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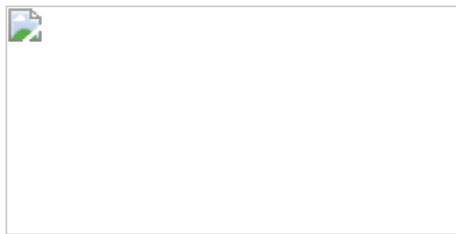
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**Interim Report Submission from Trudy Corbett**

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**Interim Report Considerations**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

50 - Banff-Kananaskis

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

53 - Banff-Jasper

## What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

## Submission

As a resident of Canmore, I am very concerned about the Electoral Boundaries Commission's interim report which suggests changing our current Banff-Kananaskis riding into a massive Banff-Jasper riding extending from Jasper National Park through the Columbia Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93N) to the west side of Calgary.

Such a riding boundary proposal significantly overlooks the unique needs of a growing mountain community like Canmore. Rather, I implore the commission to create a Canmore-Crowsnest Pass electoral division. Such a riding would be able to favorably link the Bow Valley including Canmore and Kananaskis Country with southern rocky mountain communities around Crowsnest Pass. The establishment of a Canmore-Crowsnest Pass riding would fulfill the commission's goals of communities of interest, coherent geographical regions, population equity, and effective representation. A Canmore-Crowsnest Pass riding will truly reflect communities of shared mountain lifestyles and shared economic interests. I have included a map of the newly proposed Canmore Crowsnest Pass electoral district in this submission.

Here is why I believe a Canmore-Crowsnest Pass riding makes sense.

### 1. Communities of Interest

Canmore as a recreational and family-oriented community shares much more in common with the communities of Crowsnest Pass than the federally controlled tourism bubble of Banff townsite and the remote wilderness of Jasper. Both Canmore and the communities of Crowsnest Pass struggle with the challenges of growth while working to protect the environment and wildlife spaces.

Canmore's emerging film industry has similar ties to Crowsnest's developing adventure sport scene. Canmore's history as a coal mining town has a unique connections with Crowsnest's coal legacy.

### 2. Geographical Considerations

The Canmore-Crowsnest Pass follows natural geographic boundaries with the Rockies and BC's border to the west and Highwood River to the north. There are many natural corridors existing through this proposed electoral boundary which include Highway #1, Highway #40, Hwy #22 and Highway #3. These well-established routes are used daily for trade, emergency response, recreation and tourism connecting Canmore and the Crowsnest Pass communities.

Unlike the commission's proposed Banff-Jasper riding, travelling from Canmore to Jasper is inaccessible during the winter with the closure of the Columbia Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93N). In addition, there are many areas along this route where no cell service exists furthering negating regular travel.

### 3. Effective Representation

A Canmore-Crowsnest Pass riding is much more manageable for an MLA given

the corridors that exist which allow for easier access to all areas of the riding. Approximately , a 3.5-hour drive for an MLA to cover the riding. Conversely, the commission's Banff-Jasper riding proposal would make an MLA's access challenging with a 6.5 hour drive from one end of the riding to the other with limited to no accessibility to certain regions of the riding during the winter months. In addition, the Crowsnest-Canmore Pass riding will ensure mountain communities can have a strong, unified voice in the legislature with particular focus on tourism, recreation, and environmental stewardship.

The Canmore-Crowsnest Pass riding name and boundaries clearly defines the unique mountain character of the riding. It unites Alberta's southern Rockies Canmore, Kananaskis and Crowsnest Pass into a single riding that reflects the commission's acknowledgement of the need for hybrid, community-centred ridings in complex regions. As a Canmore resident, who truly values our town's role as a gateway to the Rockies, I urge the commission to abandon the extensive Banff-Jasper riding proposal that is not reflective of common interests and needs of the communities involved. Please consider pivoting to a Canmore-Crowsnest Pass riding which will keep our mountain communities connected and appropriately represented in government.

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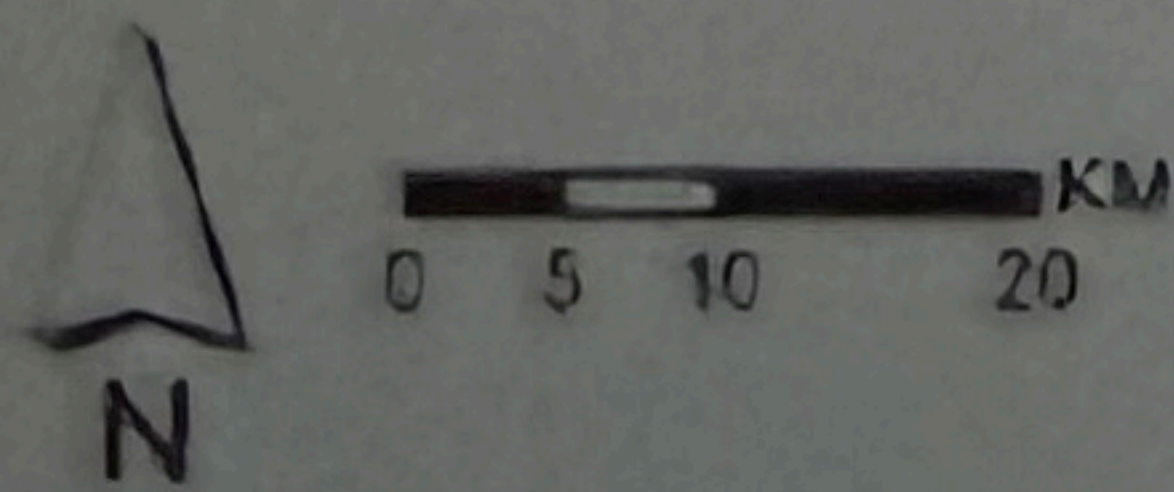
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**OLD: BANFF-KANASKIS**

Old Provincial Electoral District: 50



Forecast Population: 42,197

Potential Voter Outcome: 58%

**NEW: 64 EASTERN SLOPES**







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## Interim Report Submission from Wanda McIntyre

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**What is your current electoral division?**

16 - Calgary-Lougheed

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

18 - Calgary-Lougheed

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns

**Submission**

I believe that the boundaries should not be changed. If you are basing this on population or growth Calgary has enough MLAs that taxpayers are paying. Changing boundaries would yet again add extra MLA's to run the new zones. MLAs already get a ton of time off from legislation. As a taxpayer I do not support changing boundaries so you can add more MLAs. Less government less taxes and we are already being taxed enough.

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**Interim Report Submission from Luanne Metz**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

25 - Calgary-Varsity

**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?**

Calgary-Varsity (changes recommended), municipal representation is low vs rural, creation of rural ridings

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

**Submission**

My name is Luanne Metz. I am the MLA for Calgary-Varsity.

I am very grateful for the tremendous work that the boundaries commission has already done and I appreciate the opportunity to give feedback on the preliminary report. For the most part, I will speak to the recommended changes to Calgary Varsity.

The preliminary report suggests that growth of Calgary Varsity has been less than in many other communities. The preliminary report suggests that the community of Montgomery be added. This will increase the population of Calgary Varsity to above the average and decrease Calgary Bow to below average. I am hoping you will reconsider this change because I do not believe the recent and imminent growth of Calgary Varsity has been accounted for as it will soon have a very much higher population than the average so it should not have another community added.

The major growth will be in the entirely new community, University District. I currently live in Calgary Varsity, specifically in the community of Varsity Acres, however, in May of 2026, I will be moving to a new condo in the new community of University District. Like so many other units it is under construction. This new district is right in the middle of my riding and was previously unoccupied grassland on the west side of the University of Calgary property. I have lived in Calgary Varsity for most of my life, certainly for over 50 years of it. I raised my children here. I know the community well.

University District will have approximately 7,100 units, probably 14,000-15,000 people, within 4-5 years. Construction is constant. The first units were occupied at the end of 2020, within only a few months of the 2021 census. Few units were even ready for occupation during the 2021 census when the population was reported as 962 people. Each year a few multistory residential units are added. Many of the people moving to University District, including myself, also highlight another feature of the constituency. There is currently rapid turnover of residents from aging seniors to young families. The walkable community of University district, within walking distance of the University of Calgary and both Foothills Hospital and Alberta Children's Hospital has been very popular. I sold my single-family home to a family with 2 young children; many others have done the same. This ongoing pattern that is increasing the population of the neighbourhood. We are seeing evidence in the burgeoning schools. This is on top of the expectation of 14,000 people added to University District.

On top of this growth we are experiencing considerable densification within University Heights, Brentwood, Parkdale, and Banff Trail due to new apartment construction and to some degree, to conversion of single-family homes to 8-



plexes with the zoning changes. Our Calgary Varsity neighbourhoods are growing upward. Several new high rise apartments opened since 2021 such as the Uxbridge across 16th Avenue from the Arthur Child Cancer center, 4 apartment towers on the Brentwood Mall site, and several on the redeveloped Northland Mall site. None of these were captured in the 2021 census.

I believe that the Boundaries of Calgary Varsity should not be changed because of this considerable recent and ongoing growth. It will result in the votes from residents of Calgary Varsity counting for so much less than the votes of people in many other constituencies.

I also need to note that Alberta's population growth has been far greater in the cities than the rural areas so I strongly believe more of the representatives should be elected by people living in our cities so voters are as equally represented as possible.

Finally, I believe that residents of the proposed Calgary-West and Calgary-Cross communities who live outside the City will not be adequately represented by inclusion within 'rurban' ridings. There are more than enough people within the cities to exclude these communities which differ considerably.

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**Interim Report Submission from Elaine Paulencu**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest



- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries

## Submission

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a resident of Strathcona-Sherwood Park to provide feedback on the proposed electoral boundary changes.

I strongly oppose the Commission's proposal to remove Heritage Hills from our constituency and to add Beaumont and parts of Leduc County. These changes do not reflect our community of interest, and I urge you to reconsider based on the following factors:

· **Heritage Hills Belongs Here:** Heritage Hills is an integral part of our community. Families there utilize Sherwood Park schools, recreation centres, and services. Removing this neighbourhood disrupts natural school catchments and splits a community that functions as one unit.

· **Beaumont is a Distinct Community:** While Beaumont is a vibrant community, its economic and social ties are to Leduc and Edmonton, not Sherwood Park. Furthermore, Strathcona County is a Specialized Municipality with a unique service delivery model that differs significantly from the City of Beaumont. Merging them forces one MLA to represent two incompatible municipal frameworks.

