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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

Splitting a cohesive, small city like Beaumont into two separate legislative districts is fundamentally detrimental to effective representation and should be reconsidered. A community must be able to speak with one clear voice to its representative government, and fragmentation undermines this critical democratic principle.

Splitting a community's legislative boundary is opposed primarily because it:

- **Fractures Community Identity:** Beaumont, as a municipality, has a shared identity, common services (like fire protection, recreation, and libraries), local concerns, and a unified vision for its future. Dividing the city breaks this bond, forcing residents to address city-wide issues through two separate Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). This creates unnecessary complexity and weakens the local government's ability to advocate for its citizens.
- **Dilutes Political Voice:** When a city is split, its population's votes and concerns are diluted across two ridings. Each resulting district will likely be dominated by the larger, surrounding rural or suburban areas with which Beaumont is grouped. This means Beaumont's specific needs—such as local infrastructure or urban planning—become less of a priority for either MLA, who must also serve the interests of their larger, disparate constituent base.
- **Creates Confusion and Accountability Issues:** Residents may be confused about which MLA represents them, especially along the arbitrary dividing line. For the MLAs themselves, this creates ambiguity regarding who is responsible for championing specific city-level issues, potentially leading to a lack of accountability and uncoordinated representation.

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What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

I would like to register my opposition to the proposal to split Beaumont into two ridings. The current recommendation to split Beaumont into east and west ridings, leading to a merger with Sherwood Park in the east, and Leduc in the west, is not an effective way to represent the interests of Beaumont voters. Beaumont is a municipality with a unique identity that is slowly becoming more diverse as our population grows. In time, Beaumont will likely have enough voters to become its own riding without needing to have a "senior partner." We as a city are still a small and strong group, and the needs of our population do not change when you cross from one side of 50th Street to the other. With projects coming in the future including a potential civic center model, with a new embedded site for a larger library, arts commons, and some municipal services, Leduc County and the Provincial Government are going to be important players in discussions. It will be difficult to lobby support for a project for our community when we are split into two ridings with two MLAs, and two service areas. In addition to this, although our population is growing, it should be noted that we have a large proportion of children and youth, which would seriously dilute the vote in Beaumont should we be split into two ridings - it will be difficult to ensure accurate and proportionate representation for voters. I urge you to deny this request to redistrict our city.

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What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Do not split Beaumont into two different areas as this will affect our representation in parliament and divide the community into what is needed by it's constituents.

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- Naming of electoral boundaries

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Beaumont must not be divided (west - Leduc County, east - Strathcona County as noted in the proposed boundary map). The entire city must remain solely within Leduc County.

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What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

As a long-time resident of the City of Beaumont, I am deeply concerned about the proposed electoral boundaries for Leduc–Beaumont. While Beaumont is often viewed as merely a suburb of Edmonton, it is a distinct and growing city with its own identity, priorities, and community needs—separate from Edmonton and from surrounding rural areas.

Dividing Beaumont between two very different electoral districts significantly weakens our ability to advocate effectively for our city. Splitting our population dilutes our collective voice and risks having Beaumont's concerns overshadowed or overlooked altogether. This division will also create unnecessary confusion about MLA representation and accountability. Beaumont is not a rural area to be attached wherever it is most convenient. It is a city actively developing its own industries, infrastructure, and resources to better support its residents. Keeping Beaumont whole within a single electoral division is critical to ensuring fair representation and meaningful advocacy for our community.

While the Strathcona–Sherwood Park and Leduc-Beaumont divisions would experience the greatest population adjustment if all of Beaumont were kept within a single electoral division, this adjustment is reasonable and necessary. Due to population density, even the outskirts of Sherwood Park would carry more electoral influence than half of Beaumont if the city were split. Sherwood Park and Beaumont have distinctly different priorities, challenges, and resources. For this reason, Beaumont requires cohesive and unified representation to ensure its needs are clearly understood and effectively advocated for by a single MLA.

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68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest

Submission

I would like to express my concerns about the proposed redistribution that would divide the City of Beaumont between the Leduc-Beaumont riding and a new rural constituency that includes parts of Strathcona County.

While I understand the Commission's mandate to balance population and ensure effective representation, I believe this specific proposal would negatively affect Beaumont residents for several reasons.

1. Beaumont and Leduc constitute a natural community of interest.

Beaumont's social, economic, educational, and transportation ties are overwhelmingly aligned with Leduc, Nisku, and the Edmonton region. The current Leduc-Beaumont riding reflects these connections well. Dividing Beaumont weakens a functional regional community that already shares services, infrastructure, and daily life patterns.

2. The proposed rural constituency does not share Beaumont's character or priorities.

Placing half of Beaumont into a largely rural riding alongside Strathcona County creates a mismatch in needs and interests. Beaumont is a rapidly growing, suburban/urban city, while rural Strathcona has fundamentally different priorities related to agriculture, rural land use, and low-density infrastructure. This divide raises concerns that Beaumont residents placed in that district will receive diluted or less effective representation.

3. Beaumont's size does not justify an arbitrary split.

Although Beaumont is too small to form a standalone riding, it is large and cohesive enough that dividing it should only be done when clearly necessary. Beaumont's geographic and demographic unity makes splitting it along an artificial boundary both impractical and disruptive.

4. The proposal undermines unified municipal representation.

Splitting Beaumont between two distinctly different constituencies will force the City and its residents to work with two MLAs representing divergent priorities. This makes it more difficult for Beaumont to advocate effectively for municipal needs such as schools, transportation, recreation, and growth-related infrastructure.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Commission to reconsider splitting Beaumont in this way and instead keep the city intact within a constituency that reflects its suburban and regional connections.

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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

The proposed split of the City of Beaumont between electoral divisions is not a great proposed decision. While the population numbers may make sense, it will be a disservice to the representation of a municipality as a whole. While Beaumont may not be a large city, having the representation split by east and west sides will create an inconsistent representation of the needs of the city as a whole. It will result in increased bureaucracy; needless red tape in negotiating with the province. I would greatly discourage such an action from taking place.

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69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

You've got to be kidding right. Take a city of ~20000 residents and devide it. Whi thought this up. Different policies treatment expectations on different sides of the same street. The problem will only be amplified as we grow. Very short term thinking.

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What is your current electoral division?

76 - Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

51 - Airdrie-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

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

Submission

Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

2025–2026 Redistribution of Provincial Electoral Divisions

Date: December 9 2025

Submitted by: Alan Eric Balson

Address: Beiseker, Alberta

Current riding: Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills (to be dissolved)

Proposed riding: Airdrie-East

Dear Commissioners,

I am a long-time resident of the Village of Beiseker and I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to place Beiseker in the new electoral division of Airdrie-East.

For decades, Beiseker has been represented together with the rural communities of Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Three Hills, Trochu, and surrounding agricultural areas — most recently in the constituency of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills. This has always made sense. We are a small farming and acreage-based village on the open prairie. Our economy, our way of life, and our local issues are almost identical to those of the other rural communities immediately north and west of us.

Placing Beiseker in Airdrie-East would do two things that run counter to effective representation:

It would force a small rural village into a predominantly urban and suburban riding centred on the fast-growing City of Airdrie.

Airdrie's priorities are commuter transit, residential development, city services, and urban-style infrastructure. Beiseker's priorities are agriculture, water rights, grain transportation, rural broadband, country residential concerns, and small-village sustainability. These two worlds have very little in common. Our voice — already small — would be completely drowned out inside a city-dominated riding.

It would separate us from the natural rural community of interest we have shared for generations with Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, and Three Hills.

I understand the need to adjust boundaries because of population growth, but there is a reasonable and fair alternative that respects communities of interest and keeps effective representation for rural Albertans:

Recommended solution

Keep Beiseker and the surrounding rural area in a reconstituted rural riding that includes Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Three Hills, and the agricultural areas around them. Extend the western boundary only as far as Sundre if necessary for population, but stop well short of reaching all the way to Rocky Mountain House and the foothills.

The current proposal draws a new rural riding that stretches from the QEII corridor all the way past Rocky Mountain House to the mountains. That riding mixes flatland prairie grain farmers with mountain foothills ranching and forestry communities — two very different agricultural and economic realities. Beiseker has almost nothing in common with Rocky Mountain House, Nordegg, or the

eastern slopes.

A far better rural constituency would run north–south along the QEII corridor and westward only to approximately the Sundre area — keeping the prairie farming communities together and maintaining a strong, coherent rural voice.

In summary:

Beiseker is a rural prairie village, not a bedroom community of Airdrie.

We share history, economy, schools, hospitals, and daily life with Olds, Didsbury, and Three Hills — not with the City of Airdrie.

Placing us in Airdrie-East would effectively silence rural concerns in favour of urban ones.

A fair boundary adjustment can easily keep us with our natural rural neighbours without having to stretch a single riding from the suburbs of Airdrie all the way to the Rocky Mountains.

Please reconsider the proposed placement of Beiseker (and the immediate rural area south and east of Rosebud Road / Township Road 284) and instead include us in the new rural constituency with Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Three Hills, and areas up to approximately Sundre.

Thank you for considering the views of small rural communities during this important process. We deserve to keep our rural voice.

Sincerely,

Alan Balson

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66 - Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

86 - Sylvan Lake-Innisfail

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Good afternoon sir/madame:

My name is Brent Saunders and I am a long-serving member of the Board of Directors of the Crossroads Gas Co-op, headquartered near Innisfail Alberta.

I live north of Innisfail and currently work at the Bowden Institution, along Highway 2.

Communities that are along Highway 2 (the CP rail line and old C&E trail) are closely tied both socially and economically.

It would make sense that communities along the CP rail line in Central Alberta such as Bowden, Innisfail, Niobe, Penhold, Springbrook, and Blackfalds be connected to our neighbouring eastern Hwy 21 communities of Joffre, Delburne, Lousana, Elnora, Huxley, & Trochu in the electoral boundary maps of Central Alberta.

