultimately these voices submitted that effective representation justified have a lower average population in rural Alberta than in urban Alberta"

As well as some of the Northern Concerns:


"In Peace River, Grande Prairie and Slave Lake, MLAs and their representatives and constituents all underscored the vastness of the territory encompassed by the northern electoral divisions and the difficulty in representing them. If anything, these Albertans feel they are lacking effective representation as is. There is a significant lack of surfaced roads in these areas, particularly in the east west direction. Rivers are often impassable causing electoral divisions to be lengthy from a north south perspective. Moreover... many of these areas have significant shadow populations."

As a rural constituent, I really hope that our rural MLAs speak out against reducing the electoral districts in northern and rural Alberta. There are even urban MLAs that spoke out against the redrawing of boundaries stating that the status quo works for them.

We need to encourage people to continue living in and supporting rural communities, not make them feel even more disenfranchised by a predominantly urban based government.

Beverly McCool (she/her)





I am grateful to live, work and play on the traditional lands of Treaty 8. I acknowledge the many diverse First Nations and Metis people whose ancestors have walked these lands since time immemorial.



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Message

I am not pleased about the proposed boundary changes for Alberta. Robbing rural communities because of population increases in large cities is not justified. Large population still have voting rights and representation. The rural communities need their voice and removing seats from them is removing their voice. This seems like a political move to disproportionately silence rural Alberta. I respectfully ask you to stop this change and leave the existing seats and boundaries alone.

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Interim Report Considerations

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What is your current electoral division?

53 - Camrose

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

- Projected growth
- Other concerns

Submission

Getting rid of a rural riding is unfair as population growth affects rural areas as well. If anything we should be adding more ridings to rural areas as they cover a large area for one person to effectively manage. Re working the current riding locations in favor of specific government parties is not fair to the hard working, tax paying voters who fund the province and country.

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What is your current electoral division?

77 - Peace River

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Northern EDs

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

Good day. I saw an article from CBC about a letter the northern MLAs sent criticizing your proposed northern ED boundaries. As someone who has lived in the north since 2008, married to someone born and raised here, I could not disagree more with these MLAs. Their argument is specious and so obviously about holding onto overrepresentation of their party's interests in the north. I appreciate the challenges of representing a geographically large riding. However, that is far less of a concern than it once was. With the technology we now have at our disposal, the ability to meet constituents in person is far less important than it once was. There is no reason that they couldn't adapt using technology like email or online meetings. And you know what? When you live in the north, you just get used to it. I love traveling. Sure, it is inconvenient that I have to drive six hours to get to the Edmonton airport to fly anywhere internationally, but it's just part of living here.

One of their key arguments is antithetical to a fundamental tenet of representative democracy. In their letter, they state, "Ten northern MLAs represent 40 per cent of the province's geography and likely an even higher share of our highways, well sites, forested land, and royalty revenues". This is the same sort of misguided notion that has convinced Albertans that we are underrepresented in federal elections. They somehow think that land or GDP per capita votes. Pump jacks do not have suffrage, people do. And there are simply fewer people in the north.

I categorized the new ridings as Edmonton, Calgary, Central, North, and South. Using the Saint-Lague method of proportional allocation, your proposed distribution is almost perfect. Edmonton and Calgary each get one less seat than they "deserve", with Central and North picking those up. I feel you have struck the right balance between ensuring the representation of rural Albertans, especially those in large geographic areas and Indigenous populations, while reflecting the shifting demographic realities of this province. Whether the northern MLAs like it or not, Alberta is becoming increasingly urban, and overweighting representation in some areas simply because they are geographically large or have a lot of natural resource extraction would be absurd.

I sincerely hope that you stick to your guns on this, because you got it right, notwithstanding the biased argument from the northern MLAs.

Thank you for your time.

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Feedback on interim recommendations

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Dear Commission Members,

I am writing in reference to the recent report highlighting the concerns raised by Northern MLAs regarding the size of northern ridings and the potential loss of representation in these areas. I appreciate the challenging work your commission undertakes in striving to ensure fair and equitable representation for all Albertans.

While understanding the complexities involved in redistricting, I believe it is vital to consider the current reality that rural Alberta, in some cases, enjoys a higher voting power per individual compared to urban centers. This discrepancy raises important questions about the balance and fairness of democratic representation.

A significant concern is exemplified by the riding of Mackenzie (Section 15(2), Lesser Slave Lake). According to your commission's findings, as shown on Map 72, the boundaries of Mackenzie result in a population of 39,072. This means that votes in this riding are effectively worth twice as much as those cast in downtown Edmonton, which I believe constitutes an injustice and undermines the principle of equal representation.

I hope these observations contribute constructively to your ongoing efforts to achieve a more equitable solution. Please let me know if further clarification or discussion would be helpful; I am happy to provide additional input or participate in further dialogue at your convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Micheal Guirguis



Interim Report Submission from Lisa Kawalauskas

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Effective representation

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Submission

Please choose ED24B. We have more similar needs as Diamond Valley.

Thank you!

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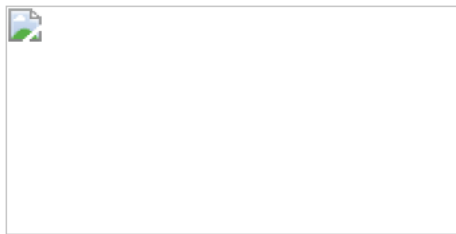


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What is your current electoral division?

29 - Edmonton-City Centre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

The names of Calgary-West-Elbow Valley, Edmonton-West-Enoch, and Calgary-Elbow

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Dear Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I have some suggestions for the proposed renaming of ridings in the Oct. 2025 EBC interim report. I am thinking about consistency and clarity in naming, primarily for the benefit of the public but also for Legislative Assembly staff and anyone else who has to say and write riding names on a regular basis.

EBC suggestions: Calgary-West-Elbow Valley and Edmonton-West-Enoch.
My suggestions: Calgary-Elbow Valley and Edmonton-Enoch.

Most riding names are either the names of several communities strung together (e.g. Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul) or the name of one community with an added elaboration: a direction, neighbourhood, landmark, or politician name (e.g. Edmonton-Manning).

The EBC suggestions of Calgary-West-Elbow Valley and Edmonton-West-Enoch use a community name, followed by an elaboration in the form of a direction, followed by another community name. This would make the suggested names outliers, as every other riding name containing more than one community name contains no added elaboration. (There are some riding names that contain one community name plus two elaborations. These are Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and the proposed Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview. In the case of Edmonton-West Henday, "West Henday" serves as one full elaboration rather than two elaborations.)

Additionally, when Calgary-West-Elbow Valley is said out loud, it's not clear whether the elaboration "West" is meant to modify Calgary or modify Elbow Valley. Is the riding meant to be Calgary West plus Elbow Valley, or Calgary plus West Elbow Valley? Similarly, when Edmonton-West-Enoch is said out loud, it's not clear whether the elaboration "West" is meant to modify Edmonton or modify Enoch. Is the riding meant to be Edmonton West plus Enoch, or Edmonton plus West Enoch?

Calgary-Elbow Valley and Edmonton-Enoch would follow the same convention as the new riding names Calgary-Okotoks and St. Albert-Sturgeon by containing two community names without an elaboration (i.e. direction, neighbourhood, landmark, or politician name).

EBC suggestion: Calgary-Elbow (same name as current riding).

My suggestion: Calgary-Altadore.

