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Interim Report Considerations

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What is your current electoral division?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

Submission

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

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

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

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

1. Community of Interest and Shared Economic Ties

Integrated Industrial and Commuter Region

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

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

Shared Infrastructure and Services

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

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

2. Municipal and Geographic Logic

Rural-Industrial Character Alignment

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

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

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

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

Natural Geographic Cohesion

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

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

3. Population Variance Justification Under the Act

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

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

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

Removing it would:

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

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

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

4. Effective Representation

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

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

Residents in this part of Strathcona County:

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

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

5. Historical Continuity and Stability

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

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What is your current electoral division?

78 - Red Deer-North

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

77 - Red Deer-North

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Dear Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Please do not change the boundaries for the Red Deer North riding . Please keep the boundaries for the Red Deer North riding the same as the last provincial election in 2023. I have lived in Red Deer North, an urban area for 25 years. My needs are not the same as people living in rural areas. It would be a mistake to combine urban and rural as concerns are not the same in both urban and rural areas . To properly represent the people, urban and rural should not be combined.

Sincerely,

Alma Goodwin

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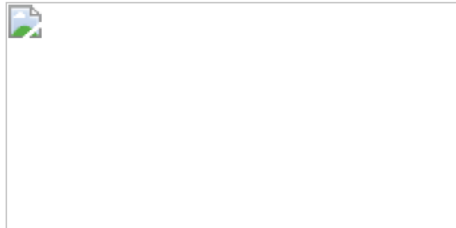
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Interim Report Submission from Lesley Forsberg

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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

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

My family lives in Elnora. I work in Trochu as an Educational Assistant. My husband works in the Innisfail area and along Highway 21.

My two children went to the Elnora School for Elementary and Jr. High School. Elnora school kids have the choice of attending Delburne, Innisfail, or Trochu High Schools. We chose Tro-Val High School in Trochu for our kids because of educational, business, and work opportunities. We were grateful for the educational choice in Central Alberta.

I strongly believe that Trochu should be included in the upcoming Innisfail provincial constituency.

Lesley Forsberg

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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?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

Members of the Commission,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries, specifically pertaining to Leduc-Beaumont.

Leduc and Beaumont are municipalities with similar municipal compositions, demographics and structure. Keeping them grouped in the same electoral boundary creates an environment for the most effective leadership and representation.

Increasing the complexity of the current Leduc Beaumont region to now include a higher rural mixture creates too much diversification between rural and urban issues. Keeping a riding focussed on ONE or the other is best for the residents of the riding so that the residents concerns aren't divided, but remain centred on their urban or rural nature.

When a riding has too many complexities there is always a group or groups of voters that is not sufficiently represented. The loudest voice in the room wins and I would suspect that the urban issues and finances of Leduc and half of Beaumont would dominate the riding over the rural residents.

Additionally, splitting Beaumont into two ridings would be confusing to the residents/voters and dilutes the City's unified voice. Two different MLA's could be hearing the same concern but not realize that it is a predominant issue because the MLA only sees half of the issue.

The municipality of Beaumont would need to work with/advocate to two different MLA's and that increases Beaumont's time and money spent dealing with their provincial representative. It increases municipal expenditures and reduces effective communication.

In closing, I am against the proposed changes, I encourage you to reject the changes in favour of keeping the existing electoral boundaries.

Thank you for your time,

Dawn Macdougall
Leduc Resident

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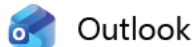
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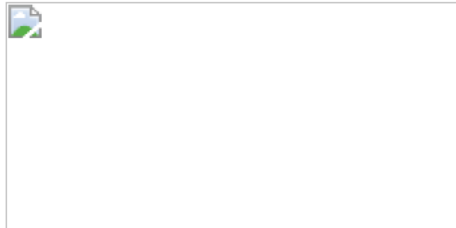


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What is your current electoral division?

31 - Edmonton-Ellerslie

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

South

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

From my perspective living in Summerside for the past 17+ years, the population growth in south and southeast Edmonton is very real and very visible. This isn't about infill or densification, it's continuous outward growth. Entirely new neighbourhoods keep coming online, and existing ones are filling up quickly. You see it moving further into areas like Chappelle and Cavanagh, but also east into Charlesworth and Aster. Every year there are more families, more kids, and more new residents settling here.