The representation of rural communities such as these is vital in the Legislature of Alberta.

With thanks,

Brent Saunders

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December 5, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Members of the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2025 Interim Report. The Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools appreciates the extensive work involved in balancing population changes with the need for effective representation.

We write to express concerns with the proposed consolidation of northern electoral divisions and, specifically, the creation of the Slave Lake–Westlock–Athabasca riding. Although the proposal would place our school division entirely within a single constituency, this is not viewed as a significant improvement. Our division already maintains effective systems and practices for engaging with multiple elected representatives, and therefore boundary simplification alone does not offset broader concerns about representation in northern Alberta.

Your report acknowledges that northern constituencies already face the greatest challenges in Alberta: vast geography, long travel distances, limited transportation routes, shadow populations (people who work or reside in the region without being counted in the official census), and higher constituent demand. These factors make the representational burden for rural MLAs significantly heavier, even when populations are smaller. Consolidating seven northern ridings into six risks intensifying these challenges and diminishing the accessibility and responsiveness that are essential to effective representation.

We further encourage the Commission to consider that rural Alberta's economic contribution to the province far outweighs what population figures alone reflect. Rural communities play a vital role in agriculture, energy, forestry, and other resource sectors that drive the provincial economy. In this context, effective representation for rural and northern Alberta should reflect not only the number of people living in a region but also the province-wide impact of the industries and workers located there.

In our region, communities are oriented along southward travel and service corridors. While no boundary configuration is perfect, expanding the constituency further north into distinct service regions may make it even more difficult for a single MLA to maintain meaningful and practical connections across the territory.

We recognize the population growth pressures facing Alberta's major cities. However, rural and northern representation must remain protected, as effective representation — not strict population parity — is the standard set by both legislation and the Supreme Court of Canada.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask the Commission to reconsider the consolidation of northern electoral divisions and ensure that boundary adjustments do not further compromise the ability of rural Albertans to access their elected representative.

Thank you for considering our perspective.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Candyce Nikipelo.

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Chair, Board of Trustees
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cc. Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock
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I am 100% opposed to dividing our electoral district in two! And I truly do not understand the reasoning behind this proposal.

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- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

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The division of Beaumont electoral riding to be half strathcona-Sherwood Park and other Leduc is ridiculous and is not in the best interest of Beaumont and its residents and is a severe disadvantage to the City of Beaumont and the residents. This severe disadvantage will remove the cohesiveness of the residents, cause confusion and ability for the city to move ideas forward and gain support from the province.

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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

I don't want Beaumont split with two different ridings because we lose our voting power and creates confusion which MLA we should be contacting

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69 - Leduc-Beaumont

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?

Leduc- Beaumont, and Strathcona - Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

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

Submission

The proposed split of Beaumont divides our cohesive community into two different electoral districts. This will dilute our community's unified political voice, create inconsistent representation, and weaken the ability of residents to advocate collectively for local priorities.

By pairing half of Beaumont with Strathcona–Sherwood Park and the other half with Leduc, the proposal could fragment common interests, confuse voters about their MLA representation, and shift local influence in ways that feel politically disadvantageous to certain groups.

This is not in Beaumonts best interest!!

The whole of Beaumont needs to be in a riding; splitting it will do more damage than good.

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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

I am opposed to this change. Beaumont is a growing community that deserves whole representation not being split in half. We are a community that holds its French identity dearly , this cannot be divided.

The current electoral map works. There is no logical reason to split a growing city that is not a sum of its parts. It is a whole. A dynamic community that deserves complete representation.

For these reasons. I am opposed to this change

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What is your current electoral division?

66 - Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

86 - Sylvan Lake-Innisfail

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

Commissioners,

I'm a retired commercial banker from Innisfail. I have lived and volunteered in the Innisfail area for decades. In my dealings with farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses I've seen the importance of the business relations within Hwy 2 and Hwy 21 in Central Alberta. Businesses along Hwy 590 and 42 going east and west is a natural connection to Hwy 2 and 21.

From Penhold to Bowden and Delburne to Trochu, I'd recommend you connect these communities in the upcoming provincial boundaries.

Best regards,
Wayne Ardron

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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?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

Submission

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

RE: Electoral Boundary Commission Submission for Spruce Grove - Stony Plain Electoral District

As a long-time resident of Spruce Grove - Stony Plain electoral district, I recommend that the boundaries of this riding remain the same. We are a suburban/rural population composed of two major communities who have common interests. Our resident population has chosen a suburban, small town and acreage style of housing/living and recreation that is accessible with a highway structure that links us to the nearby communities for additional employment opportunities.

The following are my reasons for keeping our current electoral district boundaries the same:

(1) Effective representation - currently our district meets the requirement for effective representation by our geography, common and shared community interests. One MLA can adequately meet the needs of our electoral district as our voters' interests remain connected by type of housing, employment, closeness (only 1 mile separates our two major populated areas) and shared resources.

(2) Density of population - Our current riding falls nicely in the ideal constituency size. The ideal constituency size in Alberta for an upcoming general election is approximately 57,471 people per riding with no more than 25% above or 25% below this provincial average. With the most recent count of our electoral district population of 60,506 we are well within the acceptable limits (43,103 to 71,839). We are 9% above the ideal average, which is well under the maximum 25% marker. Our riding can still remain intact even with future population growth.

(3) Common community interests, shared organizations, shared culture, shared resources - The town of Stony Plain and the City of Spruce Grove are intertwined in many common areas. The close distance between these two centres lends itself to sharing cultural, trade, shopping, health services, employment and recreational activities. The TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre is where the people of both communities come together for fitness, recreation, hockey and to swim in the large indoor pool. Spruce Grove and Stony Plain share a region-wide transit system that includes Handivan Service. A new initiative to further connect Spruce Grove and Stony Plain was the launch of the Joint Trail Project. This project provides an uninterrupted trail access by walking or bicycling between the two communities. Many services are shared such as medical services, Westview Health Centre/Hospital is located in Stony Plain but is utilized by Spruce Grove residents as well. The Parkland Food Bank services

both communities as well as Family and Community Support Services. Shopping is readily available in both communities, there are big box stores in Spruce Grove and speciality stores in Stony Plain, residents of both communities frequent both areas with no need to go any further to find what they need.

(4) Respecting our boundaries as separate from Edmonton's boundaries - Our current voting district should remain as is, it has very little in common with the City of Edmonton. It would be a grave miscalculation to extend our voting district further east and remove Stony Plain from our electoral district. This type of change would dilute or minimize the voice and identity of Edmonton West voters. To consider incorporating the rural/suburban area of Spruce Grove into a small slice of a West Edmonton area will undermine the urban citizens/voters representation. Edmonton Electoral boundaries should adhere to municipal boundaries and not mix rural/suburban areas such as Spruce Grove with distantly located urban Edmonton. Spruce Grove and Stony Plain have far more in common and belong together as opposed to carving sections out of the City of Edmonton and pasting them into an incompatible district.

(5) Current Existing Municipal Boundaries mesh nicely in Spruce Grove - Stony Plain Electoral District - Both the City of Spruce Grove and the Town of Stony Plain boundaries neighbor each other by 1 mile. Parkland School Division is located in both areas. The close proximity of both communities ensures a simplification of municipal boundaries. Parkland County is the only other municipality that surrounds our electoral district which also simplifies municipalities involved. It makes perfect sense to keep our Spruce Grove - Stony Plain Electoral District intact.

(6) Geographical Features including shared infrastructure - The two largest concentrations of population in our riding are only one mile apart. We are connected by two major highways, Hwy 16 and Hwy 16A and numerous township roads. We are connected by the Joint Trail walking/biking path between Stony Plain and Spruce Grove. We share a public transportation system (and Handivan Service) as well. We share Police Services, the RCMP provide contracted police services for both Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Parkland County. Our shared geographical features further confirm that our electoral district is a good fit.

(7) Risk of Political Gerrymandering - Our Spruce Grove - Stony Plain Electoral District is at risk of political gerrymandering. Our electoral district has a distinct voting pattern and altering or merging this into a slice of urban population could strategically be used to dilute the voting power of one group, thereby benefitting the political interests of another. Incorporating our suburban/rural riding with a population residing in a small urban ward will undermine those urban citizens' representation. In 2024, the Justice Statutes Amendment Act, Bill 31, weakened legislation by stating that 'municipal boundaries MAY be kept together, rather than SHALL be kept together'. This decision provides for the opportunity of gerrymandering election results. The Edmonton Municipal boundary is far different and far away from our electoral district. The Spruce Grove - Stony Plain electoral riding consists of shared interests, shared economies, recreation,

churches, health services, policing services and culture. Our Spruce Grove - Stony Plain Electoral Riding should remain intact and as is.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the boundaries of our Spruce Grove - Stony Plain Electoral District remain untouched and intact as it continues to be very appropriate in providing its' voters fair representation. I believe it would be a significant misstep to alter our electoral district boundaries as this would threaten effective representation. Keeping interconnected communities such as Spruce Grove and Stony Plain together as one electoral district ensures their shared interests and ability to thrive continues. I want to thank the Commission members for their attention to my submission and trust their wisdom and integrity in such complex matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Meisner

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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
- Effective representation

Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Calgary-Glenmore's Electoral Boundaries contained in the Commission's Preliminary Report.

I understand that, due to population growth, Calgary is increasing the number of seats it has in the provincial legislature and re-adjusting some electoral boundaries.

As a resident of, and homeowner in, Cedarbrae for over 45 years it is my belief that the proposed changes to the Calgary-Glenmore boundaries constitute a reasonable and well-considered adjustment.

The area of Calgary on the west edge of the city, south of the Glenmore reservoir and north of Fish Creek Provincial Park, constitutes a cohesive urban residential area.

