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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

Submission

I appreciate that my urban riding remain urban. I do not support hybridizing my riding with rural areas. I believe such a model would be a disservice to both urban and rural voters.

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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
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

December 15, 2025

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Re: Letter in Support of the Proposed Calgary-Glenmore Boundary

I am writing as a long time resident of Calgary-Glenmore to express my support for the Commission's Interim Report and the proposed boundaries for our riding. Living in the same area for many years gives you a clear sense of how communities connect. You know which schools families share, where traffic flows and which neighbourhoods rely on the same services. Around the Glenmore Reservoir, those connections are clear. We function as one community, even when past electoral maps have not fully reflected that reality.

I appreciate the Commission recognising Calgary's rapid growth and responding by adding additional seats. Our city has welcomed tens of thousands of new residents, and fair representation must keep pace. Adding seats within Calgary helps ensure voters are effectively represented and that communities like ours continue to have a strong voice in the Legislature.

The proposed changes to Calgary-Glenmore reflect how our communities live and connect. Including Kingsland and Chinook Park makes sense. These neighbourhoods are closely linked to existing Glenmore communities through shared schools, facilities and daily travel routes. Families in Kingsland and Chinook Park attend the same local schools, including Chinook Park Elementary and Henry Wise Wood High School, and use the same community facilities. Bringing them into one riding reflects this reality and reunites families and social networks that were previously split by a boundary.

I am also pleased to see Lakeview fully included in Calgary-Glenmore. Lakeview, Oakridge, North Glenmore Park, Palliser and Bayview all surround the Glenmore Reservoir and share many of the same concerns. We use the same roads, parks and amenities and face the same traffic pressures along Glenmore Trail and 37 Street. Having one MLA represent the entire reservoir area, including access to Rockyview General Hospital, will strengthen advocacy for the services and infrastructure our communities rely on. The Glenmore Reservoir physically links us. Now politically, we will be linked too.

It also matters that the proposed map keeps Calgary-Glenmore entirely urban. Avoiding hybrid urban and rural ridings respects the distinct needs of both city

and rural communities and supports effective representation for each. Clear boundaries such as Glenmore Trail, 14th Street, and Macleod Trail create a coherent riding that residents understand and identify with.

As Calgary continues to grow and redevelop, including projects such as the Oakridge Co-op site, regional transportation changes and the nearby Taza development, it is important that communities facing similar impacts are represented together. The proposed Calgary-Glenmore map accurately captures how our community functions, addressing past boundary issues and prepares for future growth. I support the Interim Report and urge the Commission to adopt these recommendations in its final report.

Thank you for your work and for considering my input.

Sincerely,
Catherine Seymour

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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
- Effective representation

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I have read the interim report for this area and I appreciate the work put into it and the recommendations within it.

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What is your current electoral division?

33 - Edmonton-Gold Bar

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Slave Lake

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

Proposes changes to provincial electoral boundaries in Medicine Hat and Edmonton amount to gerrymandering on the part of the UCP.

Instead of consulting with Albertans before implementing policy changes, the UCP has ignored the voices of Albertans and is now attempting to manipulate ridings in order to force themselves upon Albertans.

This is, in essence, authoritarianism.

While Alberta's population is increasingly urban, the UCP are attempting to dilute the value of urban ridings by combining them with rural areas that vote UCP.

This suggests that the UCP know that they are not competitive on policy but instead rely on rural voters who "vote blue no matter who".

And while rural voters need representation, they possess an outsized amount of influence in government given the number of rural ridings relative to the number of rural voters.

However, it's curious that the northern riding being eliminated is the one that is represented by an independent conservative MLA who voted against the UCP budget in the interest of his constituents.

Looking at these actions on the whole, it is apparent that the UCP are not acting in good faith, but are only interested in holding onto power regardless of the wishes of Albertans.

Do not delete rural ridings, and do not combine them with urban ridings.

Add additional urban ridings to reflect the actual changes in Alberta's population.

If the UCP doesn't like that that would hurt their re-election chances, they should change their policies to something that might actually appeal to Albertans who are not far right white supremacists.

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What is your current electoral division?

48 - Airdrie-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

51 - Airdrie-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Dear Commissioners of the 2025 Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed new riding boundaries.

I'm a proud new resident and home owner in the riding of Airdrie East in the Lanark Landing community.

My young family and I decided to move to Airdrie for a multitude of reasons. As I've come to know the city better, I feel increasingly certain that it was the right decision. Living in a diverse and welcoming community is extremely important to my husband and me. I was very proud to see Airdrie elect a council that reflects the residents of the city. It is affirming to see gender and racial diversity, it fills me with hope for future generations.

I am truly proud of this place and proud to call it home. If you ask my friends, they'll tell you I've been lobbying them to relocate to Airdrie as well—I can gush about it to anyone who will listen. As such, I want to lend my voice to this process and express that Airdrie should remain a riding consisting of the Municipality of the City of Airdrie. This is one of the fastest-growing communities in Alberta, and we must ensure our voice is represented effectively at the provincial level. I want to write to you about the need to keep Airdrie's ridings strictly within their municipal boundaries. If Airdrie is lumped in together with neighbouring rural communities, our representation won't be reflective of the Airdrie that I'm so proud to be from. I hope that you'll keep in mind that Airdrie is the third fastest municipality in the province. You are creating ridings that reflect not just the Airdrie of today, but also the Airdrie of the near future. We are not a city that needs other municipalities to increase our population in ridings.

As the Commission, you have a unique opportunity and a serious responsibility to make an impact on our province's democracy. Thank you for the opportunity to write to the commission. I know this is an incredibly exhaustive but important process. Thank you for taking on the responsibility this involves.

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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?

- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

I personally feel having strathcona county and Beaumont apart if the same constituency would not represent the people. I know people from strathcona county and I find my interests as a community aligns much more than those I have met from Beaumont.

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Dec, 18th, 2025

Re: interim Report of the 2025-2026 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Commissioners of the 2025 Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I would like to begin by thanking you for embarking on the complicated task of recommending changes to Alberta's electoral boundaries. I was pleased to see that the boundary change recommendations made in your interim report honor the principle of effective representation, use hybrid constituencies only when necessary, respect the importance of communities of interest and recognize the importance of geographical boundaries.

Given the incredible population growth Alberta has and will continue to experience, particularly in larger urban centres, the recommendations in your interim report align with Albertan's residency choices and needs for democratic representation by accessible elected officials. Expanding the number of constituencies in Edmonton and Calgary makes logical sense in light of population growth since 2017 and anticipated future growth.

That said, the Commission's statement, drawing from the July 2024 population estimates, that six electoral divisions in Edmonton's urban core are growing at slower rates than suburban areas (p. 33) is contradictory to my experience as a resident in the community of Ritchie (currently Edmonton-Strathcona electoral division). Over the past three years I have witnessed incredible growth and densification in my community. Single family homes are being replaced with duplexes; skinny homes; and even four, six or eight plexes. The majority of homes on my street have legal basement suites. In the past, many of these spaces were rented by one or two university students. Today, I see families of four occupying these same spaces, many looking for safe and low-cost housing. I also note the growth of garden suites and garage suites in my community. All of these factors contribute to population growth in Ritchie, and potentially other neighbourhoods in the urban core. It is important that this growth is recognized when making population projections.

Given Ritchie's proximity to downtown, the university, the LRT line and major roadways, as well as growing interest in walkable and accessible communities, I have no doubt that densification will continue in my community.

I understand, and am supportive of the creation of a new riding in southeast Edmonton. I would encourage the Commission to review its growth projections for electoral divisions in Edmonton's urban core and ensure that the densification happening in these areas is reflected in population projections and subsequent boundary recommendations.

Respectfully,

Dr. Tania Kajner



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What is your current electoral division?

01 - Calgary-Acadia

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

15 - Calgary-Glenmore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

My wife and I have resided in Kingsland District since 1996.

Like many other older neighbourhoods in Calgary, Kingsland has undergone numerous changes since then.

The demographic has shifted as original homeowners have moved or passed away, and as the density of the neighbourhood has increased, with new apartment complexes and secondary suites.

A constant, however, has been our recreational focus on the area around the Glenmore Reservoir - the path system and the attraction of Heritage Park, to name just two.

There was much less affinity with the districts to the east of Macleod Trail.

I feel that the proposed electoral boundary revisions support this feeling of connection with communities of Calgary Glenmore, and am in support of the proposed boundary change.

I wish to thank all the members of the Commission for the immense amount of research, and long hours that went into their report. The ability to comment on the Commission's work is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gerhard Maier

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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?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

- Other concerns

Submission

I feel the proposed plans to have Beaumont to be in the constituency as strathcona County is ineffective in representing both sides. Strathcona County and Sherwood Park makes sense based on the internment of the communities. The current electoral map works because both strathcona County and Sherwood have the same political interests.