Finally, if Calgary-West were to be renamed with a reference to Elbow Valley, as described above, then I would suggest renaming Calgary-Elbow to Calgary-Altadore (the most populous neighbourhood in that riding, according to my research) or something else suitable to help differentiate ridings.

Summary:

Calgary-West-Elbow Valley should be named Calgary-Elbow Valley

Edmonton-West-Enoch should be named Edmonton-Enoch

Calgary-Elbow should be named Calgary-Altadore

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jim Zittlaw

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What is your current electoral division?

76 - Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

51 - Airdrie-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

Submission

Subject: Don't Let Airdrie-East Turn Irricana into a Calgary Suburb-Submission from a Resident Who Already Voted With My Feet

Look, I moved here away from Airdrie on purpose. Not because I'm anti-neighbor-because I didn't want sidewalks on every block, condo boards yelling at me for my truck, or traffic lights every two turns. I wanted gravel roads that crunch, bonfires without a permit officer showing up, and bylaws that let me burn stubble if I text the fire hall. Now you're sliding us into Airdrie-East, and yeah, that stings. Crossfield, beiseker an Irricana? Same dirt, same headaches with county planners, same fight to keep gravel roads from turning into parking lots. We click. But east Airdrie? It's creeping closer, bylaws forcing sidewalks where we got ditches, capping bonfires like we're in a backyard in suburbia. And sure, I heard whispers-Blandy this, merger that-like Airdrie, Cochrane, Chestermere, Okotoks are all just waiting to get swallowed by Calgary. That's nonsense. We're all separate towns. None of us are folding. But if you tie me to Airdrie-East, it feels like the first step-like I voted to get out, and now the map's dragging me right back in. Highway 9 proves it: that road's a death trap. Rollovers, head-ons-three fatalities just last year I can name. And what does Airdrie do? Nothing. Won't build a real hospital, won't push for lights or medevac pads. If we're stuck voting with them, good luck getting any MLA to care when a wreck happens ten minutes out my door. Irricana deserves reps who fight for our ambulances, our stretchers-not city council excuses about budget shortfalls. Don't kid yourself-this riding's shifting. We're rural. They're building townhomes, we're country homes with fireplaces.. We haul grain; they haul yoga mats. And politically? Yeah, I see it leaning-less conservative, more fix my curb cuts. My voice gets quieter every time another cul-de-sac pops up. So: keep us out. Carve a real rural strip-Irricana, beiseker, acme, Crossfield, maybe Linden-something that doesn't pretend we're just Airdrie's quiet cousin. Or at least pull the line west, keep the city smell from drifting over Highway 9. We're not asking to be ignored. Just don't make us pretend we're something we're not-especially when a crash on nine could be me next time, and no hospital in sight. Thanks for listening- Heather

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What is your current electoral division?

71 - Lethbridge-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

69 - Lethbridge-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

Lethbridge has long promoted itself as the agricultural heart of southern Alberta. With the new Agri-Food Hub drawing major industry events like the annual Ag Expo, it's clear the region's future depends on maintaining strong ties to its rural roots. To keep building Lethbridge's position as a true agricultural powerhouse in western Canada, we need MLA representation that reflects and strengthens that rural influence. Please reconsider your first plans by keeping just two fully urban seats for Lethbridge

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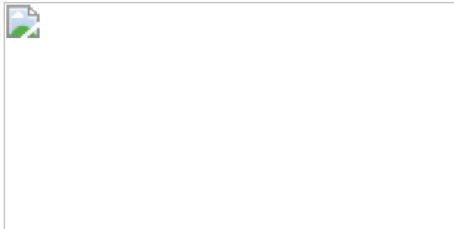
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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Leave the Northern Boundaries as they currently are. Find another way. We do not have enough voices heard in the North. Our highways alone prove that point. We need fair representation.

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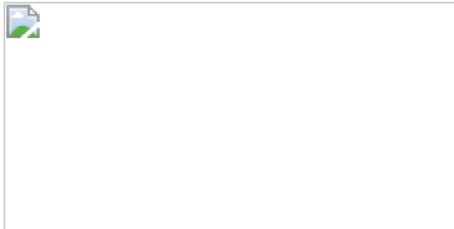
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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Northern Alberta concerns

Submission

There isn't a true representation of electoral boundaries where voices of the municipalities and the people can be heard. The priorities of these communities are too spread apart to have congruence and growth.

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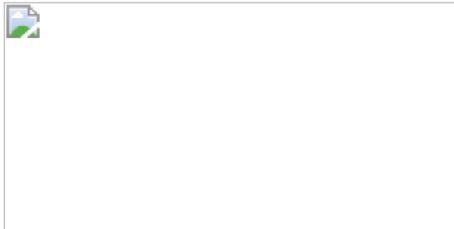
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What is your current electoral division?

41 - Edmonton-Rutherford

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

It seems like the UCP is trying to manipulate city electoral constituency's boundaries so as to favour themselves. They also seem to be getting rid of districts that have former members of their party currently sitting in it. It seems like the UCP is trying to redraw the districts so they maintain their power because the majority of their support doesn't come from within the city districts. So if they add a whole bunch of people from rural districts into city districts they can tip the voting percentages in their favour. Please do not allow this to happen. You are one of the last few pillars that stand between this current government and free democratic elections. Albertans are counting on you to maintain fair districts and not let the UCP gerrymander.

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What is your current electoral division?

71 - Lethbridge-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

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

Submission

As a concerned citizen of Lethbridge, I am writing to express a strong desire to maintain the existing electoral district structure for the City of Lethbridge. Lethbridge is a distinct urban community with a population exceeding 105,000, and the proposal to subdivide it into four districts incorporating substantial rural regions is deeply troubling. Such a change risks erasing the unique urban voice of Lethbridge residents and dilutes their representation within the Legislature.

Merging Lethbridge with outlying rural areas under multiple hybrid ridings undermines the democratic principle of fair and effective representation. Urban voters would be outnumbered by rural populations, effectively stifling the ability of Lethbridge's citizens to elect representatives who genuinely understand city priorities. As noted by community leaders and local MLAs, this proposal aligns with well-documented gerrymandering practices, appearing designed to minimize urban votes and maximize political advantage for one party.

Lethbridge deserves minimally two dedicated electoral districts to ensure its diverse and growing population has meaningful representation. Any attempt to undermine this arrangement is completely unacceptable in a democratic society. I urge the Commission to reject proposals that would split the city into rural-urban districts and instead uphold electoral boundaries that reflect and respect the integrity of urban Lethbridge.

Thank you for your attention and for upholding the principles of fair representation for all Albertans.

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

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Submission

I do not support changing of the electoral division to be Calgary-Okotoks. In no way shape or form do we have shared interested as the city. Rural yes, city NO

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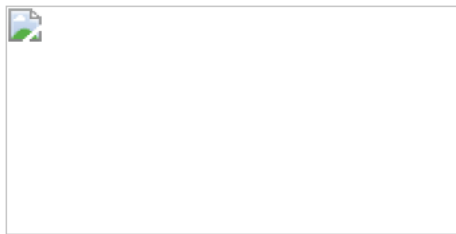


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What is your current electoral division?

03 - Calgary-Bow

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

04 - Calgary-Bow

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

Please see attached submission

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Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

I. Introduction

This submission is presented to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission as part of the public consultation process regarding the redrawing of electoral divisions. I wish to first express my sincere appreciation to the Commission for the diligent and extensive work conducted thus far in preparing the Interim Report. The comprehensive nature of your review and your commitment to the principles of effective representation and electoral fairness are duly noted and valued.