What hasn't kept pace is representation. The number of people relying on the same elected representatives keeps increasing, and that has real consequences. When ridings grow this large, it becomes harder for residents to access their representatives, harder for local concerns to get attention, and harder for fast-changing communities to feel meaningfully represented.

I appreciate the additional seat in the interim report but would like to stress how important it is for that seat to actually be added. Representation should reflect population reality, not just historical boundaries. Adding a seat, not simply moving a seat around, would help ensure growing communities like Summerside and surrounding neighbourhoods aren't stretched thin under one representative simply because the map hasn't caught up with how fast people are actually moving here.

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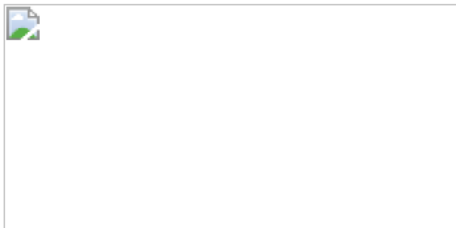
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What is your current electoral division?

37 - Edmonton-Meadows

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

40 - Edmonton-Meadows

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Hello commision,

My name is Zaid Athar. I have lived in Edmonton almost my whole life and I have seen that year after year, the city is getting both larger and more densely populated.

In fact, my dad and I operate a limo company and drive all across the city so we see it first hand that every part of this city is growing. I thank you for adding a riding on the south east here. We went from being on the edge of the city, to feeling like an inner city area.

The only thing that I want you to consider is that this can't be done in exchange for taking out a riding from the core. The City of Edmonton is doing a lot of rezoning to push density which would make this decision seem out of sorts with the reality of Edmonton population. Rezoning, improved transit, and revitalized core spaces will continue to push people from rural alberta into more attractive spaces in the core.

Thank you

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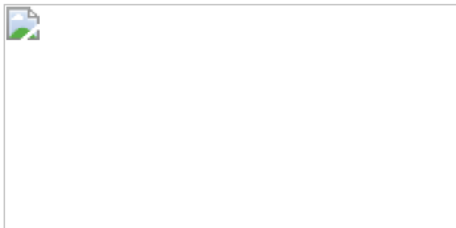
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What is your current electoral division?

37 - Edmonton-Meadows

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Edmonton west and Enoch and the changes in Calgary

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

Proposed changes to Alberta's MLA boundaries raise serious concerns about fair representation, community voice, and democratic integrity. Electoral boundaries are meant to ensure effective representation, not to dilute the voices of specific communities or create political advantage through restructuring.

Redrawing boundaries can fracture established communities, separating residents who share schools, healthcare services, transportation routes, and local concerns. When communities are split across ridings, their collective voice is weakened, making it harder for MLAs to effectively advocate for local needs. Rural and mid-sized communities are particularly at risk of being absorbed into larger or more urban-focused ridings, where their priorities may be overshadowed.

Frequent or poorly justified boundary changes also undermine public trust. Voters expect stability and transparency in the democratic process. When boundaries are altered without clear population necessity or strong community consultation, it creates the perception that the system is being manipulated rather than improved.

Representation should strengthen democracy, not complicate it. Alberta's electoral boundaries should reflect natural communities, respect historical and social ties, and prioritize effective representation over political convenience. Any restructuring must be approached cautiously, transparently, and with meaningful input from the people who will be most affected.

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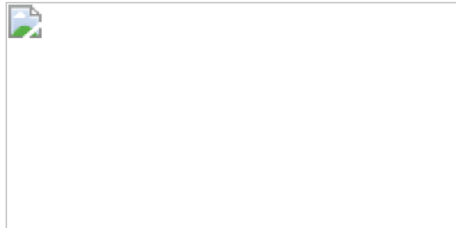


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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

89 - Wetaskiwin-Maskwacis-Ponoka

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

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

Submission

Firstly, thank you for doing this difficult and challenging work. I have been a resident in rural Central Alberta all my life as have previous generations of my family. Saying that I understand the shifting demographics in the province and agree with the increase in urban ridings and reduction in rural ridings. Fair representation by population is important in my opinion as is keeping communities and areas of common interest together. As much as is possible I believe that hybrid electoral divisions should be avoided and splitting of common areas and communities should be avoided. Smaller cities like Lacombe, Camrose, and Wetaskiwin still have an agricultural base and naturally fit with the surrounding rural areas. This is not the same with larger urban areas. There are different concerns and interests, and I believe that an MLA can be more effective when there are more similar interests and concerns to deal with.