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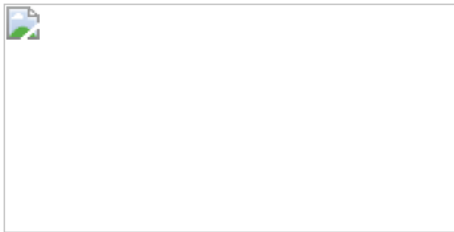
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What is your current electoral division?

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

35 - Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

To the Honorable Commissioners.

They say you should be careful what you wish for.

In my first submission to this Commission, I asked that you respect municipal boundaries and “as much as possible...maintain historical, cultural and political communities” when drawing the new electoral map. To a remarkable degree the Commission’s Interim Report has succeeded in doing that. It added four more hybrid ridings but indeed, did so “judiciously”, in areas that would be expected to grow in any event, and that had pre-existing connections: economically; through transportation links; etc. The report represents, in my opinion, a very thoughtful and even-handed approach to electoral re-distribution.

In the process, however, my riding of Edmonton Riverview, disappeared.

They also say you can’t have your cake and eat it, too. Well, I’m going to try.

The Alberta Government has placed the population of Edmonton Riverview at 42,675 persons, as of the 2021 Canada Census (Alberta Provincial Electoral Divisions: Alberta. Compiled from the 2021 Census of Canada). That’s 10,000+ persons below the provincial average riding size used by the Commission (54,929). The Commission’s main rationale for the consolidation of central Edmonton ridings is that “These electoral divisions are growing at slower rates than more suburban areas of Edmonton.” That may be true at present, but may not necessarily be in the future. And, I would submit, that “slower” growth may still be significant.

In its report the Commission acknowledges that predicting growth is difficult and that rates of growth vary across the province. I believe it’s fair to say that Edmonton is likely to continue to experience a sharp increase in population. The City of Edmonton predicts its population will hit 1.25 million by 2027 and will eventually reach 2 million. It intends to house the inflow through 50% new development and 50% urban densification (infill). The infill will be located in a Redevelopment Area, which is roughly the city enclosed by Anthony Henday Drive, including Edmonton Riverview and the other central ridings. The city expects to welcome “600,000 additional residents into the redeveloping area.” Part of Riverview, the 156th street area, has been designated as a “Priority Growth Area” that will see accelerated “near term growth,” fueled in part by the western expansion of the LRT. (Growth Planning | City of Edmonton).

Anybody who lives in Riverview can (and probably will) tell you that growth is happening now. Official figures of recent population increase in neighborhoods

are hard to find. One unofficial survey, done by residents in the Windsor Park community, based on development permits, estimated the neighborhood grew over 80%, between 2020-2025. In my case, I am forced to rely on a highly unscientific survey of my immediate neighborhood (Parkview). We have one six story residential/commercial complex nearing completion at 87th Ave and 142nd Street, another one proposed for 91st Avenue and 142 Street and a six-plex just finished at 149th Street and 91 Avenue. I've lost track on the number of single-family homes that have been demolished and replaced by twin, "skinny" houses. I personally know one Parkview resident who, bracketed by skinny houses on both sides felt he had no choice but to knock down his bungalow and build two more. That was six in a row, in the proximity of Parkview School. Other parts of Riverview, especially those to the south of the North Saskatchewan River have to date experienced much more intense infill development. I have found no way of translating any of this into actual population numbers; it seems like a lot to me, with my worm's eye view.

The Commission reports the estimated population of the proposed Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview constituency as 61,705, creating one of the larger ridings in the city, with one of the highest plus variances in the province. At the current rate of growth how long will it take to reach the 25% maximum plus variance (68,662)?

The Commission has provided its detailed explanation as to why Alberta (and Canada) prefers the principle of "effective representation" over strict voter parity. It's well reasoned and logical and the Commission must be recognized for striving mightily to keep the variances in its report as low as it can (under 10% + or minus, in the majority of ridings). But it doesn't make the situation any less irksome to an Albertan whose vote is diluted compared to someone else's. A vote in the proposed Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview riding will be worth roughly 32% less than a vote from Drumheller-Stettler. While fully recognizing the constraints under which it must operate, anything the Commission can do to get that number and others like it, closer to parity, serves the interests of democracy.

The Commission also points out that strict voter parity rules in the U.S. "provide cover" for egregious jerrymandering. Let's not fool ourselves for a second. The principle of effective representation has been used for decades to provide cover for "partisan gamesmanship" by incumbent Alberta governments protecting rural based majorities. But not by this Commission, which to its credit has resisted partisan proposals that would benefit one political party over another. I would urge, most strongly, the Commission resist any further proposals of this nature.

So, let's talk about effective representation. The Commission describes Edmonton Riverview as "over represented." From the point of view of its residents, we consider we are "well represented." Based on my personal experience, the various communities; organizations; interests and individuals have excellent access to their MLA. Going from that situation, to becoming one of the larger ridings in the province will have an impact that residents, understandably I think, would rather avoid. The consolidation will add new schools, churches, community leagues etc. to the MLA workload. It also furthers Glenora/Riverview's transition from what had been a suburban environment, to

an inner urban setting, which brings with it many complex issues and further increases demand on the MLA.

I want to thank the Commission for its consideration of this submission and for the tremendous work it has done to date. I have lived in the same location in Edmonton for almost 40 years and, being active in the public discourse here, I suppose I have grown attached to the Riverview constituency and the residents I have worked with. I would like to see it retained, as it's a kind of community for me. At the same time, I trust this Commission to do what's right to balance the complex and often contradictory needs of Albertans.

With the greatest of respect,
Ian Gray.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts on your efforts to improve electoral boundaries in Alberta. I live in the constituency of Edmonton Strathcona where I have been for over eight years. I have lived in Alberta for almost all the last 51 years.

I want to commend you on your thoughtful considerations in this important work and say that your recommendations are mainly consistent with the themes of “communities of interest” and fair and effective representation across Alberta.

I do want to offer a couple of observations that speak to both those themes that I don’t want to be missed in your considerations.

First, with respect to communities of interest, I see urban and rural communities as separate communities of interest. While of course all Albertans are concerned with some common challenges (for example, rising cost of living), many issues in cities, big and small, are significantly different from small communities and rural areas. Cities’ challenges include housing costs and availability, growing population and the need for densification, houselessness, etc. Small and rural communities are challenged with decreasing and aging population, employment availability, health care and hospital accessibility, etc. My point is that merging of urban and rural ridings does not fit with the theme of communities of interest.

Secondly, fair and effective representation means, to me, that no riding should be under-represented by having significantly more eligible voters than other ridings. It appears to me that your recommendations move us in the right direction. I would like to add that, as we look ahead to the coming ten years that will be affected by these boundary changes, cities like Edmonton and Calgary will continue to explode in population. Edmonton has already grown by 300,00 (33%) since 2016. There appears to be some thinking that those populations are also moving from central core areas to the “suburbs”. This, I believe, is not true. The core areas are not emptying out. I personally see major development, in-fill housing and densification in central Edmonton as condominium and apartment projects, large and small, have been and are being built here. I know the same is happening in central Calgary, too. People are choosing to buy or rent here in the core of the city for convenience, sense of community and even affordability when a large single detached home is not within reach. This is happening right here in our Strathcona riding. A good example of major development is in the Malmo Plains neighbourhood where a large rental project that is almost complete will soon probably double the population of Malmo. And that does not include an even bigger development under construction of the former Michener student housing area, also in Malmo. And this type of densification is happening all over central Edmonton, both north and south of the river.

My point in saying this is that the cities, and in particular Edmonton and Calgary, should get the new ridings you propose, and probably even another one for Edmonton as well. Also, I would suggest reconsideration of the combining of Riverview and Glenora ridings. These are both expected to grow in population, as are most in Edmonton. If we look forward to the years this boundary change will cover, most Edmonton constituencies will be significantly above the maximum recommended numbers (some are already) and their votes will certainly be “diluted” if population growth is not considered now.

Thank you for your dedication and excellent work to update and improve election boundaries in Alberta. And, again, thank you for consideration of my thoughts on this.

John McDermott

Edmonton Strathcona



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What is your current electoral division?

38 - Edmonton-Mill Woods

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

41 - Edmonton-Mill Woods

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Other concerns

Submission

Subject: Submission regarding the 2025 Interim Report – Letter of Appreciation

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to formally submit my feedback regarding the 2025 Interim Report. Rather than a grievance, I wish to offer my sincere thanks to the Commission for the diligent and professional manner in which this boundary review has been conducted. I did submit a report, hoping that the name of Edmonton Mill Woods would remain. I do believe that people who live in Mill Wood identify with the name. The electoral District of 41 Edmonton Mill Woods sounds fine to me.

