



November 26, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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RE: Concerns Regarding Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes Affecting Fox Creek

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Town of Fox Creek, we are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed changes to Alberta's electoral boundaries as outlined in the Interim Report. While we understand the need to review boundaries to reflect population changes, we believe the proposed adjustments will negatively impact effective representation for our community and the broader northern region.

Our concerns include:

1. Population Alone Is Not a Viable Metric

Assessing boundaries based solely on population does not reflect the realities of northern Alberta. The region—and Fox Creek in particular—contributes immensely to the economic activity of the province. A better approach would consider the economic output and strategic importance of the region.

2. Fox Creek's Economic Role

While Fox Creek has a relatively small resident population, it hosts thousands of oil and gas workers, major energy companies, service industries, and tradespeople. This economic activity drives Alberta's prosperity and requires strong advocacy from MLAs. Reducing representation risks weakening support for industries that sustain the provincial economy.

3. Representation Without Population

Specifically, Fox Creek has a very large shadow population—workers who live temporarily in the region. We already struggle to support this population, given the size of our community and current resources. These challenges often involve provincial responsibilities such as healthcare, housing, and infrastructure. If representation is reduced, advocating for these needs will become even more difficult, as rural MLAs will be stretched thin managing broader obligations across larger geographic areas.

4. Geographic and Logistical Challenges

Larger ridings create significant travel and communication barriers for elected representatives. This is especially concerning in regions like ours, where winter conditions and limited transportation infrastructure already pose challenges.



5. Impact on Alberta's Economic Backbone

Rural Alberta is currently home to many new and very large economic developments. With fewer seats in an expanded Alberta Legislature, this critical economic voice—the backbone of Alberta—will be even smaller than what we are seeing now. These developments require strong advocacy and representation to ensure their success and sustainability.

6. Northern Knowledge and Representation

The reality of pushing near-north divisions in their orientation will not provide northern Alberta with representation that understands northern challenges. Without specific knowledge of how the North works and its unique needs, having a voice that is forced to represent us does very little good. The Commission itself noted reluctance in removing an electoral division from the North. We urge you to listen to that instinct—the reluctance exists for a good reason: reducing representation diminishes a very important voice in the province.

7. Fox Creek's Unique Position

Given Fox Creek's location as the halfway point between Edmonton and Grande Prairie, we often find ourselves on the edge of boundaries in one direction or another. Because of this, we do not feel we receive the representation we deserve from the province. This proposed change once again reflects a lack of concern for rural communities and their unique challenges.

We respectfully request that the Commission reconsider the proposed changes and explore alternatives that maintain strong representation for northern Alberta communities. Fox Creek values its ability to work collaboratively with neighboring municipalities and believes that maintaining manageable constituency boundaries is essential for democratic engagement and regional advocacy.

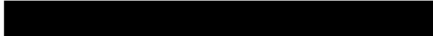
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Please do not hesitate to contact us if further discussion or clarification is required.

Sincerely,

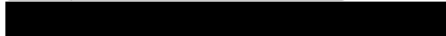


Sheila Gilmour, Mayor
Town of Fox Creek

cc The Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs



The Honourable Todd Loewen MLA – Central Peace Notley



Northern Alberta Elected Leaders



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Subject: Objection to Proposed Constituency Name Change for Brooks-Medicine Hat

To the Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,
CC Elections Alberta

Please accept this letter as a formal objection to the proposed name change of the provincial constituency from "Brooks-Medicine Hat" to "Medicine Hat-Brooks."

I previously had the opportunity to address the commission during its proceedings in Brooks, where I expressed my support for maintaining the existing electoral boundaries. I was pleased with the commission's recommendation to keep the boundaries unchanged and appreciate the work involved in that decision.

However, I am concerned about the subsequent proposal to alter the constituency's name. I object to this change for the following reasons:

1. **Voter Confusion and Constituent Identity:** The name "Brooks-Medicine Hat" has an established identity among its residents. Reversing the name risks causing significant confusion for electors in future elections, diluting the established recognition of the riding.
2. **Unnecessary Financial and Administrative Burden:** A name change would trigger a cascade of mandatory administrative updates, incurring considerable and unnecessary costs. These include, but are not limited to, updating bank accounts, reissuing cheques, redesigning office signage, reprinting all existing literature and stationery, and modifying official online platforms. These expenses would constitute an inefficient use of public funds.
3. **Lack of Substantive Justification:** The primary function of the commission is to review and adjust boundaries based on population and community data. As the boundaries for Brooks-Medicine Hat are not being altered, the impetus for a name change is unclear. The name of a constituency should reflect its geographic and community composition, which remains the same. Therefore, the existing name remains the most accurate and appropriate descriptor.

In conclusion, as the electoral boundaries of the constituency are not changing, the name should also remain as is. I respectfully urge the commission to withdraw the proposal to change the name of the Brooks-Medicine Hat constituency to avoid voter confusion and prevent unnecessary expenditures.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully yours,



Norm Gerestein
UCP Constituency Association President/for Brooks Medicine Hat



November 27, 2025

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RE: Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta

Dear Honourable Justice Dallas K. Miller and Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the Town of Grimshaw Council, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries as outlined in the interim report of the 2025-2026 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. While we appreciate the Commission's efforts to ensure effective representation across Alberta, we believe certain recommendations may inadvertently undermine the principles of fairness and accessibility for specific communities.

The proposed reduction in rural electoral divisions, specifically the consolidation of the Central Peace-Notley riding with the Peace River riding, will disproportionately affect rural communities. These areas already face challenges in accessing their MLAs due to vast geographic distances and limited infrastructure. Reducing representation further risks diminishing their voice in the legislative process.

We respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider these proposed changes and explore alternative solutions that better preserve the integrity of rural representation, maintain clear and logical boundaries, and uphold the principle of effective representation for all Albertans.


We would also like to request an opportunity to present our concerns during the upcoming public hearings in January 2026. Please let us know the available dates and times for participation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and the opportunity to contribute further to this important process.

Sincerely,



Stacey Messner, Mayor
Town of Grimshaw

CC: Northern Alberta Elected Leaders 

November 24, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Members of the Commission

RE: Big Lakes County Opposes Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes

Big Lakes County respectfully submits its opposition to the proposed boundary changes that would consolidate our riding into larger northern constituencies. We are concerned that these changes would significantly diminish effective representation for rural and northern Albertans.

Our region already encompasses an extensive geographic area that includes rural municipalities, First Nations, lakeshore communities, and key resource-based industries. These communities face unique challenges related to distance, infrastructure, emergency response, broadband connectivity, and economic development. Splitting Big Lakes County across multiple ridings—76 Peace River–Notley, 72 Mackenzie, 80 Slave Lake–Westlock–Athabasca, 88 West Yellowhead—would require our Administration and residents to work with four MLAs. This outcome would reduce visibility, accessibility, and the prioritization of our residents' concerns.

Although our population is smaller, our region contributes substantially to the province through resource development, transportation corridors, and the stewardship of public lands. Effective representation should reflect not only population, but also the complexity of geography, economic activity, and community needs.

Rural and northern Albertans deserve strong, dedicated representation. We urge the Commission to preserve our region's distinct voice in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Tyler Airth
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Interim Report Submission from Court Ellingson

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Interim Report Considerations

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What is your current electoral division?

12 - Calgary-Foothills

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

14 - Calgary-Foothills

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Thank for the opportunity to submit in this second round of submissions to the Electoral Boundary Commission.

I am including this written submission, as I am unavailable for the in person presentations in January. Should there be the opportunity to also participate in a virtual presentation to provide additional detail or answer any questions the Commission may have, I am happy to do so.

As the current MLA for Calgary-Foothills, I have spent countless hours attending events, meeting and engaging with thousands of constituents these past few years.

Let me start by thanking you for the work you have done to date sifting through large amounts of data and giving careful consideration to the voices of Albertans in drafting the 'proposed electoral division areas, boundaries, and names for Alberta'.

I can appreciate it is not easy balancing Alberta's rapidly growing population in drafting this document. As you know, Calgary, and the northern suburbs of Calgary, have been experiencing population growth at unprecedented levels. The proposed boundaries acknowledge that fact by accommodating for future growth in Calgary-Foothills and Calgary-North East in proposing the new constituency of Calgary-Nose Creek. This provides the residents in northern Calgary with more balanced representation in line with the populations of other constituencies in Calgary and across the province. I certainly hope this is maintained as the process continues. As noted in the report, reducing the size of the electoral division will only facilitate effective representation for the constituents of Calgary-Foothills.

In my original submission, I also discussed the need to keep communities of interest together. In that submission, I talked about how Calgary-Foothills is comprised of culturally diverse communities generating interesting expressions of how communities interact and engage with one another. Symons Valley United Church serves both Christian and Muslim community members from across Calgary-Foothills. Keeping Calgary-Foothills as a suburban riding entirely within the City of Calgary boundaries, maintains and fosters this intercultural interconnectedness.

The communities of Calgary-Foothills also have an important policy areas of concern in common. This assists them in communicating with one another and their MLA regarding their priorities and requests for advocacy in the Legislature. Utilizing Country Hills Boulevard and West Nose Creek as boundaries keeps communities connected to service centres and are logical dividers for the people living in these neighbourhoods.

The Commission commented that they largely felt that names of constituencies should remain unchanged. However, I'd like to use this opportunity of offer an alternative name that I feel passionate about. I propose that Calgary-Foothills be changed to Calgary Symons Valley. Symons Valley is a name firmly attached to this area of the Calgary as it was home to Symons Valley Ranch and Farmers' Market loved by Calgarians. This is reflected in the primary roadways that

traverse the district - Symons Valley Parkway and Symons Valley Road. Symons Valley United Church is recognized as an important hub and gathering place. The neighbourhood I live in, Sherwood, is noted as 'Sherwood by Symons Valley' as you enter. Foothills is confused with Foothills County on the opposite side of Calgary and Foothills hospital, located in the constituency of Calgary Varsity. This name change would resonate with the residents. So many already describe their area of the city as Symons Valley.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL

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Re: Red Deer North and Red Deer South Electoral Boundaries


Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the work you are undertaking to update Alberta's electoral boundaries. There are many factors for you to consider, and I appreciate the Commission's fulsome approach to districting.

Of course, I am most interested in the Red Deer North and Red Deer South electoral boundaries. On behalf of Red Deer City Council, I want to go on record to support the proposed boundaries in your Interim Report for these two ridings. The City's municipal boundaries make a logical border, and we are well served by two MLAs who are able to represent our citizens within the target variance that The Commission has identified. Further, I am happy to see that you have incorporated our updated boundary following an annexation that occurred in 2023.