· **Population Targets Will Be Met Naturally:** Our constituency is currently sitting at approximately 51,000 residents, which is within the legal variance. With the rapid growth occurring in Ardrossan and Hillshire, we are projected to reach the provincial target of 55,000 naturally without requiring major boundary shifts.

· **Economic and Commuter Patterns:** Our riding is tied together by the Industrial Heartland and Refinery Row. In contrast, Beaumont's transportation corridors and commuter flows point toward Leduc and Edmonton.

**Recommendation:** Please abandon the proposal to attach Beaumont and remove Heritage Hills. If the Commission determines that adding population is strictly necessary, I submit that Tofield is a much more logical addition. Residents of Tofield already commute to Sherwood Park for work, shopping and services, creating a genuine community of interest that does not exist with Beaumont. Please keep our boundaries stable and allow our natural growth to meet your targets.

Sincerely,

Elaine Paulencu

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## Interim Report Submission from Michael Roppelt

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**What is your current electoral division?**

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest



- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

I am writing as a resident of Strathcona-Sherwood Park to provide feedback on the proposed electoral boundary changes.

I strongly oppose the Commission's proposal to remove Heritage Hills from our constituency and to add Beaumont and parts of Leduc County.

These changes do not reflect our community of interest, and I urge you to reconsider based on the following factors:

Heritage Hills is an integral part of Sherwood Park sharing schools, recreation centres, parks and services. Removing this neighbourhood disrupts natural school catchments and splits a community that functions as one unit. With the rapid growth occurring in Ardrossan and Hillshire, Strathcona-Sherwood Park are projected to reach the provincial population target naturally without requiring major boundary shifts, and our riding is tied together by the Industrial Heartland and Refinery Row.

Beaumont is a Distinct Community: with its economic and social ties primarily to Leduc and Edmonton. Merging them forces one MLA to represent two incompatible municipal frameworks.

Beaumont's transportation corridors and commuter flows also point toward Leduc and Edmonton.

Suggestion: Please abandon the proposal to attach Beaumont and remove Heritage Hills. Tofield would be a much more logical addition. Residents of Tofield already commute to Sherwood Park for work, shopping and services.

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**Interim Report Submission from Donald Paulencu**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features



- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries

## Submission

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I strongly oppose the Commission's proposal to remove Heritage Hills from our constituency and to add Beaumont and parts of Leduc County. These changes do not reflect our community of interest, and I urge you to reconsider based on the following factors:

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- **Beaumont is a Distinct Community:** While Beaumont is a vibrant community, its economic and social ties are to Leduc and Edmonton, not Sherwood Park. Furthermore, Strathcona County is a Specialized Municipality with a unique service delivery model that differs significantly from the City of Beaumont. Merging them forces one MLA to represent two incompatible municipal frameworks.
- **Population Targets Will Be Met Naturally:** Our constituency is currently sitting at approximately 51,000 residents, which is within the legal variance. With the rapid growth occurring in Ardrossan and Hillshire, we are projected to reach the provincial target of 55,000 naturally without requiring major boundary shifts.
- **Economic and Commuter Patterns:** Our riding is tied together by the Industrial Heartland and Refinery Row. In contrast, Beaumont's transportation corridors and commuter flows point toward Leduc and Edmonton.

**Recommendation:** Please abandon the proposal to attach Beaumont and remove Heritage Hills. If the Commission determines that adding population is strictly necessary, I submit that Tofield is a much more logical addition. Residents of Tofield already commute to Sherwood Park for work, shopping and services, creating a genuine community of interest that does not exist with Beaumont. Please keep our boundaries stable and allow our natural growth to meet your targets.

Sincerely,

Donald Paulencu

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## Interim Report Submission from Taso Selimos

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50 - Banff-Kananaskis

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

04 - Calgary-Bow

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

I am a resident of Springbank writing to you regarding the 2025 interim report. While the commission has proposed a new Cochrane-Springbank constituency, this grouping fundamentally ignores the reality of where Springbank residents live their lives. My neighbors and I do not look toward Cochrane or Canmore for our primary needs. We look east. I am formally requesting that the commission move Springbank into Calgary-Bow and, to balance population requirements, consider removing eastern urban communities like Bowness, Montgomery, and/or Wildwood which have little in common with our suburban-residential acreage community and the suburban communities of Crestmont, Valley Ridge, Cougar Ridge and West Springs.

My life is entirely centered within the Calgary city limits. My business interests are located in Calgary, and every professional service I require, from accounting and legal counsel to specialized medical care, is found in Calgary. When I leave my home for groceries, retail, or dining, I visit the shopping centres in West Springs. I do not travel to Cochrane or Canmore for these services because they are not my community of interest and they are also too far away. My daily commute and the infrastructure I rely upon, such as the Stoney Trail and Highway 1 corridors, are shared with the residents of Calgary-Bow, not the mountain or river-valley towns further west.

Springbank has transitioned from its historical agricultural roots into a residential suburb. Our concerns revolve around urban-fringe growth, school capacity in West Calgary, and the management of traffic flowing into the city core. These issues are identical to those faced by Calgary-Bow residents. In contrast, Cochrane and Canmore face pressures related to mountain tourism, distinct municipal growth strategies, and different environmental priorities. Grouping us with them dilutes our voice and forces a single representative to balance two completely different sets of constituent needs.

To achieve the 25% population variance required by the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, I suggest that the commission remove the more established, high-density inner-city neighborhoods in the eastern portion of the current Calgary-Bow district. Communities like Bowness and Montgomery are historic, walkable urban centers with unique socio-economic needs that differ vastly from the estate-style residential nature of Springbank. Moving these communities into a more central Calgary riding would allow Calgary-Bow to become a cohesive western suburban district.

Effective representation is a right guaranteed by the Charter, and it is best achieved when boundaries reflect the natural patterns of where people work, shop, and build their lives. For me and my neighbors, that place is Calgary. I thank the commission for its work and for considering this request to align our political representation with our actual community identity.



Springbank is functionally a suburb of Calgary and should be integrated into the Calgary-Bow electoral division to ensure effective representation based on shared economic and social interests.

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**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Effective representation
- Projected growth



**Submission**

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**Recommendation:** Please abandon the proposal to attach Beaumont and remove Heritage Hills. If the Commission determines that adding population is strictly necessary, I submit that Tofield is a much more logical addition. Residents of Tofield already commute to Sherwood Park for work, shopping and services, creating a genuine community of interest that does not exist with Beaumont.

Please keep our boundaries stable and allow our natural growth to meet your targets.

Sincerely,

Jodie Wacko

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**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

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

**Submission**

Please leave the Strathcona-Sherwood Park Electoral division alone. Heritage Hills is a vital part of the community in Sherwood Park and needs the appropriate representation together with the community.

Beaumont has always been a distinct community and is better represented with Leduc.

Strathcona-Sherwood Park is better represented with Heritage Hills and the growth and development of the Ardrossan areas which will attain population requirement numbers in short order. In my opinion it is short sighted to change the boundaries at this time.

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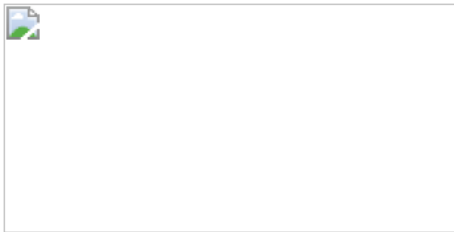
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**Interim Report Submission from Janice Nelson**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

13 - Calgary-Glenmore

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

15 - Calgary-Glenmore

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

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

**Submission**

To the Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

My name is Janice Nelson and I am a resident of Calgary-Glenmore. I have lived in Calgary for almost 25 years and in this specific riding for 20 years. I am motivated to provide feedback on the Interim Report because I believe in the importance of democratic process. I am proud of Canada's and Alberta's non-partisan process of trying to engage in boundary decisions in the best interest of fairly representing citizens.

After changes to legislation that now allow for hybrid ridings that mix urban and rural communities, I worried that this would open us up to ridings would change the established norm of keeping like communities together. I believe that introducing hybrid ridings will undermine the principles of proper representation in our Legislature. The needs of urban communities, small towns and rural areas are quite different and hard for one MLA to represent the needs of all constituents.

When the Interim Report was released this fall, I was pleasantly surprised. I believe that the Commission has put a focus on trying to create fair and logical riding boundaries for the most part. Given the rapid growth of both Calgary and Edmonton over the last few years, it is important that these larger populations have fair representation. I was pleased to see the recommendation to add two new ridings to Calgary and one to Edmonton.

In terms of Calgary-Glenmore specifically, I appreciate that the recommendation is to largely leave the existing riding boundaries in place, with only two small changes. As someone who has lived in this area for over 20 years, these two changes make a lot of sense to me. The small part of the North Glenmore Park neighborhood that is south of Glenmore Trail SW and currently part of Calgary-Elbow geographically much more tied in terms of services and infrastructure to the adjacent Lakeview neighborhood which is already part of Calgary-Glenmore. Glenmore Trail evolved over the decades from a regular street to a major multi-lane thoroughfare that clearly separates this southern part of North Glenmore from the rest community bearing the same name. I regularly spend time in this area of North Glenmore/Lakeview to shop, go to the physiotherapist and enjoy the park. I have seen firsthand how these neighborhoods function as a cohesive community.

The second recommended change is to add the Kingsland neighborhood (area east of Elbow Drive north of Heritage Drive, west of Macleod Trail, and south of Glenmore Trail) to Calgary-Glenmore. Adding this adjacent neighborhood to the



riding makes sense because it will help keep the communities in this southwest part of the city south of Glenmore Trail together.

I believe that the recommended changes preserve community identity and cohesion and respect local service patterns. The adjustments bring together neighborhoods that naturally share economic, social, and infrastructure ties around Glenmore Reservoir, strengthening effective representation. For residents of this area, it is very natural to travel within the new recommended riding boundaries for school, recreation, groceries, and other shopping. These are primarily residential neighborhoods in inner suburbs of Calgary that will have shared concerns for the MLA to represent.

I think that the proposed boundaries are easy to understand and will help voters engage in the democratic process. Using major physical features like Glenmore Trail SW as the northern boundary creates clear, intuitive electoral lines. This improves clarity for voters and reduces confusion at election time.