While attending the Commission, when it was in Edmonton, I was impressed with each Commission member in how they spoke to the audience, their questioning techniques, and the way they created a positive environment. It was my first time speaking to any form Commission and they made me feel comfortable. The process of redrawing electoral maps is not only a complex process, and it can be contentious task, yet it is vital for ensuring "one person, one vote" as our province grows.

I was impressed by the openness and transparency of the proceedings. Most importantly, I want to commend the Commission on the perceived integrity of the new maps. In an era where political boundaries are often scrutinized, it is refreshing to see a proposal that appears free of any hint of gerrymandering. The proposed adjustments seem to prioritize community interests and logical geographic boundaries rather than partisan advantage. Yes, there will be opposition to some of the conclusions that the Commission reported but I do believe that overall, it is a very good report.

Thank you to the members and staff for your hard work and for maintaining the public's trust in our electoral system.

Sincerely,

Charles Gachnang

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

December 18, 2025

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Dear Commission Members,

RE: 202526 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission - Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names For Alberta – Interim Report

Parkland County appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed electoral boundary changes. The County recognizes the importance of fair and effective representation for Albertans and acknowledges the Commission's efforts to balance population growth with geographic considerations.

Parkland County is a large rural municipality characterized by extensive agricultural lands, hamlets, resource-based industries, and significant transportation and utility infrastructure, and one of the largest and fastest growing industrial parks in western Canada. The County's residents and ratepayers share distinct rural priorities, including the maintenance of extensive road and bridge networks, broadband and telecommunications access, the responsible development and stewardship of natural resources, protection of waterbodies, rivers and streams, and a heightened focus on economic development.

Under the current proposal, Parkland County would be divided among four provincial electoral districts, three of which are predominantly urban-focused. This represents a significant change from the current structure and raises concern that rural interests within Parkland County may be diminished or overshadowed by urban priorities.

Rural issues often require a different policy lens, longer planning horizons, and a strong understanding of agricultural and resource-based economies. Splitting the County across multiple ridings increases the risk that these considerations will not be represented consistently or equitably.

From a governance and advocacy perspective, the proposed boundaries would require Parkland County to engage with four Members of the Legislative Assembly on matters that affect our municipality's interests or jurisdiction. This fragmentation complicates communication, reduces clarity of accountability, and places additional administrative burden on the County when advancing municipal priorities and/or seeking legislative support - it will make it exceedingly difficult when addressing or responding to emergent issues affecting rural stakeholders.

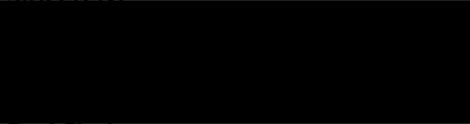


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Parkland County plays an important role in Alberta's economy through resource development, industrial activity, and key transportation corridors, while also managing significant geographic and infrastructure responsibilities. Effective representation for the County should therefore account not only for population counts, but also for the scale, rural character, and complexity of our municipality.

The County respectfully requests that the Commission reconsider the extent to which Parkland County is divided among multiple urban-centric ridings and explore options that would better preserve the integrity of the County as a rural municipal jurisdiction. Maintaining cohesion, to the greatest extent possible, will help ensure more effective and efficient utilization of municipal and provincial resources, enable informed decision-making, and allow for fair representation for the County's rural residents and its large and rapidly expanding business community. This will parlay into better outcomes for Parkland County and the province of Alberta.

Sincerely,



Rod Shaigec
Mayor, Parkland County

COPY: Parkland County Council
Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer





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Interim Report Submission from Christine Ayling

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Grande Prairie

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What is your current electoral division?

63 - Grande Prairie

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

63 - Grande Prairie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I am grateful that you are choosing to maintain two ridings in Grande Prairie.

One to represent the urban needs of the city and one to represent the diverse area around Grande Prairie that include both smaller towns and farms. I

recognize and understand the importance of communities with similar priorities to have representation in the legislature.

I am aware that Grande Prairie has grown to the point where it is too large to be one riding. That, however, shouldn't preclude us from having an urban riding and one MLA addressing urban issues. As representation by population is vital to democracy, I am assuming that it would be necessary to have a small portion of urban Grande Prairie be included in the riding known as Grande Prairie Wapiti. I believe it requires thoughtful discussion and deliberation to decide which part of Grande Prairie would fit best with the complexity of the surrounding semi urban and very rural communities. I believe it would be far better to have one MLA focused on strictly urban issues and one who would then be able to focus on the priorities and complexity of a rural and very rural mixed riding.

Sincerely,

Christine Ayling

Grande Prairie

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Spruce Grove

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What is your current electoral division?

82 - Spruce Grove-Stony Plain

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

81 - Spruce Grove

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Other concerns

Submission

Good Afternoon.

I wish to address some positives in the proposed redistricting and some concerns that remain.

I am very pleased to see that Spruce Grove will be kept from being swallowed up by an Edmonton riding. That would be a disaster for the bargaining power of our constituency. We are a very different place. I do wish that our partner Stony Plain had remained in your proposal. We are the same community in everything but name.

I also do not think that given Edmonton's population growth the number of seats should be diminished. Edmonton has a rich a growing landscape. The decrease in MLAs seems misguided.

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What is your current electoral division?

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

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 Commissioners

I am a life-long Albertan and a resident in the Edmonton Riverview Riding. I have been active in campaigning for and communicating with MLAs for many years and I know how important it is for MLAs to be aware of the needs and hopes of each community.

In spite of my disappointment in losing Riverview, I was pleased that your initial design gave one new seat to Edmonton and two to Calgary, and that municipal boundaries were honoured. It is very important that these decisions be maintained. Hybrid ridings, those that combine rural and urban areas, are unsuitable as neither community can have their needs met and understood if a single MLA must attempt to meet such diverse needs. Despite the best efforts of the MLA, the result would be an exhausted and therefore unsuccessful representative.

I do want to bring it to your attention that both Edmonton and Calgary each need an additional seat beyond the ones included in your first recommendation to fairly represent our current populations. With infill, our inner-city populations are still growing. I would like to see Riverview maintained as it fits the picture of a cohesive community with its mature neighbourhoods with local schools, well-established community leagues and small businesses. Without an additional seat now, Edmonton will shortly be seriously underrepresented in view of our population numbers.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Marie Walker

Edmonton

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December 17th, 2025

Electoral Boundaries Commission of Alberta
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Attention: Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission

Re: Proposed Electoral Boundary Redistribution, Town of Coaldale

Dear Members of the Commission,

Thank you for providing residents with the opportunity to comment on the proposed redistribution of provincial electoral boundaries. I am writing as a resident of the Town of Coaldale to share my perspective on how these changes may affect our community.

I understand that population growth across Alberta has created the need to add additional seats to the Legislative Assembly, and I am comfortable with that approach if it contributes to fair representation across the province. My primary concern is that the Town of Coaldale remain within its current provincial electoral district, represented by MLA Grant Hunter. That alignment reflects how our community connects to the region and how residents access services, employment, and opportunities.

Coaldale is closely integrated into the Highway 3 corridor that links our town with Lethbridge, Taber, and the surrounding rural municipalities. Many residents commute daily to Lethbridge for work, post-secondary education, health care, and specialized services. Local businesses operate within this same regional market, drawing employees, customers, and suppliers from across municipal boundaries. These patterns are well established and form the basis of how our community functions.

This regional integration is also evident in agriculture and food processing. Coaldale is part of Canada's Premier Food Corridor, which connects irrigated farmland, food processors, research institutions, and transportation networks into a single agri-food system. Producers, processors, and service providers rely on shared infrastructure and expertise concentrated along the corridor. Coaldale's role within this system is practical and ongoing, not theoretical.

Health and emergency services further demonstrate the shared nature of our region. Chinook Regional Hospital serves residents from Coaldale and many neighbouring communities, and Alberta's borderless EMS dispatch model responds based on need rather than municipal boundaries. For families in Coaldale, access to timely emergency care and specialized treatment depends on a regional system centered in Lethbridge. Electoral boundaries that align with these service catchments make sense from the perspective of accountability and effective representation.

Transportation and infrastructure planning also follow corridor logic. Highway 3 is the main route for employment travel, commercial traffic, and agricultural transport. Connections through

Highway 4, the CANAMEX corridor, and Highway 36 link Southern Alberta to national and international markets, with Lethbridge acting as the central interchange. Provincial investments in water treatment, drainage planning, and emergency coordination consistently recognize this regional structure.

From a resident's perspective, effective representation depends on having an MLA who understands these interconnected systems and the shared challenges communities along the corridor face. Coaldale's current placement within MLA Grant Hunter's riding reflects those realities and supports informed advocacy on issues that matter locally and regionally. Changing that alignment risks separating Coaldale from communities with which it shares daily connections and long-term interests.