Thank you again, Commissioners for your work on behalf of all Albertans.

Sincerely,


Cindy Jefferies
Mayor of Red Deer

cc: Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services, MLA
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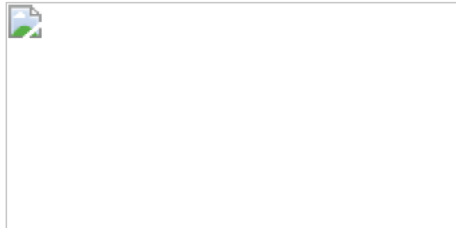
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Interim Report Submission from Craig Ruttan

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What is your current electoral division?

52 - Brooks-Medicine Hat

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?

Brooks-Medicine Hat and Cypress-Medicine Hat

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

Medicine Hat is currently cracked in half, each half including large rural areas, which deny us the ability to vote as a community. Medicine Hat and other communities like Brooks and Rosemary vote differently. I remember reading how that Danielle Smith under half of the votes in the portion of the riding but significantly more than half the vote in Brooks and the more rural areas. As a community we should be able to decide together who represents us. Having the city split in two also makes effective community political organization far more complicated and frustrating, because people commonly don't know which riding they are in. Medicine Hat and the immediately surrounding areas have sufficient population to be their own electoral division, and splitting the community with large rural areas reeks of gerrymandering. Medicine Hat has far more in common with itself than with rural areas an hour and a half away, closer to Calgary than Medicine Hat, or the rural areas far to the east and south.

Best,

Craig Ruttan

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

76 - Peace River-Notley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

Currently my MLA is within an hour of my residence. By changing the boundary of Lesser Slave Lake to the proposed Peace River/Notley boundary, my MLA is likely to be further from my home. The communities of Slave Lake and High Prairie are working well together in the Lesser Slave Lake riding and the Hwy 2 corridor creates a natural flow, more so that the proposed boundary. There are great tourism opportunities within this corridor that may get lost in the shuffle if the boundary changes. A lot of people have volunteered to make this area successful while businesses have also developed interest in this corridor. Instead of fighting for funding for a corridor mostly used between Slave Lake and Peace River, now my area around High Prairie will be in competition with Peace River and new relationships will need to be developed. It would also force a shift in healthcare, education, wildfire mitigation, highway maintenance, etc. Lesser Slave Lake (the actual lake) provides water to many of the hamlets along Hwy 2 including First Nation and Metis Settlements. If this change progresses I feel that these networks and relationships, that have taken decades to develop, will not survive because we'll be fighting each other for every dime, environmental concern and water in the area.

I don't understand why these boundaries, regardless of old or new, are not set with an east-west structure to them. People in High level have more of the same issues as those in Wabasca or Ft. McMurray than those in Slave Lake. More of the natural features, local knowledge, and population should be a consideration. I have personally been involved in reshaping ridings at a municipal level and whenever possible we did not just use population as the deciding factor.

Although these decisions are supposed to be non-partisan it really feels like this is another way to penalize Scott Sinclair for standing up against the budget. People in this area already feel like their voice is not being heard. Please don't make these changes.

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

76 - Peace River-Notley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Effective representation

Submission

To split up the Slave Lake area would leave the people of already large area to have much less representation in Alberta.

For family and friends would literally be split into two separate ridings and be at the furthest reaches of the proposed riding.

This would leave our area very much alienated from having a voice heard in provincial issues.

Geographically, just too big for effective representation.

Sincerely

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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

70 - Lethbridge-West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

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

Submission

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the recommended boundaries for Lethbridge-West. The Commission has, in my view, made the most reasonable decision in the face of several conflicting submissions. Dividing Lethbridge into four hybrid rural-urban ridings, as suggested by certain submissions, strikes me as a drastic revision motivated chiefly by a desire to secure seats for a particular party. While I share concerns about political polarization, I am unconvinced that increasing the number of hybrid ridings will be effective in curbing it; rather, it may heighten tensions should the majority of either urban or rural Albertans in a riding conclude that their voice at the ballot box has been negated. Frankly, the efforts to divvy up Lethbridge appeared to be blatant attempts at gerrymandering.

The proposal to group southwest Lethbridge with Cardston County and parts of the MD of Pincher Creek was especially bizarre. I live in southwest Lethbridge, and the case that Magrath and Cardston are a better fit for my community of interest than those living on the other side of Whoop-Up Drive is weak. I can't access the rural parts of that proposed riding without driving through at least one other riding, and residents of those rural areas would likely sooner visit southeast or northwest Lethbridge—or even Calgary—than southwest Lethbridge.

I was surprised and disappointed to read that the Commission was "intrigued" by the proposal to split Lethbridge four ways, but encouraged that it did not opt to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

David Scott

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What is your current electoral division?

82 - Spruce Grove-Stony Plain

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

84 - Stony Plain-Drayton Valley-Devon

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

I am concerned about the splitting of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain. These two centers are very connected; we share many services, activities etc. In some ways, we are one community. I think they would be better served by the same MLA.

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Date: December 8th, 2025
To: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Re: **Upcoming changes to Alberta's Electoral Boundaries in Central Alberta**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing with respect to the 2025 Interim Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, specifically regarding the proposed changes to rural ridings in Central Alberta. There are two main points that I would like to address with respect to your report: 1) the lack of in-person consultations and 2) the substance of the report, specifically the elimination of one rural seat from the Central Alberta region.

1. The Lack of in-Person Consultation

Section 7(1) of the *Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* requires that the Electoral Boundaries Commission “hold public hearings” “before its report is submitted to the Speaker, and” “after its report has been made public” “at the places and times ... to enable representations to be made by any person as to the area and boundaries of any proposed electoral division.” Given that this region is among those most significantly affected by the boundary adjustments, it would have been imperative that the Commission hold in-person consultations in the various towns and communities affected by the change in seats.

I note that in Southern Alberta, meetings were held in Brooks, Pincher Creek, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, while in Central Alberta, the only place where a meeting was held was in Red Deer. While Red Deer is considered by some to be the central focal point of central Alberta, it hardly representative of Central Alberta when it comes to the challenges associated with politically representing the various electoral ridings outside Red Deer in Central Alberta. After all, Red Deer is a city of over 100,000 people while the largest population centres outside Red Deer almost never cross the 15,000 population mark. If anything, they are usually between 5,000 and 10,000 in size. As such, the Commission should have conducted at least one if not two public hearings in the various communities such as Olds, Didsbury, Innisfail, Sylvan Lake, Lacombe, or Ponoka.

Had the Commission conducted these hearings in these locations, it could have properly considered the unique circumstances that face the residents and their Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta when it comes to properly representing their constituents. I note that there are no more scheduled hearings in these areas for the second round prior to the issuance of the final report. The Commission should consider conducting some hearings in these areas, but in any event, I would strongly urge the Commission to give full consideration to the balance of my written submissions.

2. The Elimination of a Seat from Central Alberta

Section 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* makes it clear that that “the requirement for effective representation” is the guiding star for its work “determining the area to be included in and in fixing the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions”. Section 14 enumerates various factors that need to be taken into consideration such as “sparsity, density and rate of growth of the population”, “communities of interest, including municipalities, regional and rural communities...”, “geographical features”, as well as “the availability and means of communication and transportation between various parts of Alberta”.

The genesis of these factors is the Supreme Court of Canada’s 1991 case examining Saskatchewan’s electoral boundaries, *Reference re Prov. Electoral Boundaries (Sask.)*, [1991] 2 S.C.R. 158. The Supreme Court in that case upheld Saskatchewan’s provincial electoral boundaries and overturned the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal’s declaration that the boundaries violated the *Charter*, even though there were population disparities between the various ridings.

Justice McLachlin (as she was then) writing for the majority emphasized some key points, which are relevant for our purposes today. She noted that the purpose of the right to vote enshrined in Section 3 of the *Charter* is “effective representation”. As such, what must guide anyone drawing electoral riding maps is to ensure effective representation of all who are living in these ridings. This means that, as opposed numerical equality across all ridings, the task of whoever is designing these ridings is more complicated. Justice McLachlin noted that factors to be considered would include “geography, community history, community interests and minority representation” in order “to ensure that ... legislative assemblies effectively represent the diversity of our social mosaic.” As such, these boundaries when drawn must be done in a manner that is “sensitive to practical considerations in interpreting *Charter* rights.” These considerations, Justice McLachlin admonished, include “geography and community interests.”

Justice McLachlin observed the challenges in giving “sparsely populated territories” with “distinct interests” an “effective voice in the legislative process”. What matters, she observed, was that the “the values and principles animating a free and democratic society” be best served in the design of these boundaries. These values emanate from the concerns that Chief Justice Dickson had discussed in his analysis in the *Oakes* case, which include the “respect for the inherent dignity of the human person, commitment to social justice and equality, respect for

cultural and group identity, and faith in social and political institutions which enhance the participation of individuals in society”.

As Justice McLachlin explained, the goal in creating electoral districts is effective representation, which takes precedence over other factors. This emphasizes the importance of community interests, particularly those of rural communities, in boundary determinations. The protection of these communities is therefore the key priority under the law. I submit that this priority has not been met in the current proposals for rural Alberta, and specifically Central Alberta.

In Central Alberta, effective representation has been compromised in pursuit of population targets. Moreover, the proposed boundaries appear to prioritize “cartographic convenience”, largely adhering to county lines that hold little relevance to residents' daily lives, cutting communities and people with shared lives apart. For example, the former riding of Olds—Didsbury—Three Hills has gone from a reasonably compact district that encompassed parts of the east along with the Highway 2 towns of Crossfield, Carstairs, Olds and Didsbury, to an immense sprawling riding reaching from the badlands to the mountains. This brings together areas that have few commonalities, little contact with each other, and few shared community interests. This riding should be returned to its former boundaries to provide its residents with effective representation in the Legislature.

Innisfail – Sylvan Lake has been given parts of Red Deer County apparently for no reason other than to complete a line. These areas look west to see their neighbours, not east. The people in these areas shop; their kids play hockey and attend school; and their lives focus on towns like Caroline and Eckville. But now they have been separated from the core of their communities. This riding instead should have inherited Trouchu, completing the rural community - - sharing everything from schools, stores, and roads to grain elevators – which stretches up Highway 21 to Delburne, and across to Innisfail and Bowden.