Although the recommended riding size is slightly above the provincial average, projected growth patterns suggest this deviation does not impair effective representation. Some of the neighborhoods within the riding that mainly contain single family homes may decrease in population in the coming years, but the new Kingsland neighbourhood is seeing new multifamily residential housing being built to replace older bungalows. It is expected that the population of this neighbourhood will increase by 40% in the next 20 years according to the City of Calgary. This should result in a relatively consistent population in the riding until the next boundary review.

Thank you for your time volunteering to be part of the Electoral Boundary Commission. Please know that ensuring fairness in our electoral system by ensuring impartial review of electoral boundaries ensure fair representation which is so important to preserving Alberta's democracy. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Janice Nelson

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Hello. My name is Jay Nelson. I am a resident of Calgary-Glenmore. I have been reviewing the work of your commission regarding the provincial Electoral Boundaries. Thank you for undertaking this work. It appears you have done an excellent job balancing the objectives of residents of Alberta and your mandate.

I have been a resident of Calgary-Glenmore since 2005. Prior to that, I also spent five years as a child living with my parents in my current community, attending our local schools and participating in community sports teams. As an adult, I have been involved in many activities that get me out into the constituency and the city. I have served on my local community association, Palliser Bayview Pumphill, including a term as President. I have also served on two arts boards, one with a provincial mandate and one with a civic mandate. I am wishing to comment on your work as I believe it is important to recognize the different needs of urban communities and rural areas. Constituencies that do not blend urban and rural communities into one allow for communities with common interests staying together.

In the time I have lived in Calgary-Glenmore, it has grown and changed, yet still retains a familiar, collegial nature. The concerns of the current neighborhoods are similar. The demographics of the area seem quite similar although we are experiencing growth due to densification and improved transit services. With the proposed changes, I believe you have maintained a relatively homogeneous group of communities, added others that are similar, and that will greatly assist our future MLAs in representing the common interests of the constituency well.



Additionally, I was pleased to see that many of the Calgary constituencies have remained urban in nature which will also allow those MLAs to serve effectively. It is a good decision to add two more constituencies to Calgary as the population growth shows no signs of slowing. I am surprised Edmonton only added one as it is also a growing city. I am also pleased that the rural constituencies have generally maintained rural boundaries rather than creating hybrid areas.

In summary, I am supportive of your proposal for the boundaries of Calgary-Glenmore and, more generally, the others in the Province of Alberta.

Thank you.

Jay Nelson



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84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

79 - Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

**Submission**

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

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- **Population Targets Will Be Met Naturally:** Our constituency is currently sitting at approximately 51,000 residents, which is within the legal variance. With the rapid growth occurring in Ardrossan and Hillshire, we are projected to reach the provincial target of 55,000 naturally without requiring major boundary shifts.

- **Economic and Commuter Patterns:** Our riding is tied together by the Industrial Heartland and Refinery Row. In contrast, Beaumont's transportation corridors and commuter flows point toward Leduc and Edmonton.

**Recommendation:** Please abandon the proposal to attach Beaumont and remove Heritage Hills. If the Commission determines that adding population is strictly necessary, I submit that Tofield is a much more logical addition. Residents of Tofield already commute to Sherwood Park for work, shopping and services, creating a genuine community of interest that does not exist with Beaumont.

Please keep our boundaries stable and allow our natural growth to meet your targets.

Sincerely,

Kristena Dingwell

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**What is your current electoral division?**

72 - Lethbridge-West

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Lethbridge East and Lethbridge West, and the areas adjacent to them.

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions

**Submission**

Hello! My concern is, in part, about the expansion of the City of Lethbridge and its immediate surroundings.

Lethbridge has grown past a total population of 100,000, and its industries are both within and without its boundaries. Since smaller population centers (neighboring Medicine Hat, notably, but there are more) have two MLAs, the representation of two MLAs for Lethbridge is no longer sufficient. I therefore request greater representation, to encompass Lethbridge and also its surrounding bedroom communities.

There was a previous proposal to do this. It needs to be revisited, and maybe reworked.

I must also request that the neighborhood of London Road not be fully added to Lethbridge East. It's rife with NDP supporters, and adding it in toto appears to be gerrymandering -- as did Ottawa Carleton, which had Liberal-heavy Kanata Carleton redrawn into it to ensure the defeat of Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre.

That's a bad look.

Even-handed and yes, representative. I encourage the Electoral Boundaries Commission in this important work.

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## Interim Report Submission from Stewart Bates

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81 - Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

79 - Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

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Sincerely,

Stewart Bates Sherwood Park AB

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**Interim Report Submission from Tia McLean**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

75 - Morinville-St. Albert

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

83 - St. Albert-Sturgeon

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

### Submission

My name is Tia McLean, and I am a resident of Gibbons in the Sturgeon–St. Albert riding. I am writing because electoral boundaries directly affect how well communities like mine are represented. I want to thank the Commission for keeping our riding intact and for not merging it into a hybrid riding with Edmonton.

Living in a small town means that issues like highway maintenance, land use, and forest and fire management are at the forefront of my mind. They affect my daily life. I commute regularly on rural highways and in recent years especially our community has been uncomfortably close to wildfire activity. When fires are nearby, many of us have evacuation plans and bags ready to go, and that level of stress is something I don't think is well-understood in urban centres like Edmonton. Preserving farmland, managing forests responsibly, and investing in rural infrastructure and emergency preparedness are priorities here. Protecting the nature of rural Alberta is deeply tied to where and how we live, in a way people from Edmonton or other cities may not appreciate. Our voices deserve to be represented accordingly.

I also see this difference clearly in healthcare. Rural healthcare services matter enormously to our community, yet they are often under strain, especially when people travel from urban areas to smaller hospitals because of shorter wait times (something I've often seen). Communities like ours deserve representation that understands these pressures and allows us to vote on what truly matters to us. By keeping our riding whole and avoiding a hybrid model, the Commission has respected our shared priorities and helped ensure our voices are not diluted. Thank you for your work and for considering public input.

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**What is your current electoral division?**

34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

## Submission

Dear Commission Members,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to provide a submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. The work of the Commission is critical to ensuring accurate democratic representation for all Albertans.

I have lived in the community of Bellevue, close to Edmonton's core, in the electoral district of Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood for 23 years. In that time I have watched the demographic of this neighbourhood change dramatically from primarily older/retired households to a surge of young families seeking a sense of belonging and bringing a strong commitment to their community. This change has been most welcome. The City of Edmonton is capitalizing on this revitalized interest in core neighbourhoods as desirable places to live by proposing a massive development project within the neighbourhood - the Exhibition Lands Redevelopment. This project seeks to add thousands of new residents within easy reach of key amenities and the downtown core over the next 5 years. This push for densification is happening throughout the City and the expected influx of new residents is critical to both our City economy and also the overall economy of Alberta. It is important that the Commission keep in mind this expansion when determining new seats and/or changing boundaries. Accurate representation for urban dwellers can play an important role in decision-making for families. Edmonton has, previously, felt the strain of under-representation. I applaud the Commission for proposing an additional seat in Edmonton to help balance the needs of citizens, however the anticipated growth in population will not be addressed through the addition of a single seat.

The boundary change proposed for the electoral district of Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood is a positive step to balance some concerns but ultimately it is critical to recognize the overall shift in Alberta's population from a rural to an urban demographic. The needs of both urban and rural citizens can be met through additional seats in urban areas, ensuring accurate representation. However, new seats/changed boundaries should not be a hybrid of urban and rural constituents. The needs of these communities are vastly different, with each offering their own complexity. Combining electoral districts of vastly differing needs sets up conflict, something we have far too much of in the current discourse.

I wish to thank each of the Commission members for your work and for placing the interests of all Albertans above political influence and partisanship.

Anna Curtis

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**Interim Report Submission from Marlene Fernhout**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

79 - Red Deer-South

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

77 - Red Deer-North

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

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

**Submission**

Your honour I would like to express my concerns regarding the changes proposed for Red Deer North. In my opinion I feel the areas of Innisfail and Sylvan Lake that will join Red Deer North would be better served by remaining in their rural riding. Red Deer North has different interests and issues than those rural communities. Red Deer North is expected to grow in the coming years and voters would be better represented by keeping urban and rural communities independent of each other.

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## Interim Report Submission from Andrew Douglas

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**What is your current electoral division?**

30 - Edmonton-Decore

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

33 - Edmonton-Decore

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions



- Effective representation
- Projected growth

### Submission

My name is Andrew and I have been an Edmonton resident for over 15 years, presently in the Edmonton- Decore riding. I grew up in rural British Columbia, so I'm no stranger to issues with rural representation as well. I am participating in the Electoral Boundaries Commission review as I am concerned with making sure that the City of Edmonton continues to have equal representation in the Legislature. Over the past 15 years I have seen the city grow exponentially, adding the equivalent of the City of Red Deer to our population. I would like to thank the commission for recognizing this unprecedented growth. However, the growth in our city is likely to continue and I believe that the final report of the commission should recognize that this level of growth is likely to continue and an additional seat should be added to both Edmonton and Calgary. In my neighbourhood alone there has been a significant increase in density since 2017, with several new 4 and 8 unit developments being built. All of these new residents deserve to have an equal voice in our elected government. I am also lucky enough to live in a very diverse community with a significant population of new Canadians from the Middle East and Africa. I see many of my neighbours involved in the local Mosque and I would like to thank the commission for considering keeping cultural communities together. Thank-you again to the commission for their important work in helping to make representation for Albertans equitable.

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**What is your current electoral division?**

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

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Sincerely,  
Corey Ann Hartwick  
Strathcona County

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Dec. 18, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Sent via commissioner's website (abebc.ca/your voice)

Dear Honorable Justice Dallas Miller and members of the commission,

Subject: Interim proposal to split Beaumont into TWO proposed Electoral Divisions

As a resident of Beaumont and former Mayor of Beaumont, I would like to express my serious concerns on the proposal to split the City of Beaumont (East and West of 50 St.) into two proposed electoral divisions.

I believe that keeping our municipality, the City of Beaumont, whole should be a MUST in your consideration. Residents of Beaumont do not see 50 St. as a division line with our community.

Residents use all the services throughout our city: schools, recreational facilities, churches, commercial services, emergency response, municipal services, cultural facilities and transportation service without ever considering differences between East and West.