By cohesive it is meant that the area shares certain priorities with regards to transportation (roads and transit), pathways and recreation, commercial and shopping needs, schooling, and other infrastructure necessities.

The inclusion of the small amount of new areas to Calgary-Glenmore with the proposed boundary changes will not detract, and might actually enhance, this cohesion.

On the other hand, expansion of Calgary-Glenmore in any direction other than East would detract from this regional cohesion.

The proposed changes make excellent sense from my perspective.

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

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

We live in a community on the NE corner of Gull Lake. All property owners and residents on Gull Lake share similar concerns and interests yet the proposed boundary change would exclude the northern portion of Gull Lake and place us in a riding with few similar geographical, economic or environmental characteristics. A more logical and common sense approach would be to extend the proposed northern boundary from Sec Hwy 604 to Hwy 53, a major highway that provides a natural geographic boundary and incorporates all of Gull Lake and the interests of residents.

Given the proximity to Hwy 2, a major economic corridor in Central Alberta, it would seem to make more sense to have the proposed riding anchored by known patterns of interest. Sylvan Lake is geographically close to Gull Lake, shares similar demographic profiles in terms of proximity to economic corridors, tourism, resident interests and concerns, and growth opportunities. It would seem to be a more efficient and focused riding if the boundary were changed to include all of Sylvan and Gull Lakes, thereby creating a riding with geographical, economic, and interest based symmetries that would be more effectively represented by one MLA.

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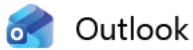
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68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Geographical features

Submission

I would like to submit that the northern boundary line for the Lacombe district should be hiway 53 and to the south should include all of sylvan lake. It makes sense first off that all of Gull lake should be in one district as we all share the same issues and concerns. Sylvan lake is also very similar in it's issues and concerns. I feel one member could better represent us if they had both lake communities in their pervue.

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What is your current electoral division?

42 - Edmonton-South

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

44 - Edmonton-South

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

- Projected growth

Submission

I work in the Edmonton-South constituency office and have extensive experience in getting to know this community over the past 5 years. The Commission's proposed Electoral Division areas included in the Interim Report would be the most effective means of representing the communities that make up Edmonton-South. This is because this riding is one of the fastest growing areas in Canada and currently is drastically over populated. It makes sense to remove the northern neighbourhoods of Magrath and Mactaggart and eastern neighbourhoods of Summerside and Orchards because residents in these areas feel somewhat separated from the center of the constituency. It is hard for them to feel engaged and represented because of how wide spread the riding is. It does make sense to split Chappelle in half as Chappelle is one of the largest and most densely populated neighbourhoods in the constituency.

A key piece of feedback I want to make clear is the importance of maintaining the urban make up of Edmonton-South and not mixing it with surrounding rural communities, like Leduc. This is because the urban density will mean that rural concerns will not be adequately represented in a riding that potentially mixed both communities, as urban concerns would outnumber those of a rural area.

To reiterate, the proposed changes are well thought out and ensure that proper representation is given to these communities in South Edmonton.

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What is your current electoral division?

77 - Peace River

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

My primary concern with the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries is the apparent prioritization of population similarity in urban centers over the critical consideration of geographic area and the unique challenges faced by the rural northern constituencies. While I fully acknowledge and support the need to increase the number of MLAs to ensure equitable representation for rapidly growing urban areas, this should not be achieved by disproportionately enlarging and consolidating the already vast northern ridings.

The current proposal risks replicating the very issue of inadequate representation that is often levied against the federal structure, where a single Member of Parliament for the Peace Country covers a significant portion of northern Alberta. Applying a similar model at the provincial level, where large rural ridings are consolidated, severely compromises the ability of an MLA to effectively serve their constituents.

- **Excessive Travel Burden:** The existing geographic size of northern ridings already imposes extensive travel time on MLAs, both for legislative duties in Edmonton and for constituency work within their boundaries.
- **Reduced Constituency Presence:** Further enlarging these ridings will inevitably necessitate an even greater portion of an MLA's time being spent travelling—time that is subsequently unavailable for "boots on the ground" engagement with local councils and constituents.
- **Disparity in Access:** This situation contrasts sharply with urban MLAs, whose ridings are compact (often navigable in an hour or less) and who benefit from the proximity of the Legislative Assembly. This fundamental difference in operating context must be weighted appropriately, and not taken lightly.

To address the priorities of population growth in the south while preserving effective representation in the north, I propose a targeted increase in the overall number of seats in the Legislative Assembly.

1. **Grant Urban Centers Additional MLAs:** Allocate the necessary new seats to the fastest-growing urban and suburban areas to achieve population parity.
2. **Preserve Northern Geographic Integrity:** Maintain the current geographic boundaries of the northern and rural ridings, thus ensuring MLAs can dedicate sufficient time to constituency service rather than spend more time behind a windshield.

This approach offers a viable and balanced solution. Given the government's current capacity to manage a large ministry, a modest increase in the total number of MLAs is a reasonable compromise that secures representation for all Albertans without sacrificing the accessibility and effectiveness of northern representation. Deleting and combining ridings in the north is not a sufficient solution; adding capacity to the legislature is the only way to avoid adopting an untenable "Ottawa MP model" at the provincial level.

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What is your current electoral division?

42 - Edmonton-South

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

44 - Edmonton-South

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

- Projected growth

Submission

I started out as a placement student at the Edmonton-South Constituency Office and I am now employed at the office. The proposed Electoral Division Changes by the Commission are sound as Edmonton-South is among the fastest-growing constituencies in the country, over-populated, and densely packed. It makes sense to split Chappelle as they are one of the densely populated and largest neighbourhoods in Edmonton-South. Additionally, the removal of the Magrath, MacTaggart, Orchards, and Summerside communities are reasonable as these neighbourhoods are geographically situated outside of the Edmonton-South core, which contributes to the separation and disengagement that residents feel with the constituency.

I would like to emphasize that Edmonton-South would do well with maintaining its urban character rather than continue with its incorporation of the rural communities. Given the significant urban population density and the predominance of urban concerns, rural priorities would risk being overshadowed and inadequately represented within a mixed constituency.

The proposed Electoral Division Changes are thoughtful and reasonable. It ensures that Edmonton-South communities are properly-represented.

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What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

- Projected growth

Submission

I am an employee at the Edmonton-South constituency office and have been working in the community for the last year and half - during a period of continual growth for the area.

I agree with the Commission's proposed Electoral Division areas included in the Interim Report and believe it would be the most effective means of representing the communities that make up Edmonton-South. This riding is one of the fastest growing areas in Canada and is drastically over populated. I agree with the removal of northern areas, Magrath and Mactaggart and eastern areas of Summerside and Orchards. These areas being on the outskirts of the riding and situated across from major arterial roads (the QEII and Anthony Henday), these neighbourhoods are much more isolated from the center of the constituency, leaving them less engaged and less connected. I also agree with splitting Chappelle in half. Chappelle is one of the largest and most densely populated neighbourhoods in the constituency and makes up a large portion of the residency.

A key piece of feedback I want to make clear is the importance of maintaining the urban make up of Edmonton-South and not mixing it with surrounding rural communities, like Leduc. This is because the urban density will mean that rural concerns will not be adequately represented in a riding that potentially mixed both communities, as urban concerns would outnumber those of a rural area.

To reiterate, the proposed changes are well thought out and ensure that proper representation is given to these communities in South Edmonton.

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December 10, 2025

Dear Justice Miller and Members of the Commission,

The Calgary & District Labour Council supports the proposed boundary changes in the Commission's Interim Report released October 28, 2025.

These are the questions we applied to determine our support:

First, did the Commission use the correct population information as required in Section 12 of the Boundary Commission Act?

There will not be a Federal decennial census until 2026, so sections 12(2) and 12(3) do not apply. The Commission used information on the provincial population provided by the Treasury Board. The Commission correctly used Section 12 (4) of the Act because Alberta had a more recent census of the population.

Second, did the Commission divide the population into 89 electoral divisions as required by section 13 of the Act?

The Commission divided the population into 89 electoral divisions as required by section 13 of the Act.

Third, has the Commission clearly examined the sparsity, density and rate of growth of population?

Throughout the report, there is discussion of these dimensions of population. Whether it was rural concerns of having a diminishing voice in the legislature, or the size and difficulty of representing the very large northern ridings, or the density challenges of urban communities; the Commission, to its credit, thoughtfully balanced those competing interests within the constraints of the legislation.

Fourth, has the Commission clearly examined the communities of interest, including: municipalities, regional and rural communities, Indian reserves, and Metis settlements as required by section 14(b) of the Act?

Yes, the Commission has examined the communities of interest. It looked at municipalities and how to distribute seats or whether hybrid seats are appropriate. They looked at county

boundaries as a logical way of drawing seat lines. The Commission was thoughtful in considering Indigenous reservation and Metis settlement representation, particularly in its discussion of representation in Northern Alberta.

Fifth, has the Commission considered geographical features as required by section 14(c) of the Act?

Throughout the report, there are discussions of geographical features and their use as boundaries.

Sixth, has the Commission considered the availability and means of communication and transportation between various parts of Alberta as required by section 14 (d) of the Act?

The Commission discussed the challenges of representation and how communication and transportation between parts of Alberta can help MLAs meet the needs of their constituents.

Seventh, has the Commission created the understandable and clear boundaries as required by section 14(e) of the Act?

In looking at the maps, the boundaries are clear and understandable.

Eighth, has the Commission ensured the population is not more than 25% above or below the median population as required in section 15(1) of the Act?

Yes, Appendix E confirms that the population of each electoral district are not 25% above or below the median population. Except in one instance, which is allowed under section 15 (2) of the Act.

As stated, we support the electoral divisions proposed by the Commission because it complies with the law and reaches the ever-elusive effective representation. Well done.

We oppose any changes or redistribution of seats that deviate from the proposed maps in the interim report.