It is suggested that the Commission incorporate the community of Springbank (Rocky View County) and remove the community of Wildwood and create **Calgary-Bow-Springbank**.

The below analysis is based on a rigorous application of the statutory criteria that the Commission must explore, particularly those outlined in section 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, 2024* with the ultimate goal to achieve the paramount constitutional principle of effective representation (*Reference re Prov. Electoral Boundaries (Sask.)*, [1991]).

II. The Paramount Constitutional Principle: Effective Representation

The proposal for the Calgary-Bow-Springbank electoral district is not merely a matter of administrative convenience but a fulfillment of the constitutional imperative of effective representation, a principle anchored in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (the Charter), particularly Section 3 (Democratic Rights).

The integration of Springbank is not an arbitrary preference but a legal imperative based on an indivisible "community of interest" that is essential for political equality. The Supreme Court of Canada, in the *Reference Re Provincial Electoral Boundaries (Sask.)* (1991), explicitly recognized that non-numerical factors are legitimate grounds for departing from strict parity when those factors are necessary to achieve effective representation.

III. Arguments

The inclusion of Springbank is warranted based on a functional and holistic interpretation of the statutory criteria, as outlined in section 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, 2024*:

A. Sparsity, Density and Rate of Population Growth:

Regarding sparsity and density, Springbank has greater density than much of neighbouring agricultural areas that are extremely low density. By incorporating the relatively dense Springbank community into Calgary-Bow, the Commission avoids creating an unnecessarily large, low-density rural riding to the west. This avoids diluting the representation of genuinely

sparse agricultural regions, which legitimately require a lower population quota and a large geographic area to meet the accessibility standard.

Calgary-Bow and Springbank have similar rates of population growth which underscores a shared demographic pressure that makes the boundary adjustment a sound long-term solution. As a desirable west-side urban riding, Calgary-Bow communities continue to see population growth through infill and redevelopment. This puts continuous pressure on the riding's population to exceed the provincial average, necessitating frequent boundary adjustments. Springbank is experiencing a significant rate of growth as an adjacent residential community to Calgary. Rocky View County saw a 4.1% growth rate between 2016 and 2021. .

By including a rapidly growing, low-density neighborhood like Springbank, the redistribution process is better positioned to slow the rate at which Calgary-Bow becomes overpopulated relative to the target average. It shifts the burden of managing growth to the geographically adjacent urban-rural transition zone

B. Communities of Interest

Section 14(b) of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, 2024* provides direction to the Commission to consider communities of interest when drawing boundaries. This principle dictates that electoral boundaries should group citizens who share common social, economic, or geographic ties. Springbank and the western-most communities of Calgary-Bow (such as Crestmont, Valley Ridge, West Spring and Cougar Ridge) share these ties, making their integration logical and necessary for effective representation. The following points outline how Springbank and Calgary-Bow are communities of interest.

1. Unified Geographic Corridor

Springbank, located immediately west of the City of Calgary's boundary, is intrinsically linked to the city's western edge, which forms a significant part of the Calgary-Bow riding. The communities of West Springs, Cougar Ridge, Crestmont, Valley Ridge and others in Calgary-Bow sit immediately adjacent to the Springbank area. There is no natural barrier, such as a large river, mountain range, or vast protected area that separates the residential developments. In many cases, the only thing marking the boundary is a street sign or a change in municipal maintenance standards.

2. Unified Economic Corridor

The vast majority of Springbank residents commute into Calgary for work, shopping, and essential services. This creates a daily economic and transportation flow that mirrors the life of a resident in a deep Calgary suburb like West Springs. Their reliance is on the same major corridors, Stoney Trail, Highway 8, and Sarcee Trail, making their transportation interests identical. Springbank has no commercial services, and therefore its residents' commercial behaviour is focused entirely on the commercial nodes within Calgary-Bow. Springbank residents rely on the large commercial centres immediately across the municipal boundary for their grocery, retail, dining, and professional services (dentists, doctors). In fact, they rely on Calgary-Bow for all their amenities and professional services.

The Calgary Farmers' Market opened its second location within Calgary-Bow in the Summer of 2022. It is a 54,000-square-foot market featuring over 60 local vendors selling produce, food, and handmade goods and is a major shopping venue for residents of Calgary-Bow and Springbank alike.

The Medicine Hill development in Calgary-Bow will also add 1,000,000 sq ft of non-residential space, including retail, commercial and office space. The development of West District, in the community of West Springs will add shops, grocery stores, medical offices, restaurants, professional offices, bars and more. It is currently under construction and once completed will add 500,000 sq ft of retail space that will be used by Springbank residents, in addition to residents of Calgary-Bow.

For the vast majority of Springbank residents, the restaurants they go to, grocery stores they shop at and medical services they attend are all located in Calgary-Bow which are less than 10km vs the next major commercial hub in Cochrane which is 30km away and involves travel on major highways. This unified economic corridor will only be strengthened in the years to come, as the developments outlined above are completed and future projects come online.

3. Shared Low-Density, Estate Lifestyle

Unlike the dense, mature communities found further east in Calgary-Bow (like Wildwood or Montgomery), the western edge of the riding and the Springbank area are characterized by low-density, country-residential, and estate-style development. Residents in both areas prioritize large lots, quiet surroundings, and open space. This lifestyle translates into shared political and planning interests. Both groups face issues related to regional sprawl management, infrastructure financing (e.g., maintaining roads built for low traffic volume), and preserving rural character against encroaching development. They share an interest in effective regional planning between the City of Calgary and Rocky View County, which their single representative would be uniquely positioned to advocate for.

4. Integration into a “West-Side” Identity

Residents of Springbank often identify as being part of the "West Calgary" area for practical and social purposes. Their children may attend private schools located within the Calgary-Bow boundary, and they share access to large western retail hubs.

A representative for a combined Springbank/Calgary-Bow riding would serve a geographically logical, integrated constituency defined by its western orientation and low-density residential interests. This ensures that their specific issues are not diluted by being grouped with vast, purely rural areas, or with high-density urban centres with fundamentally different needs.

5. Socio-Economic Homogeneity

The region shares a distinct, high-income, country-residential/estate-style demographic. The primary shared political concerns—maintaining low-density character, high quality of life, and managing the pressures of urban sprawl—are identical across the administrative boundary. This shared identity and set of unique political concerns outweigh the formal municipal separation, establishing a compelling functional community of interest (*de facto over de jure*).

Springbank is entirely institutionally reliant on Calgary-Bow. The daily movements of residents for specialized services, such as private education, major commercial amenities and medical services demonstrate a clear and undeniable exclusive economic and social nexus. An MLA for Calgary-Bow must represent this entire functional catchment area to effectively advocate for shared infrastructure, traffic management, and utility planning.

Springbank residents are generally high-net-worth individuals, professionals, or business owners, choosing the area for its country-residential estate lifestyle. Similarly, the western communities in Calgary-Bow (West Springs) are predominantly estate and luxury residential areas that also boast significantly high average household incomes compared to the Calgary city average. Neither area has a large proportion of residents engaged in manufacturing, agriculture, or heavy industrial employment. Instead, the labour force is dominated by professional, scientific, and technical services, as well as management occupations, with residents commuting into downtown Calgary or the city's commercial hubs.