While boundary redistribution is inherently complex, maintaining Coaldale within its current electoral district best reflects our community of interest. Adjustments elsewhere, including adding seats, can accommodate population growth without disrupting established regional relationships that function well today.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your work to ensure fair and effective representation for Albertans.

Sincerely,



Lisa Reis
Resident, Town of Coaldale



Interim Report Submission from Jay Procktor

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What is your current electoral division?

44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

47 - Edmonton-Strathcona

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

My name is Jay Procktor, I live in Edmonton-Strathcona and I'm writing to ensure that electoral boundaries are fair and representative of the populations they serve. I can appreciate that Alberta's population is growing and, as such, electoral boundaries need to be revisited so that the ridings fair representation by population. A maximum of five per cent variability (as was the case in the last redistribution, rather than the 10% currently envisioned) is essential to ensuring fair representation as representation by population ensures political and legal equality. Edmonton and Calgary both need an additional seat to reflect urban growth.

Edmonton-Strathcona is an artistic, educational and small business hub in the centre of our city. There are year-round festivals that bring people from across the province together to celebrate Canada's rich cultural and creative diversity. Like Alberta, Edmonton is growing and the impact is visible with changes in more high density housing, people are increasingly visible out on our streets throughout the year with the changes to make our neighbourhoods more walkable and bikeable. I love where I live. I love the diversity of my neighbourhood, the walkable access to restaurants, entertainment and stores, the diversity of socio-economics, of educational and cultural backgrounds and yet, the common pride we share in living in Edmonton-Strathcona. I enjoy riding my bike year-around, walking the trails with my wife and our friends, supporting our local businesses and watching our neighbourhood grow and evolve with the population. I believe it is vitally important to continue to keep communities of interest, like Edmonton-Strathcona, together as their economic, cultural, and locational ties should be respected and remain intact. Edmonton-Strathcona holds a distinct voice and perspective from other areas of Alberta and that voice deserves to remain undiluted.

Thank you for upholding democratic voices and process. I truly appreciate all that the Commission does to ensure fair representation across Alberta.

Sincerely,

Jay Procktor

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What is your current electoral division?

71 - Lethbridge-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation

Submission

I support the interim recommendation that Lethbridge stays as 2 electoral ridings with the boundaries in the city. It is incredibly important to me that we retain our urban voice and meet unique needs that we have in a sea of rural concerns.

Having more than 2 electoral riding within Lethbridge is no needed at all.

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What is your current electoral division?

71 - Lethbridge-East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

69 - Lethbridge-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

I submitted a letter in the fall to the Electoral Boundaries Commission. I agree with your interim report. Thank you for giving thoughtful decision making to keeping Lethbridge urban. It is good you adjusted for population a little with adding a little of London Road area to Lethbridge East. Our city's concerns are very different than rural areas. Our city works well with the surrounding counties. However rural needs have their own unique concerns. Thank you again for not carving up Lethbridge and tacking us onto rural areas.

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What is your current electoral division?

52 - Brooks-Medicine Hat

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

73 - Medicine Hat-Brooks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

I was shocked to see that Medicine Hat would, once again, not be getting its own elected representative in the Alberta Legislature. Medicine Hat, being an urban constituency, has very different priorities than the surrounding rural areas. By splitting Medicine Hat up and combining it with two rural areas, our voice is diminished and our concerns are not met.

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Commission Members,

Thorhild County would like to share its concerns regarding the 2025 Interim Report

The report acknowledges the challenges faced by northern constituencies and then proposes to further exacerbate those challenges by increasing the distance an MLA would have to cover in the proposed Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca riding. The proposed constituency encompasses 41,514 square kilometers. By comparison, Calgary-Buffalo constituency is 13. This represents a 75% increase over the current Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock riding. The travel distance from Saddle Lake First Nation to Slave Lake is 325km. Such vast distances are difficult for one MLA to represent effectively.

Population is but one factor in determining electoral boundaries. If the Commission were to consider the economic contribution to the Province, the diverse interests of such a broad region, the vast distances required to travel for rural Albertans to access their elected representative, or for their representative to reach them, a reasonable conclusion would be that a consolidation of northern ridings from seven to six is ineffective.

Please reconsider the recommendation of the Commission to create such a large constituency in our region, and allow for more effective representation within a constituency similar in size to the current 23,699 square kilometers of the Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock riding. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, I look forward to the final report.

Yours truly,


Trevor Dafoe, Reeve
Thorhild County

cc Mr. Glenn van Dijken, MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock



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Interim Report Submission from Jared Stein

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What is your current electoral division?

22 - Calgary-Peigan

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

06 - Calgary-Confluence

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I strongly urge the Commission to reconsider the creation of the proposed Calgary-Confluence electoral division. While its justification rests primarily on short-term population parity, this approach sacrifices critical principles of effective representation and long-term stability.

Calgary-Confluence combines slow-growth inner-city areas with faster-growing outer regions, creating a riding that will quickly fall out of population balance and require further boundary changes. Electoral design should prioritize sustainable, cohesive communities—not temporary numerical targets that will soon become obsolete.

The proposed boundaries are highly fragmented, pulling populations from six existing provincial ridings and crossing multiple federal boundaries. This disregards historical community ties and creates complex, less cohesive divisions that undermine clarity for voters, administrators, and representatives.

In contrast, Calgary's most significant population growth is concentrated in the South and Southeast, where planned developments and infrastructure will drive rapid expansion over the next decade. Adding a new electoral district in this region would better align representation with current and projected growth patterns, ensuring fairness and long-term effectiveness.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to reject the Calgary-Confluence proposal and instead pursue alternatives that respect cohesive communities, natural boundaries, and sustainable representation for all Albertans.

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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?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I would like to thank the Commissioners for the opportunity for Albertans to provide input on this review of electoral boundaries. Your service to democracy is noted and appreciated!

I write in support of the proposed Banff-Jasper riding for a number of reasons. The overarching consideration is that there is a community of interests that exists in many facets of living here.

The first thing that comes to my mind is the huge fire in Jasper and area which destroyed a third of existing structures. Living in Canmore, my family and friends felt terrible for the suffering and stress caused to so many people. Our next thought was "this could happen to us too." We share a common geography with the entire Banff-Jasper proposed boundary.

We need to maintain healthy forests, rivers, and mountains in this unique and beautiful part of the world. It is further complicated by accommodating wildlife in an area of rapidly growing population and the incredible growth of tourism. We have important responsibilities to protect our environment.

Tourism provides many benefits to our communities and incredible experiences for tourists. Tourism, however, has also caused many challenges from traffic congestion to environmental degradation and impinging on wildlife corridors and living patterns.

The cost of housing is skyrocketing. The creation of more affordable housing is essential to all of Banff-Jasper so that employees can live in the community they work in and young people have an opportunity to live their life here. Efforts are being made but much more needs to be done. Beyond housing, the cost of living remains high. Again, there is a community of interest with tourism and the general economy in Banff-Jasper.

The new riding will bring together all of the Stoney Nakoda First Nation reserves within one riding. Another development with the new riding is that both Banff and Jasper would be in it. They are unique communities situated within National Parks. Like communities do better when they stay together.

The many aspects that make up the community of interests in Banff-Jasper will provide for effective representation which is an important goal of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Finally, the proposed name is inaccurate. Canmore actually has the largest population of any community in this proposed riding. Perhaps it should be part of the name.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Bill Robb

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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?

- Southern Alberta concerns

Submission

I support the interim recommendation that Lethbridge stays as 2 electoral ridings with the boundaries in the city. That it is important to that we retain our urban voice and meet unique needs that we have in a sea of rural concerns as the third/fourth largest City in Alberta.

Thank you!

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Office of the Councillors

December 17, 2025

SUBMISSION: TO THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION**To the Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,**

I am writing to provide formal input on the Commission's proposed redistribution options for the City of Calgary. I appreciate the significant effort that has gone into this process and the Commission's mandate to balance voter parity with the broader principle of effective representation. However, after careful review, I must respectfully but clearly state my opposition to **both Option A and Option B** as currently proposed.

In my view, both options overcomplicate the redistribution exercise in pursuit of creating an additional central Calgary seat, rather than addressing the most obvious and durable demographic reality facing our city: **rapid and sustained population growth in south Calgary.**

The least disruptive, most logical, and most forward-looking approach would have been to add a new ward in the south of the city, where growth is already occurring and will continue for the foreseeable future. Instead, the proposed options involve extensive boundary realignments across central Calgary, creating unnecessary complexity, fragmenting established communities of interest, and producing boundaries that will **immediately begin exceeding population averages.**

South Calgary is where the city's growth pressure is concentrated. Approved and planned greenfield developments, coupled with continued suburban expansion, mean that southern wards will face increasing representational strain over the next redistribution cycle. Designing boundaries that merely meet population targets on paper today—without meaningfully accounting for **approved and anticipated growth**—risks creating constituencies that are out of balance almost as soon as they are established.