I am writing to express my concern with the ridings proposed for Central Alberta and particularly with the proposals for the current Lacombe - Ponoka constituency. The communities of Ponoka, Lacombe, and Blackfalds and their rural areas, the counties of Lacombe and Ponoka share many similarities and, in my opinion should be kept together in the same electoral division. Children in the two counties attend schools in the Wolf Creek School Division. The communities of Ponoka, Lacombe, and Blackfalds all lie on the Highway #2 corridor, and all have businesses along that highway. All three communities along with their smaller neighbouring towns in the two counties share the concerns of maintaining viable small businesses with the proximity to Red Deer. People in these communities commute back and forth for business and commerce, work, sports, agriculture, the arts and entertainment, markets, schools, and more. Blackfalds, Lacombe, and Ponoka all receive their water from the regional water line from the Red Deer River. The two counties share the concern of the stabilization of Gull Lake which they share.

In my opinion the new proposal of putting Lacombe with Rocky Mountain House and Ponoka with Wetaskiwin does not provide the same level of common interest and concerns. I would urge you to have another look at these ridings.

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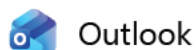
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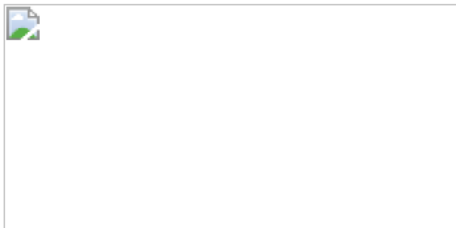
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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

Subject: Keep West Central Alberta Together - not in 3 electoral divisions - Banff-Jasper, Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House, and Mountain View-Kneehill

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a proud resident of west central Alberta, specifically Clearwater County. I am writing to express my concerns with the decision by the commission to eliminate the Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre riding and break up Clearwater County into three different constituencies. I hope you will change these boundaries to ensure that people living in Clearwater County, like myself, still have effective representation in the Alberta Legislature.

Clearwater County should stay together in a single constituency because of our common economy and identity. For generations, residents of Clearwater County have maintained a strong connection to the Rocky Mountains, where many of us live, work, and take vacation. The local industries of agriculture, oil and gas, and tourism are all shaped by the common landscape we call home in Clearwater County. This landscape also shapes our history and our identity – I consider myself to be a west central Albertan with a connection to the mountains, not to the prairies. The proposed boundaries risk separating our communities in west central Alberta and reducing our representation and voice in the Legislature because similar communities in Clearwater County are divided between multiple ridings instead of maintaining a single voice.

I hope that you will seriously consider this submission, and keep all communities in Clearwater County in the same riding with other west central communities.

Sincerely,
Joyce Stuart

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What is your current electoral division?

23 - Calgary-Shaw

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Re: Response to 2025 Interim Report – Opposition to Proposed “Calgary-Okotoks” Hybrid Riding

Dear Justice Miller and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback on the proposed electoral district map. It looks like tremendous strides have been made, and I am grateful for an unbiased commission to protect our democratic integrity. Thank you for reading my comments, and your engagement with the public.

I'd like to provide my input, which may be unique in the Calgary-Shaw riding. I grew up in Okotoks for the first 25 years of my life. My parents still live on their acreage just outside of town, and like the dutiful son that I am, I visit them frequently. I love the town of Okotoks and the surrounding area. I often visit Diamond Valley to eat the best brunch on earth, and visit long-time friends in the DeWinton area.

I have lived in the Shaw riding for nearly a decade and believe there is a significant gap between the issues that dominate the rural discussion versus the southern communities in Calgary. Funding for the Red Line LRT extension, new schools, health clinic staffing, and availability of public amenities are top of mind issues in south Calgary.

Okotoks residents are proud to be part of their small town, as they have a unique identity that sets them apart from Calgary. While Okotoks is often seen as bedroom community to Calgary, it actually serves as a commercial hub for the surrounding area and towns. Okotokians share more policy concerns with Diamond Valley than Calgary. Community sports and school divisions align more between these rural communities than Calgary.