Residents in both areas typically have a very high proportion of post-secondary and advanced degrees. This reflects their primary employment in high-value, knowledge-based sectors. The political concerns of these residents often revolve around fiscal policy, property values, regional infrastructure funding, and high-quality local amenities. These shared socio-economic interests make the residents of Springbank and Calgary-Bow a cohesive political bloc whose needs would be best addressed by a single representative.

6. Sports and Extracurricular Activities.

Many youth sports teams and organizations link Springbank and Calgary-Bow together, cutting over the municipal boundaries. The Springbank Minor Hockey Association's (SMHA) boundaries include Springbank and also communities in Calgary-Bow, including Cougar Ridge and West Springs. Together, they are part of Hockey Calgary. Further, the Springbank Bantam Phoenix Football club is open to young athletes in grade 7 - 9 and as the league does not have boundaries, many of its players are residents of Calgary-Bow, particularly residents of West Spring, Cougar Ridge, Crestmont and Valley Ridge. The Calgary West Little League's (Baseball) boundaries again include Springbank and most of Calgary-Bow in its boundaries. Many families in Springbank and Calgary-Bow play alongside each other in this league. The Springbank Minor Soccer Club again includes and welcomes families from Calgary-Bow. Calgary West Basketball

again includes Springbank in its boundaries. This extensive overlap of sports communities in the region is a clear demonstration of the interconnectedness of Calgary-Bow and Springbank.

I. Transportation

Section 14(d) of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, 2024* provides direction to the Commission to consider the, “availability and means of communication and transportation...”

Many of the residents of Springbank utilize transportation networks that are exclusively within Calgary-Bow. Highway 1 and Springbank Road / Old Banff Coach Road serve as the primary conduits into the city for the residents of Springbank.

The transportation characteristics of residents is dramatically different between Calgary-Bow and Wildwood. As an inner-city community, Wildwood is more walkable, has greater bus access and LRT access via the Westbrook Station that many residents of Wildwood utilize. Whereas the majority of residents in the rest of Calgary-Bow are genuinely suburban with very little LRT access and very little reliance on public transportation. Rather, most residents of Calgary-Bow and those in Springbank commute via single occupancy vehicles.

The creation of Calgary-Bow-Springbank ensures the Calgary-Bow-Springbank MLA focuses on regional, high-speed perimeter transportation issues, rather than the separate policy domain of inner-city transit and planning, giving residents stronger representation in the Alberta Legislature. Because of this reliance, both communities share an interest in efficient road maintenance, timely infrastructure upgrades (e.g., interchanges, lane additions), and traffic mitigation. Their representative's legislative focus on transportation issues would be identical, whether advocating to the City of Calgary or Rocky View County.

J. Clear Boundaries

Section 14(e) of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, 2024* provides direction to the Commission to consider the, “desirability of understandable and clear boundaries.”

Sarcee Trail serves as a clear and understandable eastern boundary of the constituency. The proposed eastern boundary in the Commission’s Interim Report is not clear or understandable. Currently the eastern boundary progresses north up 38 ST SW. There is no strong rationale as to why 38 ST SW is a clear boundary and not 37 ST SW or 40 ST SW. As the boundary divides 38 ST SW, neighbours on one side of the street are in Calgary-Bow and those on the other side of the street are not. The eastern boundary continues north along 38 ST SW until it meets Spruce Drive where it then turns east for one block, returning north again on 37 ST SW, again putting neighbours on different sides of the street in different constituencies. This is not a clear and understandable boundary. It is suggested that Sarcee Trail is a clearer eastern boundary and easily identifiable and should be utilized until Highway 1, where it should deviate east to connect with the Bow River, another clear and identifiable boundary, or continue west along the Transcanada.

Sarcee Trail, a major north-south arterial corridor, acts as a clear functional separation between the inner-city, older residential grid to the east and the massive, newer planned suburbs and annexed lands to the west. Defining Calgary-Bow-Springbank as the area west of Sarcee Trail creates a homogeneous and understandable constituency, uniting the post-1970s development with the annexed country-residential area, while allowing Wildwood to be grouped logically with other communities that share a similar pre-1970s urban fabric.

Utilizing the Bow River and the major arterial Sarcee Trail as eastern limits creates boundaries that are geographically intuitive and structurally stable, which is superior to arbitrary, non-functional municipal lines.

K. Consistent Logic

The Commission has already recognized the need to develop ridings in Calgary that surpass municipal boundaries to bring communities of interest together. A prime example of this is in the proposed neighbouring riding of Calgary-West-Elbow Valley. The level of integration between the residents of Elbow Valley and Calgary-West was astutely recognized by the Commission and the same logic must be applied to the integration of Springbank into Calgary-Bow. The Interim Report recognized that Elbow Valley was “more connected in many ways to Calgary than to the major urban centres in other areas”. The Commission highlighted “that the rural portions of the electoral division are predominantly acreages in the Elbow Valley neighbourhood that, in terms of service centres, are linked to Calgary much more than to Canmore or Cochrane in neighbouring electoral divisions. Second, adding these rural portions brings Calgary-West-Elbow Valley’s population closer to the provincial average. Third, this is an introduction to the concept of hybrid electoral divisions, which is certainly the way of the future.”

Another example rests with proposed boundaries of Calgary-Cross. This Commission recommended Conrich be included into Calgary-Cross as, *“This community of Conrich is more connected in terms of many services with Calgary than either Chestermere or Airdrie.”*

These conclusions are sound and the Commission should apply consistent logic to Springbank and Calgary-Bow. Springbank is more connected to Calgary than Cochrane.

L. Population

The population for Calgary-Bow in the Commission’s Interim Report is set at 54,981. The community of Wildwood represents approximately 3,500 residents and the community of Springbank represents approximately 4,000 residents making the removal of Wildwood and the inclusion of Springbank a viable option bringing the population to 55,981 or +1.9% from the desired average. This level of variance is acceptable and consistent with variances found in other Calgary constituencies.

Regardless of population numbers and variance, the paramount consideration must be effective representation, provided by grouping communities of interest.