A sound redistribution should anticipate growth nodes, not chase them after the fact.



Both Option A and Option B also raise concerns about the mixing of fundamentally different communities of interest. In particular, I strongly oppose any approach that combines **rural towns or separate municipalities** with the City of Calgary. As one clear example, the City of Okotoks should not be merged into a voting district that includes part of south Calgary. Okotoks is a distinct and significant municipality with its own governance, priorities, and identity. Its interests will not align neatly with those of urban Calgary neighbourhoods, and combining them risks diluting effective representation for both communities.

Urban Calgary, suburban growth areas, rural municipalities, and independent towns each warrant boundaries that respect their distinct character and governance realities. Blurring these lines undermines the very principle of community-based representation that Alberta's redistribution framework is intended to protect.

I therefore respectfully urge the Commission to **set aside both Option A and Option B and begin anew**, guided by the following principles:

1. **Accurately reflect existing and approved future growth**, particularly in south Calgary, using realistic projections rather than static population snapshots.
2. **Add a new ward where growth is occurring**, rather than reshuffling existing wards to force population balance in slower-growth central areas.
3. **Avoid combining rural towns or independent municipalities with the City of Calgary**, and instead maintain clear, coherent urban and non-urban constituencies.
4. **Design boundaries that anticipate future growth nodes**, rather than creating districts that will immediately exceed population averages and require early correction.

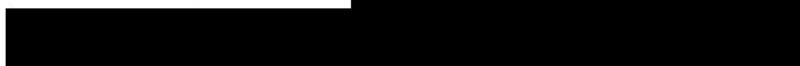
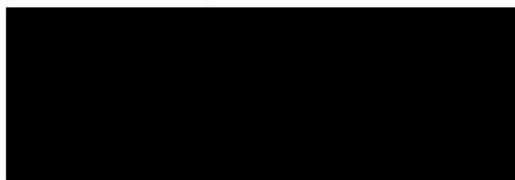
The Electoral Boundaries Commission Act rightly permits flexibility in population parity to achieve effective representation. In this case, effectiveness is best served by simplicity, clarity, and foresight—not by extensive boundary manipulation to solve a short-term arithmetic problem.

I offer these comments respectfully and in the spirit of constructive engagement. I am confident that with a renewed focus on growth realities and community integrity, the Commission can deliver boundaries that will serve Calgarians—and Albertans—well for the next generation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Michael Jamieson
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Interim Report Submission from Oshea Bellerose

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What is your current electoral division?

39 - Edmonton-North West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

42 - Edmonton-North West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Greetings,

My name is Oshea Bellerose and I am writing to speak about Edmonton-North West. I have had the immense pleasure of working for the Edmonton-North West constituency office for the last 4 years. I felt the need to participate because I want to vocalize the need for a fair map to be drawn for Edmonton-North West.

I have spent many years listening to the valid concerns and comments of those who reside in Edmonton-North West and what I have observed is that this riding is represented by a very diverse population. The addition of the Calder neighbourhood adds to the much-welcomed diversity that allows for Edmonton-North West to thrive, but at the same time, the current boundary accurately represents the well-established and new communities to not only thrive, but to also allow the Edmonton-North West riding to see peak functionality. Although I believe this addition is agreeable, I also believe that the current drawings of the boundary are also especially satisfactory. The recommendation of adding the Calder neighbourhood to the Edmonton-North West riding is understandable considering it was previously a part of the riding, but I feel as though the riding is accurately represented as is. The accuracy of representation is evident especially when observing the riding through a geographical lens, in that it currently aligns very well with the natural boundaries of the city.

Another observation that I believe is worth consideration is that even though there is a wide range of different communities and cultural groups who make up Edmonton-North West, that many of these communities are utilizing the local facilities, places of worship, and local economy at every opportunity. A growing population in the current riding boundaries are the newcomer Canadians and have been sure to access every facility, business, program available in the Edmonton-North West. The current interim boundary with Calder as part of the Edmonton-North West, while agreeable, may throw off the balance of representation for our diversely populated riding. The current riding is most agreeable and logical with regards to the five guiding principles of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

I want to give thanks for your time and consideration spent on the updated boundary drawing of Edmonton-North West. I hope that you can agree that this addition to the riding may allow for an imbalance of accurate representation for Edmonton-North West. This is a strong and community-based riding and the current drawing of the boundary allows for a well-rounded, diverse population to thrive.

Kind regards,

Oshea Bellerose

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What is your current electoral division?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

Submission

The September 2025 map of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville provide an excellent and accurate representation of our riding. I respectfully request that the proposed boundary remain unchanged, as it is both appropriate and effective. I am aware that some groups have suggested removing the Strathcona County area north of Highway 16, and I would like to outline the rationale for why this region should remain within the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency:

The Alberta Elections Act requires the Electoral Boundaries Commission to balance several key principles when setting constituency boundaries. These include:

1. Relative population parity
2. Common community interests
3. Geographic features
4. Municipal boundaries
5. Demographic trends
6. Effective representation

Based on these criteria, the case for the Strathcona County portion remaining with Fort Saskatchewan is strong.

1. Community of Interest and Shared Economic Ties

Integrated Industrial and Commuter Region

The area of Strathcona County adjacent to Fort Saskatchewan is highly integrated with Fort Saskatchewan through:

- The Industrial Heartland, which spans both sides of the North Saskatchewan River and is shared between Fort Saskatchewan and Strathcona County.
- Common workforce patterns—residents in this part of Strathcona County commute daily to Fort Saskatchewan employers, reinforcing shared economic interests.

Shared Infrastructure and Services

- Emergency services, transportation corridors (Highway 15, Highway 21), and pipeline/rail infrastructure link these communities as part of one regional system.
- Many residents in the Strathcona County portion rely on Fort Saskatchewan's retail, recreation, and service hubs, making it their practical community of interest.

Conclusion: Removing this area from the Fort Saskatchewan constituency would sever a well-established, functional community relationship that the Act directs the Commission to preserve.

2. Municipal and Geographic Logic

Rural-Industrial Character Alignment

The Strathcona County area currently contained within the Fort Saskatchewan boundary is:

- Rural, industrial, and agriculturally oriented.
- Much more closely aligned in character to the rural-industrial fringe of Fort

Saskatchewan than to Sherwood Park's suburban-residential character.

The boundaries therefore reflect real-world geography, not just municipal lines.

Natural Geographic Cohesion

- The lands fall within the same agricultural and industrial land-use blocks surrounding Fort Saskatchewan.
- Transportation patterns, natural features, and economic corridors all link this region to Fort Saskatchewan.

The Commission's parameters strongly discourage creating boundaries that cut across logical geographic groupings.

3. Population Variance Justification Under the Act

The Elections Act allows variances from the provincial population quotient where:

- Community interests warrant it,
- Geographic or municipal considerations justify it,
- Effective representation would be harmed by altering boundaries.

The Strathcona County portion helps balance the constituency's population.

Removing it would:

- Potentially place Fort Saskatchewan below acceptable population thresholds, or
- Force the Commission to add unrelated areas to compensate.

Both outcomes would reduce the logical coherence of the riding and undermine effective representation.

In contrast, leaving the area in place delivers an appropriate, principled variance in full compliance with the Act.

4. Effective Representation

"Effective representation"—the Supreme Court's guiding doctrine adopted in the Act—requires more than numeric equality. It demands:

- Logical communities that elect MLAs who can realistically represent their shared needs.
- Avoiding arbitrary splits that detach neighbourhoods from the economic and social hubs they rely on.

Residents in this part of Strathcona County:

- Participate in Fort Saskatchewan's civic and social life,
- Share its priorities (industry, transportation, rural services),
- Do not share the suburban priorities or service patterns of Sherwood Park.

Moving them would degrade, not enhance, their ability to be effectively represented.

5. Historical Continuity and Stability

This area of Strathcona County has been aligned with Fort Saskatchewan for multiple boundary cycles. The Commission's parameters state that:

- Boundaries should be changed only when clear justification exists.
- Preserving stable, predictable boundaries is a virtue unless population or representation issues demand change.

There is no such demand here. The current alignment is historically consistent, workable, and reflective of community identity.

Conclusion

Under the Elections Act and the Boundary Commission's guiding parameters—population parity, community of interest, municipal/geographic logic, and effective representation—the current portion of Strathcona County included with Fort Saskatchewan should remain in that constituency.

The area is economically integrated with Fort Saskatchewan, fits geographically and demographically with the riding's character, supports population balance, and preserves effective and coherent representation. No alternative boundary provides a superior alignment without violating core principles of the Act.