If the Calgary-Okotoks riding is proceeded it will do a disservice to both communities. I also think it does a disservice to the rural residents SW of Calgary that would be lumped into the proposed High River-Vulcan riding. These folks have minimal connection to High River, and no connection to Vulcan. I've spent an above average amount of time in Vulcan, and the items of importance to Vulcan County differ greatly from the acreage owners SW of Calgary.

I am in favour of the Plan B option that abandons the Calgary-Okotoks hybrid experiment. I believe Plan B serves not just my community better, but also Okotoks and Diamond Valley. While I wouldn't consider myself a country boy, I have spent a lot of time riding horses, shoveling manure, and driving on country roads. I treasured my experience growing up in Okotoks, and wouldn't mind

giving my kids the opportunity to experience life as I did. My experience is markedly different than that of my kids. This is a living example of how life differs between the two municipalities. The Calgary-Okotoks option would make for strange bedfellows.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make a submission. Please abandon the Calgary-Okotoks hybrid experiment and implement the Okotoks-Diamond Valley model in your report.

Sincerely,

Kyle Campbell
Somerset Resident, South Calgary

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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Here are the reasons I believe the current boundaries should remain unchanged:

- Population: Our constituency is already within the acceptable range. With new families moving into Ardrossan and Hillshire, we'll comfortably reach the target without redrawing lines.
- Transportation Links: Strathcona-Sherwood Park is tied together by county roads and commuting patterns into Edmonton's industrial base. Residents here use Highway 16 and Highway 21 daily to access work and services. Beaumont's transportation corridors connect toward Leduc and Edmonton, not Sherwood Park, which shows how different our commuting patterns are.
- Communities of Interest: Residents here share schools, recreation facilities, and county services. Beaumont does not share these ties, and splitting Beaumont between ridings would fracture its own representation.
- Representation: An MLA should be able to focus on one community's priorities. Mixing unrelated municipalities forces them to juggle different sets of issues, which weakens advocacy for both.
- Alternative Fit: If more population is required, Tofield makes sense. Residents there already connect with Sherwood Park through commuting, shopping, and services along Highway 14.

The current boundaries already reflect our community. Please keep them in place.

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What is your current electoral division?

56 - Chestermere-Strathmore

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

57 - Chestermere-Strathmore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

Submission

I am a resident of Wheatland County living near the Hamlet of Carseland, immediately north of the Bow River. I am writing to express concern and genuine surprise at how the Commission's draft electoral boundaries would affect our community.

Under the draft proposal, this small portion of Wheatland County around Carseland would be placed in a constituency extending as far south as the County of Lethbridge border. This creates a district that spans a very large distance and links together communities that have little day-to-day connection. Being grouped with places such as High River, Vulcan, and even as far north as Rockyford, feels disconnected from the reality of life for the few constituents in and around Carseland.

Carseland and the surrounding area have always oriented toward Strathmore. That is where residents go for schools, services, shopping, and community life. The Bow River has long functioned as a clear dividing line in how people move and organize their daily activities. Crossing south of the river is not part of normal travel patterns for most residents here, and separating us from Strathmore cuts against that practical reality.

What concerns me most is that this proposal effectively carves out a small, isolated pocket of Wheatland County, between the river and Strathmore, and places it into a constituency dominated by communities far to the south. I do not feel that residents of Carseland and the surrounding area would be well represented in such a large and geographically scattered riding.

I respectfully ask the Commission to reconsider this configuration. Keeping the Wheatland County area just north of the Bow River aligned with Strathmore would better reflect how our community actually functions and would result in clearer, more effective representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for considering the perspective of those living in this area.

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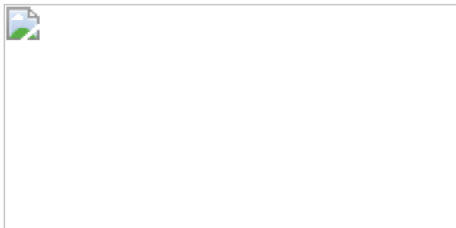
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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

As a resident of Strathcona-Sherwood Park, I strongly oppose the proposed changes that would add parts of Beaumont and Leduc County to our constituency. These areas do not share our community identity or service networks.