IV. Final Recommendation

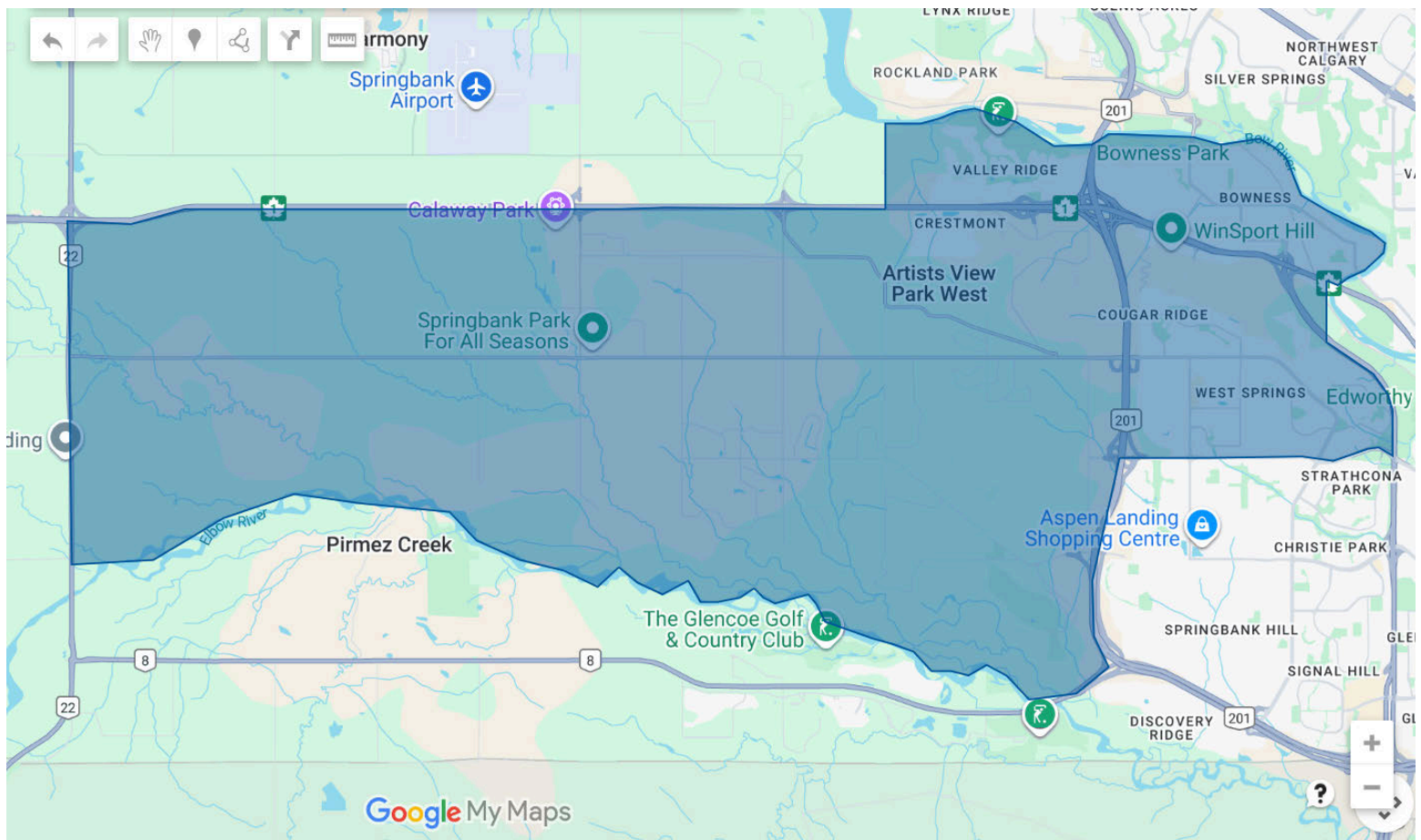
This Commission is respectfully urged to adopt a boundary for the Calgary-Bow electoral division that is consistent with the Commission's own logic, findings and recommendations for Calgary-West-Elbow Valley and Calgary-Cross, whereby it recognized that communities immediately adjacent to the city limits are interconnected and best served to be represented by a single MLA.

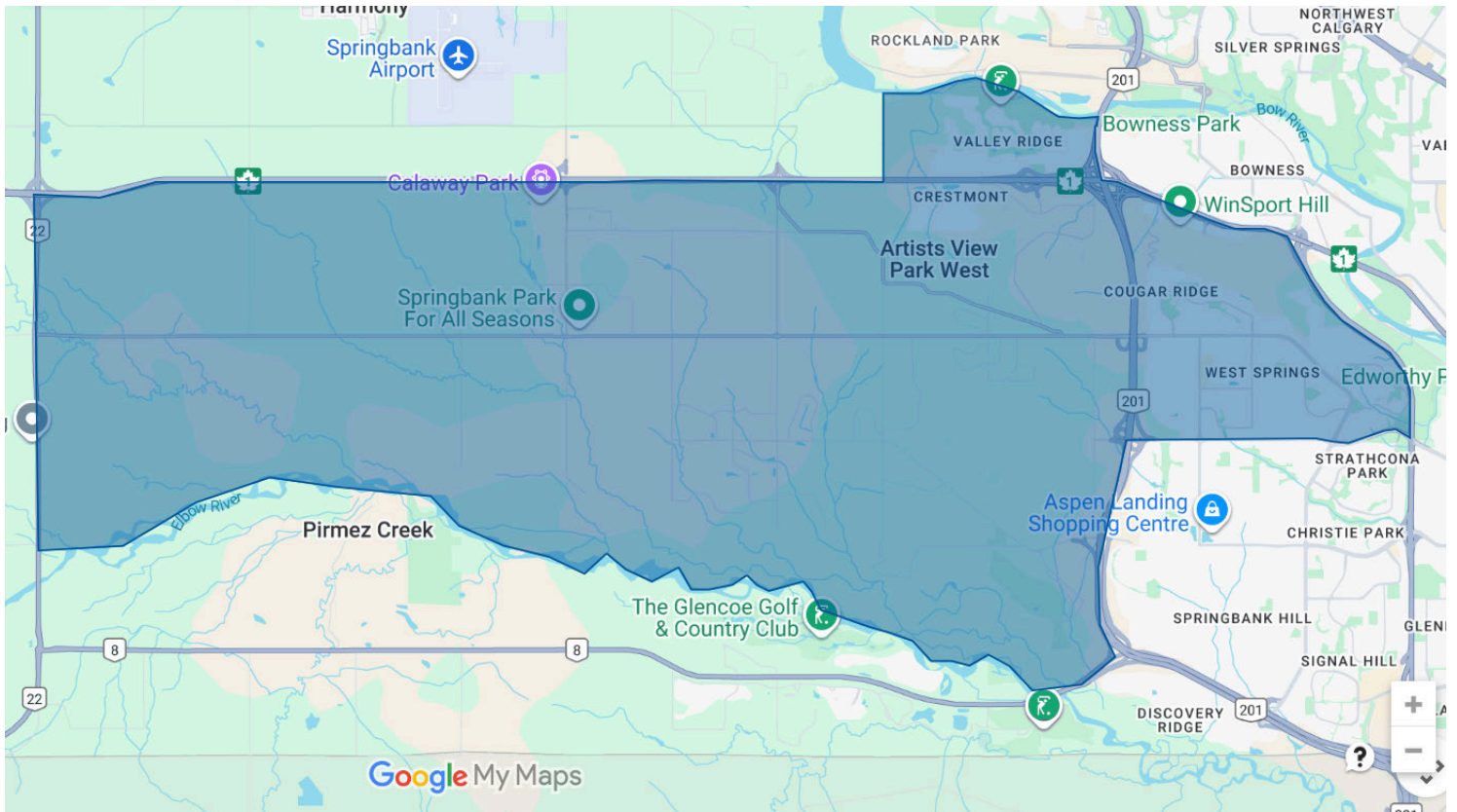
The boundary should be defined by the Bow River and Highway 1(North), Highway 22 (West), the Sarcee Trail/major arterial road corridor (East), and the Elbow River (South). These boundaries will mirror the proposed boundaries of Calgary-West-Elbow Valley. (See Appendix I)

APPENDIX 1

PROPOSED MAP FOR CALGARY-BOW-SPRINGBANK

OPTION A



OPTION B



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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Okotoks-Diamond Valley and Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

The proposal to change okotoks from being Highwood riding to either of these two new ridings creates its own challenges which I truly do not believe is necessary and feels like the government is changing things that have no business being changed just for the sake of doing so.

However, if this government is insistent on changing things then this rising composed of Okotoks should become Okotoks-Diamond Valley as both of these communities share the same concerns that a small town would have, with similar demographics for the population and would have a fair representation. By combining Okotoks with a Calgary riding you would be losing representation of small town populations by adding to the representation of urban centers which already have a large representation in the electoral system. City populations have different problems and concerns than those who reside in small towns and rural environments.