Finally, the areas around Sylvan Lake, Lacombe, Ponoka, and Gull Lake have become an increasingly urban area with shared interests focused on summer homes, tourism, and recreation. In many ways these areas have more contact with the people of Calgary than with the farms and small towns they have been lumped into. Yet, there is no consideration given to this in the boundaries presented. Exchanging Sylvan Lake and Blackfalds between the two existing ridings would enhance representation for constituents in both areas.

I should also note that given that Justice McLachlin had emphasized “faith in social and political institutions which enhance the participation of individuals in society” as another consideration, the proposed maps undermine that very value. As residents of these new ridings find themselves more distant than they already are from the various towns in their ridings, their ability to access and meet their MLAs in person become diminished. In this increasingly isolated world where people find solace online with like-minded fellows and can easily fall into the rabbit holes of radicalism and conspiracy theories, it is important that we maintain the ability of the people to continue face-to-face interactions with the elected officials. I note, for example, that a

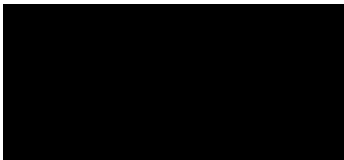
constituent under the proposed boundaries would have to drive 2 hours from Three Hills to Caroline or Carbon to Caroline, making it highly unlikely that most constituents would actively engage in meeting their MLA or attend a townhall. The proposed boundaries will only exacerbate the isolation many in rural areas already feel. This will not only impact the rural voters of Central Alberta, but the Province at large. It is important that all feel the belonging to this Province. Otherwise, this will further the rural-urban divide as well fuel much of the tensions that we see flaring up now and then in the political system. As an Edmonton-based voter, this is why I feel strongly that this Commission should revisit their recommendations for Central Alberta. What happens there affects me in Edmonton as well.

Had there been public hearings done outside Red Deer in Central Alberta, many of these concerns would have come to light. As such, the proposed modifications appear to facilitate the elimination of a riding, contrary to legislative and constitutional guidance that prioritizes an effective voice for rural and Indigenous communities over rigid adherence to population quotas.

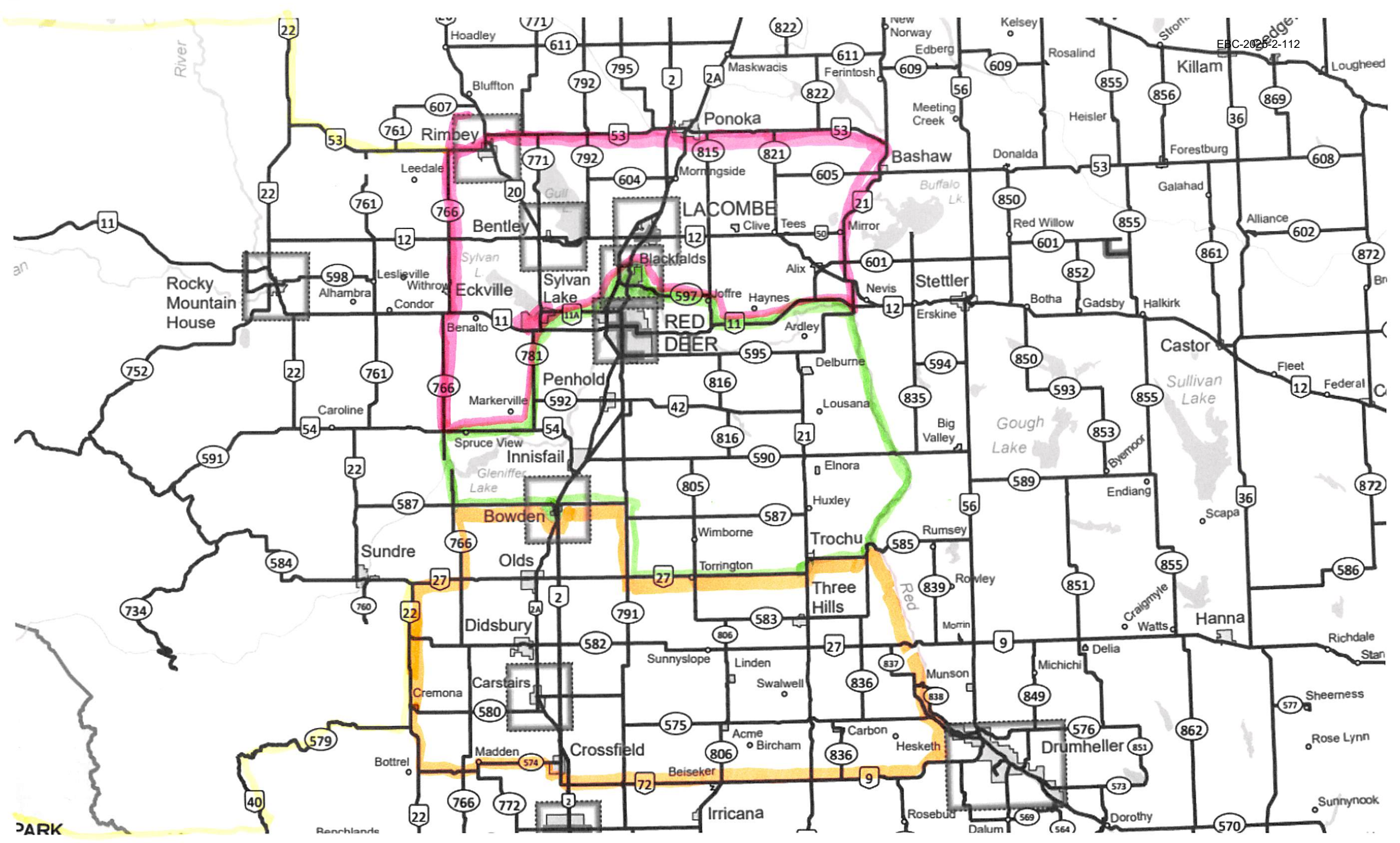
I have attached a map proposing an alternative restructuring of these ridings, designed to better respect the communities of rural Central Alberta and to achieve the goal of effective representation in any revised boundary system.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sincerely,



Moin A. Yahya





Interim Report Submission from David Hardman

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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?

75 - Mountain View-Kneehill

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest

Submission

To the Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

We appreciate the Commission's difficult work in ensuring proper representation for all Albertans and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on these critical boundary changes. We write as residents of the existing Sundre-Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House riding to voice our strong concerns regarding the proposed redistribution in our area.

Our primary concern is that the proposed "Mountain View Kneehill" option violates the guideline of maintaining "communities of interest" by grouping Sundre with eastern agricultural communities rather than our natural neighbours to the west

We submit that Sundre shares a much stronger socio-economic and cultural connection with Rocky Mountain House to the north and the MD of Bighorn and Banff to the west. Our community identity is tied to the foothills and western regions; Sundre is a gateway to the west, connected by Highway 27. Many residents work, recreate, and attend activities in Clearwater and Mountain View counties.

The proposed boundaries risk weakening the voice of west-central Albertans by pairing us with communities east of Highway 22 that have distinct industries, priorities, and challenges. We respectfully ask that you reconsider these boundary changes and unite communities west of Highway 22, such as Sundre and Rocky Mountain House, to ensure effective representation for residents with shared western interests.

Thank you again for considering our concerns before finalizing your decision.

Major (Retd) DJ Hardman

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What is your current electoral division?

53 - Camrose

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

55 - Camrose

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns

Submission

Happy with the changes being made to the Camrose Constituency.

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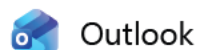
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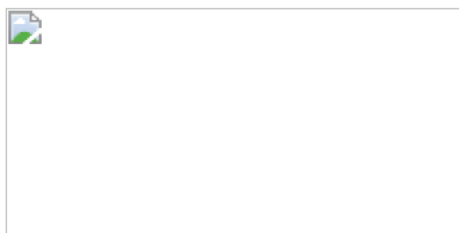


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What is your current electoral division?

53 - Camrose

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

55 - Camrose

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

I am a member of the Camrose electoral division and I am in support of both the submitted/proposed changes to the electoral boundaries of the new Camrose electoral district.

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What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest

Submission

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Linda Nelson

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December 2, 2025

To The Honourable Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Commissioners:

RE: PROPOSED MOUNTAIN VIEW KNEEHILL CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

We wish to thank the Commission members for leading the mammoth task of reviewing provincial constituency boundaries prior to the next Alberta General Election, and for the great work done to date. We are also thankful for the opportunity to provide meaningful feedback from the viewpoint of a community that will be deeply impacted by the proposed changes to our current electoral boundaries, from both an operational and cultural perspective.

On November 24, 2025, the Town of Sundre Council passed the following resolution:

Res. 401-24-11-25 MOVED by Councillor Dalke that the Town of Sundre direct the Chief Administrative Officer to write a letter of concern to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission pertaining to the proposed changes to the Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre electoral boundary. **CARRIED**

As directed by Council, we wish to formally submit that the current draft boundaries for the proposed Mountain View-Kneehill constituency will negatively impact effective representation for the Town of Sundre, amongst other concerns described below.

By combining disparate regions, the proposed boundary risks diluting Sundre's voice. To effectively address regional issues, our municipalities currently coordinate efforts. Under the proposed boundaries, our local governments (Sundre, MD of Bighorn, Clearwater County, Rocky Mountain House) would have to coordinate with different MLAs, introducing unnecessary administrative friction and hindering effective regional representation. This directly challenges the Commission's mandate to support effective representation.



The proposed configuration goes against the established patterns of how our communities interact. Sundre functions as a western hub, providing essential services—hospital, schools, social services, and emergency/fire services to name a few—to residents of the MD of Bighorn Mountain View County and Clearwater County. Our main industries (oil and gas, sawmills, tourism) align fundamentally with western economic realities rather than the agricultural focus of communities east of Highway 22.

In addition, Sundre has been named as one of the 10 Destination Development Zones in the Province of Alberta and we have worked very hard to establish relationships with the many Tourism Operators in the area, and our partner Municipalities to the north, south and west. Tourism has been named as one of the primary objectives in the Town of Sundre's Strategic Plan, and we have many common ambitions that align with the goals of our western and northern neighbors.

We strongly recommend and request that Sundre be realigned to connect with communities located to the west of highway 22, with which we share significant communities of interest and geographic realities.

We respectfully request that the Commission acknowledge the Town of Sundre's viewpoint that there are additional considerations impacting municipalities that should be considered in the review, apart from population, and revisit the boundaries proposed in the initial review.