Life in Strathcona County is centered around Sherwood Park. Families here rely on Elk Island schools, county recreation facilities like Millennium Place, and local businesses along Baseline Road. Our municipal government operates as a specialized municipality, which gives us unique service delivery compared to other towns. Beaumont residents, by contrast, look toward Leduc and Edmonton for their schools, shopping, and municipal services. Combining these distinct communities would dilute representation and force an MLA to juggle unrelated issues.

Population balancing is not necessary. Our riding is already within the legal variance, and with Ardrossan and Hillshire expanding, we will naturally reach the provincial target. There is no need to disrupt boundaries that already work and reflect our daily lives.

Please maintain the 2023 boundaries for Strathcona-Sherwood Park.

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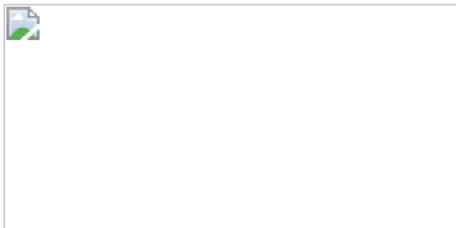
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What is your current electoral division?

55 - Central Peace-Notley

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?

Central Peace-Notley; Peace River; Slave Lake, etc

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Through Resolution 25-378, the Town of Falher offers this submission to express our significant concerns with the proposed electoral boundary changes affecting Northern Alberta, specifically the reconfiguration of the Central Peace–Notley constituency.

While we acknowledge and understand that population growth in Alberta is increasingly concentrated in major urban centres, the Town is concerned that an over-reliance on population-based representation results in a constituency that is geographically excessive in size. Such a large constituency creates real and practical challenges for effective representation by the elected Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Effective representation must extend beyond population metrics alone. The proposed constituency encompasses an expansive geographic area with highly diverse communities, interests, and priorities. These include multiple rural municipalities, towns, villages, agricultural regions, Indigenous communities, and distinct economic sectors. Treating such a wide range of stakeholders as a single, homogeneous constituency risks a “one size fits all” approach that does not reflect the realities of Northern and rural Alberta.

The size and complexity of the proposed constituency also raise concerns regarding accessibility, travel time, and the MLA's ability to meaningfully engage with constituents across the region. Variations in geography, infrastructure, transportation routes, demographics, and municipal governance structures significantly increase the demands placed on a single representative.

Additionally, when considered alongside proposed changes to other northern constituencies, the cumulative effect is a weakening of Northern Alberta's voice in the Legislative Assembly. While representation may technically align with population distribution, the broader provincial interest in ensuring strong, effective representation for Northern and rural Alberta is diminished.

The Town of Falher also notes that the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act provides a specific mechanism to address precisely these circumstances. Section 15(2) allows for a limited number of constituencies to fall below the standard population threshold where geographic size, remoteness, and community characteristics warrant it. The proposed boundary changes do not appear to fully utilize this tool.

We respectfully suggest that additional northern constituencies should be permitted to operate at lower population levels, within the framework already established in legislation, to better reflect the realities of geography, distance, and community representation in Northern Alberta. Doing so would more closely align with the constitutional principle of effective representation, rather than strict population parity.

In conclusion, the Town of Falher urges the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundary changes in Central Peace–Notley and Northern Alberta more broadly, with greater weight given to geography, communities of interest, municipal diversity, and the practical ability of an MLA to represent constituents effectively across such a vast region.

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What is your current electoral division?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation

Submission

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

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

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

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

1. Community of Interest and Shared Economic Ties

Integrated Industrial and Commuter Region

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

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

Shared Infrastructure and Services

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

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

2. Municipal and Geographic Logic

Rural-Industrial Character Alignment

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

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

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

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

Natural Geographic Cohesion

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

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

3. Population Variance Justification Under the Act

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

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

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

Removing it would:

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

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

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

4. Effective Representation

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

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

Residents in this part of Strathcona County:

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

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

5. Historical Continuity and Stability

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

- Population Balance

Our riding is already compliant with provincial standards. With Ardrossan and Hillshire adding thousands of residents in the next few years, we will reach the target naturally. These developments are part of planned growth that ensures our constituency remains balanced without boundary changes.