Perhaps for your discussions and decisions you may want to consider some alternatives:

- 1) Keep Beaumont within the same boundaries as the City of Leduc and portions of Leduc County. Rural portions of the County might be better aligned with revised boundaries. Our history, use of transportation corridors and employment patterns, show that residents of Beaumont have a whole lot more in common with the Leduc area than anything with Strathcona County -Sherwood Park.
- 2) A second approach, in keeping with the Commissioner's goal of keeping communities of interest together, might be maintaining Beaumont in its entirety and consider adding it to a portion of South Edmonton, as we have experienced Federally in the past.  
Here again, Beaumont residents have strong connections with that area for access to various services: transportation, shopping, access to education, access to hospital and medical services. Additionally, Beaumont residents travel to Edmonton for entertainment, recreation and a whole variety of services. This would fall more naturally in line with shopping and travel patterns of our residents.

I understand that these decisions can be very challenging and have lasting impacts on our communities.

Please give serious consideration to keeping the City of Beaumont intact and not including any portions within the proposed Strathcona-Sherwood Park riding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Camille L. Bérubé

Resident and former Mayor of Beaumont



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## Interim Report Submission from Justine Ness

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**What is your current electoral division?**

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

79 - Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries

**Submission**

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**Interim Report Submission from Graham Christensen**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

81 - Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

79 - Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns



- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

The proposed boundaries for the Sherwood Park electoral division show poor appreciation for planned growth of the Hamlet in future, results in under-representation relative to the Provincial average, ignores commission objectives on urban, rural and hybrid representation, and results in negative effects for surrounding communities. Currently the county plans for more urban development and housing construction in the Bremner and Cambrian, which the county expects to house over 48,000 people by the next decade. With both Sherwood Park divisions under this plan already under-represented compared to the Provincial average, this will only limit the access of each resident of Sherwood Park to their MLA. The Commission outlines, in their reasons for the proposed boundaries, that Alberta has a problem with an increasingly urbanized population and properly representing the problems of rural Albertans as a result, to aid in squaring this circle the commission considered the creation of hybrid divisions in cases where they may be necessary. As a result of population growth this Provincial boundary commission has, much like the Federal boundary commission earlier recommended that parts of Sherwood Park and Strathcona County be fused with parts of Beaumont, just like the Federal commission, this recommendation has received much negative feedback from locals in this recommendation. The simple fact is that Beaumont and Sherwood Park, with the exception of on a spreadsheet, do not work together and the recommended boundaries for division 85 are a disservice to urban residents of Sherwood Park and Beaumont, as well as rural residents of Sherwood Park and Strathcona County. Instead of creating an ungainly chimera of differing interest that will only limit the ability of an MLA to represent their constituents, why not look at creating two hybrid divisions in Sherwood Park and Strathcona County? These communities represent the most likely success of new hybrid divisions, as they have political, geographical, infrastructure, and cultural similarities. They vote together Municipally and Federally, share many services on a Municipal level, and have similar identities. Instead of tying divisions into knots to try and solve the problem of population balance (in which the current recommendations would still fail) having two divisions that incorporate both Sherwood Park and Strathcona County (and possibly Fort Saskatchewan), would create more effective representation for residents than the current proposal. The proposals of this commission are, according to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, meant to last from 8-10 years, in a quarter of that time, these recommendations will be outdated and ineffective at representing Sherwood Park.

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**Interim Report Submission from Greg Hartwick**

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84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions

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## Interim Report Submission from Kelly-Anne Jobs

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**What is your current electoral division?**

66 - Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

86 - Sylvan Lake-Innisfail

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns



- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

## Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute feedback on the proposed revisions to Alberta's provincial electoral boundaries. As a school board trustee representing families and communities across much of the current Innisfail–Sylvan Lake constituency, I have seen firsthand how education, community life, and regional identity are shaped by where people live, work, and access essential services.

For central Alberta, those patterns are unmistakably tied to the Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Highway and the Red Deer region. Our students, parents, and staff travel these same routes daily for school, extracurriculars, dual-credit programs, apprenticeships, and community activities. It is along this corridor linking towns such as Innisfail, Penhold, Delburne, and Elnora that the rhythms of daily life, schooling, and service delivery align.

An electoral map that mirrors these existing patterns will better reflect the realities of the communities it represents. Constituencies built around the QEII corridor naturally bring together towns and rural areas that share similar school catchments, population growth pressures, housing patterns, and social service needs. This coherence allows for stronger, more informed advocacy on behalf of the families who live here.

From an educational perspective, grouping like communities together matters. Schools along this corridor face many of the same issues: managing enrolment growth, recruiting and retaining teachers, supporting student transportation over significant rural distances, and maintaining partnerships with municipalities on recreation and facility planning. A shared representative can champion policies that respond to those common needs, rather than balancing very different priorities across unrelated regions.

Expanding the Innisfail–Sylvan Lake constituency to include Blackfalds would strengthen this alignment. Blackfalds' young, rapidly growing population and commuting ties make it a natural partner to corridor communities already relying on Red Deer's educational and employment ecosystem. Likewise, including a community such as Trochu would honour the agricultural and rural foundations that remain integral to our schools and families in east-central Alberta.

In short, a constituency oriented along the QEII corridor and Red Deer's regional hub reflects how our students learn, how our teachers work, and how our families live. Aligning electoral boundaries with these real-world connections will build a stronger, better-represented central Alberta—one where education, infrastructure, and community planning all move in the same direction.

Thank you for considering these perspectives in your review.

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**Interim Report Submission from Perry Cramer**

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84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Other concerns

**Submission**

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Perry Cramer

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**Interim Report Submission from Khawaja Mazhar**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

56 - Chestermere-Strathmore

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

07 - Calgary-Cross

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest



**Submission**

My name is Farooq, Khawaja. I am a Canadian Citizen and living in Conrich AB. since 2018. I work in health industryI think that the Commission did the right thing by including Conrich in with Calgary-Cross. Conrich is a predominantly racialized community. We moved out to Conrich because it is more affordable us to build our lives here than it is to live in Calgary which is becoming increasingly more expensive. We get to have more space here outside of the city. It makes more sense for us to be included with the riding of Calgary-Cross because it has similar demographics than to be a part of a riding like Chestermere-Strathmore which is not diverse. I feel that my voice and my vote is not really heard in my current riding. People like me are a minority in this riding. As long as we continue to be the minority, we will never be properly heard. If the Commission needs to keep communities that have things in common together, it did the right thing by including Conrich in with Calgary. At the end of the day, boundaries are a line on a map. But, the people that are impacted and the way we live our lives matters and should be taken into consideration too.

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## Interim Report Submission from Gurdeep Sohi

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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**

When I first moved to Ellerslie, it felt like a quiet corner of the city—a place where you could hear kids playing in Summerside and watch new homes rise along 91st Street. Today, that same corner is buzzing with growth. Families are everywhere, schools are full, and traffic on the Henday reminds us how fast Edmonton is expanding. That's why I'm so pleased the proposed Edmonton-Ellerslie boundaries keep our community intact. It means our voice stays strong and focused.

But here's my concern: the name "Edmonton-South East" for the neighboring riding. It's identical to the federal riding name, and that's going to confuse people. Provincial ridings deserve names that reflect their own identity—not a copy-paste from Ottawa. A name that speaks to our local character would make a real difference. And as Edmonton keeps growing, I hope the Commission considers adding another seat. Our city's story is one of growth, and representation should grow with it.

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## Interim Report Submission from Akxel Nielsen

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**What is your current electoral division?**

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

**Submission**

Hello,

As a resident of the City of Beaumont, I am writing to submit the following recommendation to the Boundaries Commission.

Beaumont should not be divided along 50th Street. Residents do not perceive 50th Street as a dividing line between different parts of the city, and people regularly access services, amenities, and community spaces throughout Beaumont. Splitting the city in this way would undermine the Commission's goal of effective representation and would not preserve a shared community of interest, particularly given that Beaumont does not share common social or economic interests with the proposed riding of Strathcona-Sherwood Park. It would simply not make sense to divide Beaumont in half and to pair it with these areas.

A more logical and coherent approach consistent with the Commission's goal to keep communities of interest together would be to maintain Beaumont as a whole and pair it with a portion of the south side of Edmonton within the same riding. Beaumont and south Edmonton share strong economic and social connections, including work, grocery and retail access, entertainment, dining, sports and recreation for both adults and children (Ice Hockey, Floor Hockey, Soccer, Ringette), medical services (Dentist appointments, orthodontists) and hospital access, and an integrated transit system which includes the Beaumont bus service operating within Edmonton's public transit system. My family accesses many of these within South Edmonton daily and year-round.

Sincerely,

Akxel Nielsen

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**Interim Report Submission from Jordan Walker**

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79 - Sherwood Park

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

## Submission

I am writing to express my opposition to the interim proposal to alter Sherwood Park's internal boundaries, particularly the proposed split of Heritage Hills.

I strongly urge the Commission to keep the existing urban boundaries at Clover Bar Road and Wye Road, consistent with the 2023 map. Neighbourhoods east of Clover Bar Road have been represented within Strathcona-Sherwood Park for over a decade, and moving them would disrupt established community ties, convention, and voter clarity. Maintaining these boundaries preserves neighbourhood continuity and avoids unnecessary confusion.

Instead of redrawing internal hamlet lines, I propose expanding the Sherwood Park riding north into Strathcona County, creating a new constituency that could be called Sherwood Park-Josephburg. To meet the population target, the riding should extend as follows:

The Boundary Proposal: The riding should expand north of Highway 16 to include the area south of Highway 15 and the Fort Saskatchewan city limits.

- o West: Follow the North Saskatchewan River (County boundary).
- o North: Follow the Fort Saskatchewan city limits to Highway 15, then follow Highway 15 East to the County boundary (Range Road 204).
- o East: Follow the Strathcona County boundary south along Elk Island National Park to Highway 16.
- o South: Follow Highway 16 West back to Highway 21.

This configuration results in a population of approximately 53,500–54,000, very close to the provincial target.

Strathcona County is a specialized municipality with intertwined urban and rural interests and important local priorities, including in its northern area. The said area is home to key community projects and assets, such as the proposed new multi-purpose recreation facility anchored by the Sherwood Park Crusaders hockey team along with The Pointe Agricultural Event Centre and the Warren Thomas (Josephburg) Aerodrome, which is an official municipal airport owned and operated by Strathcona County (often referred to simply as Josephburg Airport). These projects and assets require an MLA who is deeply invested in Strathcona County's specific priorities, rather than one stretched across nearly 20 different jurisdictions.