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34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

37 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

To the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

My name is Mathew Towill. I am a resident in Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and I want to express my gratitude for the time and care the commission is dedicating to this boundary review. I'm writing to share how the growth in Edmonton directly impacts the need for thoughtful and representative boundaries.

Edmonton's population has grown significantly since the last boundaries were drawn in 2017, and it's important to me that representation across the city reflects the unique character of each community. Edmonton Highlands-Norwood is part of Edmonton's historic core. Our district has deep roots and a strong sense of community. I feel my community is very vibrant and is distinct from communities outside the downtown riverway.

Many residents who live here fall within low-and middle-income brackets, and a large number rely on rental housing, social services, and community supports. These realities make it essential that our electoral boundaries give voice to the people who live here and ensure their needs are reflected in the legislature. I think the addition of Westwood still acknowledges this respect for keeping together communities of interest. I appreciate that the Commission has avoided drastic changes to this district.

I also want to emphasize the importance of creating additional ridings in Edmonton. This is a rapidly growing city, and that growth is stretching services like education and healthcare beyond capacity. Residents deserve provincial representatives who can effectively advocate for communities with similar needs and priorities. Democratic representation matters deeply to me, and I urge the Commission to keep communities together that share cultural and economic similarities as they consider creating 1 or 2 new Edmonton ridings.

Thank you for hearing my perspective. I appreciate the work of the Commission and the voices of others who have joined this important conversation.

Sincerely,
Mathew Towill

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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

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

Submission

I am a resident of Lethbridge, currently of the Lethbridge West electoral division, and under the proposal would become part of Lethbridge East. I believe the proposed change to these two electoral divisions make sense and I agree with them. West Lethbridge is certainly expanding and I believe these new borders will reflect the difference in geography and anticipated population changes.

I also followed and read with interest the arguments relating to hybrid divisions and while I understand the impetus to not want to increase polarization, I feel that the Lethbridge electorate as a community of interest is quite distinct from our surrounding rural neighbours and that proper representation would not be served for either electorate by dividing Lethbridge up further.

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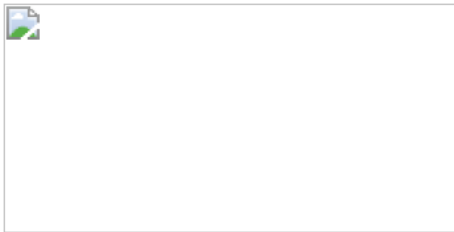


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Interim Report Submission from Liam Kavanagh-Bradette

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What is your current electoral division?

34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

33 - Edmonton-Decore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

December 28th, 2025

Dear commission members,

Hello, my name is Liam Kavanagh-Bradette, I am a deeply civically and community engaged person. So much so, that I left a career in the trades to serve my community by taking a position working in a constituency office. I believe that this roll allows me a way to contribute directly to improving my community and city.

I would like to start off by thanking you for your work in the Edmonton-Decore constituency, the new boundaries make sense based on the communities we serve. I work in the Edmonton-Decore Constituency office and the broad cross section of people, incomes and cultures our office serves are not at all dissimilar to the new Belvedere neighbourhood that the new maps include.

However, Edmonton is a very rapidly growing city and our ridings are already larger on average than many of the rural ridings of the province. I believe that the two new ridings are a good step in correcting this, but by scrapping the Edmonton-Riverview Riding we are still under-represented. The centre of Edmonton, which includes the Riverview area, is becoming denser with every year as old homes are demolished and new infills are going up. I hope that the commission will reconsider this decision.

Thank you, sincerely, for your work and dedication to supporting the free and fair democratic process in Alberta, I hope that my contributions help in your work.

Sincerely,

Liam Kavanagh-Bradette
Edmonton, Alberta

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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

I am a 45 year resident of a town of Rocky Mountain House. I am very concerned about the proposed boundary changes to our electoral district. To the west of Rocky Mountain House are three first nation communities that rely on Rocky for the majority of their commerce, recreation, medical care, and indeed of their children attend the Rocky school division. The proposed boundary changes will put those 3/ first nations who are close geographically to Rocky Mountain House, but also tied by friendship, education, and most importantly by healthcare provided by the Rocky Medical Clinic and the Rocky Mountain House, General Hospital. By excluding them from the Rocky Mountain House, constituency you will be disenfranchising them from reasonable access to their elected MLA!! This is unconscionable. As a Rocky Mountain house resident I resent and totally disagree on this redrawing of our electoral area.

Please reconsider doing a more common sense approach grouping populations who work, play and learn together. Barb Bodiguel.

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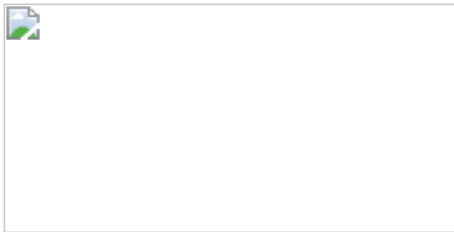
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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

70 - Lethbridge-West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Dec. 18, 2025

Dear Commissioners of the 2025 Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to voice my support maintaining the current electoral boundaries in the ridings of Lethbridge-East and Lethbridge-West.

I returned here 6 years ago, after spending over a decade in Toronto, Ontario. My experiences with Toronto and its relationship with the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), inform my feelings here. Toronto and the GTA altered their electoral boundaries to create the "mega-city" in 1988 under the auspices of making this massive region easier to govern and streamlining services, like Transport, that crossed borough boundaries. That was the ideal. The result, seen now, decades later is a core ignored and boroughs exploited for political gain. The seats no longer represent the population density and the ward system is all but broken. The needs of the boroughs and the core are simply not the same. By modifying electoral boundaries poorly, a situation was created where one group needs to lose for another to win. There was no need for that. What seemed like a cheap solve then, is now a wildly expensive and bureaucratically nightmarish mistake to fix. And so they are stuck. We can avoid this here.

By maintaining the current boundaries, and adding an additional seat in Lethbridge to reflect our growing population, we can continue to meet each the unique needs of both rural and city without pitting us against one another. Forcing disparate groups into one riding serves neither group. The current electoral boundaries ensure that each region can have it's unique needs met, and it's unique voice heard.

Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to ensuring every Albertan's voice is heard and valued. I am grateful for the hard work of the Commission and thank you for your consideration of my feedback

Sincerely,

Gillian Goerz

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What is your current electoral division?

87 - West Yellowhead

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

88 - West Yellowhead

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Communities such as Hinton, Edson, Jasper, Robb, Cadomin, Grande Cache, and surrounding rural areas share common concerns around forest management, wildfire risk, transportation safety, backcountry access, cumulative land use effects, and the balance between industry, recreation, and conservation. These issues are shaped by the same landscape and infrastructure. Fragmenting this region would weaken effective advocacy on matters that do not respect artificial boundaries.

Industrial and transportation infrastructure also aligns Jasper with West Yellowhead. Rail, pipeline, forestry, and haul routes run through the Athabasca Valley toward Hinton and Edson. And of course our school divisions.

The only things Banff and Jasper truly have in common are they are in the Rocky Mountains and they are in a federal park. Please do not divide Jasper from its surrounding area.

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

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Subject: Submission in Support of Calgary-Shaw Electoral Division Boundaries

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for keeping the Calgary-Shaw electoral division within the following boundaries:

- North: Stoney Trail
- West: Spruce Meadows Way
- East: Bow River
- South: 226 Avenue

These boundaries are reasonable, easy to understand, and consistent with the goal of effective representation under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act. I offer the following reasons in support of adopting these boundaries in the final report.

1. Communities of Interest

The proposed boundaries keep Calgary suburban communities together. These neighbourhoods share schools, roads, shopping areas, and public services, and they are governed by the City of Calgary. Keeping them in one riding reflects how residents live and interact daily.

Combining these communities with Okotoks would weaken this shared connection. Okotoks is a separate municipality with its own local government and priorities. There is also a clear rural

area between Calgary and Okotoks, showing that these communities are not closely connected. The Commission's report recognizes that hybrid ridings are usually created around smaller cities, not by combining major cities like Calgary with separate towns.

2. Geography and Natural Boundaries

The Bow River is a strong and natural boundary in south Calgary. It clearly separates communities and influences how people travel and access services. Moving between neighbourhoods on opposite sides of the river often requires using major roads or highways.

The Interim Report notes that rivers are commonly used as major boundaries because they are logical and easy to recognize. Using the Bow River as a boundary for Calgary-Shaw supports a compact and practical electoral division.

3. Transportation and Accessibility

Good transportation links are important for effective representation. Communities within the proposed Calgary-Shaw boundaries are connected by Calgary's road network and public transit, making it easier for residents to reach their MLA and stay engaged.