- Community Cohesion

Strathcona County has a distinct identity and governance model. Our residents share schools, recreation facilities, and county services. Beaumont is a separate municipality with its own council, bylaws, and priorities. Merging them would confuse representation and weaken advocacy for both.

- Historical Continuity

Strathcona-Sherwood Park has had stable boundaries for years, reflecting our community identity. Residents know who represents them, and our MLA has consistently advocated for county-specific issues like industrial development in the Heartland and rural road maintenance. Sudden changes undermine continuity and leave residents uncertain about who speaks for them.

- Conclusion

The current boundaries are logical, fair, and sustainable. Please maintain the 2023 boundaries for Strathcona-Sherwood Park.

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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Lethbridge West and Lethbridge East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

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

Submission

Hello,

I would like to express my strong disapproval of both of the proposed changes to the Lethbridge West and Lethbridge East electoral districts. The proposed changes do not properly reflect the functionality of the City's residents. The concerns as citizens living in the geographic West side of the city (physically west of the Oldman River) are very different to those living on the east side of the river, and as such, it would be entirely inappropriate to extend the boundary of the West Lethbridge electoral district across the river. West Lethbridge residents have a unique situation and community concerns that are not shared across the river, such as access to the West Side through Whop Up Drive or Hwy 3, the location and future development of the University of Lethbridge, rapidly growing residential and commercial development and the resulting population increase, and increased traffic from residential commuting. Similarly, the residents on the geographic East side of Lethbridge have different concerns as residents of a developed neighbourhood, and should not be lumped together with those facing the changes of current urban development.

In conclusion and to reiterate my objection, the needs and interests of those on West and East Lethbridge have categorical differences and should not be combined, as doing such would be a disservice to the democratic interests of residents in both electoral districts.

Thank you.

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December 16, 2025

2025 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,
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Subject: Proposed Inclusion of Montgomery in the Calgary-Varsity Electoral Division

Dear Members of the Commission,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the Interim Report regarding proposed electoral boundaries. I urge the Commission to keep Montgomery within Calgary-Bow to preserve community cohesion and effective representation.

Community of Interest and Shared Identity

Montgomery and Bowness share a unique history as formerly independent towns and continue to function as a single community in everyday life. This shared identity shapes how residents engage with their neighbourhoods and local representatives. Residents of both communities use the same parks, pathways, river access points, and recreational facilities, particularly Shouldice Athletic Park and Pool which serve as gathering places and community anchors. We shop at the same local businesses, visit the same medical clinics and libraries, and rely on City services concentrated along Bowness Road. Community associations and local groups regularly collaborate on events, advocacy, and neighbourhood issues. From a resident's perspective, Montgomery and Bowness are not separate communities with separate interests, they are one.

Implications for Effective Representation

Effective representation is strongest when an MLA serves communities with aligned priorities. Montgomery's concerns mirror those of Bowness and the broader Calgary-Bow area, particularly as mature inner-city neighbourhoods focused on infrastructure renewal, transportation, and community services. By contrast, Calgary-Varsity is increasingly shaped by large institutional anchors and high-density redevelopment pressures. Moving Montgomery into that division would place it in a riding with very different planning priorities and dilute its ability to have local concerns clearly represented.

Population Balance and Growth Considerations

Population balance is important, but boundaries must remain fair and stable over multiple election cycles. Significant growth is already planned for the University District and South Shaganappi areas within the proposed Calgary-Varsity division. The City of Calgary's recently approved local area plan supports increased density and long-term growth in these neighbourhoods. Montgomery and Bowness, by comparison, are largely built out and relatively stable. Retaining Montgomery in Calgary-Bow supports consistent population balance over time without disrupting an established community.

Conclusion

From the perspective of someone who has lived, worked, and participated in these communities for decades, Montgomery and Bowness clearly belong together. Separating them would weaken community cohesion and reduce the effectiveness of representation for residents whose daily lives are already interconnected. Maintaining Montgomery in Calgary-Bow ensures boundaries that remain fair and stable for future elections. I trust the Commission will recognize the importance of keeping these historically and socially connected communities together.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

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What is your current electoral division?