Furthermore, this proposal would allow nearly all County residents to be represented by just two MLAs, improving accountability and coordination with County Council. It would also ensure that northern Strathcona County residents have an MLA focused on local priorities of one municipality rather than having an MLA representing an extremely large, multi-municipality region.

I respectfully ask the Commission to reject the proposal to split Heritage Hills

and instead adopt the Sherwood Park-Josephburg model. This approach maintains community integrity, meets population requirements, and provides more effective representation for Strathcona County residents.

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## Interim Report Submission from Gurpreet Singh Batth

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**What is your current electoral division?**

38 - Edmonton-Mill Woods

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

45 - Edmonton-South East

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

**Submission**

I live in Edmonton Millwoods, but I have strong ties with Edmonton Ellerslie, as many of my friends and families live in the neighborhood. Ellerslie has changed so much since I first walked its quiet roads. Back then, fields stretched where homes now stand, and the hum of traffic was a distant sound. Today, we're part of a thriving southeast Edmonton, full of life and promise. I'm satisfied with the proposed boundaries for Edmonton-Ellerslie—they keep our neighborhoods together and make sense geographically. I'm also glad the Commission avoided mixing in communities like Leduc or Beaumont. That would have complicated representation for both urban and rural residents. My only concern is the name "Edmonton-South East" for the adjacent riding. Sharing the same name as the federal riding could confuse voters during provincial elections. A distinct name would make things clearer.

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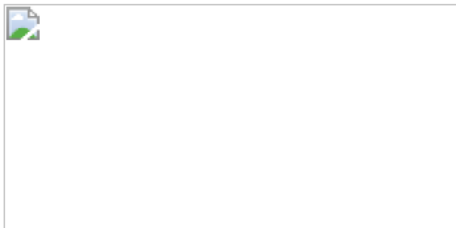
## Interim Report Submission from Anna Truderung

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**What is your current electoral division?**

50 - Banff-Kananaskis

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

53 - Banff-Jasper

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

### Submission

I believe it makes a lot more sense to make up a new boundary from Canmore to Crowsnest Pass. It has greater affinity and diversity all being the eastern slopes of the Rockies. The diversity which Banff-Jasper lacks is agriculture, commercial, ranching, small urban, rural, and native reservations. Travel within the Canmore-Crowsnest Pass is natural and easy facilitating a community of interest. It also encompasses provincial parks but is not dominated by federal parks as Banff-Jasper is almost exclusively.

Canmore-Crowsnest is a natural riding containing the best of unspoiled western Alberta.

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**Interim Report Submission from Stephie Meier**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

18 - Calgary-Mountain View

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

28 - Calgary-Varsity

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest

**Submission**

Good day,

I hope that this submission finds you well. My name is Stephie I have lived in north west Calgary my entire life. I am making a submission to the boundary commission due to some community concerns that I have with the changes to Calgary-Varsity. While I myself do not currently reside in Calgary-Varsity, I have resided there and spend a significant part of my work life there currently.

Firstly I think that you've done a good job assessing the needs of Calgary, we need a few changes to the electoral map. The city is growing rapidly and I would love to see our city get a new seat to account for the growth that we have seen in the last few years and will continue to see over the next ten years. My main concern is that when proposing to collapse Montgomery in Calgary-Varsity, that you have not accounted for the distinct voice of that riding and the changes that will occur in the the next several years.

Calgary-Varsity is home to a large student population. The people in this group and age range have different needs and concerns that differ greatly from the population demographics in Montgomery. Students and young professional populations are worried about the cost of tuition, rent affordability and the job market. To collapse the two areas would be significantly impacting their ability to advocate for there needs. There is also the aspect that the University district is growing rapidly. This is something I feel needs to be taken into account when accessing the population ratios. This is an area of the city that is seeing some of the most development in high density housing and will be twice the population in the coming years.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission, I hope that you are able to take my thoughts into consideration when reviewing the map.

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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**

I've lived in the community of Ellerslie for many years. This is my first time participating in this process. I wanted to make a submission this time because I am concerned about the name of the proposed riding of Edmonton-South East. With so much growth happening in this part of the city, clarity in electoral boundaries and names is essential for our community to help ensure that confusion doesn't become a barrier for people to participate in the democratic process. Please don't get me wrong. I am really glad that you added a riding to this part of the city. We are experiencing growth like no other part of the city. Also, don't make us into a combined riding. I heard that was a possibility.

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**What is your current electoral division?**

36 - Edmonton-McClung

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

39 - Edmonton-McClung

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

## Submission

We live in the new and Proposed Edmonton-McClung riding (Map 39 p 154 map of Proposed) .

Ignoring the growth and infill since determining the population for the purposes of the new Electoral Boundaries,

we have the Proposed Edmonton-McClung at 61,859 +12.6 variance from average.

The Current riding population goes from 49,419 to 61,859, a -10.4% variance swing to +12.6 variance for a total shift of 23% variance.

Edmonton McClung "...ultimately, ... has a higher-than-normal variance from the provincial average...(p. 55)". It has the worst or highest-than-normal variance in the province with the least effective vote ratio of all the ridings. Our votes count less than any other Albertan. Summary for Edmonton McClung is at page 54.

I note the following:

Edmonton Average 56,870 +3.5%

Calgary Average 55,692 +1.4%

Non-Calgary, Non-Edmonton Average

Excluding 10 Northernmost Electoral Divisions

54,696 -0.45%

Northern Average 49,419 -10.0%

Edmonton-McClung 61,859 +12.6

And the 4 West Edmonton ridings beside McLung all have very high positive variances. High populations.

Edmonton-North West 61,226 +11.5%

Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview 61,705 +12.3%

Edmonton-West Henday 61,775 +12.5%

Edmonton-McClung 61,859 +12.6%

With our more recent growth, no doubt we have an even greater variance, but we can only use the numbers available for now. However, the Commission has done a good job as I can't say that the concerns of residents of the Proposed Riding would not be fairly consistent. Kudos to the Commission on a difficult job well done. I won't comment on the division of Beaumont, but suspect residents of Beaumont may rightly be concerned of the splitting of the town.

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**Interim Report Submission from Lakhvir Sidhu**

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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**

Living in Ellerslie means being part of a growing, family-oriented community with easy access to parks, schools, and the Anthony Henday. Our neighborhoods like Summerside and The Orchards are vibrant and connected, and it's important that our representation reflects that. I love being able to walk to get a cup of chai, drive to go get fresh groceries from the local store, and drop my kids off to school at the bus stop — all without leaving my neighbourhood. If you had added in parts of Sherwood Park, that would've felt really disconnected from my riding. I don't ever go there. On a different note, I appreciate that you've added another riding to this part of the city, but its name needs to be changed. I just voted in the federal election this year in that riding and for me, even as an engaged citizen, it would get confusing if the name of my provincial and federal ridings were the same.

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## Interim Report Submission from Edith Mackenzie

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**What is your current electoral division?**

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

### Submission

My name is Edith Mackenzie and I live in Slave Lake, currently part of the Lesser Slave Lake riding. I have lived in Slave Lake for more than 44 years and have experienced how unique our community and region is.

Slave Lake is a hub for many of our surrounding communities both close and far away. It serves as a regional, economic hub, a community where many from more northern communities have family connections and our focus on oil/gas/forestry and tourism is unique.

Keeping communities of interest together are important, and currently the division proposed has the communities close to us - Widewater, Canyon Creek, Marten Beach - going to other regions is not in line with keeping communities of interest together. As Northern Albertans it is important that our voices are understood and heard and putting us with Athabasca/Westlock does not give us the same voice. These communities/region are different, they focus more on agriculture, they are closer to Edmonton and don't have the same concerns that we would have.

I would like the commission to reconsider the division of our electoral district. We do need effective representation, our concerns are different, our region unique.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Edith Mackenzie  
Slave Lake, AB

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## Interim Report Submission from Sonia Tyhonchuk

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**What is your current electoral division?**

15 - Calgary-Klein

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

17 - Calgary-Klein

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am a long time resident of the riding of Calgary-Klein, having moved with my family into North Haven Upper in 1987. When our neighbourhood was built beginning in the mid 1970s it was at the northern edge of the city. We are now considered to be on the northern edge of Calgary's inner core (~7km from the Bow River and downtown) and Calgary's city limit is at least 10km north of us. Redevelopment that brings increasing population density moves closer to us every year. Our neighbours directly to our south in Highwood (boundary McKnight Blvd) are experiencing intense densification as single family homes are converted to multi unit dwellings (2, 3, 4, 8, and even 10 units). We will be the next logical neighbourhood to experience this kind of growth. Since moving to Calgary in 1981, I have seen our city's population increase by over 1 million residents and we are projected to reach 2 million by the early 2030s. Local changes that I am observing highlight the importance of your work in ensuring that individual Alberta voices are heard, ensuring equity and fairness within our electoral system specifically, and within our democracy generally.

Looking at Calgary-Klein I see thoughtful changes in redrawing the boundaries that include geographic and cultural considerations. Currently we are -9.6 to the average and my concern is that if growth increases (because of redevelopment) or stagnates (because of changes to zoning) the AEBC will need to make major boundary changes to ensure fair representation as the city's overall population will continue to increase. I would prefer to see Mayland Heights stay in Calgary-Klein. As Calgary-Confluence is projected at +3.6, this would see both of these voting districts move closer to the provincial average and it would also keep Mayland Heights and Vista Heights together, 2 neighbourhoods that together make up the Cross Roads Community Association.

I am also concerned about our unprecedented urban growth and urban residents being fairly represented. Please consider recommending the addition of more than the 1 new seat in Calgary and 1 new seat in Edmonton. Limiting the expansion to just 1 seat each does not account for new residents that are continuously arriving and making Calgary or Edmonton their new home and will continue to leave our 2 major cities underrepresented. This is both unjust and unfair. Urban residents deserve equitable and meaningful representation.