On behalf of our members, we would like to thank the Commission and its staff for their hard work in this important matter.

Regards,



Alexander Shevalier, President
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Sent Via the Commission's website (abebc.ca/your-voice)

Dear Honourable Justice Dallas Miller and members of the Commission,

Subject: Interim Proposal to Split Beaumont Into Two Proposed Electoral Divisions

On behalf of the City of Beaumont, I am happy to provide this written submission regarding the proposals in the Commission's Interim Report affecting Beaumont constituents and the City.

The City understands the Commission must balance various considerations when proposing electoral divisions. That said, the City has significant concerns with the interim proposal to split Beaumont east and west of 50th Street among two proposed electoral divisions (ridings).

For reasons set out below, I respectfully request that the Commission reverse this and instead propose that all of Beaumont be in a single riding, preferably together with the City of Leduc and a portion of Leduc County. Beaumont's estimated population in 2024 was about 25,000 residents, which is less than half the target population average of 55,000 constituents for each riding. Beaumont is the third fastest-growing community in Alberta. Over the last five years, the city's population has grown 20 per cent and is expected to double in 20 years.

Keeping a municipality whole, when possible, promotes effective representation. Beaumont is a rapidly growing, cohesive urban community whose residents share a common history and distinct social identity. It is one of only four officially bilingual municipalities in Alberta. Keeping the City intact would help ensure constituents' interests and priorities can be clearly and consistently represented through a single Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Moving the eastern portion of Beaumont to a riding centered in Strathcona County would fragment representation for constituents. Beaumont is a highly integrated community where residents share schools, recreation facilities, cultural services, emergency response arrangements, and transportation networks across the City without distinction between west or east of 50th Street.



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A key principle for the Commission's work is the need to promote clear and understandable riding boundaries. While 50th Street is a visible roadway, electors generally understand their provincial constituency in terms of municipal boundaries, not internal road alignments. A better boundary choice would be Range Road 241 along Beaumont's eastern municipal boundary.

Beaumont residents orient socially, economically and institutionally more towards Leduc, Nisku and south Edmonton, and much less so toward Sherwood Park. Residents of Beaumont, Leduc County and the City of Leduc share workplaces, school divisions, recreation programs, youth sports and commuting patterns. Keeping our communities together in the same riding would best reflect a coherent 'community of interest'.

Rebalancing the population of the current Leduc-Beaumont riding should be done at its rural periphery, not by splitting Beaumont. The desire for population parity, plus or minus about 5%, is understandable. However, greater deviation from the average is permitted when needed to ensure effective representation. Given the recent rapid growth of Beaumont and across south Edmonton, alternative adjustments are available without dividing a small, fast-growing City.

Beaumont has a long history of regional collaboration with Leduc County and the City of Leduc. Our communities share proximity to the airport, the QEII trade corridor, and surrounding industry, and we rely on interconnected service networks and intermunicipal partnerships. These relationships support collaborative arrangements for growth strategies, integrated planning, water services, waste management, transportation, affordable housing and emergency response services. Aligning all three municipalities within one provincial riding would support effective representation by ensuring that a single MLA can advance the shared priorities of this interconnected region.

The proposed 'Strathcona-Sherwood Park' riding would include a small, reduced area within Sherwood Park, the rest of Strathcona County, a small area of Leduc County and nearly half of Beaumont. This would be a new hybrid riding made up of small portions of multiple municipalities, having little regard for functional regions, shared interests or regional or municipal linkages. For these reasons, the City of Beaumont respectfully requests not to have any portion of its municipality included within the proposed Strathcona-Sherwood Park riding (consistent with the proposed name of this riding).

Electoral boundaries commissions must give effect to the right to effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This means riding populations should be reasonably equal, but deviations are permitted when justified by factors like geography (size, remoteness, communications, transportation), community of interest (social, economic and municipal), community history, population growth patterns and minority representation.

Given the importance of effective representation, municipal integrity, community identity, and clarity for electors, the City of Beaumont requests that the Commission revise its proposal by



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keeping all of Beaumont in a single riding, preferably with a portion of Leduc County and the City of Leduc.

Thank you for your consideration and careful work on behalf of Alberta electors.

Sincerely,



Lisa Vanderkwaak
Mayor
City of Beaumont

cc: City of Beaumont Council
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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

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?

Wetaskiwin,-Maskwaseis, Lacombe -ponoka, sylvan lake

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I am a property owner and land developer of the Meridian Beach community on the NE side of Gull Lake. I am also a long-time board member and Immediate past -president of the Gull Lake watershed Society, a charitable non profit Alberta Society concerned with the environment and preservation of Gull Lake. I have also made submissions to and presentations to previous boundary commissions although not in the last 2 cycles.

I have studied the proposed maps A and B on your website and note that both proposals subdivide Gull lake about 3 miles below my subdivision and the north end of Gull Lake is stuck into the proposed constituency of Wetaskiwin/Maskeweis. Both of these solutions are very unsatisfactory from my standpoint for the following reasons:

1. All residents around the lake have a commonality of interests in important provincially regulated areas such as the water act, the admin of crown land, wildlife, Lake stabilization, and property taxation. These are somewhat different than Pigeon Lake which I notice is also split up.
2. we find it necessary to have considerable interaction with various gov't departments and we frequently involve our elected MLA's to assist in the interactions. That has particularly been the case for me as a land developer and environmental steward.
- 3 some of these issues are complex and it takes MLA time and interest to come up and stay up to speed and so we would like to see One MLA represent the whole lake rather than take about 1/3 of it and throw it in with another riding with very different interests and issues. That MLA could probably be forgiven for not getting involved in our problems as it would be a tiny part of his responsibility.
4. It would also make sense to include Sylvan lake in the same constituency as Gull due to a major commonality of interest on watershed stewardship, developemnt and related issues.
5. I will endeavor to attend public meetings on ths issue as well. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Norval Horner

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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

The plan to separate the city of Beaumont into two electoral districts is concerning. Beaumont isn't that large of a city and it will become confusing and difficult to have accurate representation of the cities interests.

The strathcona riding has significantly different interests than the city of Beaumont and Leduc ridings, which would negatively impact Beaumont. Beaumont should be kept together no matter what riding we are in

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What is your current electoral division?

66 - Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

86 - Sylvan Lake-Innisfail

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

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

Submission

Hello,

My husband and I are retired seniors living in the village of Elnora, in between Trochu and Delburne. Over the years, our business, shopping, healthcare and social needs have been well served by the many communities in Central Alberta along the Highway 21 corridor.

I sincerely hope that your electoral boundary review will not reduce rural representation in the Alberta Legislature by reducing the number of rural MLAs who serve our many small communities so well.

Sincerely yours and Merry Christmas.
Patricia (Pat) Buckland

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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
- Central Alberta concerns

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I'd like to start by thanking the Commission for your hard work and diligence in researching and preparing the recommendations in the Interim Report. I understand that you've travelled across the province to hear from Albertans and it's clear that the research and feedback is reflected in the report.

I believe that the draft maps that the commission has recommended are fair and based on population trends seen since the last re-districting exercise. As we all know, Edmonton and Calgary, the two largest cities in the province, have seen exponential growth since the last re-districting exercise and I'm pleased to see that growth considered through the addition of new ridings to the two cities. I believe that for the most part, the commission should hold firm to the research and feedback it has heard and not deviate from the recommended maps. However I would recommend reconsidering the decision to remove Riverview neighbourhood in Edmonton and add it to a mostly rural riding. I worry that those two areas don't have much in common and that could be problematic for representing either the views of the urban or rural residents fairly as they'll have different concerns and issues.

Finally, I am a long time resident of Edmonton-Strathcona (23 years) and although the commission was concerned about this among other mature neighbourhoods having decreasing population, the riding has seen tremendous growth as a result of infill redevelopment that has brought an increasing number of homes and people to the riding. A helpful tool to understand that growth is the City of Edmonton's residential building permit dashboard which provides very up to date information on the growth of housing at different geographies of the city. When I toggled Scona Planning District (boundaries are not the same as Edmonton-Strathcona riding but represents a large portion) I see that over 5,700 homes have been permitted in the district between 2017 and Q3 2025. Assuming there is about 2.2 people per dwelling that could amount to over 11,000 new residents in the area. Go to [edmonton.ca/growthanalysis](https://gis.edmonton.ca/growthanalysis) and then you can click on the residential building permit dashboard (<https://gis.edmonton.ca/portal/apps/dashboards/d8ed10f79fac49be91fcd7c2e3d12326>).

Thank you again for your work and time on this important piece of work that is foundational to effective representation and democracy in Alberta.

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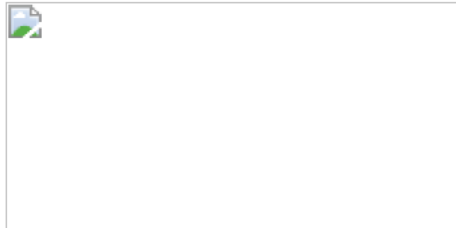
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What is your current electoral division?

15 - Calgary-Klein

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

17 - Calgary-Klein

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am a concerned and engaged citizen who passionately believes in the value of our democratic system. I have made Alberta my home for over forty years, and as both a mother and a grandmother, I care deeply about the future of representation in our province. I live in Highwood, a 1950s neighbourhood within Calgary-Klein that is undergoing significant transition. We are seeing substantial redevelopment and increasing population density—where a single bungalow once stood, two to eight family units now rise. These local changes highlight for me just how important your work is as Alberta continues to grow and evolve.