29 - Edmonton-City Centre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

32 - Edmonton-City Centre

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

My name is Jem Pellerin, and I am writing in support of maintaining strong, focused representation for Edmonton—City Centre, the community I have called home for the past few years. Electoral boundaries are not abstract lines—they directly affect whether communities feel seen, heard, and effectively represented. I was motivated to write after seeing the changes being made to Edmonton's ridings.

I moved to Edmonton from Ontario just over two years ago and quickly came to understand how unique and complex the city centre is. Within a very small area, this riding includes government institutions, dense residential neighbourhoods, cultural organizations, social services, and some of the city's most vulnerable populations. The differences in lived experience from one part of downtown to another are profound and cannot be meaningfully represented if the riding is expanded or merged with areas that do not share these realities.

Since the last redistribution in 2017, downtown Edmonton has continued to grow and change. Residential density has increased, demographics have shifted, and pressures on housing, transit, and social services have intensified. These changes demand representation that is attentive and deeply familiar with the urban core. For this reason, the core of Edmonton deserves to have another seat added to it. I hope that you will revisit your analysis of the population growth happening in the core neighbourhoods, because my experience living in my neighbourhood is that it is growing, not shrinking.

I live near the Legislature in a relatively secure environment, yet I work only minutes away at the Royal Alberta Museum alongside communities facing very different daily realities. This proximity—and contrast—is exactly why this area of the city requires dedicated representation. In my view, Edmonton's urban core is already large and complex enough to justify not less, but more focused political attention.

Thank you to the members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for your public service and for the care you bring to this challenging work. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute and thank you for considering my submission.

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Supporting Document: Jasper, Banff, and Canmore Regional Interdependence

Submitted to: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

In Support of: Request to align Jasper, Banff, and Canmore within one provincial constituency

Submitted by: Paula Cackett, Jasper, Alberta

Date: December 2025

Overview

This supporting document provides additional context and evidence demonstrating the deep economic, social, and geographical interdependence between the mountain communities of Jasper, Banff, and Canmore. Together, they form a single regional corridor with shared challenges, opportunities, and governance realities distinct from other parts of Alberta.

1. Economic and Workforce Interdependence

- Tourism accounts for an estimated 80–90% of local economic activity in the three communities combined.
 - Banff National Park alone attracts over 4 million annual visitors.
 - Jasper National Park welcomes approximately 2.5 million, generating more than \$2 billion in total visitor spending each year.
- Seasonal workers commonly move between Jasper, Banff, and Canmore depending on job availability and housing.
- All three towns face vacancy rates below 1%, leading to worker shortages and reliance on regional staff housing programs.

2. Shared Regulatory and Environmental Context

- Jasper and Banff operate within Parks Canada's federal land-use framework, with strict limits on growth, housing, and development.
- Canmore functions as the primary housing and service overflow community for Banff National Park.
- The three communities coordinate through shared initiatives such as Bow Valley Housing, emergency response planning, and tourism recovery efforts following the 2024 wildfire.

3. Geographic and Transportation Cohesion

- The Icefields Parkway (Highway 93) and Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1) connect Jasper, Banff, and Canmore in a continuous and accessible mountain corridor.
- Residents regularly commute for work, healthcare, recreation, and childcare.
- Shared issues such as wildlife management, traffic congestion, and wildfire resilience affect all three communities simultaneously.

4. Distinct Governance and Representation Needs

- Federal land-use restrictions under Parks Canada.
- Restricted municipal tax bases and development caps.
- Seasonal workforce dependency and limited affordable housing.
- Wildfire risk management in mountainous terrain.

Effective provincial representation requires an MLA familiar with these realities and capable of advocating for coordination between provincial and federal jurisdictions.

5. Conclusion

Jasper, Banff, and Canmore are not isolated communities but parts of a single, interdependent mountain system. Grouping them within one provincial constituency would:

- Ensure coherent and informed advocacy,
- Reflect the lived reality of residents, and
- Uphold the principles of effective representation under *Section 14(1)* of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*.

Submitted respectfully,

Paula Cackett

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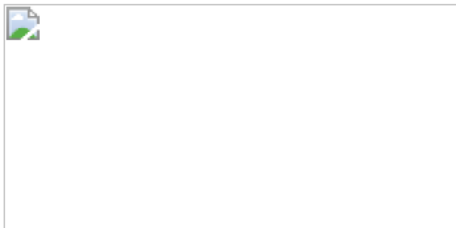
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What is your current electoral division?