Lastly, please reconsider the introduction of hybrid districts around our urban centres - Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Red Deer, etc. Creating new mixed districts of urban+rural populations is a disservice to both. Neither group will be fairly represented or at best, as noted in your report, MLAs would be very challenged to represent both of these unique communities fairly and equitably. These new constituencies would comprise 2 distinct populations with differing needs, priorities, and even cultures. I want to see rural ridings increased in size

to ensure populations are nearer to the provincial average and then MLAs being provided with additional resources to open and operate more than one constituency office to account for the larger geographic areas, giving rural residents increased access to their representatives and rural MLAs increased access to their constituents.

The standard that we strive for must be that every vote, whether urban or rural, carries the same weight.

The standard must be that each of us is confident that our voice is equal to every other voice in Alberta.

I thank you for considering my submission and thank you for your diligence and efforts in completing this vital work on behalf of all Albertans, present and future.

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**Interim Report Submission from David Linton**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

71 - Lethbridge-East

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

69 - Lethbridge-East

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns



- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

### Submission

I am very happy with the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's interim report and the recommendation to not divide Lethbridge into rural-urban constituencies.

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,  
David Linton

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**Interim Report Submission from Robin Morrison**

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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

- Effective representation
- Other concerns

### Submission

I am writing to just say that I appreciate the Commission's attention to keeping Lethbridge-West and Lethbridge-East fairly regular with their previous boundaries. We are a fairly urban, and distinct area compared to our rural neighbours, and dividing our city into semi-rural/semi-urban ridings would only serve to dilute not only the urban voters and their concerns, but those of the rural voters and their very different needs and concerns.

Again, thank you for your work on this and weighing the merit of the proposals at face value.

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## Interim Report Submission from Craig Copeland

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**What is your current electoral division?**

51 - Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

54 - Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

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

## Submission

Good day I was the former Mayor for the City of Cold Lake for 18 years. I was involved in the previous boundary discussions the last review. That review created what is our riding now. The riding has pretty much everything one of the most diverse ridings there is. You have the fastest growing community in the Lakeland (Cold Lake) along with smaller towns of Bonnyville and St. Paul and several small village communities. There are several First Nation communities and two Metis settlements inside the riding. The area is rich in oil, gas, agriculture, culture and tourism. The travel distance is significant for our MLA to cover something the big City MLA's need not to worry about. If you need to increase ridings because of the fast growth in big cities do not reduce or enlarge rural ridings at our expense like you are recommending in NW Alberta.

The most significant aspect of this riding that is distinctly different is CFB 4 Wing Cold Lake is located inside the City of Cold Lake. Home to over 2,200 DND employees and contractors. This base is Canada's largest air base. The pilots protect the far north. Inside this riding is the Air Weapons Range. On the range this is where the pilots can fly and train without any "eyes" on what they do. Pilots from around the world have trained here. The air space is controlled by the Wing Commander from the ground to infinity. In the next several years the Cold Lake air base and air weapons range is going to see "billions of dollars" spent on defense by the Federal Government with new infrastructure on the Wing (60,000 square meter building being built) and of course the new plane the F35 and the AWR will see a total modernization of the fifth and sixth generation targets so the pilots get properly trained. The most important aspect of why the Air Weapons Range must stay with this riding (it once was not) is that all access to the range for any oil sands development has to be approved by the Wing Commander. Not having the air weapons range within this riding makes no sense. The MLA must be in the conversation with the Wing Commander and the oil sands operators. The oil sands operators are providing the Alberta Government with over \$2 billion dollars per year in royalties. There is only one gated road to the AWR and its in this riding.

The AWR is also the traditional lands of the Cold Lake First Nation. The MLA in this riding represents the CLFN. More reason why the City of Cold Lake at the last review recommended to have the AWR inside this political riding that City of Cold Lake would be located in.

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**Interim Report Submission from Dianna Aikema**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

56 - Chestermere-Strathmore

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

57 - Chestermere-Strathmore

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

I'm writing to share my thoughts on the proposed electoral boundaries surrounding Chestermere and south-east Calgary around Janet/Shepard growth area.

Chestermere is a quickly growing community, with about 90% of its land dedicated to residential. Most residents commute to Calgary and the Janet area for work, and Calgary itself is expanding closer to Chestermere every month. With this continued growth pattern, especially expedited by the Shepard Logistics Centre (SLC), both cities will inevitably converge around the Janet/Shepard region, which is an awkward part of Rocky View County squeezed between the two cities.

Janet has become an important industrial and employment hub and the SLC is going to be a critical industrial hub in Western Canada, drawing workers from both Chestermere and Calgary. It functions as a central point where people live, work, and travel in the surrounding area. Its role as a key economic node makes it a natural anchor for an electoral district that reflects the region's residential and economic patterns.

The Commission should consider an electoral district that brings together the communities surrounding Janet/Shephard, with strong ties to both Chestermere and Calgary. This approach would better reflect the way people actually interact in the area, and certainly will in the future.

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## Interim Report Submission from Jean Stewart

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**What is your current electoral division?**

23 - Calgary-Shaw

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

26 - Calgary-Shaw

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions

## Submission

The Boundaries Commission Report has Calgary-Shaw becoming an Urban Rural Hybrid Riding but provides no support for this model and clearly states that no one has suggested or requested this (page 35). I am strongly opposed. My reasons are partially personal. I was called either “city slicker” or “country bumpkin” depending where I lived. My family owned the Klondike Ranch, east of Crossfield, on the trail to the Klondike. With a year round creek, two springs, a gravel pit (used for road maintenance ) and a sandpit (used for concrete to build homes, culverts and grainaries), we had many resources. When my family moved from the ranch to Crossfield, to Rosedale in Calgary and back again, I found the differences in culture confusing. Urban and rural cultures reflect the interests, the work, the concerns, the values, and the needs of the constituents. Often the types of apparel and footwear worn reflect the different lifestyles. I had boots when I should have worn loafers.

As a 14 year old, I made telephone calls to ask voters about their issues and concerns, which I recorded in a notebook, and to ask for their support for my father. Both my father and his father served as Municipal Counsellors in RockyView. When roads needed repairs or snowplows, I heard the calls to my dad. When beavers dammed our creek, I loved going swimming, but the downstream neighbours had little water for their cows. My father took a rifle and a stick of dynamite, shot the beavers and blew up their dam. When the Hutterites called because the coyotes attacked their cows, we responded with our guns, as they do not bear arms. Rural life exists because we are a community who can count on others and we love country life.

Urban communities in South Calgary are home to families who have access to employment, resources and services such as transportation on our freeways and the C Train, recreation centres and libraries, shopping, schools and healthcare. But here we are more private, we count on public services rather than neighbours. We vote for Members of the Legislature who will represent our views and needs, which are not the same as those of our rural communities. Calgary-Shaw's boundaries should be Stoney Trail on the North, Spruce Meadows Way on the west, 226 Ave (Calgary city limit) to the south, and the Bow River to the east. Your report notes that rivers often form “major boundaries” in Alberta and are a “logical basis upon which to draw boundaries” (p. 27). The proposed Calgary-Shaw boundaries align with this principle, ensuring that the riding is compact and geographically coherent. In contrast, a riding that crosses municipal borders and ignores these natural dividers would be counterintuitive and confusing. The Commission's report emphasizes the importance of “availability and means of communication and transportation” (p. 9 and p. 23). A riding that spans two municipalities such as Calgary and Okotoks hinders effective representation and accessibility. Calgary-Shaw, as proposed, avoids this problem by grouping communities that share transportation, infrastructure and service networks, and that also make access to the MLA's office quicker and easier.

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**Interim Report Submission from Dominik Werber**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Edmonton—Highlands-Norwood; All of Edmonton's ridings.

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

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

**Submission**

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

My name is Dominik Werber, and I live in the Edmonton–Highlands–Norwood riding. Thank you for the time and care the Commission is devoting to this boundary review. I'm writing to share my perspective on how Edmonton's continued growth underscores the importance of fair and thoughtful representation.

Since the current boundaries were established in 2017, Edmonton has experienced significant population growth. It's important to me that electoral districts, and therefore representation, keep pace with this growth so that every Albertan's vote carries equal weight. At the same time, ridings must continue to reflect the distinct character of the city's neighbourhoods. Edmonton–Highlands–Norwood is part of the city's core, with long-established communities and a strong sense of local identity. Our area is vibrant and clearly distinct from neighbourhoods beyond the downtown river valley.

A substantial number of residents in this district are in low- to middle-income households, and many rely on rental housing, social services, and community supports. For this reason, it is essential that electoral boundaries preserve communities of shared interest so residents' voices and needs are effectively represented at the provincial level. In my view, the inclusion of Westwood respects this principle, and I appreciate that the Commission has avoided major disruptions to the existing riding.

I would also encourage the Commission to give serious consideration to adding new ridings within Edmonton. As the city has grown, and continues to grow rapidly, public services such as healthcare and education are under increasing strain. Effective representation depends on constituencies that are manageable in size and aligned around similar community needs. As you consider the possibility of one or two additional Edmonton ridings, I hope maintaining cultural and economic cohesion within districts remains a priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for the important work you are doing. I appreciate being able to contribute to this process alongside many other engaged Albertans.

Sincerely,  
Dominik Werber

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**Interim Report Submission from Joan McLean**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

15 - Calgary-Klein

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

17 - Calgary-Klein

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Projected growth

**Submission**

I am writing this submission to record my reactions to the boundary changes for Calgary-Klein. I have lived in this constituency, specifically in Cambrian Heights since 1985. Some changes have occurred in the neighbourhood but generally this is a stable neighbourhood close to city center. While considering what I might write I knew that I had to inform myself a little more about the process that you have undertaken and I must say this is a huge task. To look at so many constituencies, with such diversity and try to make balanced and fair assessments of the boundaries is complex. I commend you for this work, and thank you for your diligence. Congratulations on nearing the final stages.

I found two topics pertinent to Calgary-Klein. Firstly, we are going to lose a large community that has been part of Calgary-Klein and gain some area adjacent to us. The second issue is the population balance.

Firstly, it seems reasonable to move the communities South of 16th Avenue N and East of Deerfoot Trail into the new Constituency. The addition Of the community North of 16 Ave N between 10th and 2nd Street seems like a logical addition based on communities farther east that are part of Calgary-Klein presently. On the topic of population, I feel the smaller population numbers, considering the growth in the city may not be smaller for that long. Increased development in the area over the past year have shown an interest in multifamily units that we can see springing up mainly along busier roots. This will bring more population into our constituency in the next while, perhaps in the next few years. Our proximity to SAIT is also a consideration because we have many students who come and live in the Constituency close to the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology that maybe do not vote here because they maintain a permanent address elsewhere but they may need support or help while here to study. Generally, I am happy to be remaining in Calgary-Klein at my current address and the changes you are proposing seem logical and beneficial to communities joining Calgary- Klein. I hope the communities that are shifting out of Calgary Klein will also benefit from their move should it occur.