Thank you for the tremendous work you have undertaken in travelling across the province, meeting with Albertans, and carefully considering the rapid population growth in our two major cities. Your efforts are essential in ensuring that every Albertan continues to have a meaningful voice in our democracy, and in maintaining trust in our electoral system. I am pleased with the proposed redrawing of Calgary-Klein; the new boundaries make much more sense geographically and culturally, keeping together the older mid-century neighbourhoods on the fringe of Calgary's inner city. The decision to shift the area east of Deerfoot Trail to the new Calgary-Confluence riding is thoughtful and appropriate given its distinct geographic alignment. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input at this stage and recognize the importance of public participation in shaping fair and effective boundaries.

Looking forward, I strongly encourage the Commission to consider recommending the addition of more than only two new urban ridings in Calgary and Edmonton. While I understand the current limit of additional seats is set by legislation, the pace of urban population growth is unprecedented, and limiting expansion to just two additional seats will almost certainly leave our major cities under-represented well before the next boundary review. Several Calgary ridings—including the proposed Calgary-Klein—already fall below the ideal population threshold, and additional urban seats would help reduce variance pressures and ensure fairer representation. I also urge the Commission to continue minimizing hybrid rural-urban ridings, which the report notes can make it difficult for MLAs to represent communities with very different needs. Clear, urban-focused ridings are essential to ensuring that the rapidly growing populations of Calgary and Edmonton receive equitable and meaningful representation.

In conclusion, I hope the final recommendations will reflect the ongoing and accelerating growth in our major cities by expanding urban representation beyond the two additional seats currently proposed. I also hope that the final map continues to draw clear distinctions between urban and rural constituencies to ensure that communities with shared needs and interests can be effectively represented. Thank you for considering these perspectives as you complete this important work; I trust that your final report will help strengthen representation for all Albertans.

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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24B - Okotoks-Diamond Valley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Okotoks aligns more with Diamond Valley it should stay outside of Calgary.
Additionally all our public schools are in rural within Foothills School Division, so
it makes sense to keep Okotoks in the same rural area of Foothills School
Division.

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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I wish to formally express my concerns regarding the proposed 2025–2026 provincial boundary changes, as I believe these recommendations do not serve the best interests of Beaumont residents. The suggested alterations risk dividing the city's identity, diminishing its political influence, and complicating representation on local matters that benefit from unified advocacy.

According to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commissions interim plan, Beaumont would be split along its centre, assigning its eastern section to a district with Strathcona–Sherwood Park, while the western portion remains associated with Leduc under Leduc–Beaumont. This approach does not reflect Beaumont's operation as a cohesive, rapidly developing community with shared infrastructure, educational institutions, transportation requirements, and economic objectives.

Rather than enhancing representation, this division will likely weaken Beaumont's capacity to obtain resources, coordinate regional planning, and sustain a consistent legislative voice. Assigning two MLAs to separate areas within a single city could result in confusion for residents, reduced accountability, and the possibility of competing interests when pursuing funding or policy initiatives. While the AEBC aims to address population challenges in Edmonton's surrounding communities, splitting Beaumont contradicts the principle of protecting "community of interest" that guides the Commissions mandate.

For effective representation, it is essential to establish boundaries that preserve the integrity of the city and support strong, unified advocacy. It's also essential that Beaumont (or parts thereof) are not included with an Edmonton constituency. That would essentially nullify Beaumont's independence – we'd get swallowed up into the City's issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this feedback.

Regards, Marcia Faught

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What is your current electoral division?

26 - Calgary-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

29 - Calgary-West-Elbow Valley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

I would like to commend you for the work you have done on this interim report. I am especially pleased with the following aspects of the report:

- . It keeps the ridings within municipal boundaries, therefore not mixing up largely urban and rural issues
- . It creates a mountain riding where common issues can be a focus,
- . It creates a northern riding where indigenous issues can be a focus
- . It adds 2 ridings to the rapidly growing city of Calgary
- . It adds a riding to the growing City of Edmonton
- . It removes a rural riding where the population is significantly under the 54,000 provincial average

I would suggest that with the rate of growth in both Calgary and Edmonton and the fact that it will be some years for the electoral boundaries are reviewed again, it would be wise to add a 3rd riding to Calgary and a 2nd to Edmonton.

Thanks for taking my suggestions into consideration,
Yvonne Schmitz

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Calgary-Okotoks (Map #24), Okotoks-Diamond Valley (Map #24B), High River-Vulcan (Map #65), Banff-Jasper (Map #53)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed electoral division boundary changes as outlined in the Interim Electoral Division Boundary report for the Town of Okotoks, Town of Diamond Valley and Foothills County. As the undersigned Mayors and Reeve for these municipalities, we wish to outline, on behalf of our Council's, significant concern with the proposed changes to the existing electoral divisions.

While the Councils of our municipalities appreciate the analysis and background work that went into the Interim Report's recommendations, we would like to provide local knowledge and understanding of the region impacted by these electoral division changes. The report notes that "the Commission is proposing Calgary-Okotoks despite a lack of explicit advocacy, given the myriad considerations this Commission must balance" (Page 28, Commission Report). Given the impactful nature of the changes on our three municipalities, we are hopeful that our advocacy at this point in the process will result in a proposed electoral division that reflects the unique community connections, shared services, infrastructure and investment considerations of our region. We also are hopeful to see mapping that more appropriately reflects municipal boundaries which makes effective representation between MLA's, municipal councils and residents more practical.

In order to achieve electoral divisions that meets the overarching objectives of the Interim Report, maintaining the Town of Diamond Valley, larger portions of Foothills County and the Town of Okotoks in one riding, rather than creating a hybrid riding with the City of Calgary should be a key goal of the Commission in their final report. In addition to this, altering the boundaries of High River-Vulcan and Banff-Jasper to more appropriately align with municipal boundaries and a reasonable geographical area of representation should be considered. This will not only benefit the residents of our communities and region as a whole, but result in overall improved cohesiveness, efficiencies and discussion between different levels of government that benefit the entire province of Alberta and the intergovernmental relationships that currently exist. In addition to maintaining community connections, we are also concerned that the proposed changes do not adequately take into account the fact that the Calgary portion's projected growth trajectory will likely result in significant changes needed to our three municipalities provincial electoral boundaries at the time of the next review. It also does not effectively acknowledge the reality that our municipalities share much more in common than incorporation of a small portion of the City of Calgary.



Our Councils appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed electoral division boundaries as effective representation plays a key role in our ability to advocate effectively for our residents. Furthermore, we want to underscore our interests in providing a stronger understanding of this region and the interconnectedness of relationships that should play a role in devising electoral boundaries that provide "effective representation" and the opportunity for our citizens concerns to be heard at the provincial level.

To further illustrate our perspective, we have provided a more detailed written analysis (Attachment #1) as well as an attached map (Attachment #2) that generally incorporates the areas that our municipalities feel would make the most sense for two provincial electoral divisions that adequately reflect this region that includes our municipalities. This map was considered in concert with the legal requirements outlined in Pages 6 and 7 of the Electoral Commission's Interim Report as well as S. 15(2) of the Act.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact any of the undersigned elected officials directly.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- Attachment #1: Joint Municipal Rationale on Request for Proposed Changes
- Attachment #2: Draft Proposed Map for the Commission's Consideration



Attachment #1: Joint Municipal Rationale on Request for Proposed Changes

The existing Highwood riding encompasses the Town of Diamond Valley, portions of Foothills County and the Town of Okotoks. Together, our three municipalities have a long, shared history of working together on major projects, ranging from provincial advocacy efforts on the necessity of major highway interchanges to regional infrastructure such as a waterline as well as on shared social programs, recreational services and facilities and community events.

The Interim Electoral Boundaries Commission report notes:

"Accordingly, the Commission is recommending an additional 0.3 of a seat for Calgary: The Commission notes: "Calgary-Okotoks, consisting of the far southwest corner of Calgary, the Town of Okotoks, and the areas of Foothills County in between them. This enables the other four electoral divisions in the south of Calgary to have smaller populations and clearer borders. Unlike the three other hybrid electoral divisions involving Calgary and Edmonton that the Commission is proposing, we acknowledge that Calgary-Okotoks will be controversial based on feedback we received. We are presenting it to the public with humility and a desire for thoughtful feedback. The Commission is of the view that this map of Calgary:

- keeps communities of interest in common;
- has clear boundaries; and
- has reasonably equal population"

We wish to provide the Commission with further information from our local perspective on the report's proposed recommendations in the hopes of facilitating alterations to the proposed electoral divisions to address our concerns.

1. Communities of Interest in Common

While it may appear that south Calgary is relatively similar to areas such as a growing municipality like Okotoks, Diamond Valley or the "rurban" (as named in the report) areas of Foothills County, the reality is that there are generally far stronger connections between residents who fall just outside of those City boundaries and within the



surrounding communities that may have a greater geographical distance between them, but other ways that they are integrated beyond simple spatial distance.

Communities are bound by a number of factors – catchment areas for recreational programs, school divisions, places of worship and the other non-defined boundaries that shape our day-to-day lives. A larger city like Calgary is more typically self-containing, offering most of these programs and institutions within itself and therefore allowing most Calgarians to live their day-to-day life without leaving city limits, if desired. Individuals utilize services within Calgary boundaries and have less need to traverse between different municipalities for the variety of services and programs that fill their day-to-day life.

In smaller municipalities, while spatially the distances are greater, the connections between residents are no less and tied in these core areas of life - just across multiple municipalities. Students in Okotoks may attend schools in Foothills County, residents of Diamond Valley may utilize Okotoks recreational facilities, and Foothills County residents may attend seasonal events in Diamond Valley or Okotoks and vice versa. Key provincial highways connect these municipalities and are most frequently used by the various residents spread across the foothills region. From a servicing perspective, the daily services they rely on also do not have clear-cut boundaries but are intermunicipally connected. In comparison, most catchment areas for regional services typically end at the City of Calgary boundaries and thus, families and individuals are more integrated throughout our three municipalities than they would typically be with the City of Calgary.