Yours truly,



Linda Nelson, CLGM, CTAJ, EMR

Chief Administrative

December 2, 2025

To The Honourable Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Commissioners:

RE: PROPOSED MOUNTAIN VIEW KNEEHILL CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

On behalf of the Town of Sundre residents and my fellow Town Councillors, we would like to recognize the substantial work and time the Commission members have expended to date, for seeking and considering feedback from impacted communities, and for the effective representation of all Albertans.

Further, we advise the Commission that the proposed boundary configuration for Sundre hinders effective representation, and on November 24, 2025, the following motion was passed by Town Council with unanimous consent:

Res. 400-24-11-25 MOVED by Councillor Dalke that the Town of Sundre Council give approval to Mayor Warnock to write a letter of concern to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission pertaining to the proposed changes to the Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre electoral boundary. **CARRIED**

We advocate for Sundre's inclusion in a western-aligned constituency and submit the following points for consideration:

1. Strong Community of Interest with Western Municipalities:

- Sundre is a regional service hub (hospital, schools, social services, emergency/fire services) for areas to its west, including areas within the MD of Bighorn, and Clearwater County.
- Economic alignment is clearly western-focused: Our key industries (oil and gas, forestry/sawmill, tourism) contrast sharply with the eastern agricultural economy.
- Operational cooperation is already established through mutual aid agreements with Bighorn and Clearwater County.

- Sundre has been identified as one of 10 Destination Development Zones through Travel Alberta, and is more geographically and strategically aligned with Banff, Big Horn and Rocky Mountain House.

2. Risk of Diluted Representation:

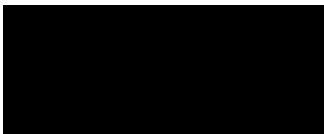
- The current proposal combines geographically and economically diverse areas. A representative for this large, varied constituency would face challenges addressing the specific, shared regional issues facing Sundre and its immediate neighbors.
- Effective inter-municipal coordination is compromised when key partners must liaise with different elected representatives.

3. Contradiction of "Effective Representation" Criteria:

- The proposed boundary fails to recognize natural community interaction patterns, potentially going against the Commission's requirement for boundaries that support robust and effective representation.

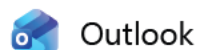
Again, we are deeply grateful for the work done to date, and for your representation of all Albertans. We recognize that the current proposed boundaries have been presented for community feedback and input, and we respectfully request that you take our concerns into consideration prior to finalizing the provincial constituency boundaries.

Yours truly,



Richard Warnock, Mayor

Town of Sundre



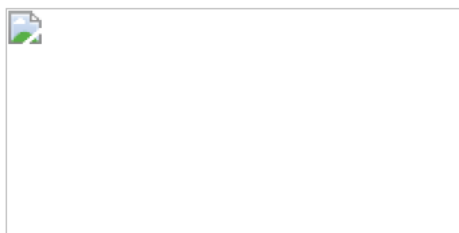
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What is your current electoral division?

53 - Camrose

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

55 - Camrose

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns

Submission

I support the recommendation for Camrose 53 as it now includes all of Beaver County together, being represented by one MLA. Currently, the southwest portion is represented by the Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin riding.

Thanks.

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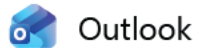
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RE: Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report Written Submissions and Public Meetings

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Once again from my experience as speaker # 9 who did renovations to make chamber safer and wheelchair access there is no need to add more seats..it makes Chamber too crowded and limits emergency exiting far more dangerous.
This endangers the total building staff and visitors

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Good afternoon:

The Electoral Boundaries Commission's Interim Report was provided to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on October 27, 2025. A copy of the report and map proposals can be found here: [Reports of the Commission - 2025 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission](#)

The Commission is seeking written submissions in relation to its Interim Report recommendations until December 19, 2025. You can make a written submission here: [Make A Submission - 2025 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission](#)

The Commission will also be holding in-person and virtual public meetings in relation to its Interim Report recommendations in January 2026. You can find the schedule of meetings and registration information on the website here: [Public Meetings - 2025 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best,
Aaron
EBC Administrator

Boundary Recommendation Submission

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to recommend adjustments to the boundaries of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding to better reflect the social, economic, and municipal realities of the region.

I respectfully disagree with the conclusion that central Alberta should have less representation in the Legislature as a result of the boundary redraw. Removing an entire constituency and dividing our communities into other ridings with very different priorities risks reducing the voice of rural Albertans. The proposed constituency of Mountain View-Kneehill will result in less effective representation for this area.

Positive Elements of the Proposed Map

I appreciate the thoughtful approach taken in the interim report and commend the Commission for maintaining key connections that reflect communities of interest. I am grateful that Trochu and Three Hills remain together, as these communities share school divisions, health services, and strong economic and social ties. Residents frequently travel between the two towns for shopping, sports, and cultural events, and Highway 21 provides a natural transportation link. Preserving this connection reflects the Commission's commitment to communities of interest and clear, understandable boundaries.

Similarly, I appreciate that Carbon remains aligned with Kneehill County. Carbon participates in a tri-campus school model with Acme and Linden, and families rely on shared educational and recreational resources. Keeping these communities together ensures continuity for students and families and respects the principle of effective representation.

Historical Context

The Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency has provided stable representation for decades. Historically, this riding has united communities with shared economic, social, and cultural ties. Trochu and Three Hills have been represented together since at least the 1940s, and Acme, Beiseker, and Irricana have long been part of the same constituency. This continuity matters because residents identify with this constituency as their political home. Long-standing representation has allowed MLAs to build deep relationships with local governments, businesses, and service organizations, and sudden fragmentation risks weakening these connections and reducing effective advocacy for rural priorities.

Concerns and Recommended Adjustments

While these decisions are commendable, I am concerned about the removal of Crossfield, Irricana, and Beiseker from the constituency. These communities have strong ties to the existing riding and should be included for the following reasons:

Crossfield:

- Crossfield is part of Mountain View County governance and collaborates extensively with Carstairs, Didsbury, and Olds on economic development, recreation, and municipal planning.
- Its location along the Highway 2 corridor strengthens these ties and supports a natural constituency alignment.
- Crossfield participates in regional boards and intermunicipal initiatives, reinforcing its integration with Mountain View County communities.

Irricana and Beiseker:

- These towns have deep interconnections with Acme and surrounding communities:
 - * Education: Acme's pool is used for school swim lessons by students from Beiseker and Irricana.
 - * Recreation: Beiseker's hockey arena and Irricana's curling rink serve families from neighboring towns.
 - * Community Life: Service clubs and volunteer organizations operate jointly, supporting fundraisers and events across all three towns.
- Residents regularly commute between these communities for work, school, and services, creating a natural social and economic corridor.
- Historically, these towns have been represented together, supporting the principle of understandable and clear boundaries.

Geographic and Economic Considerations

The area west of Highway 22 is fundamentally different from the rest of the proposed riding. West Mountain View County consists of mountains, crown land, wildlife habitats, and forestry operations, while Kneehill County is characterized by prairies, ranching, and farming. These distinct landscapes represent different regions of the province with unique priorities and challenges. Keeping the western boundary at Highway 22 ensures that the riding remains focused on communities with similar rural and agricultural interests.

Communities east of the QEII Highway—including Beiseker, Irricana, Acme, Linden, Trochu, and Three Hills—have strong economic and service ties to Olds. Residents frequently travel to Olds for shopping, medical services, and agricultural needs such as the auction mart. These patterns of commerce and service use demonstrate a natural connection to Olds as a regional hub.

Recommended Boundary Summary

- Retain Kneehill County, Mountain View County, and the Town of Olds together.
- Include Crossfield, Irricana, and Beiseker in the constituency to reflect shared governance, economic ties, and community connections.
- Maintain rural population thresholds 10–15% below the provincial average to account for the unique demands on rural MLAs.

Thank you for considering these points as you finalize Alberta's electoral boundaries. I would be pleased to provide further local context if helpful.

Sincerely,

Tara Sawyer

MLA, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills



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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

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?

Mackenzie, Slave Lake Westlock Athabasca Barrhead, Peace River Notley, and Lesser Slave Lake

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

As an indigenous person from the Jousard area, I am incredibly concerned and upset about the recommendation to eliminate the Lesser Slave Lake Riding. Being a local, I know the area very well and can attest to the relationships between Slave Lake, High Prairie, and a number of communities in between. To put the section of land between these two towns into a riding that does not have direct impact on the towns would be a huge mistake and an injustice to the population of the area. There are numerous indigenous communities, metis settlements, and hamlets in the area that is redrawn into "mackenzie" who rely heavily on Slave Lake and High Prairie in their day to day lives. They send their kids to school in these towns, they access healthcare in these towns, they purchase groceries in these towns. To take away these groups' voting impact in this area would be a brutal misrepresentation of the people and a disgrace to Alberta populations. To further isolate these indigenous communities and Metis settlements by pulling their voice away from the area where it truly matters is thoughtless and shameful. The relationship between Slave Lake and High Prairie has always been dependent on each other and this has become incredibly important to the people of the area. They share hospital resources (ie. Slave Lake Hospital patients being sent for CT scans at the High Prairie Health Complex), they share a school division, they share an economy. To divide the towns would negatively affect the local economy, would further divide isolated groups, and would create a disconnect between two towns that have always depended on and relied on each other. Dividing Lesser Slave Lake up into these different ridings would strip thousands of their voices, would reduce impact of people on their own communities, and would eventually result in the loss of voters. Why vote when your voice has no impact on your community? The people of this area deserve the best, they deserve to be heard and they deserve to vote for representatives in an area they are connected with. This would be lost with this division. Lesser Slave Lake is an invaluable riding, it's existence gives voices to countless indigenous people. Reserves and Metis Settlements are already very isolated, sometimes your closest neighbor is a kilometer away, the closest grocery store over an hour. Why would we want to isolate these groups even more? They deserve to have voting impact on the communities they shop in, send their kids to school in, and access healthcare in. Please, do not allow these boundaries to be redrawn. The Lesser Slave Lake riding is a beautiful community full of people to help each other, rely on each other, and look after each other. Please let us keep our voices and impact.

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What is your current electoral division?

55 - Central Peace-Notley

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

Submission

It appears that little consideration has been given to the actual size of electoral boundaries- especially in the North. In the case of Central Peace-Notley the riding has expanded significantly, with little opportunity for air travel to allow our MLA to appropriately serve his/her constituents. Compounding this problem is the new expectation that the riding will nearly double its population; from \$28,993 to \$48,602 putting further pressure on an MLA who has to travel significant distance in inclement weather to represent the constituency. Adding to this concern is the loss of MLAs who would represent rural Alberta. While we recognize the fact that the provincial population is migrating towards the larger centres, which should result in fair representation, it should not be at the expense of rural constituencies. Alberta's economy is resourced based. Losing representation does little to ensure opportunities are appropriately identified and explored, let alone ensuring that any impacts resulting from this economic growth are mitigated from a rural lens. Our region works collaboratively on regional projects that benefit our area municipalities including Saddle Hills County, MD of Spirit River, Town of Spirit River, Rycroft and Birch Hills County. Moving Saddle Hills County to be part of Grande Prairie makes little sense. As well, many of our issues/concerns are similar and arranging meetings with different MLAs further complicates these regional discussions.