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

89 - Wetaskiwin-Maskwacis-Ponoka

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Other concerns

Submission

Hello, I disapprove of adding the area west of Pigeon Lake, especially west of hiway 20 to the Ponoka Maskwacis area. Specifically the communities around the lake, with the exception of Mameo would be better joined into the Leduc, Drayton Valley or Rimbey riding.

This area has a drastically different demographic and needs from a representative, culturally and socio economically the two couldn't be more different.

The geographic area is hilly and trees not flat farm land. The industry is very different as well and needs better protections.

The larger populations of Ponoka, Wetaskiwin and Masckwacise all having very different needs would always silence out the needs of this rural area.

The land use, demographic and industry of this area is more aligned with Leduc, Drayton Valley or Rimbey riding and will be better represented by these communities.

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What is your current electoral division?

74 - Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

89 - Wetaskiwin-Maskwacis-Ponoka

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

- Other concerns

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Submission

Why do we continue to gerrymander our electoral constituencies to ensure that the Conservative governments get the most support?

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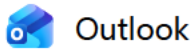
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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Okotoks is growing too fast to make Option A viable. If it REALLY needs to be changed then go for option B, Okotoks-Diamond Valley. Two smaller communities together, rather the smaller community of Okotoks being overshadowed and forgotten by the larger city community of Calgary south. As an aside, this seems to me to be nothing more than an American style of gerrymandering by Daniel Smith. Take Okotoks which is traditionally Conservative, and use that strength to nullify/dilute urban Calgary, which rarely votes for her idiocy.

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What is your current electoral division?

44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

79 - Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

I don't agree with the Sherwood park riding touching so much of Edmonton. We have not annexed them. They are a separate community. The riding shouldn't be within the bounds of the henday.

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24B - Okotoks-Diamond Valley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I read this and definitely don't think we should be part of the city, rural has different needs than city!

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What is your current electoral division?

71 - Lethbridge-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

69 - Lethbridge-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Commission Members,

As a concerned resident and stakeholder, I am writing to urge the Commission to maintain the current electoral district framework for the City of Lethbridge. Our city is a clearly defined urban centre of over 105,000 people, and the proposal to divide it into four districts that incorporate significant rural territories is deeply worrisome. This change would effectively silence Lethbridge's urban perspective and weaken its voice within the provincial Legislature.

Blending Lethbridge with outlying rural communities across several mixed districts would compromise the democratic standard of fair and effective representation. Urban voters would find their influence diminished as rural populations outnumber them, preventing Lethbridge citizens from choosing representatives who truly understand and prioritize urban needs. Many community leaders and local MLAs have pointed out that this plan reflects tactics commonly associated with gerrymandering—reducing the impact of urban votes while increasing partisan advantage for one political faction.

Lethbridge warrants at least two dedicated electoral districts to reflect its size, diversity, and continued growth. Any effort to dismantle this representation is unacceptable in a democracy. I respectfully call on the Commission to reject any proposal that divides Lethbridge into rural-urban ridings and instead uphold boundaries that honor the integrity and identity of the city.

Thank you for your consideration and for your dedication to ensuring fair and equal representation for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

Cayley King

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I'm writing to express my sincere displeasure with the proposal to remove Lesser Slave Lake as its own riding. We do not suffer the same issues as Athabasca and Westlock. We are much further away from urban centers as they are providing us with unique issues that require unique representation. We also serve many small Northern Indigenous communities, who would lose this voice should this happen.

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Northern Alberta concerns

Submission

Our riding is unique. It encompasses vast geography, remote communities, significant Indigenous presence and resource based economies. Under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act the Commission is required not only to ensure that “the population of a proposed electoral division must, as close as reasonably possible, correspond to the electoral quota for the province” (Section 15 (1)(a)), but also to consider “the community of interest or community of identity in, or the historical pattern of, an electoral district” and “a manageable geographic size for districts in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions of the province” (Section 15 (1)(b)). Further, the Act permits deviation from strict parity when “necessary or desirable” to respect those criteria.

In our case, to dissolve or absorb Lesser Slave Lake into another district would flout the very protections the Act was designed to uphold. The sparse population density, the distances between communities, the distinct Indigenous cultures, and the economic challenges of a region that is neither suburban nor urban mean traditional formulas of representation do not suffice.

Combining us with other ridings would dilute our voice, reduce our access to our MLA, and jeopardize the meaningful advocacy required to meet our local reality. Representation is not simply about headcounts; it is about effective access and coherence of identity, interests, and geography.

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What is your current electoral division?

03 - Calgary-Bow

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

04 - Calgary-Bow

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

To the Commissioners,

I'm writing as a long-time resident of Cougar Ridge—19 years now—to talk about how interconnected the Calgary-Bow area and Springbank really are, especially when it comes to our kids and daily life.

These aren't separate places; they're essentially one big community with overlapping interests. My own children went to the CFIS school right here in Cougar Ridge, and they made friends with kids from Springbank who also attended CFIS. It's been happening for years. I also know friends who lived in the Cougar Ridge area whose children attended the Springbank schools and were involved in sports out there. On the flip side, I have friends who live in Springbank, and they do a lot of their grocery shopping and restaurant dining right here in the Calgary-Bow area. We all drive the same roads to get around.

Beyond the kids and the shopping, the residents of Calgary-Bow and Springbank tend to have very similar socio-economic backgrounds. A lot of us are professionals who work in downtown Calgary. This means we often share the same concerns and policy issues.

When you look at it simply, the residents of Calgary-Bow and Springbank drive on the same roads, shop at the same shops, and have children who attend the same schools.

Because of this constant, real-life overlap, it just makes common sense for us to be in the same riding and represented by a single MLA. Our daily lives are already connected, so our political representation should be, too.

Thank you for considering our community's perspective.

Gary Walker

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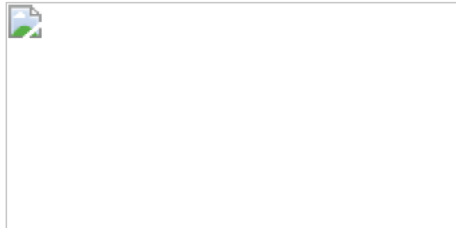
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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Against changes made to the Lesser Slave Lake electoral boundaries.

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What is your current electoral division?

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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

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What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

We deserve to be represented just as much as the urban citizens do.

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What is your current electoral division?

03 - Calgary-Bow

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Other concerns

Submission

I'm concerned the UCP will start gerrymandering to secure their leadership.

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Naming of electoral boundaries

- Other concerns

Submission

I'm concerned about Slave Lake being removed from its current riding and merged with Athabasca and Westlock. Slave Lake has unique regional needs and priorities that risk being overlooked in a larger, more dispersed riding. It's important that our community retains strong, direct representation that reflects our local interests.

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

All the above concerns

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What is your current electoral division?

21 - Calgary-North West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

It is not a fair submission of electoral boundaries with over representation by rural voters that would definitely drown out urban voters. The issues are different in a rural riding versus an urban riding and the gerrymandering (I'm old enough to remember several instances) is blatant in this case. If the provincial government want to win, then let them do so fairly without such blatant methods.

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What is your current electoral division?

71 - Lethbridge-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

69 - Lethbridge-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

Dear Commission Members,

As a concerned resident and stakeholder, I am writing to urge the Commission to maintain the current electoral district framework for the City of Lethbridge. Our city is a clearly defined urban centre of over 105,000 people, and the proposal to divide it into four districts that incorporate significant rural territories is deeply worrisome. This change would effectively silence Lethbridge's urban perspective and weaken its voice within the provincial Legislature.