A key driver of the recommendations in the report is the concept of ensuring “effective representation”. It notes that effective representation is the key consideration in determining electoral divisions at a provincial level as compared to the one-person, one-vote approach that is common in other jurisdictions. When considering the role of the MLA, and as the report notes, the incredibly busy schedule they have managing the variety of events that their constituents expect them to attend, it is challenging to see how effective representation would be achieved by an MLA involved in not only two major urban centers (Calgary and Okotoks), but the extensive schedule of events and activities that the County would entail. Page 22 of the Commissions Interim Report speaks to noting rural Albertans “underscored that technology is not a substitute for having an MLA physically present at a community event, whether it be a summer barbeque, local rodeo, or high school graduation”



When you add these rural challenges in with the concerns of urban MLA's, there is a concern that representation will decline. Urban communities, such as the City of Calgary typically have increased diversity of various demographics that further increases the variety of events and community groups that an MLA will be expected to pay attention too. On Pages 22 and 23 of the report, the increase in multilingual requirements, variety of cultural events and other varied demographic impacts on an MLA's workload and total office budget for an urban community is described. Coupling this with the unique challenges of being a rural MLA and then adding in a growing community such as Okotoks will have an impact on the ability of the region to have an effective MLA.

2. Clear Boundaries

Calgary-Okotoks

From an infrastructure and servicing perspective, our municipalities work together on major infrastructure projects that require provincial advocacy and funding. As an example, Okotoks provides waste collection services to Diamond Valley as well as operates their outdoor swimming pool and provides assistance to Diamond Valley residents through the Okotoks Family Resource Center. Foothills County and Okotoks have collaborated on provincial advocacy for an interchange at 338th and Highway 2, obtained joint provincial grant funding to build a regional waterline and work together on fire and recreation services as well as jointly operating a regional fieldhouse within Foothills County. These projects benefit from building a relationship with an MLA who represents all of the municipalities pursuing these joint projects. Furthermore, these joint projects are in alignment with aspects of good governance, effective use of limited taxpayer funds and done in the spirit of intermunicipal collaboration as promoted by the provincial government.

It may be more challenging for all three municipalities to be successful at building a strong relationship with our MLA and advocating for future funding when a large portion of the riding is the City of Calgary, which has much less incentive to partner on major projects, given different financial realities and a population that is less integrated into the use of infrastructure to its south.

High River-Vulcan & Banff-Jasper

In the proposed changes, the Town of Diamond Valley is relocated to the High River-Vulcan riding. The report goes on to note that "High River-Vulcan brings together rural parts of three neighbouring counties with many more common interests" (Page 34,



Interim Commission Report). Our municipalities would respectfully disagree with this statement. This riding, with the exception of High River, is significantly more rural in nature than Diamond Valley. The report notes that growth rates are a consideration in bringing together electoral divisions and Diamond Valley's projected 2.5% growth rate exceeds much of the riding it is being relocated. As outlined earlier in this letter, the majority of its intermunicipal relationships also fall within the Okotoks and Foothills County areas that are part of the existing Highwood riding. From an advocacy, shared community connection and growth perspective, maintaining Diamond Valley in a riding with the Town of Okotoks and the more northern portions of Foothills County makes sense in alignment with the effective representation criteria outlined in the Commission's report.

In addition to the concerns over Diamond Valley shifting to this riding, the sheer size and scale of this riding, encompassing multiple rural municipalities and significant driving distances makes it incredibly challenging for an MLA to provide effective representation to a riding of this scale. To expect an MLA to traverse from the edges of Kananaskis Country on the west to the boundary of Drumheller on the east and down to the Lethbridge County boundary to the south does not fulfill the objectives of the report in ensuring effective representation. The scale and differences of issues, advocacy concerns and the number of municipal council's that this riding entails would be very challenging for an MLA to effectively represent and for residents to have their concerns heard and addressed.

The incorporation of portions of the mountain towns and areas into High-River Vulcan is of concern in terms of lack of alignment with Foothills County's municipal boundaries, shared communities of interest and the vastly different priorities that exist between portions of High-River-Vulcan and the mountain communities. It would make more sense from a communities of shared interest and following both geographical and municipal boundaries perspective to clearly delineate Banff-Jasper within the mountain parks geographical regions and maintain Foothills County's municipal area within the High River-Vulcan riding, rather than spreading it into an additional riding requiring additional MLA relationships and further challenges on effective representation.

Reasonably Equal Population

A key consideration outlined in the Commission's report is the focus on ensuring balanced population distribution and analyzing the population growth rates of the various regions. When considering the proposed electoral division, the Calgary portion



has approved plans in place for at least 60,000 people. With current growth rates, this will likely occur in the next ten years.

Diamond Valley is also contemplating continued growth as outlined in its Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and recent applications that have been brought forward to the Town. Foothills County identifies portions of the area within the electoral district as an area where growth is contemplated and which has seen significant growth in the past decades to date. Finally, the Town of Okotoks will likely see increased growth with the completion of a regional waterline with Foothills County in 2026 which will further accelerate the population of this riding. When looking at this holistically, it seems that adding in the City of Calgary to the overall riding will result in the Calgary-Okotoks riding (with portions of Foothills County) not remaining around the provincial averages of 54, 929 identified in the report. The City of Calgary portion alone will likely facilitate the need for its own electoral division at the time of the next Commission.

This brings into question the longevity of this proposal and the impacts that it may have on the ability to work long-term with an established electoral division office and MLA. The undersigned municipalities appreciate that while they are fast-growing municipalities onto themselves, the proportional growth rates are significantly smaller than a growth area within the City of Calgary. This provides more opportunity for a longer-term electoral division solution that encompasses these three municipalities.

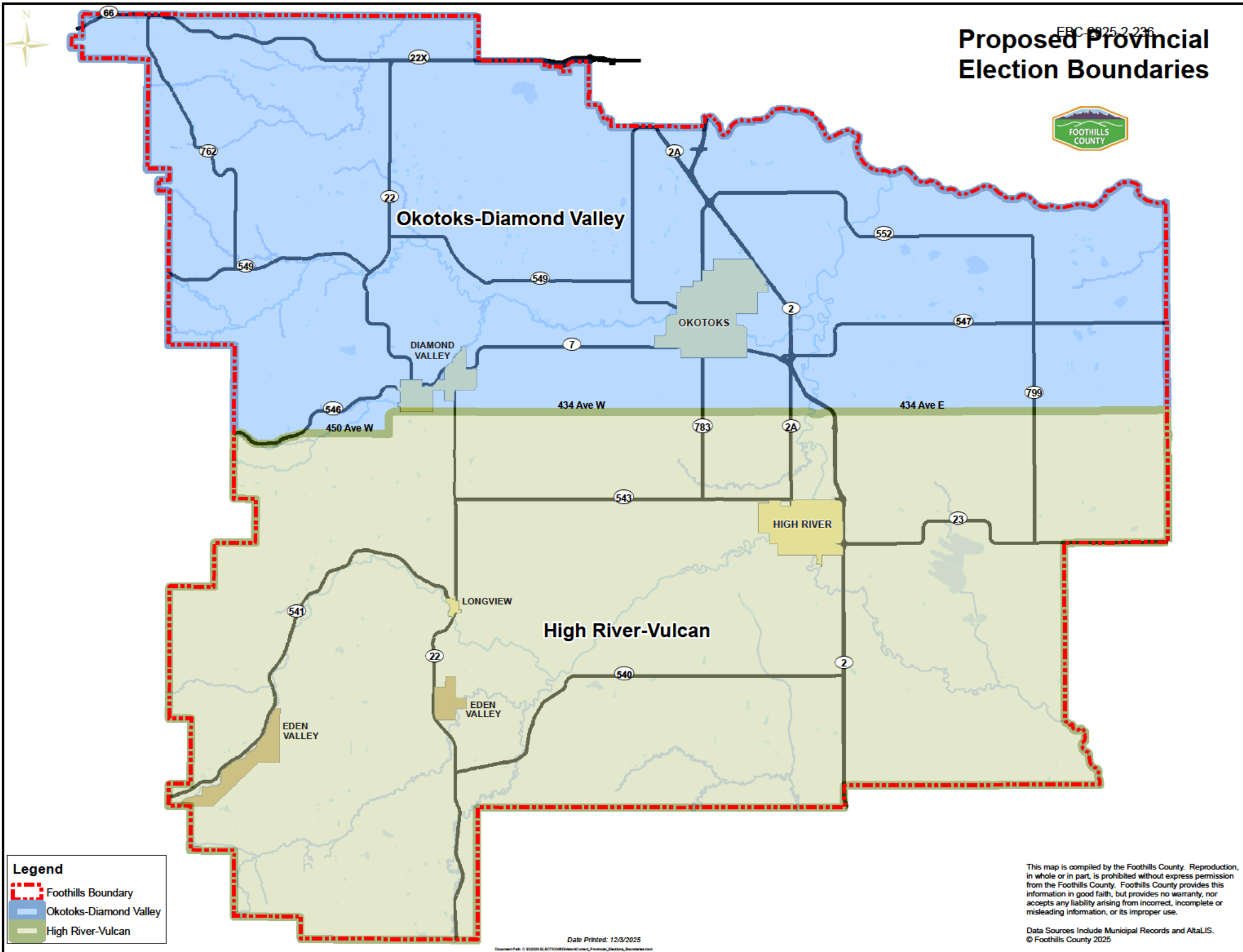
The proposed electoral division map submitted with our joint letter incorporates an approximate total population of around 60,000 people by bringing together more similarly associated communities. It may result in a smaller population for the adjacent smaller Banff-Jasper riding, however S. 15(2) of the Act states that population variation from the Provincial average can vary up to 50% in up to 4 Provincial ridings. This may be a proposed solution for an adjacent smaller Banff-Jasper riding that would represent similar park/mountain communities which are very unique in the provincial context. Currently this exemption is only used in one riding Province-wide.