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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

After reading through the report, specifically the section about the two Lethbridge ridings, I am pleased to see that these will be kept as urban ridings. I feel the minor adjustments proposed in the report are fair, based on the current growth of the West side of the city. Splitting the city into 4 rural ridings (as some have proposed) would do us a great disservice. Urban centers have vastly different needs than rural communities. Lethbridge has a university and a college, a larger hospital, more complex healthcare needs, a greater population of seniors, and a city police force, for example. We require representatives who are going to focus on specific issues related to urban living, therefore, I encourage you to move forward with the new boundaries for the City of Lethbridge ridings, as proposed in this report. Thank you.

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What is your current electoral division?

36 - Edmonton-McClung

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

49 - Edmonton-West Henday

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the Edmonton-West Henday electoral boundaries as outlined in the Electoral Boundaries Commission's Interim Report.

As the Constituency Manager for Edmonton-West Henday, I have a unique perspective on how quickly this riding is growing. Every day, I see firsthand the impact of new developments and the increasing number of residents moving into the area. For example, neighbourhoods such as Secord, Rosenthal, and The Uplands have seen significant residential construction and rapid population growth in recent years.

This growth has created an imbalance compared to surrounding divisions, making boundary adjustments necessary to ensure fair and effective representation.

I also appreciate that the Commission has kept Edmonton-West Henday's boundaries aligned with the City of Edmonton's municipal boundaries. This alignment helps maintain consistency for residents and simplifies representation, which is critical for both constituents and those who serve them.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important process. I commend the Commission for its thoughtful approach to balancing population changes while preserving communities of interest.

Kathleen Pugh

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Electoral Boundary Commission
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Sent via email:

Dear Commission Members,

RE: Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes

On behalf of the City of Grande Prairie, I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed electoral boundary changes that would eliminate one of the seven current northern Alberta ridings. We have carefully reviewed the Commission's interim report of Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names (tabled on October 27, 2025) and while we appreciate the opportunity to provide initial feedback, we have significant concerns about the implications for effective representation in the north.

While we commend certain aspects of the draft: for example, the preservation of Grande Prairie's existing boundaries, recognizing that our electoral division *"logically works in its current format"* and that maintaining it *"warrant(s) preserving the status quo as an appropriate way to achieve effective representation,"* we are deeply concerned that the overall approach in northern Alberta fails to meet the Commission's mandate of effective representation.

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The proposal to consolidate northern ridings, particularly by folding Lesser Slave Lake into a new, expansive “Mackenzie” division and effectively deleting the long-standing Peace River riding, runs counter to the Commission’s mandate to ensure meaningful and effective representation.

The *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* directs the Commission to consider factors such as sparsity of population, communities of interest, geography, transportation, and boundary clarity. The current draft, in our view, does not adequately reflect these criteria in northern Alberta. The removal of a northern seat further reduces legislative access for a vast and sparsely populated region already challenged by distance, service demands, and economic contribution. As the Commission’s own report reminds us, “*Effective representation is the goal.*” If so, this proposal undermines it.

If “*effective representation is the goal,*” then we ask the Commission to consider the unique and enduring characteristics of the north:

- **Vast Area & Sparse Population:** Ten northern MLAs currently represent 40 per cent of Alberta’s landmass. This includes major infrastructure and essential resource-based economic activity. Further expanding these ridings risks creating constituencies that are so large, geographically and operationally, that a single MLA cannot reasonably represent them.
- **Geographic Barriers & Transportation:** Northern ridings can take over eight hours to drive across, limiting constituent access and making effective representation logistically impractical.
- **Shadow Populations & Economic Weight:** Northern ridings support large shadow populations due to industry activity, with rapid growth not always captured in census data. The northern region is also unique in its diverse and substantial economic contribution.
- **Communities of Interest:** This draft fractures long-standing communities. In and around Lesser Slave Lake, communities with shared cultural and economic ties are split across four ridings. This weakens regional identity, political clarity, and the ability to coordinate services, economic development, and cultural priorities.



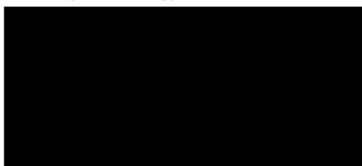
For Grande Prairie–Wapiti specifically, the proposed realignments risk separating interconnected communities that rely on each other for labour mobility, service delivery (including health and education), and economic coordination. Our region functions as a closely linked economic and service hub for surrounding communities. Any division or dilution of these connections impedes effective representation and weakens the coherence of community voice.

Effective representation looks different in the north than it does in metropolitan areas. Our communities are connected by highways, hospitals, colleges, industrial corridors, and shared public services – not only by density. A boundary map that ignores geography, access, or the day-to-day realities of regional administration risks creating ridings that function poorly. The Commission’s role is to recognize these conditions and steward communities of interest, respect existing municipal frameworks, and design constituencies that allow northern Albertans to be heard and served.

Rather than diminish northern representation, we ask the Commission to apply the variance tools provided under section 15 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*. These provisions were designed specifically to protect effective representation in regions with unique geographic, service, and community realities. Northern Alberta meets these thresholds: ridings are vast, transportation is limited, population is dispersed, and regional service hubs anchor daily life. There is ample legal and practical room to retain all seven ridings. We respectfully urge the Commission to revise the next draft to preserve existing northern constituencies, considering communities of interest, and ensuring that the voices of our residents remain strong and fully represented.

Thank you for considering our submission. Grande Prairie remains committed to working constructively with you to ensure the electoral map reflects the values and needs of all Albertans: rural and urban, north and south. We look forward to engaging further in January 2026 at the public meetings.

Respectfully,



Jackie Clayton
Mayor, City of Grande Prairie

Cc: Nolan Dyck, MLA Grande Prairie
Ron Wiebe, MLA Grande Prairie - Wapiti





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Interim Report Submission from Lisa Wardley

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What is your current electoral division?

77 - Peace River

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

72 - Mackenzie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- 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

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Mackenzie County in northern Alberta to strongly oppose the proposed electoral boundary changes outlined in your 2025 Interim Report. While I recognize the Commission's mandate under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act to review and adjust boundaries every four years to account for population shifts, the recommendations in the interim report go too far in prioritizing urban growth at the expense of rural voices. These changes not only impose unnecessary financial burdens on taxpayers but also further marginalize rural Albertans, mirroring troubling trends seen in Canada's federal electoral system.

First, the minor name changes proposed for several electoral districts represent an avoidable cost to Alberta taxpayers. Renaming districts requires updating official documents, signage, electoral maps, voter information materials, and government databases. These administrative expenses, though seemingly small on an individual basis, accumulate across multiple districts and add up to a substantial burden on public funds. At a time when Alberta is grappling with economic recovery, infrastructure needs, and fiscal restraint, such cosmetic alterations serve no practical purpose beyond superficial rebranding. I urge the Commission to abandon these name changes and retain existing designations to minimize unnecessary expenditures.

More critically, the major boundary adjustments threaten to silence and diminish the rural voice in Alberta's Legislative Assembly. The report proposes reducing the number of electoral districts in northern Alberta from seven to six, consolidating large, sparse regions into even larger ones. For instance, the merging of areas like Central Peace-Notley and Lesser Slave Lake into expanded districts such as Peace River-Notley and Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca significantly increases geographic size and population without adequately addressing the unique challenges of representation in remote areas. Mackenzie County, already encompassed in the proposed Mackenzie district (the only one utilizing the full 50% population variance allowance under section 15(2) of the Act), exemplifies this issue. Our vast landmass, over 80,000 square kilometers just in Mackenzie County alone, with limited transportation infrastructure, shadow populations from resource industries, and diverse communities including small urban areas, spread out rural populations, multiple large rural municipalities, remote communities, First Nations and Métis settlements, demands dedicated representation that cannot be effectively provided through further enlargement or consolidation.

The shift from the existing Peace River division to the proposed Mackenzie district disrupts long-standing continuity among like-minded communities and municipalities. Northern communities such as those in Mackenzie County,

County of Northern Lights down into Peace River and Northern Sunrise County, share strong historical, economic, and cultural ties, including resource-based economies, rural lifestyles, and partnerships with Indigenous groups. These have been traditionally represented together, fostering unified advocacy on issues like infrastructure, environmental stewardship, and access to services. The proposed changes divide these interconnected areas, eroding years of collaborative representation and forcing disparate priorities into mismatched districts.

Similarly, the reduction of rural central-west districts from six to five, including the elimination of Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre to accommodate growth in the Airdrie-Cochrane area, shifts power toward urban and suburban regions. The increase in hybrid urban-rural districts from 18 to 23, now extending into parts of Edmonton and Calgary, dilutes rural perspectives by blending them with urban priorities. This trend exacerbates the erosion of rural representation, as seen in significant boundary shifts in southern rural areas like Cardston-Siksika. Overall, adding one new district each to Calgary and Edmonton while cutting rural and northern seats perpetuates an urban-centric imbalance.

This mirrors the federal Canadian electoral system, where the majority of Members of Parliament hail from densely populated urban centers in eastern Canada, effectively silencing the voices of the West and North. Alberta risks following the same path, with additional power and votes concentrated in Calgary and Edmonton, where population growth is rapid but does not reflect the province's full economic and geographic diversity. Representation should not be based on population numbers; greater value must be placed on land, open spaces, economic opportunities, and contributions to GDP. Rural Alberta drives the province's resource-based economy, oil, gas, agriculture, and forestry, generating billions in revenue that benefits all Albertans. Yet, these areas face unique challenges like long travel distances, sparse populations, limited access to services, and environmental stewardship responsibilities that urban districts do not share. Prioritizing "representation by population" alone ignores these realities and undermines effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.


The Commission has the flexibility under section 14 of the Act to consider factors such as sparsity, communities of interest, geographical features, and transportation means. I implore you to exercise this authority more robustly in the final report. At a minimum retain the existing seven northern districts to preserve accessibility for MLAs and constituents in remote areas. Limit the expansion of hybrid ridings and avoid merging rural districts to accommodate urban sprawl. Utilize the full allowance of up to four districts under section 15(2) for greater population variances in sparse rural regions, rather than just one (Mackenzie). These adjustments would better balance urban growth with rural equity, ensuring all Albertans have a meaningful voice.