In contrast, travel between Calgary neighbourhoods and Okotoks requires driving on a major highway, with limited public transit options. The Commission emphasizes the importance of communication and transportation. A riding that spans two municipalities with limited connectivity would make representation more difficult.

4. Clear and Understandable Boundaries

Stoney Trail, Spruce Meadows Way, the Bow River, and 226 Avenue are clear and familiar boundaries. Most residents can easily identify them, which helps people understand where the riding begins and ends.

The Act highlights the importance of clear and understandable boundaries. A Calgary-Shaw riding fully within Calgary meets this goal, while a Calgary–Okotoks riding would likely create confusion due to the distance and differences between the communities.

5. Precedent and Consistency

While Alberta does have urban-rural hybrid ridings, these have typically involved smaller cities or towns and nearby rural areas. There is no strong precedent for combining parts of Calgary or Edmonton with a separate municipality that is not directly adjacent.

The Commission itself describes a Calgary–Okotoks riding as controversial and unprecedented. Keeping Calgary-Shaw as a fully urban riding aligns with past practice and supports consistent representation.

6. Effective Representation

Urban and rural communities often have different priorities. Calgary residents are more likely to focus on public transit, housing, and city-related services, while residents in Okotoks and surrounding areas may focus on land use, agriculture, and regional infrastructure.

Asking one MLA to represent both groups would be challenging and could limit effective advocacy for either side. The Commission has noted that hybrid ridings should be used carefully. In this case, keeping Calgary-Shaw fully urban allows for clearer focus and stronger representation.

Conclusion

The proposed Calgary-Shaw boundaries respect established communities, follow clear geographic features, and support effective representation. They avoid the challenges of creating an urban-rural riding that crosses municipal boundaries and connects areas with different needs and limited transportation links. For these reasons, I strongly support adopting these boundaries in the Commission's final report.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Francis Antobre



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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

Submission

To the Electoral Boundaries Commission

My name is Marg Chaba and I have lived in the Strathcona-Sherwood Park Riding for the past 13 years and in the Sherwood Park riding for 18 years prior to that. I have been actively involved in many community roles, including Girl Guides, choirs, sports teams, parent associations and more recently in our constituency association.

After reviewing the Interim Report, I would like to make the following comments:

1. I believe that dividing Beaumont along 50th Street is not beneficial to either the Leduc-Beaumont riding or Strathcona-Sherwood Park.

Each community is located in a different county and there is little or no commonality when it comes to education, recreational and other community facilities. Residents of Beaumont generally work locally or in Nisku, Leduc and Edmonton. Residents of Sherwood Park tend to work locally or in Fort Saskatchewan and Edmonton. To the best of my knowledge, residents of Beaumont don't normally travel to Sherwood Park to shop, visit restaurants, theatre or other amenities. Conversely, residents of Sherwood Park and rural Strathcona County don't gravitate to Beaumont for such activities. In my opinion, the City of Beaumont should remain as one cohesive unit within the Leduc-Beaumont riding.

2. The Interim Report recommends that the neighbourhood of Heritage Hills be moved from the Strathcona-Sherwood Park riding to Sherwood Park.

The Report currently suggests that the Strathcona Sherwood Park boundary would follow Clover Bar Road, a natural boundary, from Highway 16 to Baseline Road, skip over Heritage Hills, then continue south to Wye Road and beyond. This would create confusion for the residents of Heritage Hills and isolate the residents to the neighbourhoods south of Heritage Hills from the rest of the urban portion of the riding. Leaving Heritage Hills in Strathcona-Sherwood Park would have little impact on the population of the Sherwood Park riding, especially in light of the rapid growth in the north end of that riding (Cambrian).

3. The net change in population in our riding resulting from these recommendations will be minimal. The anticipated development in the Ardrossan area in the next few years will increase the rural population of Strathcona-Sherwood Park considerably.

Thank you for the hard work that the Commission is doing and for providing the opportunity for the public to have input on the changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marg Chaba

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

December 18, 2025

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**Re: 2025-26 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Proposed Division Areas,
Boundaries, and Names for Alberta Report**

To Whom it May Concern;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission regarding the Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names. Council of the Municipality of Jasper appreciates the difficult decisions required to be made to achieve the legislated mandate of the Commission.

Regarding the proposed realignment of Jasper from its previous home in the West Yellowhead, to a newly named electoral district including the towns of Banff and Canmore, we acknowledge the “community of interest” we share with our southern neighbours as Alberta’s pre-eminent tourism-based mountain communities. At the same time, we acknowledge our strong ties and relationships with our west yellowhead regional neighbours with whom we share our primary east-west transportation corridor along the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway, linking us also to our Provincial capital city and to the Edmonton International Airport, so vital to our international visitor market and our local economy. These competing considerations of “interest”, “geography”, “transportation” and “communication”, coupled with the population requirements which guide the work of the Commission present complex challenges.

We are also aware of the written submission made by Mayor Krausert on behalf of Canmore Town Council regarding the proposed name of the new riding to which it is proposed that Jasper be included. On the basis of all of those factors, Council of the Municipality of Jasper has unanimously endorsed a motion directing that I provide a written submission indicating Council’s support of the proposed change to a “Canmore-Banff-Jasper” electoral district.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all Albertans.

Respectfully,

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Date: 18 December 2025

From: Prof. Craig Coburn
To: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

RE: Review of Provincial Constituency Boundaries

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Professor of Geography at the University of Lethbridge. While I'm not an Urban Geographer, I do make maps for a living. I appreciate all of the work that has gone into the interim reports and I appreciate how you've had to deal with the competing interests and that you're focusing on the natural dividing lines and communities of interest. It's difficult work – thank you for your diligence.

I have carefully reviewed your interim report and I have a few comments and concerns that I wanted to share. I hope we can move forward in our rapidly growing province and respectfully provide representation that is sensitive to the needs of the residents. I have assembled my thoughts for your consideration.

The proposed alteration to Lethbridge-West removes my neighbourhood (London Road area) from Lethbridge-West and places it in Lethbridge-East. The dividing line between the West and East ridings in Lethbridge has always been 13th Street. In fact, 13th Street has traditionally been the diving line between the East and West sides of Lethbridge. It is a clear dividing line as it is a major thoroughfare and a line that at one time separated the new Lethbridge (East) from the downtown (older) area. This was the division prior to the development of the University of Lethbridge on the west side of the Old Man River. To include the parts of the London Road - Fleetwood neighbourhoods in Lethbridge-East feels awkward as that area used to define what was West Lethbridge, and it alters the traditional 13th Street dividing line.

My sense of things is that this area was considered for realignment to balance the growing population. I'm unsure of the rationale, but the result would be that Lethbridge-East would then have a population of 57,463 and Lethbridge-West only 53,937. The area that is proposed to move is around 3500 people (as far as I can tell – you'll have better data) and as it gets moved from riding to riding it changes the population bias.

The area to the East of 13th Street is growing rapidly on it's north and south borders and will soon account for the number of people being moved to L-East from L-West. The western edge of the L-West riding is also experiencing rapid expansion. My guess,

professionally, is that this will balance things out in the near future. It is also clear that there is more room for urban growth to the east of Lethbridge as the west is bounded by the Oldman River and the Blood Reserve (148). Therefore, it is unlikely that the Oldman River will ever become the dividing line between east and west Lethbridge. As a local resident, it mostly seems odd that the area that defined west Lethbridge is going to be in the Lethbridge-East riding.

I do not support the notion that Lethbridge should be divided into three or four blended rural-urban style ridings. Having lived in this community for the past 23 years, I have witnessed our transformation from a small urban centre to one that is medium in size and much of that growth is attributed to the addition of diverse population of new Canadians. There is a vibrant local culture that is quite different from the surrounding communities.

Lethbridge is a community that is united by our geography and grounded in diversity. Most of my neighbours, the students that I teach and almost all my colleagues at the University of Lethbridge are not from Lethbridge. They come from all over the world to support our incredibly diverse economy and make Lethbridge one of the best places to live in Canada.

I understand that the arguments are based on the experience of Medicine Hat. Respectfully, Lethbridge is significantly different from Medicine Hat and our rural neighbours. We have a vibrant University and Polytechnic as well as several major research institutions. While the agriculture sector is incredibly important to our local economy, Lethbridge boasts one of the most diversified economies in Alberta. These populations have grown for different reasons and have developed their own flavour and sense of community. We value and respect these differences.

While I appreciate the importance of the rural areas to the local economy, I would not agree that there is as integrated a rural-urban region in Lethbridge. As a geographer, I was concerned that the division of Lethbridge into mixed urban-rural ridings is a move that seeks to temper urban viewpoints. From my perspective, it would look like the area was being gerrymandered. The concerns of citizens in rural areas are not at all like my concerns as someone living in an urban area. This is not to diminish the concerns of rural Albertans, but to ensure that their voice is appropriately represented and not lost in the context of urban issues. Our local community has very different problems than Nobleford, Coaldale, Barrons or Picture Butte. I understand that from the perspective of the larger urban centres (Calgary or Edmonton), it's hard to appreciate that Lethbridge and the surrounding rural areas are not the same. We are smaller but, in most ways, far more like the large urban centres than the rural population that surrounds us.