Blending Lethbridge with outlying rural communities across several mixed districts would compromise the democratic standard of fair and effective representation. Urban voters would find their influence diminished as rural populations outnumber them, preventing Lethbridge citizens from choosing representatives who truly understand and prioritize urban needs. Many community leaders and local MLAs have pointed out that this plan reflects tactics commonly associated with gerrymandering—reducing the impact of urban votes while increasing partisan advantage for one political faction.

Lethbridge warrants at least two dedicated electoral districts to reflect its size, diversity, and continued growth. Any effort to dismantle this representation is unacceptable in a democracy. I respectfully call on the Commission to reject any proposal that divides Lethbridge into rural-urban ridings and instead uphold boundaries that honor the integrity and identity of the city.

Thank you for your consideration and for your dedication to ensuring fair and equal representation for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

Rod Dueck

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Interim Report Submission from Carrie Wall

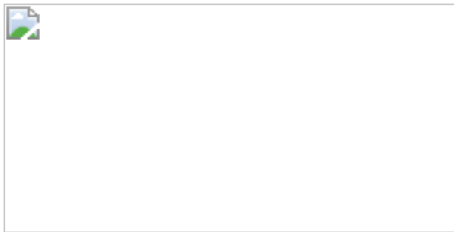
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What is your current electoral division?

03 - Calgary-Bow

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

04 - Calgary-Bow

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

To: Submission to Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

From: Carrie Wall (private citizen, Calgary-Bow)

Date: November 10, 2025

Introduction

As a resident of Calgary Bow for almost 30 years (Patterson and Bowness), I thought I would provide my views as it relates to the Interim Report on Electoral Boundaries. As a professional CPA, volunteer, past parent school council chair, Mom and community member, I would be grateful if you would consider my views regarding Calgary-Bow boundaries. I appreciate that the Commission's work involved in completing this exercise would be enormous, and thank the Commission for ensuring we have appropriate Constituency boundaries that work toward effective representation.

Interim proposal for Calgary Bow and suggestion to consider a revision

In reviewing the interim proposal for Calgary Bow, I see that it essentially stays the same with the exception of the removal of Montgomery, which folds into Calgary Varsity. I would agree that it makes logical sense for this change from a geographic (divided from the rest of the constituency) and community sense (Montgomery is an inner city community, much different than the rest of Calgary Bow).

My perspective would be that Wildwood, like Montgomery, is considerably more inner city and is starkly divided from the rest of Calgary Bow by Sarcee Trail. High School boundaries are now cut at Sarcee Trail, and community overlap into Wildwood that may have existed in the past is considerably less now than even 5 years ago.

Wildwood has much more pressure for blanket rezoning builds as it has many bungalows built in the 1950's. The concerns and needs of Wildwood would vary considerably from those on the hill (west side of Sarcee), which were built in the 1990's and beyond. Wildwood is very near LRT. The rest of Calgary Bow is not. The lots, houses, communities and schools differ. It would seem alignment would be better suited having Wildwood join another inner city constituency. Simply, Sarcee Trail is a major divider and should be considered in the final Electoral conclusion.

With the removal of Wildwood, should the Commission need to 'add' to Calgary Bow, I would suggest moving further west into Springbank, where alignment of

activities/concerns is stronger. The interaction between Springbank community members and Calgary Bow members is significant including sports, schools, shopping, etc. Springbank has many professionals, as does the balance of Calgary Bow. Kids move back and forth playing on the same sports teams. Springbank residents come into Calgary Bow for school (eg is Calgary French and International School, or Waldorf School). There is a common community thread on the west side of the city that does not translate over Sarcee Trail in the same way.

Further, should Springbank be considered, its addition as a 'hybrid' constituency makes sense as the acreage and larger lot communities, together with the types of homes being built are consistent with homes that exist in adjacent communities of Cougar Ridge, Crestmont and Valley Ridge.

Conclusion

In my view, it makes more sense to have the community of Wildwood included in another constituency that better suits it as an inner city community. Removing Montgomery without Wildwood does not seem logical.

Further, extending Calgary Bow into Springbank makes sense through similar geography, housing, professional mindset, and the cross over of activities for schooling, sports teams, shopping, etc.

With thanks for allowing me the opportunity to submit my views and look forward to the final report.

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What is your current electoral division?

39 - Edmonton-North West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

I have had the privilege of working in Slave Lake and getting to know the population of Lesser Slave Lake. This is a unique area with a strong work force, a large Indigenous population, and a strong Northern Alberta pride. Reducing the number of represented elected officials and removing one electoral boundary is going to be detrimental to this area. They are already effectively forgotten about except for when their elected officials get a chance to speak on their behalf. It is an insult to the people that live there, including the Indigenous population, to consider allowing their riding to be absorbed by other ridings. Until someone from the commission actually goes up there and meets these people and works with them and sees the beautiful area, you have no business making decisions regarding their elective representation. It's clear that no one who's actually been there is making these suggestions.

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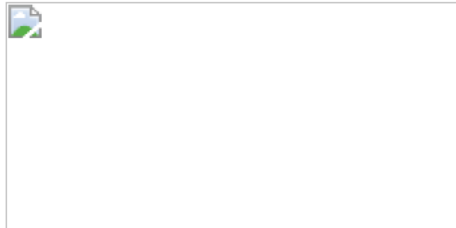


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What is your current electoral division?

37 - Edmonton-Meadows

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

40 - Edmonton-Meadows

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

Good day,

I am writing today regarding the proposed Edmonton-Meadows riding. I currently reside in the community of Laurel near the southwestern edge of this riding and am concerned with the boundary proposed along 15 Ave NW and 16A Ave NW as it separates the community into two ridings. This boundary is not along any major road and does not seem to make any logical sense why it was chosen. I believe that the community of Laurel as a whole would be better served by one member in parliament.

I would encourage that the commission consider moving the boundary further south to the Anthony Henday to allow for the entire community of Laurel to be located within Edmonton-Meadows. This change would result in the riding of Edmonton-South East losing a small portion of the voting base; however, given rapid construction and development within this area, I would estimate that the population in Edmonton-South East would be at or above the provincial average within very short order.

Kind regards,

Hayden Kalke

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Concerns

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To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Review panel,

I would like to voice my extreme concern with the reduction of an MLA for Northern Alberta. I do not agree that the riding of Lesser Slave Lake should be split in the manner proposed. There has not been consideration of people patterns as to shopping and interactions, in my opinion. With the huge amount of revenue that the province gets from northern Alberta I think that it should be considered regarding representation. I also have a grave concern that the rural aspect is being lost with our voice being muted. The people who live and work in northern Alberta are the back bone of the province, I believe you do have the option of using + or - 25% in your deliberations. Please reconsider your proposal and leave Lesser Slave Lake riding at this time.

Sincerely

Joyce Dvornek constituent of Lesser Slave Lake



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What is your current electoral division?