Thank you for considering this submission. I trust the Commission will incorporate public feedback to refine the proposals and prioritize fair representation for rural Alberta.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wardley,

Long Time Northerner, Proud Rural Albertan,
Resident, Zama City, Mackenzie County



December 3, 2025

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77 - Peace River

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

76 - Peace River-Notley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Effective representation

Submission

The far northern communities are spread out far and distance to Edmonton between 700 to 800 kms. The rural should have larger populations variances because of municipality size and distance to Edmonton.

I suggest city wards should be more dense because that have a smaller area to look after and can normally travel that ward within an hour or two. We will kill our province if we dont preserve as much as possible rural Alberta wards were much revenue comes in for the province.

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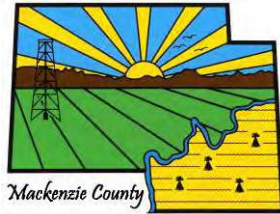
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December 2, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Attention: The Chair and Members of the Committee
c/o Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Chair and members of the Committee:

**RE: RURAL ALBERTA REQUEST TO REMOVE PROPOSED RURAL
POPULATION REALLOCATIONS AND PRESERVE HISTORIC DIVISION
NAMES**

From a rural Alberta perspective, Mackenzie County respectfully requests the Commission to remove the proposed reallocations affecting rural populations; preserve configurations that keep rural communities together with their service hubs; align boundaries, where possible, within municipal limits and community-defined regions; and utilize statutory variance allowances to protect effective representation for remote and sparsely populated areas.

In addition, we request that the Commission refrain from renaming long-standing electoral divisions and retain historic names that rural Albertans have used for generations. Maintaining established division names supports voter familiarity and turnout, respects local heritage and promotes administrative continuity across elections and agencies.

Furthermore, any change to long-standing division names would impose direct and indirect costs on rural communities and local governments. Updated signage, mapping, electoral materials, digital systems, emergency-service databases, and public-facing documents would all require modification—expenses that would inevitably fall on already financially stressed rural constituents. For remote municipalities operating with limited tax bases and significant service obligations, even seemingly minor administrative changes create disproportionate burdens. Maintaining existing, historic division names is therefore not only a matter of heritage and continuity, but also of responsible stewardship of rural resources.

We welcome further engagement in rural Alberta prior to the final report.

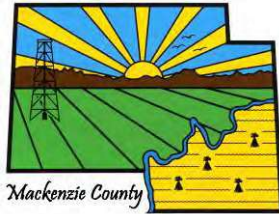
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Regards,



Joshua Knelsen,
Reeve,
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c. Mackenzie County Council



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Regards,



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Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130



December 1, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes – Protecting Rural and Northern Representation

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to express the MD of Smoky River's strong opposition to the proposed changes to Alberta's electoral boundaries, particularly the reduction of northern Alberta constituencies from seven to six and the elimination of the Lesser Slave Lake riding. These changes would significantly reduce rural and northern representation and undermine the principle of effective representation. Representation is not solely about equal population counts; it must also consider geography, community identity, and accessibility.

The Rural and Northern Reality

Rural and northern Albertans already face immense challenges in having their voices heard. Our northern rural constituencies cover vast geographic areas, requiring MLAs to travel hundreds of kilometers to meet constituents. Increasing the size of these ridings or reducing their number will make representation nearly unmanageable and further alienate rural voters.

The proposed Mackenzie riding would cover an area larger than some countries, making it nearly impossible for one MLA to adequately serve all communities. Northern Alberta's unique geography, diverse communities, and significant Indigenous population demand boundaries that reflect these realities.

Economic Contribution of Rural Alberta

Urban growth should not come at the expense of rural voices. Rural Alberta contributes significantly to the province's economy, contributing billions annually through agriculture, forestry, and energy production. Diluting rural representation risks marginalizing these sectors and the communities that sustain them.

Reducing rural voices in the Legislature undermines advocacy for infrastructure, transportation, and economic development initiatives that keep these sectors competitive.

Population Variance and Fairness

While representation by population is important, Alberta law and Supreme Court precedent allow for up to 25% variance to account for unique circumstances. Rural Alberta's vast geography, sparse population, and distinct community interests justify maintaining this variance. The principle of effective representation recognizes that equality of voting power must be balanced with practical realities such as distance and community cohesion.

Our Request

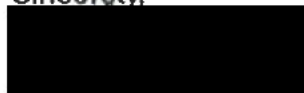
We urge the Commission to:

- Preserve the current boundaries for rural and northern constituencies.
- Apply the principle of effective representation by considering geography, community identity, and accessibility alongside population parity.
- Avoid further consolidation of rural ridings, which would erode the ability of rural Albertans to have their concerns heard in the Legislature.

Rural and northern Albertans already feel their voices are faint compared to urban centres. Further reducing representation will silence communities that contribute so much to Alberta's economy and identity. Maintaining the current boundaries is essential to ensuring fair and meaningful representation for all Albertans.

Thank you for considering this perspective. I appreciate the Commission's work and commitment to fair representation and trust that you will take these concerns seriously.

Sincerely,



Paula Guindon
Reeve

CC:

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

76 - Peace River-Notley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

Submission

Absolutely disagree with moving the boundaries

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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

Submission

Adding new electoral divisions make sense with population growth but removing an established urban electoral division does not. Making an electoral division larger in size is very difficult for our elected official to be all over the division regularly and connecting with the residents. Each urban area is unique and its unfair for Lesser Slave Lake to lose its own division. I strongly oppose the reports recommendation to eliminate our division and add our community to another one.

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What is your current electoral division?

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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

You will be taking away from the north the representation that it requires. With taking away 2 representatives our voices will not be heard. The north seems to lose many things but will lose more. Highway 88 for example, this highway should have been fixed years ago. With our MLA Scott Sinclair we have seen much improvement moving forward. With the loss of 2 representatives the north will be forgotten about with no improvement and possible projects being stalled without MLA's fighting for us.

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Interim Report Submission from Muneeb Khan

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What is your current electoral division?

31 - Edmonton-Ellerslie

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

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Hello,

I wanted to take a minute to thank you for your work in the first round. I was worried about you having strange ridings that are half edmonton and half rural.

Edmonton is such an important and unique part of the province. It has been my home since we moved to Alberta in 2013. It is ever growing and to be honest might even need more MLAs. Especially here on the south side, it is growing so quickly we need several MLAs to represent areas that are growing so rapidly.

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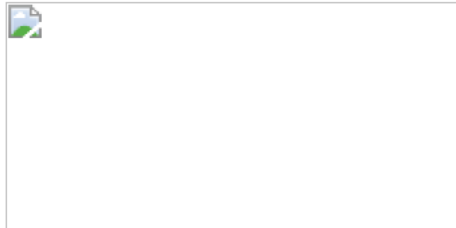
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What is your current electoral division?

31 - Edmonton-Ellerslie

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
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

I like that you kept Edmonton's ridings inside the city. That makes sense because it is easier for people to know who speaks for them. Instead of being confused about whether an MLA from outside of the city speaks for them too.

But Edmonton still needs more seats. South Edmonton is growing fast and has many South Asian families. It is growing faster than you can imagine. I am glad that you added another seat to the area. But, it's not enough. Hate against our community is real. We need more MLAs to speak for us and make sure we are safe and treated fairly. We have a right to be represented equally. I hope that you can think of this as a matter of fairness and equity. It's not just about numbers.

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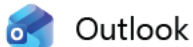
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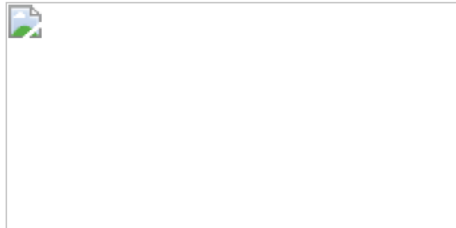
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What is your current electoral division?

09 - Calgary-Elbow

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

Submission

My name is Patti McKendrick and I live in the Calgary-Elbow electoral district. I have lived in Calgary for most of my 76 years wherein I lived on a farm on the west side of the city for 8 years. I have been very involved in the Calgary community for all my adult life and have worked with people from all walks of life. I love this city as it gives people a chance to make a life here, whether they were born here or have come from other places. I want to thank the Commission for the effort you've put into listening to Albertans. Today, I'm adding my voice to share the vision I have for the community I'm proud to call home.

Calgary-Elbow is a diverse and vibrant area. Our historic neighbourhoods are distinct to Calgary and the geographic landscape of the Elbow River. This community includes a mix of family and non-family households, and we have many immigrant and distinct cultural communities as well. It makes sense to reflect where these community groups are when deciding where to put electoral boundaries.

The residents here are highly educated and civically engaged, effective representation is important to us. Splitting or significantly reshaping Calgary-Elbow would undermine the consistency and effectiveness of provincial representation that our community relies on.

Geographically, our neighbourhoods share common characteristics along the Elbow River. We have a mix of housing styles that support density and give people options as they age, allowing them to stay in the area they love. Many people who are in retirement have called this community home for decades of their lives. Boundaries should respect the patterns of how residents interact and live in this community.

I do want to add that I think Calgary should have another seat. In all of the time that I've lived in Calgary, it has never grown at the rate that it is right now. I am astounded at how fast it is growing. Calgary is the third largest city in Canada. We should be represented in the Legislature like it. I think that you have done a wonderful thing by adding two new seats, but I think you need to add one more still.

Thank you for considering my perspective as you finalize the new boundaries.

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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?

75 - Mountain View-Kneehill

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

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

Submission

To the Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

Thank you for your careful work in ensuring fair representation for all Albertans and for inviting public input on the boundary changes. We submit this note as residents of the Sundre-Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House riding, expressing clear and persistent concerns about the proposed redistribution.

The central issue is that the "Mountain View Kneehill" configuration disrupts the guideline of preserving communities of interest by grouping Sundre to eastern agricultural communities rather than to neighboring western partners. Sundre maintains a stronger social, economic, and cultural connection with Rocky Mountain House to the north and with the MD of Bighorn and Banff to the west. Our regional identity is intimately tied to the foothills and western corridor; Sundre serves as a western gateway via Highway 27, with many residents commuting, shopping, and engaging in activities across Clearwater and Mountain View counties.