Respectfully Submitted,




Dr. Craig Coburn
Professor, Department of Geography and Environment

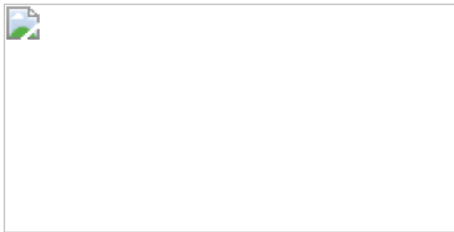


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What is your current electoral division?

25 - Calgary-Varsity

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

18 - Calgary-Lougheed

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

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

Submission

December 17, 2025

SUBMISSION: ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

To the Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a long-time Calgary resident and volunteer who has worked extensively as a volunteer in the Calgary-Lougheed, and Calgary Fish Creek area and has seen firsthand the pace and scale of growth across the south part of our city. I appreciate the considerable work undertaken by the Commission and the seriousness of its mandate. However, after reviewing the proposed options for Calgary, I feel compelled to express my opposition to both Option A and Option B as currently presented.

From a practical, on-the-ground perspective, it is difficult to understand why the Commission chose to pursue such complex and disruptive boundary changes across central Calgary in order to create an additional seat downtown, rather than taking the more straightforward and durable approach of adding a new constituency in the south—where growth is already occurring and will continue for the foreseeable future.

Anyone working in or around south Calgary can see the reality clearly. Approved Area Structure Plans, active greenfield developments, and sustained suburban expansion are driving rapid population increases. These areas are not approaching growth—they are already experiencing it. Creating a new constituency in the south, even if slightly below the provincial average at the outset, would be quickly balanced by approved and anticipated growth well within the next redistribution cycle.

By contrast, creating a new central Calgary constituency requires reshaping boundaries across much of the city, fragmenting established communities of interest and producing districts that will almost immediately exceed population averages. This approach appears unnecessarily complicated and risks undermining stability for many constituencies that are otherwise functioning well. Effective redistribution should anticipate growth, not react to it after the fact. Boundaries should be designed to absorb future population increases in a measured way, rather than forcing continual adjustments.

I am also concerned by proposals that would combine the City of Calgary with surrounding towns or municipalities. From a community perspective, places like Okotoks are distinct and self-contained, with their own governance, priorities, and identities. Merging such communities with urban Calgary neighbourhoods risks diluting effective representation for both and blurring lines that residents clearly understand and value.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to set aside both Option A and Option B and reconsider its approach with a renewed focus on:

- Accurately reflecting existing and approved future growth, particularly in south

Calgary;

- Adding representation where growth is occurring, rather than redistributing slower-growth areas;
- Avoiding the combination of independent municipalities or rural towns with the City of Calgary; and
- Establishing boundaries that anticipate growth nodes instead of immediately exceeding population targets.

I offer these comments constructively and with respect for the Commission's work. From a volunteer's perspective, grounded in direct community experience, a simpler, growth-focused solution centred on south Calgary would better serve effective representation for years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Beyer

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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?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

By proposing to change the electoral boundaries to include more rural representation in Urban areas you dilute the urban voice and skew representation towards the UCP. I find this another example of how this current government is trampling on the rights of Albertans. Just because we may vote for a different party doesn't mean you don't represent us when you are elected. DO NOT Change the Lethbridge electoral boundaries!!!

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What is your current electoral division?

43 - Edmonton-South West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

46 - Edmonton-South West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Re: Consideration of an Edmonton–South West–Devon Electoral District

I respectfully submit the following observations regarding potential adjustments to the Edmonton–South West provincial electoral district, specifically the inclusion of the Town of Devon within an Edmonton-centred riding.

In my view, assigning Devon to an Edmonton–South West–Devon district would more accurately reflect lived realities, spatial logic, and the principles of meaningful legislative representation contemplated by the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

A. Metropolitan Integration and Shared Civic Life

The Town of Devon operates, in practical terms, as part of the Edmonton metropolitan system. The daily lives of its residents are closely interwoven with southwest Edmonton neighbourhoods such as Terwillegar, Windermere, and Riverbend, rather than with distant, predominantly rural communities further west.

Most Devon residents travel into Edmonton for employment, education, healthcare, commerce, and recreation. Labour force data consistently shows that a strong majority of the town's working population remains within the Edmonton region during the workday, underscoring functional integration rather than peripheral association.

Devon's participation in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board further confirms this alignment. Through this body, Devon collaborates directly with Edmonton on land-use planning, transportation coordination, and long-term growth strategy — relationships that are structurally and practically stronger than those with communities such as Drayton Valley.

Residents of Devon and southwest Edmonton increasingly confront the same public policy challenges: residential intensification, commuter congestion, infrastructure capacity, and access to Edmonton-based institutional services. Electoral representation that centres on metropolitan and suburban concerns would better serve these shared interests.

B. Physical Adjacency and Commuter-Oriented Connectivity

Devon lies immediately southwest of Edmonton and is directly linked to the city through a well-developed transportation corridor, primarily via Highway 60 and Highway 19. These routes support substantial daily traffic volumes and have benefited from recent investments to improve capacity and safety.

Typical travel times between Devon and southwest Edmonton fall within a short, routine commuting window, reinforcing the town's practical contiguity with the city. By comparison, travel to communities such as Drayton Valley is significantly longer and does not reflect the predominant movement patterns of Devon residents.

Natural features, including the North Saskatchewan River, do not impede connectivity in any meaningful way. Existing bridges and road networks already facilitate seamless movement between Devon and Edmonton's southern neighbourhoods. Incorporating Devon into an Edmonton–South West–based district would therefore produce a compact, coherent riding with logical boundaries.

C. Representation Aligned with Urban-Adjacent Growth Pressures

As Devon continues to expand, its planning and service challenges increasingly resemble those of southwest Edmonton rather than those of rural or resource-focused regions. Issues such as housing development, transportation demand, and municipal infrastructure investment are best addressed within an urban-adjacent legislative context.

Devon's current placement within a geographically expansive, mixed rural-urban riding risks marginalizing its priorities amid communities whose economic and policy concerns differ substantially. A district anchored in Edmonton would allow Devon residents to be represented by an MLA whose legislative focus aligns more closely with metropolitan realities.

Legislative changes enacted through Bill 31 (2024) amended the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act to allow greater flexibility in boundary design, including reduced emphasis on strict municipal separation and increased openness to blended urban–adjacent districts. Including Devon within an Edmonton-based riding is consistent with both the letter and the intent of these amendments.

Closing Observation

Taken together, Devon's metropolitan orientation, immediate geographic adjacency to southwest Edmonton, and evolving growth profile support its inclusion within an Edmonton–South West–Devon electoral district. Such an arrangement would better reflect how residents live, commute, and participate in the broader Edmonton region, while advancing the goal of effective and coherent representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this review process.

Respectfully submitted,
Vince Byfield

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What is your current electoral division?

08 - Calgary-Edgemont

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?

South Calgary

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

RE: Alberta's electoral boundaries

Good day,

It has come to my attention that the province is considering adding additional constituencies to Calgary.

I recommend that the new seat(s) be allocated in South Calgary, where the city boundaries continues to grow, develop and sprawl.

South Calgary is experiencing sustained and significant population growth driven by new residential development and continued suburban expansion. In contrast, much of central Calgary has relatively stagnant population growth and, critically, a lower ratio of actual voters to total population.

Adding a new seat to south Calgary better reflects both current realities and future growth pressures. It would also reduce the risk of immediately overburdening south Calgary constituencies as growth continues over the next redistribution cycle.

For these reasons, I respectfully submit that any additional seat allocated to the City of Calgary should be located in the south of the city rather than in central Calgary.

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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

As a resident of Calgary-Varsity, I am concerned regarding the recent proposal to expand the electoral boundary to include the community of Montgomery. Including Montgomery in Calgary-Varsity will not only limit representation, but also cause future issues as Montgomery and Varsity are two rapidly growing neighbourhoods. In the case that Montgomery is included, Calgary-Varsity, which is already one of the largest constituencies, will continue to grow over the next 8 years, while limiting the fair distribution of voter representation. In my perspective, it would be much better to keep the electoral boundary of Calgary-Varsity the same. I truly hope this opinion is fairly considered. Our community does not want to be silenced in upcoming elections due to poorly planned electoral boundaries that do not account for future expansions. Thank you!

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