Proposed Electoral Division Map

To further illustrate our perspective, we have provided an attached map (Attachment #2) that generally incorporates the areas that we feel would make the most sense for provincial electoral divisions that meet the legal requirements outlined in Pages 6 and 7 of the Electoral Commission's Interim Report. Primarily, this map focuses on incorporating areas with a shared sense of community, ranging from shared services to other key community boundaries such as school divisions, key roadways and natural



geographic boundary features. As noted in the report, other provisions in the Act allow for considerations of impacts to adjacent ridings such as Banff-Jasper in terms of population variances or size changes that may be required. Allowing variances would allow the Foothills region to stay largely intact while keeping the very different mountain regions of Banff-Jasper in a separate riding that respects municipal boundaries and have more commonalities and shared funding priorities.





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What is your current electoral division?

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

39 - Edmonton-McClung

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

I am a resident of Edmonton Riverview, who would be shifted to Edmonton McClung if the proposed map is approved. I believe the inclusion of Misericordia Hospital in the proposed McClung riding is an error. Governance and representation of the hospital should be in the hands of an MLA who speaks to the constituents who are most affected by access to the hospital, which in this case would be the proposed Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview riding.

The proposed Glenora-Riverview riding boundaries include a higher proportion of retiree homes (the residents of which are more reliant on the Misericordia Hospital's services) and the Stony Plain traffic corridor, which has been a problem area for encampment activity. Edmonton's seniors and homeless population are overrepresented in the proposed riding boundaries, and the Member of the Legislative Assembly responsible for hearing the problems of constituents should also be able to liaise with the hospital efficiently.

Having the hospital in one riding and the main users of that hospital in a different riding is a very fixable issue, which I believe the Commission and the Legislature should consider. Thank you for your time.

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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

Submission

Thank you for your work on a task for which few will thank you.

First, when I met the Commission in Calgary I advocated strongly for keeping the upper Bow Valley in the same constituency. I offered the thought that we in this area are slowly learning to see and think of this watershed as a single ecology, and this in every dimension - physical ecology, wildlife, human and social ecology. Then, you appeared to listen with interest. I note you have done this. Thank you. Please do not change this critical feature of the new ridding. This is an vitally important matter.

Second, some will pressure you to change the name to "Canmore - Jasper" to reflect the fact tat Canmore i s now and will always be the largest town in the ridding. I am among those who would be pleased if you keep the name you propose "Banff - Jasper." These two towns, both anchoring a National Park, are known around the world. It is fitting that the ridding that encompasses so much of the Rocky Mountains, known and loved by so many, is known by these historic names. This is not a hill I want to die on, however, history and reputation must count for something.

Thank you.

Ruben

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What is your current electoral division?

76 - Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

51 - Airdrie-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

As a former deputy mayor in the Town of Irricana and former multi term board member for Olds Didsbury Three Hills, the rural/agricultural roots of our region are very important to us. My concern is that being folded into the Airdrie East constituency, the focus of our region will become far more urban and our rural voices would be reduced to whispers in the background. I am very concerned about this and would ideally like to see Irricana and Beiseker included in Mountainview Kneehill. Our two communities share close ties with the Village of Acme due to the close proximity of the three municipalities. My sincere hope is that you will reconsider these boundaries so that on a provincial government basis, we can retain the rural representation that we hold dear.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

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What is your current electoral division?

30 - Edmonton-Decore

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Edmonton city as a whole. Edmonton-Decore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

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

Submission

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for all of your hard work in determining a more equitable division of electoral districts in Alberta.

In your proposal, Edmonton gains one seat. That seems to be still underrepresented when the growth in the city is taken into account. I think that the planned expansion areas for future population addition is well known, and consideration for this could have been given by keeping the boundaries in those areas so as to allow for future growth. (EG) the northern border of Edmonton-Ellerslie could be moved further south, reducing the electorate to, say 40,000, allowing the riding to grow to 50,000 as population fills in the new neighbourhoods.

The proposed boundary for Edmonton-Decore makes good, logical sense. Future growth will be more into Edmonton-Beverly, Edmonton-Manning, and Edmonton-Castledowns, so the addition of approximately 8000 voters takes future additions into those ridings into account.

Overall, I believe your work recognizes the continuing trend of population growth into our urban centers, while also keeping the diverse nature of the urban/rural voters. After all, we all want to be represented by "one of us".

I thank you, again, for your efforts,

Sincerely,

Ken Robinson, Edmonton

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What is your current electoral division?

66 - Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

86 - Sylvan Lake-Innisfail

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation

Submission

Hi there,

I am a retired Senior Plant Operator who has worked at Joffre for many years, commuting from Pine Lake, where I and my family live. I am also a rancher who deals with agribusinesses in the Highway 2 and Highway 21 corridors of Central Alberta. It would seem to me that the Joffre area would make a natural addition to our new Innisfail riding.

I appreciate your consideration.

Doug L

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What is your current electoral division?

55 - Central Peace-Notley

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

76 - Peace River-Notley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

Submission

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to express my concern about the proposed Electoral Boundary changes and the huge increase in area that this will have for rural MLAs to cover. Yes, rural populations are small and in some areas may be declining however, that should not require the boundaries to enlarge just to keep voter numbers equitable to Urban areas. The average Constituency in an Urban setting can be driven across from top to bottom and side to side in a few hours and for Rural Constituencies it could take days. The Urban MLA can hold Townhall Meetings that many of their constituents can easily attend however, that is not the same for Rural Constituents or the MLA who may have to drive many kilometers for a similar meeting. Also, I see these boundary changes as a dilution of the Rural voice as fewer MLAs cover larger areas and Urban Constituencies continue to grow thereby having increased effect on matters that affect Rural Alberta while having little or no knowledge on Rural issues.

Commissioners, I challenge you to get out of your comfy urban environments and travel with some of the Rural MLAs and just see firsthand how demanding their job already is before you add further complexities to it.

Sincerely,

Dennis Lang

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What is your current electoral division?

57 - Cypress-Medicine Hat

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

74 - Medicine Hat-Cypress

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

As a resident of Medicine Hat, I feel it's crucial to add my voice to the growing call for a distinct urban electoral boundary that truly reflects the needs of our city. While differing views exist, one concern unites us: the urban-rural divide. Many who advocate for the urban constituency, like myself, live right here in the heart of the city; I'm in the Flats area. As a constituent in the Cypress Medicine Hat electoral boundary, I can't help but feel that the division between Brooks Medicine Hat and Cypress Medicine Hat is an artificial one created for numerical balance rather than an understanding of how our city operates. Effective representation is not about numbers on a page; it's about the people you serve. And let's be honest – any rural urban combination in Calgary for example, is because of a fringe riding. This is definitely not the case in our divisions. Medicine Hat can and should be a stand alone riding.

Medicine Hat is a thriving city with a population of approximately 67,000, and we deserve an MLA who truly understands urban issues. We are a community that relies on urban amenities and services that are distinct from those needed in rural areas. The current electoral boundary, which is cut right through the city, makes little sense to me - people on both sides of the line have more in common with each other than they do with the people of Cypress or Brooks. We deserve someone who truly understands the unique challenges and needs of our urban environment.

One of the challenges of rural ridings is the sheer physical distance between constituents, which undoubtedly stretches an MLA's ability to represent effectively. However, the needs of rural areas, while important, are generally more consistent and less complex than those of an urban population. Medicine Hat should not be expected to carry the same burdens as rural communities. We have unique challenges and concerns that should be addressed by a representative who lives and works within the city itself. Urban issues deserve urban representation.

To me, the most effective MLA is one who not only understands the scope of their jurisdiction but lives within it – someone who experiences firsthand the daily realities and demands that their constituents face. We need someone who isn't stretched thin between rural and urban needs, but can focus solely on the growing and diverse needs of our city.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.

Sincerely,

Anna Hansen

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Honorable commissioners:

Thank you for not proposing that Sherwood Park be divided into a hybrid riding. I have been a resident of the Sherwood Park riding since 1991. The community's existence as a large urban hamlet gives the riding a unique character within Alberta, making it a distinctive community.

I have a few observations related to our proposed boundary changes. I think that the proposed changes don't adequately consider two specific areas of rapid population growth within the urban boundaries of the Sherwood Park riding.

Our riding boundaries under the proposed map include two planned high-growth areas that had zero population in the 2023 census. The Cambrian subdivision currently has about 1,500 residents and is anticipated to reach a population of about 13,500 within the next 5 to 7 years. Similarly, the Hillshire subdivision is currently being built out and is also experiencing rapid growth.

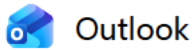
Given the rapid growth both in pre-existing subdivisions and in the new Cambrian and Hillshire neighbourhoods is projected to ensure that the population of Sherwood Park remains within the bounds of target population for ridings in Alberta. I believe that the urban boundaries of the Sherwood Park riding need to remain intact.

Even though I don't live in the neighbouring riding of Strathcona-Sherwood Park, I do know that its residents are fully cognisant of the unique nature of the organizational structure of our County. Strathcona-Sherwood Park has very little in common with the community of Beaumont, which isn't even in Strathcona County.

Thank you for considering my comments,

William Cook

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What is your current electoral division?

16 - Calgary-Lougheed

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

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

Submission

As a Calgarian, I am deeply concerned about the reduction in the number of rural ridings. One of the reasons ridings have been balanced the way they have been is to ensure that rural ridings have fair representation in Alberta so their concerns are not overpowered by the concerns of cities. Reducing the number of rural ridings and merging some of them with cities completely reduces the impact of rural votes in elections and of their voice in the legislature. Reducing the importance of their voice would leave rural ridings struggling with a lack of voice in Alberta, just as much as Alberta has been struggling with a lack of fair representation in Ottawa and Canada. Expanding the size of rural ridings also reduces the ability of their constituents to meet together and to meet their MLA due to geographical distances. If you want to expand the number of ridings then one should ensure that this redistribution is done evenly by splitting an equal number of predominantly conservative ridings and predominantly progressive ridings in half within the cities and by adding a few extra rural ridings as well the ensure that rural ridings continue to have fair representation in Alberta.