Finally, thank you for your work and for accepting feedback from community members. It is a great way for citizens to be more involved and more knowledgeable about the process surrounding boundary change.

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**Interim Report Submission from Kelti Baird**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

71 - Lethbridge-East

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

69 - Lethbridge-East

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

**Submission**

Dear Commission,

I write to you today to voice my support and appreciation for the recommendations of the Electoral Boundary Commission to only minimally adjust the electoral boundaries of the Lethbridge East, and Lethbridge West ridings. I am aware of a proposal to divide and hybridize these electoral districts into multiple new urban/rural districts, and I am emphatically opposed to that suggestion.

The urban voters of Lethbridge are well-represented by the current electoral boundaries, and hybridizing urban and rural voters may have unintended consequences, particularly as Lethbridge continues to grow, and Southern Alberta continues to change.

I believe the proposal to modify the boundaries to account for population growth is a good one, but dividing the current two districts and hybridizing urban and rural voters raises serious concerns and would need to be more thoroughly studied before determinations could be made.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter, and for your time.

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**Interim Report Submission from Lauren Van Keimpema**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

**Submission**

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

My name is Lauren Van Keimpema. I work as a student advisor at the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta. In this role, I have had the opportunity to support and assist hundreds of students from different backgrounds, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, in navigating their university experience as they progress through learning from, for, and about Indigenous communities, cultures, and histories in our Province.

I am writing from this lens to convey my appreciation to the Commission for their decision to prioritize Indigenous representation in the Legislature through the creation of the newly proposed ridings of Mackenzie and Edmonton-West-Enoch. By creating ridings like this in which the needs, interests, and experiences of Indigenous voters have the potential to determine provincial election outcomes and the composition of the Legislature, the Commission is taking both an important first step to recognizing both the value of map-making as a tool to advance shared goals of reconciliation, and a small step to repair the years of damage that reckless map-making blind to relationality has caused to Indigenous communities in Alberta.

While the Commission is prevented by the need for geographically contiguous boundaries to create a seat that has a population which is majority Indigenous, the proposed boundaries for Mackenzie are a positive step and it would be likely that any MLA elected in that riding would have at least a degree of significant support from Indigenous voters, similar to the two Northern ridings in Saskatchewan. The decision to include Enoch Cree Nation in the boundaries for Edmonton-West-Enoch recognizes the strong economic and historical ties between this community and Edmonton. Additionally, including a reserve within the boundaries of a south Edmonton riding and giving a Cree community a role in determining Edmonton's representation in the provincial Legislature is significant and symbolic, in recognizing the fact that much of south Edmonton was built on the land taken from the Papaschase First Nation.

I am hopeful that each of these ridings will elect a representative who is knowledgeable, communicative, and willing to advocate for Indigenous people communities. For many of the students at our faculty, having a local representative who is in touch with their needs and willing to advocate for them within Government or within the Legislature would be a welcome change from the status quo. I hope that the Commission sees fit to maintain the proposed boundaries for Mackenzie and Edmonton-West-Henday in the final report, and I would encourage future Commission to explore alternative options to guarantee Indigenous representation in the Legislature including dedicated seats, non-contiguous seats, or at-large representation.

Kindly,

Lauren Van Keimpema

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**What is your current electoral division?**

21 - Calgary-North West

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Other concerns

**Submission**

The Calgary-North West constituency currently is composed of communities within the City of Calgary however the nearby communities in Rockyview County such as Church Ranches, Bearspaw, and Watermark share many similarities and the residents in these communities connect and engage with community events, businesses, schools, sports teams and events and social programs in the Calgary NW constituency and vice versa. The extension to include these communities within the NW boundary of redrawn makes sense as the communities are closely interlinked.

The relationship is reciprocal, with residents from Calgary-North West communities (such as myself) use the amenities across the west boundary for churches, Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park, golf, the Bearspaw community association, sports teams/facilities, farmers and Christmas markets. In addition the e bike path which is currently being developed along the river bank from Cochrane to Rockland Park will connect residents even further

This logic applies to any constituency that borders the city/county as it's an artificial boundary.

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**What is your current electoral division?**

83 - St. Albert

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

83 - St. Albert-Sturgeon

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest

**Submission**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to send in my thanks and appreciation as a resident of St. Albert for your decision to keep the boundaries for St. Albert and Morinville-St. Albert (now St. Albert- Sturgeon) basically the same in the Interim Report. I hope that you will keep this part of the map the same in the Final Report, as it largely reflects the needs and interests of St. Albert residents and preserves our voice in the Legislature.

St. Albert is one of Alberta's original ridings, dating back to when Alberta first became a Province, and has been represented by at least one MLA elected exclusively by voters who live within the City's boundaries since 1981. When I heard that the UCP Government gave the Commission the power to draw riding boundaries that cross municipal boundaries in Edmonton and Calgary, I was worried that St. Albert would be split up and attached to Edmonton. I am deeply relieved that the Commission chose not to do this and instead wisely opted to keep the St. Albert riding mostly the same, and to maintain the previous boundaries for Morinville-St. Albert as a 'overflow' for St. Albert's population.

Because St. Albert is too big to have just one riding for the entire city, but still too small to have two ridings like Red Deer or Lethbridge, I think the approach of having one urban riding and one hybrid riding makes the most sense for now. Going north to include Morinville, Gibbons, Bon Accord, etc in the hybrid riding also makes sense as they have a shared economy and cultural history with St. Albert. The Commission is correct in recognizing that St. Albert is more than just a suburb of Edmonton, but rather a stand-alone 'hub city' in its own right, and the proposed map confirms this.

One thing I would suggest is that the one urban, one hybrid approach should also be used for other small cities that aren't yet big enough to support two urban ridings. The proposed map does this with Sherwood Park and Grande Prairie, which is good, but it breaks up Medicine Hat and Airdrie into two hybrid ridings in a way that isn't fair to the voters in those cities. The St. Albert approach should be applied to all of the cities smaller than Lethbridge and Red Deer to make sure they can all have an independent voice in the Legislature just like St. Albert has.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cathy Traynor

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## Interim Report Submission from Susan Ridley

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**What is your current electoral division?**

25 - Calgary-Varsity

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

28 - Calgary-Varsity

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

## Submission

Good evening, esteemed member of the Commission. My name is Susan Ridley and I am a constituent of Calgary Varsity. I wish to make a submission about the proposed changes to my ED, to hopefully have my concerns addressed in the Legislature via the Commission.

I am grateful to the Commission for its intense and detailed work in compiling the Interim Report released in October, based on previous public submissions. I appreciate the effort to include judicial, legislative and historical information, of which I was unaware, to support the report's findings and recommendations, especially the words of a personal heroine of mine, Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Audrey McLachlin. As a longtime politico, not only have I lived in what is now Calgary Varsity in the same house for 35 years, I have also been an EDA volunteer going back to the early 2000's for elections and/or ongoing constituency work. Before my retirement as a CBE Teacher of 30 years, I also worked in one of my ED's schools, being Varsity Acres.

My main concern focuses around the proposed addition of the community of Montgomery to Calgary Varsity. Although, I understand the Commission's reasoning about using 2021 Census numbers, as they are the most accurate currently available, I know that the population within our current boundaries has exploded--literally exploded, since then! I know this from living here and having door knocked for the 2023 provincial and the 2025 federal elections (the latter of which included many of the communities that make up Calgary Varsity provincially). There are multiple new infills, duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes in the riding now vs 2023, along with the addition of the University District housing 2,000 new residents and expected to add 13,000 more upon completion. Parking and traffic congestion have already greatly increased throughout the ED and these issues are only going to get worse once more housing is built in the formats described above. Another structure, now being built at 32 Ave & 37 St NW to replace an old fire hall, will also house at least 150 new residents in the future.

The future is the most important thing about the population growth in CVAR; just as for the city and the province, the population here, will only continue to increase in the coming years, especially since the university, the Foothills Hospital, the Cancer Centre and the AB Children's Hospital are also located here. Many employees will want to reside in this riding, close to their jobs, or place of study.

Many more new residents will be also be attracted to CVAR due to the services and amenities listed above as well as: major shopping areas (Market Mall, Northland and Brentwood Mall), proximity to transit, the airport, downtown, recreation facilities of all kinds, walking paths and parks, Nose Hill Park, libraries, churches, daycare facilities, many small businesses in many economic sectors and the beauty of mature trees & gardens throughout the area. Most of CVAR is accessible to all of these things by walking, cycling, or short drives of 5 to 20 minutes. I know that I can drive to the far southwest in about 40 minutes as

well, depending on the weather and time of day. Our ED is a very attractive place!

Besides the continued growth expected within the current boundaries, I fear that adding another community on top of all of those voters who have already come, and those seeking to live here in the future, (thanks to the wonderful services, centrality, and beauty of the ED!), will only serve to make my voice, my husband's voice, and that of my son's, as a post-secondary student less effective. For my son, it will be along with all the other post-secondary students living in, or having permanent residence addresses in the riding. I know the Commission is striving to have voters' voices be effective voices in the Legislature, from reading the information provided in the Interim Report. I appreciate that you are trying to uphold this key principle of our democracy.

With Calgary's population already increased by approximately 300,000 a year since the 2021 census, or 75,000 a year, (although many estimates peg the increase at closer 100,000/year since 2023), and the in-migration from other provinces and countries, I fail to see how adding Montgomery to CVAR will maintain the already reduced effectiveness of my vote--due to the existing increase in population here--and not reduce it further. Calgary Varsity's voice and the entire City's, itself, as the largest in the province, needs to be kept strong. The extra ED here is much appreciated. Nonetheless, I can see it becoming completely inadequate at the current rate of the City's growth, when the next Boundaries Commission won't be appointed for another 8 to 10 years. Therefore, I respectfully request that Montgomery remains in Calgary Bow, so that there is no further dilution of my voice.