Moreover, linking Sundre with communities east of Highway 22 dilutes the collective voice of west-central Albertans, as those areas have different industries, priorities, and needs. We respectfully urge you to reconsider the boundary plan and to keep Sundre and Rocky Mountain House connected, ensuring representation that reflects shared western interests.

We appreciate your consideration of these points as you move toward final determinations.

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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?

75 - Mountain View-Kneehill

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

To the Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

We appreciate the Commission's diligent work in safeguarding fair representation for all Albertans and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed boundary changes. We write as residents of the Sundre-Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House riding to express strong concerns about the proposed redistribution as it affects our area.

Our principal concern is that the proposed "Mountain View Kneehill" option breaches the guideline to maintain communities of interest by grouping Sundre with eastern agricultural communities rather than with our natural western neighbors. Sundre shares deeper socio-economic and cultural ties with Rocky Mountain House to the north and with the MD of Bighorn and Banff to the west. Our community identity is shaped by the foothills and western region, and Sundre serves as a gateway to the west, connected via Highway 27. Many residents work, recreate, and participate in activities in Clearwater and Mountain View counties.

The proposed boundaries risk diminishing the voice of west-central Albertans by pairing us with communities east of Highway 22 that have different industries, priorities, and challenges. We respectfully request that you reconsider these boundary changes and align western communities—such as Sundre and Rocky Mountain House—to ensure effective representation for residents with shared western interests.

Thank you again for considering our concerns before finalizing your decision.

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What is your current electoral division?

42 - Edmonton-South

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

44 - Edmonton-South

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Geographical features

- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Other concerns

Submission

Date: December 3, 2025

From: Dr. Collins Ugochukwu

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Concerns to Proposed Boundary Changes for Edmonton South #57522 – Map 44

Introduction

I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed boundary changes to the Edmonton South electoral division as outlined in the Commission's Interim Report. The proposed modifications fragment established communities and ignored natural boundaries that have long defined our riding's cohesion.

Areas of Concern

1. Chappelle Shared Pathway/Whitemud Creek

Issue: The proposed boundary removes key community areas within Chappelle from Edmonton South, severing it from the same communities where they have had access to the same recreational centres, shopping malls and other areas.

Why This Matters:

- This pathway/area serves as a vital community connector for residents who use it for recreation, transportation, and accessing local amenities.
- Residents along this corridor share common interests, services, and community identity with other Chappelle Communities in the Edmonton South
- Moving this area out of Edmonton South and merging it with Edmonton Southwest makes them far away from other communities where they shared the same amenities. This naturally disrupts the logical geographic unity of the riding.

Solution: Maintain the current boundary that keeps Edmonton South within its current limits to preserve community connectivity.

2. Blackmud Creek Boundary Inconsistency

Issue: The proposed boundary uses Ellerslie Road as the northern boundary for Edmonton South, while adjacent ridings along the same general line use the Anthony Henday Trail as their boundary.

Why This Matters:

- This creates an arbitrary and inconsistent approach to boundary-setting in the

region.

- The Anthony Henday Trail serves as a clear, logical, and universally recognised boundary marker.
- Using different boundary standards for adjacent ridings creates confusion and fails to respect established geographic divisions.
- Residents south of the current boundary to the Anthony Henday share the same community services, schools, and local concerns as those currently in Edmonton South.

Solution: Align Edmonton South's boundary with the Anthony Henday Trail to match the standard applied to neighbouring electoral divisions, ensuring consistency and respecting natural boundaries.

Conclusion

I urge the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundary changes for Edmonton South. The current proposal fragments our community, ignores natural and logical boundaries, and applies inconsistent standards compared to adjacent ridings.

Maintaining Edmonton South's established boundaries, particularly by:

- Keeping all Chappelle areas within the riding
- Using the Anthony Henday Trail as a consistent northern boundary
- Respecting natural community connectors like pathway and creek systems

This will better serve the principles of effective representation and community cohesion that guide electoral boundary design.

Thank you for considering this submission. I am available to discuss these concerns further if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Collins Ugochukwu

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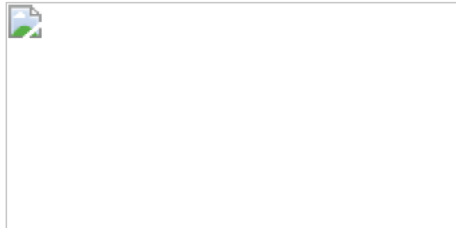
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What is your current electoral division?

77 - Peace River

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

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Until the criteria is changed we in the west and north will continue to loose representation, which I see is happening again . Every boundary review I have been to and said the same thing , that geographically we are to huge to have effective representation and this practice continues to this day every review we get bigger and bigger . So for me this review is a waste of money and time because the great Ottawa and Edmonton have decided our faith by the criteria they put in place .

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What is your current electoral division?

87 - West Yellowhead

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

Submission

As the Mayor of the Town of Whitecourt, my comments are being submitted on behalf of the municipality. The proposed changes that the Electoral Boundaries Commission is suggesting for northern Alberta will eliminate a provincial representative from the legislature. This change will stifle the voice of northern Alberta by weakening its representation on the provincial level. While the Commission references population growth (or lack thereof) as the reasoning behind the move, it fails to consider geography, as well as the impact this region has on the provincial economy. Northern Alberta is important to the provincial resource development, as well as provincial royalty revenues – which necessitates different needs/standards than other areas, including urban areas, with regard to infrastructure and transportation. Rural Alberta has unique challenges that demands fair representation. Please consider this information in your final decision.

Respectfully,
Ray Hilts
Mayor
Town of Whitecourt

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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December 4, 2025

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

For more than 50 years, the Rocky Gas Co-Op has provided a member-based solution for the residents of rural Clearwater County to connect their homes and farms with natural gas. Our co-operative has thousands of members, and while we call ourselves “Rocky Gas Co-Op”, our mission is to support the rural residents of Clearwater County who would otherwise not be connected to natural gas infrastructure. Today, we continue to work to expand access to natural gas, including through our current Nordegg Line project that will connect Nordegg to natural gas for the first time in the history of the hamlet.

As board members of the Rocky Gas Co-Op, we wish to share our concerns with the Boundary Commission’s proposal to eliminate the Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre constituency and divide Clearwater County between three different ridings. From the local perspective, we recommend that all of Clearwater County remain in the same constituency to ensure effective representation in the Legislature.

The proposed boundaries will divide the Rocky Gas Co-Op franchise area, which will divide existing natural gas infrastructure and transportation corridors. Rocky Gas Co-Op serves residents of Clearwater County who live in a region that is not serviced by large utility companies. These rural homes and farms use Rocky Mountain House as the local hub for services and business, and our natural gas infrastructure reflects this regional connection. For our members, the Highway 11 and Highway 22 corridors are essential transportation networks that are used to go to school, go to work, and do business every day. The proposed electoral boundaries do not reflect the reality of Rocky Mountain House as the regional centre, and would divide our infrastructure, as well as other municipal and regional services, between several different ridings.

Finally, the Rocky Gas Co-Op board is concerned that dividing the franchise area between three constituencies (Banff-Jasper, Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House, and Mountain View-Kneehill) will make it more challenging to advocate on behalf of our members for provincial support and recognition. Earlier this year, our organization was able to secure a \$2.5 million contribution from the Government of Alberta to the Nordegg natural gas expansion. Securing this funding was a years-long process that started with advocacy to our local MLA. This was a logical place to start – the MLA represents all members of Rocky Gas Co-Op as well as the residents of Nordegg who would be receiving the new service. Under the new proposed boundaries, this would not be possible, as no one member of the Legislature would be responsible for advocating for all of our members. Without dedicated representation for Clearwater County as a whole, the critical advocacy work of our board on behalf of our members may not be possible.

Thank you for considering this submission. We hope that the Boundary Commission will reconsider their draft proposal and ensure that the final electoral boundaries have all of Clearwater County and Rocky Mountain House included in the same constituency. This step will ensure effective representation for the communities in the Rocky Gas Co-Op franchise area.

Sincerely,

Rocky Gas Co-Op Board of Directors

To the Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a resident of the current Olds–Didsbury–Three Hills constituency and as an active member of our local constituency association and community. I want to begin by expressing my appreciation for the work of the Commission. I recognize the complexity of this review, the volume of submissions you have considered, and the challenge of balancing demographic shifts with the principle of effective representation. My intention is not to criticize the Commission's efforts, but to provide local insight that I hope will assist in refining the proposed boundaries.

With respect, I disagree with several elements of the proposed map, including the creation and naming of the Mountain View–Kneehill constituency. Based on the Commission's own criteria, particularly effective representation, communities of interest, communication and transportation considerations, geographic features, and the desirability of clear boundaries, I believe adjustments are necessary to ensure rural residents continue to be fairly represented.

A consistent concern raised in submissions, and one that I strongly share, is the increased difficulty of representing rural electoral divisions. Rural MLAs must drive long distances, attend events across multiple municipalities, and maintain relationships with several school boards. Rural constituents are also generally older than their urban counterparts and place greater demands on their representatives. These realities significantly increase the workload and travel requirements of a rural MLA and must be considered carefully when defining constituency borders.

The Commission's interim report references submissions suggesting that technology may reduce the need for travel. The report correctly states that technology can mitigate but cannot eliminate the unique challenges faced by rural MLAs. I fully agree with this conclusion. I would also add that in many rural areas, technology is not a reliable or preferred method of communication. Many residents live in areas with poor reception, inconsistent internet access, or limited familiarity with digital tools. As a result, increased reliance on technology can create additional barriers rather than solutions. Rural representation still requires in-person presence, and constituency boundaries should reflect that reality.

I am concerned that the proposed map compresses several central Alberta constituencies along the QE II corridor and creates ridings that are geographically large and internally diverse. The current proposal removes the southern portion of our constituency and extends the western boundary far past Rocky Mountain House. The communities west of Highway 22 have very different geographic and economic characteristics than those of Mountain View County and Kneehill County. The western region is dominated by foothills, mountains, crown land, and forestry operations. The central and eastern regions are defined by prairies, farming, ranching, and small rural municipalities. These are distinct communities with different priorities, and combining them within a single riding complicates effective representation.

I am also concerned about the continued shifting of the panhandle communities, including Rockyford and Standard. This is the second consecutive redistribution in which they are being moved from one constituency to another. Frequent relocation disrupts continuity of

representation and undermines the connection these communities have been trying to build with their MLA. Strong representation requires stability, especially for small towns that rely heavily on regional collaboration.