The supreme court of Canada stated that electoral boundaries must have effective representation and that geography, community identity, and accessibility should be given equal consideration to population. Distance, community interests, and identity should be maintained. Growth in large cities should not come at the expense of the voice of rural ridings. Rural constituencies should remain manageable in size to enable MLAs to meet with their constituents. Boundaries should not cross over municipal borders to ensure that communities are not fractured and maintain fair representation of rural voices. The Alberta Electoral Boundaries commission should consider unique rural circumstances that justify deviations from the 25% population variance to preserve manageable ridings.

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What is your current electoral division?

16 - Calgary-Lougheed

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

18 - Calgary-Lougheed

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

Submission

The proposed redistributed ridings make no sense. It cuts out important communities from the rest of their neighbourhood and leaves them geographically isolated. Why have Shawnee Slopes, Millrise and Evercreek Bluffs been cut off from the rest of their neighbourhood and separated from Calgary Loughheed? This makes no sense. If one wanted to redistribute this riding or other ridings they should be cut in half along a boundary line that makes sense so that communities can be fostered and maintained. For example, if Shawnee Slopes and Millrise are cut out they should remain with Shawnessy and Somerset. Likewise Evergreen and Bridlewood should be kept together.

The supreme court of Canada has said that electoral boundaries must have effective representation and that geography, community identity, and accessibility are important. Communities should not be fractured by electoral boundaries.

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What is your current electoral division?

16 - Calgary-Lougheed

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?

Boundaries within Calgary

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

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

While central Calgary may exhibit higher overall population density, population alone does not fully capture representational demand. Central urban ridings typically contain higher proportions of non-voting residents, including students, temporary residents, and individuals not eligible or not registered to vote. South Calgary has a higher proportion of eligible and active voters, placing greater representational demands on Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs).

Under the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*, the Commission is allowed to deviate from strict population parity to ensure effective representation. In this context, 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 would request that any additional seat allocated to the City of Calgary be located in the south part of the city rather than in central Calgary.

Thank you very much for your hard work.

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What is your current electoral division?

57 - Cypress-Medicine Hat

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

74 - Medicine Hat-Cypress

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

Regarding: The need for a Medicine Hat constituency

I believe there is a strong case for a distinct Medicine Hat constituency.

First of all, Medicine Hat possesses a strong, cohesive urban identity that distinguishes it from surrounding rural areas. This distinct identity—rooted in its history, municipal governance, economic profile, and demographic characteristics—justifies its treatment as a standalone electoral district. Medicine Hat's inclusion into a broader rural-urban riding dilutes its political voice and disrupts the continuity of its civic representation. Even during the previous electoral commission of 2016/2017, the city's unique character was often overshadowed when integrated with rural areas, further emphasizing the need for a dedicated electoral district.

Secondly, Medicine Hat is Alberta's sixth-largest city and functions as a self-contained urban center with its own economic, cultural, and administrative structures. Its identity is tied to its status as a regional hub, with infrastructure, public services, educational institutions, and economic networks that are fundamentally different from the surrounding rural municipalities such as Cypress County, Brooks, or the County of Forty Mile.

And finally, Medicine Hat has urban priorities: municipal planning, transit, infrastructure, economic diversification, and education services—all of which differ significantly from the rural priorities of agriculture, land use policy, and rural broadband. Merging these into one constituency pits urban and rural voters against each other in competition for the attention of an MLA split between rural and urban needs.

In conclusion, Medicine Hat's urban identity, its self-contained nature, and its distinct priorities justify its treatment as a standalone electoral constituency. The city's unique position warrants a dedicated voice in Alberta's political landscape to ensure that its urban needs are adequately represented.

Yours truly
Edward Fredeen

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What is your current electoral division?

11 - Calgary-Fish Creek

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I believe it is imperative that representation by population be the overarching consideration in electoral reform such that the increasing urbanization of the Province (particularly the growth in Calgary and Edmonton) is properly reflected in riding distributions and boundaries. As such Calgary should receive one more seat than that being proposed.

I also believe that ridings should be drawn as urban or rural and hybrid ridings should be avoided wherever possible. Hybrid ridings will almost always result in rural or urban considerations being suppressed by the majority. Where absolutely necessary hybrid ridings should include only those rural areas with urban characteristics and connections (infrastructure and services) to adjacent urban areas and which lie in the path of urban area expansions or annexations.

My last concern is that a failure to strike an appropriate distribution of rural and urban seats reflective of population and the creation of hybrid seats will be seen as political gerrymandering.

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What is your current electoral division?

26 - Calgary-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

The current proposal for electoral boundaries is unacceptable and offensive to the principles of democracy. As close as possible, every vote must carry the same weight as every other vote. The electoral districts should be designed to have the same number of voters. Calgary requires at least one additional district to ensure fair representation.

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What is your current electoral division?

33 - Edmonton-Gold Bar

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?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

Having read your commission report, I'm convinced that you are participating in active gerrymandering. Justifying why rural Alberta should have greater representation than urban representation is absolutely a demonstration of the corruption at the core of Alberta. Citing legal precedent doesn't alleviate the fundamental problem inherent in this justification. Every Albertan has one vote, this is a fundamental principle of a democracy. Obviously the political appointees of this commission don't care about democracy, and are simply pushing their own agenda of conservative control. What a farce. You should all be ashamed for this sham you are participating in. Go move to the United States if you want to live in a failed democracy, get the hell out of Canada you crooks.

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

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December, 2025

My purpose in submitting this presentation is to assist the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission in finalizing their recommendations to the Speaker of The Legislative Assembly of Alberta. I will be focussed on the constituencies of Lethbridge East and Lethbridge West and am fully supportive of the proposals of your interim report respecting those constituencies dated October 2025.

I am not a member of any provincial political party and this will not be a partisan political presentation. It will therefore be anchored in my personal history and experiences.

I was born the youngest of five more than three-quarters of a century ago in Lethbridge, as were my mom and my siblings, and after graduating as a chartered accountant I completed the CICA In-depth Tax program wherein I concentrated on agricultural taxation. I served three terms as a Lethbridge councillor and an additional five terms as mayor, concurrently representing Alberta municipalities on the Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Special Forces Pension Plan. Provincially, I served almost a decade as chair of WCB-Alberta, and also served on the Alberta Capital Finance Authority, as Official Administrator of Alberta Health Services, and as chair of Finance Committee and Audit and Risk Committee of AHS, having been appointed by every governing party in Alberta since Social Credit.

I have served as publisher of Lethbridge Living Magazine, The Farmer/Stockman Adviser, The Taber Times, The Vauxhall Advance and Coaldale's Sunny South News as well as serving as President of Robins Southern Printing Ltd. and the Southern Web Press Group. I believe that I can provide a unique perspective on both urban and rural Southern Alberta political representation.

Firstly, I would like to point out that the total population of both constituencies as suggested by the interim report would be 111,400 persons. The "perfect" number for two constituencies is 109,858 or within 1.5%, making Lethbridge an ideal candidate for two urban constituencies. The individual differential to average was suggested by the Commission to achieve effective representation.

Over-riding in the consideration of effective representation is the absolute necessity for each elected representative to be able to give their full-throated support to the needs of their individual constituency. Their recommendations should not be watered down by competing interests within their constituency.

Clear and understandable boundaries as well as congruency in constituency activities assist representatives in their responsibilities.

It is in this arena that my decades of experience come into play.

Supporters of the hybrid model suggest that it is not only desirable but imperative that the issues of agri-business be as well understood within the city as they are in the rural setting and from that they jump to a representative model which combines the two rational city constituencies into four hybrid city and rural constituencies.

Unfortunately, those proponents have not considered that agri-business is not just one economic adventure. It is a collection of businesses encompassing primary production through to storage, processing, transportation and value-added manufacturing.

Each has its own, and different, impacts on economic development, land use, water use and availability, irrigation, sewage treatment, manure disposal, solid waste handling, transportation corridors, neighbourhood concerns and a myriad of other issues.

Further, lifestyle issues in a rural constituency are far different to those in an urban setting and, in fact, are the lifeblood of why many people adopt the rural lifestyle.

Having one provincial political representative attempt to balance competing interests would be antithetical to the concept of effective representation.

I sit on my back deck and look across the river at the Galt Museum building where I was born three quarters of a century ago. It is about eight miles south of a portion of what is colloquially known as Feedlot Alley in the County of Lethbridge. As a local, I understand the value of those operations but not everyone does. Should North-west Lethbridge and the County feedlot operations, each with their attendant ancillary issues be represented by one MLA, enormous pressure would be consistently applied to eliminate one or the other of the competing uses.

I served almost a quarter of a century on Lethbridge City Council and concurrently my cousin served on the County of Lethbridge Council. Lethbridge desperately needed a site for a new solid waste landfill and City Council was convinced that the best possibility was in the County. What we in the city thought to be the ideal location was not however, in the view of County Council, the best choice and my cousin cast the tie-breaking vote in opposition to the site. Subsequent thanksgiving dinners were somewhat challenging but the whole process required both councils to re-think and come up with a better solution. Put simply, the urban council did not properly appreciate the importance of the rural concerns. Joint urban and rural jurisdictions do not work well.

Rural concerns and urban concerns differ.

Both are important to Alberta's continued prosperity and both need to be independently and properly championed in the legislature.

Treating the City of Lethbridge as a rural outpost or treating the surrounding agricultural lands as just another civic subdivision does not recognize their value.

Urban and rural must be represented separately.

Both are crucial.