Finally, on a more personal note, as a former Kindergarten teacher, highly involved in the province's ECMap Project (Early Child Development Mapping Project Alberta --Updated Report June 2014) via the Bowness-Montgomery Literacy Project, I can assure you that those 2 communities should continue to "be together" in the Calgary Bow ED. Since I taught in Bowness for 11 years and know the links between the 2 communities well, --especially with my 5 KG years as an active member of the Literacy Project, in which parents & other community members participated-- I cannot agree with your "makes sense" argument for moving one community from one side of the Bow River to the other to have all of one riding on the south side. It makes no sense to me at all. It simply adds MORE voters to CVAR, which it has already gained from population growth. Furthermore, the Bowness-Montgomery link was and is very strong to my knowledge, although both communities were separate entities until the mid-1960's, when annexed by Calgary.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to submit my point of view about something very near and dear to my heart. I hope you will consider my arguments and continue to uphold democracy by keeping voters' voices as effective as possible during this period of unprecedented growth.

Sincerely,  
Susan Ridley-CVAR

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**RE Interim Submission from the Alberta North Central Alliance (ANCA).**

To the Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

On behalf of the Alberta North Central Alliance (ANCA)—a regional governance partnership representing five First Nation governments and five municipal governments across more than 55,000 km<sup>2</sup> of northern Alberta—we are writing to provide interim feedback on the *Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report*. This submission reflects our shared concerns, collective data, and the lived realities of the residents represented by our 10-member alliance. For more information about the Alberta North Central Alliance, please visit our website at: <https://albertanca.ca/>.

The Commission's Interim Report notes that broad public engagement occurred during the preliminary consultation phase. However, ANCA members—including several First Nations and municipalities—have reported no record of receiving official notification or invitation. This includes evidence of the recent communication requesting feedback about the said report. Yes, there was a community engagement session held in the region, in the Town of Slave Lake; however, only two residents attended. As we did not receive these communications directly, our region was not able to clearly identify and express the uniqueness of this riding and the communities within it.

We appreciate the Commission's willingness to engage in respectful dialogue with the ANCA, including the discussion held with our Executive Director on November 14, 2025, and your stated openness to further evidence and clarification during this interim stage. The recommendations in this report impacts this region significantly, and therefore it is vital that you understand our region and the unique struggles that tie our communities together. We urge you to work with our region as a whole and with the communities within it to get a better understanding of our riding before you make recommendations that dissolve us into larger ridings that surround us.

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## 1. Population Estimates and Data Accuracy

The Interim Report identifies our riding as having 27,442 residents, more than 50% below the provincial average of 54,929, therefore not fitting the requirements for Article 15(2). The Commission referenced, in a phone call with ANCA, that Alberta Health Care data and Revenue Canada are used as primary sources.

ANCA members raised concerns that the reported population decrease may reflect systemic data inaccuracies rather than an actual demographic decline. The MD of Opportunity, for example, and some communities and the Nations within it have approximately 10,000 residents; the Town of Slave Lake also has approximately 10,000 residents. With the data provided in your report, that would indicate that the communities of Flatbush, Chisholm, Smith, Marten Mountain, Sawridge First Nation, Canyon Creek, Widewater, Swan River First Nation, Kinuso, Faust, Driftpile Cree Nation, Jousard, Grouard, Kapaweno First Nation, Gift Lake Metis Settlement, Peavine Metis Settlement, Salt Prairie, East Prairie Metis Settlement, Sucker Creek First Nation, Heart River, Sunset House, and the Town of High Prairie would have to have a population of seven thousand collectively.

This number also does not represent the industry workers that live in our region for the majority of the year, returning to a different address for their few weeks off. It also does not include the people who live in our region during the summer months at their lake property. We do not believe that the number in the report is reflective of our actual population.

## 2. Representation, Community Cohesion, and Service Gaps

Our region faces unique structural, geographic, and service-delivery challenges that distinguish us from other rural Alberta ridings. These challenges directly affect regional equity and must be considered when determining appropriate electoral boundaries.

Since the inception of ANCA, we have been collecting data through conversations and formal studies to get an understanding of the gaps and needs of our region. The list is astounding. For example:

- Our region has four hospitals, and none of them are unable to offer obstetric services.
- We have some of the highest rates of diabetes in the province and no diabetic foot care or specialized diabetic support.
- In the last two years, we have had at least 12 emergency room closures; some of them have been closed for days at a time.
- We have deteriorated provincial roads and bridges, requiring some nations and municipalities to use their local funds and resources to repair infrastructure owned by the province.



- Our studies indicate that our region has a significant gap in high school completion and postsecondary completion far below the provincial averages.
- We have communities in our region advocating for the construction of gymnasiums to be included in construction plans.
- Our region has limited economic visibility from provincial platforms. In fact, we have been advocating for over a year, with recent success, for support from Travel Alberta. However, you still will not find us on their marketing platform.

We understand that the purpose of the report is to ensure that every Albertan is represented equitably in government, and that with our current numbers, it may appear that we have an unfair or unequal advantage. However, when you read the very short list (a longer list is available upon request) of the gaps within our region, it becomes quite clear that if our region does have a statistical advantage, it hasn't been helping us.

These conditions demonstrate that northern Alberta in general, and our region in particular, require more representation and support, not less. Decreasing our political voice risks exacerbating already significant disparities. If and when our region is properly supported and invested in, we will grow. The findings in the Boundaries Commission report, in ANCA's view, indicate another measure that our region requires support to fill in the gaps and encourage people to stay in their communities.

Dissolving our riding into other ridings dilutes not only our voices but also the data that indicates that we require support. It hampers our ability to advocate for the individuals in our region.

### 3. Article 15(2) Exemption and Rationale

Historically, our riding has been granted Section 15(2) protection due to its geographic size, cultural makeup, and service needs. The Interim Report suggests granting a 15(2) exemption to the proposed Mackenzie Riding, which will encompass a third of our current riding, while removing this protection from our current region.

ANCA's conversation with the AEBC, we learned that three ridings can be offered this exemption. We respectfully request clarification on why the exemption, with the exception of the population decrease, is not being applied to our existing riding, despite the fact that it appears to meet most or all statutory criteria, including vast geography, Indigenous population distribution, transportation barriers, and service delivery challenges.

We believe our region continues to qualify for 15(2) designations, especially in consideration of the possible population miscalculation, and request that the Commission reconsider this exemption for the Lesser Slave River riding.



#### 4. Concerns with the Proposed Mackenzie Riding

The proposed Mackenzie riding consolidates an exceptionally large portion of northern Alberta into a single electoral division. Based on our preliminary calculations, this region may encompass nearly 22% of the landmass of Alberta. Currently, the Alberta North Central Alliance represents communities that encompass 9% of the province of Alberta's landmass. The Interim Report acknowledges the proposal as "an imperfect solution" but does not provide sufficient rationale, in our opinion, to justify its impact on our regional representation.

This proposal raises several concerns:

- Regional voices may be diluted when communities spread across vast, remote distances are consolidated into a single riding.
- The proposal appears to group northern, rural, remote, and Indigenous communities together, from the center of Lesser Slave Lake all the way to the border of the Northwest Territories, without adequate explanation. Someone who lives in Driftpile Cree Nation could have an MLA that is from and resides in Zama City. This would be a distance of 525 km by road, which would take 5 to 6 hours to drive.

#### 5. Concerns with the Proposed Peace River-Notley Riding

In addition to concerns about the proposed Mackenzie riding, ANCA also wishes to express concern regarding the restructuring of the Peace River-Notley riding as outlined in the Interim Report. Although this proposed riding is intended to address population realignments, the current configuration raises several issues that directly affect representation, community cohesion, and service access in the broader north central region.

This new proposed riding affects Big Lakes County significantly. They would have four different MLAs that represent their area. Furthermore, the Peace River-Notley riding, which includes communities such as Valleyview, Spirit River, and Peace River, do not share health care catchment areas, common economic corridors, and educational and labor-force pathways. The west side of the lakeshore does share this with the east and north sides of the lakeshore, as already mapped out with our current riding boundaries.

If the boundaries are redrawn as proposed, larger communities such as Peace River would likely become the focus of the riding. Politicians need to dedicate much of their time and resources to communities with large numbers to ensure their re-election. Is it likely that an MLA representing a larger center like Peace River will dedicate themselves to ensuring that the High Prairie hospital will get a much-needed helipad? Our region often feels like an afterthought; we have to consistently remind both the federal and provincial governments that we exist. If our riding gets dissolved into larger communities to the east and west of us, like what is proposed, we may now have the added



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task of reminding our MLA that we exist as well.

## 6. Concerns with the Proposed Slave Lake, Athabasca and Westlock Riding

This recommendation would take three larger rural communities that serve as major service hubs for their regions and lump them together. Removing the largest community from our riding weakens collaborative relationships through intergovernmental bodies such as ANCA or the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council. It also separates Sawridge First Nation from the other Nation's along the lakeshore.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the MLAs that represent Northern Alberta submitted a letter to the Commission urging a reconsideration in regard to issues in representation in Northern Alberta. In this letter, the MLAs state that our region has “maintained common political interest and cultural community, and a shared economy for over one hundred years. Since the 1909 electoral boundaries map and the 1913 general election, there has been a riding.” This is correct, but the relationship among the communities along the lakeshore, both politically and economically, has existed for over 100 years. In fact, before the signing of Treaty 8 in 1899, the Nations along the south end of the Lesser Slave Lake were one Nation—often referred to as Kinosayo's Band. This proposal will eliminate this natural political relationship that has existed in our region prior to the creation of Alberta as a province.

Westlock in particular is a community that acts as the gateway to the North. They are a larger community that do not necessarily share the rural, Northern perspective that a community such as Slave Lake would have.

## Conclusion

ANCA submits this interim feedback in a spirit of collaboration, respect, and mutual interest in ensuring that northern Alberta communities maintain fair and effective representation in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

We thank the Commission for its openness to further evidence and would welcome the opportunity to engage directly through one of the public meetings that are being hosted by the Commission in January. We note that you have two sets of virtual meeting times for all of Northern Alberta. ANCA's membership would appreciate a meeting that is separate from the rest of Northern Alberta. As you are aware, Northern Alberta is incredibly vast. Our voices would be diluted with the rest of Northern Alberta. We feel that if our riding is in danger of being dissolved at the recommendation of the Commission, then it is only fair to have a public meeting directly with our riding.

We look forward to continued dialogue.



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Sincerely,



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