85 - Taber-Warner

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

71 - Livingstone-Macleod

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I am writing on behalf of the County Council for Lethbridge County. We feel that the proposed changes to our ridings (previously Cardston-Sitsika and Taber-Warner) negatively impact the residents of Lethbridge County. We are an agricultural municipality, and the challenges our producers face align with those in the MD of Taber, The County of 40 Mile, and the County of Warner, not Willow Creek and westward. Bluntly put, the riding stretches west and north, when it should stretch east. We are disappointed to see that we will only have 1 MLA representing Lethbridge County, the loss of representation is both unfortunate and avoidable. Southern Alberta's success is tied to the City of Lethbridge, it feels as though an opportunity was wasted when not expanding the City's representation past its borders into the County. Hybrid electoral divisions could serve to breakdown many of the rural/urban divisions we find ourselves battling, we wish the Commission would reconsider its approach and take the path that may be harder, but provided greater opportunity. MLAs have limited time in their ridings, by creating these geographically expansive ridings, we negatively impact effective representation, we spread our MLAs too thin. To have Lethbridge County, the heart of agricultural production in Southern Alberta, the most economically productive agricultural municipality, the home to the Country's largest irrigation network, and the home of the most animals on feed in the Country, as a footnote in "Livingstone-Macleod", is a travesty, this is Lethbridge County's riding, and to have it completely omitted from naming, is disappointing to say the least. On behalf of Council, thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Reeve, Tory Campbell
Lethbridge County

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What is your current electoral division?

60 - Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

60 - Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Effective representation

Submission

Let people living in northern communities like Ft. McMurray, Lac La Biche, Plamondon, Janvier, Ft. Chip voices be heard! It is only fair and just! We rural folks should definitely count too! It seems that only folks from the big cities count in Alberta. The commissioner wants to even give them more voice, and give rural folks less. Shameful!

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Message

ED26 Calgary proposal.

Hi there, why in the world would you ever split Lake Chaparral and Chaparral valley.

Lake Chaparral naturally belongs in Calgary Shaw zone.

There is no logic in the proposed move.

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24B - Okotoks-Diamond Valley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

We can see that you have been made aware of the concerns about Hybrid divisions and we would like to state that we share those major concerns as Rural Albertans. A rural way of thinking is often vastly different than an urban one - which is acknowledged in the report. Okotoks itself is already a city and to include some of Calgary would further silence those of us in the rural areas. Adding Diamond Valley would keep that balance more in check. We have a small business in the Foothills and deliver our products to people all over the county. The difference in our customers is quite noticeable and we think that's important. If one way of thinking overpowers the others we lose out on that diversity. Please link Okotoks and Diamond Valley NOT Okotoks and Calgary.

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What is your current electoral division?

48 - Airdrie-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

- Projected growth

Submission

Thank you for your efforts. I think the initial proposals are thoughtful and fair.

As someone who grew up in a rural area, I recognize the concerns of sparsely-populated areas, but I also believe we must aim for fair representation of the population and I think the proposal is a balanced approach.

As someone living in Airdrie East, I don't feel the current boundaries are fair or helpful to the majority of residents, so I welcome the proposals.

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What is your current electoral division?

48 - Airdrie-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

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Submission

I agree with the proposals - especially regarding adding in urban areas. I also agree with the attempt to address significant growth in Airdrie. We need a representative voice in provincial discussions. Thank you.

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What is your current electoral division?

75 - Morinville-St. Albert

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

83 - St. Albert-Sturgeon

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

I take issue with the results of your report. Page 74 of the 2025-26 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundries, and Names for Alberta states in part "In sum, this electoral division (St. Albert-Sturgeon) reflects the interests of a small city and connected portions of the adjacent Sturgeon County"

This is not at all true - In 2023 provincial election the St. Albert residents of the Morinville-St.Albert riding voted 6765 to 5192 in favour of the NDP candidate Karen Shaw over the UCP candidate Dale Nally. Dale Nally lost at every polling station in St. Albert including Special Ballots. It was only because of the overwhelming large rural component of this riding that he won the election. There is a very definitive urban vs. rural split in this riding. I would submit that the needs and interests of the St. Albert portion of this riding are not at all being met, and how could they. The needs of St. Albert residents in an urban environment are in no way the same as those in a rural environment who own and work for themselves at ranches and farms.

It would seem that the only factor you are taking into consideration when developing riding boundries is to balance the population of the St. Albert riding (53,130) with that of Morinville St. Albert (53,396).

Your comments about the St. Albert riding state the following: "In sum, this electoral division reflects the interests of a small city. Effective representation will certainly be possible. The population is extremely close to the provincial average. To the extent that justification is required for its slightly lower-than-average population, anticipated growth provides that justification, as does keeping the City of St. Albert relatively intact."

How can you arbitrarily draw a line on the map of St. Albert and say that on the west side of the line that the "electoral division reflects the interests of a small city" but on the other side of the line "this electoral division reflects the interests of a small city and connected portions of the adjacent Sturgeon County". That statement make absolutely no sense.

You have also stated the size of the St. Albert riding is "slight lower-than-average population". This statement makes the argument that there is population room to make St. Albert its own electoral division and not divide it.

I am asking you to keep the City of St. Albert as one complete electoral division in and of itself and not divide it into two, and let the residents of Sturgeon remain as their own electoral division.

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What is your current electoral division?

34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Edmonton-North West, Edmonton-South, Edmonton-South West, Edmonton-South East, Edmonton-West Enoch, Edmonton-West Henday

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

To whom it may concern,

I'm making a submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission today regarding the naming of several proposed ridings in Edmonton, though my feedback for them somewhat applies more generally to the naming of ridings within several of Alberta's urban centres. I am specifically writing about the use, or rather the overuse, of cardinal directions in naming several of the ridings in the most recent proposal by the boundary commission. I feel that general terms such as "Edmonton-South, South-East, North-West" and so on are not just vague and increasingly confusing as the number of ridings relying on cardinal directions has increased, but they also do not reflect the rich and unique character of the neighbourhoods and communities they encompass. In the case of all the ridings which use cardinal directions either partially or entirely as their descriptor, there are opportunities to move away from over-reliance on them and utilise names which better describe the specific areas encompassed within those ridings.

Here are just some cursory ideas for names which might alleviate this:

Edmonton-West Henday, which only contains a handful of communities which are West of the Anthony Henday, might be better served by a name like Edmonton-Kinokamau, referring to the lake which rests between the two major residential portions of the riding. Edmonton-West-Enoch could instead be simplified to Edmonton-Maskêkosihk, reflecting both the ties to Edmonton and the Cree name for the Enoch Nation, which is now included within that riding. Edmonton-South West could be named Edmonton-Windermere, as a significant portion of its residential area is within the Windermere Area. Edmonton-South could be renamed Edmonton-Blackmud, as it includes a fair portion of the Southern course of the Blackmud Creek, and the neighbourhood of Blackmud as well. Edmonton-South East, could be changed to Edmonton-Decoteau, as it includes significant areas of the Decoteau development area. Edmonton-North West, could be renamed Edmonton-Grand Trunk, both a reference to the significant park area located in the south of its area as well as a nod to the history of the Grand Trunk Railway, which contributed to the growth of much of that part of the city.

I can understand the need for cardinal directions within riding names, particularly in cities which only have pairs of ridings covering them, however in the case of Edmonton's ridings I feel that over-reliance on cardinal directions in an ever-expanding city leads to confusion and frustration for voters and candidates alike, after all, what one person identifies as "South Edmonton", "West Edmonton", or "East Edmonton" can differ wildly from perspective to perspective. I don't think it hurts to allow these ridings to have names which bear a clearer, unique identity;

they are, after all, unique communities themselves and deserving of names which reflect that.

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

I strongly prefer Okotoks-Diamond Valley, and strongly reject Calgary-Okotoks.

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