The Commission rightly emphasizes the importance of communities of interest and intermunicipal cooperation. With this in mind, I respectfully recommend the following boundaries, which better reflect existing partnerships:

- West Boundary: Highway 22
- East Boundary: Red Deer River
- North Boundary: Northern limits of Mountain View County and Kneehill County
- South Boundary: Include the communities of Irricana and Beiseker

This configuration aligns with the genuine regional relationships among communities such as Beiseker, Irricana, Acme, Linden, and Carbon. These municipalities regularly participate in shared intermunicipal meetings and joint programs, including Recreation and FCSS collaboration between Beiseker and Irricana. Shared facilities such as the arena in Beiseker, the curling club in Irricana, and the swimming pool in Acme serve residents from multiple surrounding communities. These are clear examples of communities of interest that should be reflected in the electoral map.

In addition, residents throughout these areas rely on Olds as a regional hub for shopping, medical services, agricultural supplies, and the auction mart. These shared economic and service connections reinforce the logic of including these communities within a single constituency.

Finally, I respectfully disagree with the conclusion that central Alberta should lose a seat overall. Removing an entire constituency from this region risks reducing the voice of rural Albertans by creating larger and more diverse ridings with competing priorities. This outcome, in my view, is contrary to the objective of effective representation.

Thank you for considering these observations. I hope that this local context is helpful as the Commission continues its work. I appreciate the effort and diligence that has gone into this review, and I offer these comments with respect for the responsibility entrusted to the Commission.

Sincerely,
Michael Frankiw



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What is your current electoral division?

57 - Cypress-Medicine Hat

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?

Medicine Hat-Brooks & Medicine Hat-Cypress

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

I have read through the justifications for leaving the two proposed electoral divisions status quo, and while I agree with some of the reasoning, I still believe Medicine Hat would be best served with a fully urban division as opposed to remaining split into two hybrid divisions. I believe this is being done with nefarious "gerrymandering" intent, as including rural residents in the respective counties adjacent to the city proper makes UCP victories in future elections more likely. This is especially evident because the Premier is the current MLA in the north division (Brooks-Medicine Hat), and may not have won a seat had it not been for the inclusion of Brooks and the rural areas in the last election.

Looking at three comparable urban areas which are currently not hybrid, and not proposed to be hybrid, I find it difficult to agree with the reasoning presented for keeping status quo. These arguments, summarized, are:

- previous submissions did not represent a unanimous opinion,
- an arbitrary "compromise" of leaving Lethbridge fully urban and keeping Medicine Hat as status quo,
- Medicine Hat as an urban division would create a rural division which is too large,
- the current populations are close to the provincial average,
- the current MLA (Justin Wright) submitted a letter and wants to keep it status quo.

Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, and Red Deer all have very similar geographic sizes to Medicine Hat (all four are between 104 Km and 132 Km squared). Grande Prairie has a very similar population (64,141 in 2021) to Medicine Hat (63,271 in 2021). Given this, Medicine Hat being split and Grande Prairie remaining whole is incomprehensible. Grande Prairie exists inside of a VERY large rural division that is at least 7,500Km squared. If Medicine Hat became a contained urban division and the remaining rural areas formed a division using current Cypress and Brooks divisions, the area would be comparable and likely smaller. The population deviation from the quotient would be roughly 15%, which is far from the highest deviation, and is actually very similar to at least eleven other divisions.

Red Deer and Lethbridge are also inside of extremely large rural areas. Red Deer is fully inside of Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, which is roughly the same geographic size as Cypress-Medicine Hat. Lethbridge sits between the current Cardston-Siksika and Taber-Warner divisions, both of which are comparable in area to several other rural divisions. The proposed new rural divisions surrounding Lethbridge are similarly large, although the dividing lines are considerably different. It would seem status quo isn't as desirable just 150Km west of Medicine Hat.

Given all of this, I firmly believe the decision to leave Medicine Hat in status quo is more politically convenient and less about logic or right-fitting the divisions to

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57 - Cypress-Medicine Hat

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?

Cypress-Medicine Hat and Brooks- Medicine Hat

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I believe Medicine Hat would be best served with a fully urban division as opposed to remaining split into two hybrid divisions. I believe keeping the status quo is being done with nefarious "gerrymandering" intent, as including rural residents in the respective counties adjacent to the city proper makes UCP victories in future elections more likely. This is especially evident because the Premier is the current MLA in the north division (Brooks-Medicine Hat), and may not have won a seat had it not been for the inclusion of Brooks and the rural areas in the last election.

Looking at three comparable urban areas which are currently not hybrid, and not proposed to be hybrid, I find it difficult to agree with the reasoning presented for keeping status quo. These arguments, summarized, are:

- previous submissions did not represent a unanimous opinion,
- an arbitrary "compromise" of leaving Lethbridge fully urban and keeping Medicine Hat as status quo,
- Medicine Hat as an urban division would create a rural division which is too large,
- the current populations are close to the provincial average,
- the current MLA (Justin Wright) submitted a letter and wants to keep it status quo.

Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, and Red Deer all have very similar geographic sizes to Medicine Hat (all four are between 104 Km and 132 Km squared). Grande Prairie has a very similar population (64,141 in 2021) to Medicine Hat (63,271 in 2021). Given this, Medicine Hat being split and Grande Prairie remaining whole is incomprehensible. Grande Prairie exists inside of a VERY large rural division that is at least 7,500Km squared. If Medicine Hat became a contained urban division and the remaining rural areas formed a division using current Cypress and Brooks divisions, the area would be comparable and likely smaller. The population deviation from the quotient would be roughly 15%, which is far from the highest deviation, and is actually very similar to at least eleven other divisions.

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What is your current electoral division?

49 - Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock

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?

Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock and Yellowhead West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

This is sent on behalf of Woodlands County Council as per their motion from their December 4th 2025 Council meeting:

Woodlands County Council appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2025–2026 Interim Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. We recognize the Commission's mandate and the pressures created by Alberta's significant population growth; however, Council has substantial concerns regarding the proposed reconfiguration affecting our municipality.

Loss of Dual MLA Representation and Impact on Rural Voice

Under the current structure, Woodlands County benefits from representation within both the Slave Lake–Westlock–Athabasca and West Yellowhead constituencies. This dual representation has ensured that the full breadth of our municipality—spanning large geography, diverse industries, and distinct regional interests—has had meaningful access to multiple provincial perspectives. The Interim Report proposes that Woodlands County be consolidated entirely into the West Yellowhead electoral division.

This change removes an MLA from the northeast portion of our municipality, resulting in a significant loss of political voice, particularly for our rural agricultural communities in the east end. These communities do not share the same economic drivers, service relationships, or regional priorities as those in the westernmost parts of Alberta. Losing representation specifically attuned to agriculture-based issues, northern rural infrastructure, and intermunicipal economic partnerships poses a risk to effective advocacy.

Communities of Interest Not Reflected in Proposed Boundary

The Commission's mandate emphasizes communities of interest, municipal cohesion, geography, and transportation patterns. Based on those criteria, Woodlands County has strong concerns with being grouped into a district that stretches from our eastern agricultural areas all the way to Grande Cache—a region with fundamentally different economic, cultural, and geographic realities. The east end of Woodlands County is characterized by:

- A strong agricultural base
- Service and transportation linkages toward Westlock, Athabasca, Slave Lake, and Barrhead
- Distinct development patterns and community networks not shared with communities west of the Rockies

By contrast, the Grande Cache region is remote, mountainous, and structurally distinct from our County's service relationships and economic base. The proposed district draws together communities that do not share transportation corridors, service hubs, or industry alignment. Council believes that this undermines the Commission's own principles of effective representation and

clear, coherent boundaries.

Geographic and Representation Challenges

Woodlands County is already a large rural municipality with vast distances between hamlets, agricultural areas, and industrial sites. Combining our region into an even larger West Yellowhead electoral division will intensify representation challenges, making it more difficult for residents to access their MLA and for the MLA to effectively serve communities with highly divergent needs.

The Interim Report itself acknowledges the significant workload of MLAs in rural and northern constituencies, the need for physical presence, and the challenges of transportation and communication across vast areas. Expanding West Yellowhead in the manner proposed directly compounds these concerns.

Summary of Council's Position

Woodlands County Council is not in support of the proposed boundary change as presented. Specifically:

1. We oppose the loss of our second MLA, which diminishes advocacy and representation for our rural agricultural communities—especially in the east end of the County.
2. We oppose the inclusion of Woodlands County in a district extending to Grande Cache, a region with which we share little in terms of economic structure, service delivery, or community identity.
3. We believe the proposal weakens effective representation and does not align with the statutory considerations of communities of interest or geographic cohesion.

We respectfully request that the Commission reconsider the proposed boundaries in a manner that preserves meaningful representation for Woodlands County's diverse communities and maintains alignment with our established regional connections.

Woodlands County Council would welcome the opportunity to speak directly to the Commission during its January 2026 hearings.

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What is your current electoral division?

31 - Edmonton-Ellerslie

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

34 - Edmonton-Ellerslie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Other concerns

Submission

Thank you for keeping Edmonton's ridings inside the city. I just had my second baby at Grey Nuns Hospital. South Edmonton is growing fast. I am glad that you recognized that and gave our part of the city an extra seat. It was needed. We need more MLAs so we can get more schools and hospitals for families.

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What is your current electoral division?

31 - Edmonton-Ellerslie

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

I like that Ellerslie was not added in with Leduc or Sherwood Park. That would have made no sense. Thank you for not doing that.

But, I think Edmonton still needs at least one more seat. Most people live in the two big cities and people are really moving there all of the time. I moved to South Edmonton in 2013. Back then, it was the edge of the city. Now it has grown so much! How can Edmonton end up with only one more seat after growing so rapidly over the past decade and with even more growth projected for the next ten years? Don't get me wrong, I think that getting one more seat is a good thing. But, it's not enough. I hope that you consider that option. I appreciate work. I can't imagine that it was very easy.

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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

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

No to new divisions. Northern Albertan's concerns will be ignored and pushed aside with a larger division. And separate us even more. Our MLA's are fighting hard enough so our concerns are considered. I stand with Scott Sinclair.

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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

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

We contribute alot here in our community and you want to break us up why ?
Add more why?

Why are fixing something that's not broken?

As a community member here for over 25+years
I don't not approve nor appreciate said amendments or proposal.

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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

Submission

If you need more divisions in the Urban areas, just add more. Do not take away from the rural, Northern Alberta riding. We are just as important, and we need our voices heard!! How can one MLA cover his/her area and address the concerns of rural Alberta if you make it even bigger.

We are just as important, and our needs need to be met as well.

Enough of taking away from us!!

Please do the right thing, we belong and need to be counted as well.

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