44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

The issues that face rural electoral divisions are not the same issues that face urban electoral divisions. The UCP party is trying to change the electoral division to increase the number of votes they have in ridings that have urban areas. This is the definition of gerrymandering. This is just another tactic in the UCP's playbook of trying to enact American, Republican style government to Canada. We do not live in the United States. We do not have politics that look like theirs. If people want that, they can move to the United States. In what world does it make sense to create ridings that are so spread apart? The job is going to be SO much more work for anyone elected as the voters will have urban and rural issues they want dealt with. Why not keep electoral districts as they are and MLA's elected to urban areas can deal with urban issues and MLA's elected to rural areas can deal with rural issues.

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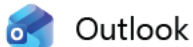
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What is your current electoral division?

85 - Taber-Warner

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Lethbridge East, Lethbridge West, Livingstone-Macleod, and Taber-Warner

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Geographical features

Submission

I encourage the boundary commission to reconsider the four-quadrant hybrid model for Lethbridge.

Southern Alberta's agri food output is inseparable from irrigation districts and watershed stewardship.

Urban decisions about water treatment, stormwater, and drainage have downstream effects on rural yields and processing reliability.

Recent plant upgrades at the Lethbridge Water Treatment Plant and coordinated regional drainage planning under Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks confirm that water management is a corridor wide enterprise.

The hybrid model embeds that interdependence into representation, aligning policy accountability with where water related outcomes are felt.

Thank you for your time.

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Dear Commission members

Thank you for your diligence in addressing the electoral boundaries issues of our province. We continue to grow and change over time and this process is very important.

I think you did a very good job in addressing the constituency of Red Deer North, which is where I reside. Thank you for that.

As a former elected official, as well as serving on several municipal and provincial boards, my main concern is that we adequately differentiate between urban and rural constituency boundaries. The needs, concerns and issues are very different for the two, and the MLAs serving them have a very difficult time balancing their time, effort and allegiances. As you well know, they have enormous workloads and it is very difficult to do all the learning and preparation work of two quite distinct electoral entities. And, of course, the temptation of gerrymandering can cause a loss of trust in the electoral system if it appears to be going on.

Best wishes for a successful conclusion to a monumental task.

Sincerely,

Grant Howell



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What is your current electoral division?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

Submission

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

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

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

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

1. Community of Interest and Shared Economic Ties

Integrated Industrial and Commuter Region

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

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

Shared Infrastructure and Services

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

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

2. Municipal and Geographic Logic

Rural-Industrial Character Alignment

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

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

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

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

Natural Geographic Cohesion

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

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

3. Population Variance Justification Under the Act

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

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

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

Removing it would:

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

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

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

4. Effective Representation

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

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

Residents in this part of Strathcona County:

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

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

5. Historical Continuity and Stability

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Commissioners,

As a long-time constituent of Strathcona-Sherwood Park riding, I would like to submit my thoughts on the proposed electoral boundaries for our province. The Commission has undertaken a very important task with an outlook for the future growth of Alberta, and I very much appreciate the work that has been accomplished by yourselves.

I have been living in Strathcona County for 20 years; both as a rural resident near Ardrossan and currently as an urban resident in Sherwood Park hamlet for the last 8 years. I served on Elk Island Public School Councils for 12 years, including the Council of School Councils. I have worked for Strathcona County, including Josephburg rural outreach; Financial and Strategic Services; and our community Museum & Archives, where I currently volunteer as President of the board of directors. These experiences, I believe, give me a unique perspective of Strathcona County's history and culture as well as our rural and urban residents' sense of community.

In the proposed boundaries, a portion of Beaumont is recommended to be included with Strathcona-Sherwood Park constituency. The municipality of Beaumont is close to the city of Leduc, and is served by an entirely different school division: Black Gold. Other major differences between our communities include where residents tend to shop and attend religious institutions, as well as where they would choose to volunteer and participate in sports and other activities within their respective communities.

Residents are engaged where they live and I believe need to be represented by their own engaged, community oriented and invested MLAs. I believe both Strathcona County and Beaumont would each be better served politically by their own MLAs. The Strathcona-Sherwood Park MLA will be representing many more constituents within the next few years with the ongoing development of new Strathcona County subdivisions north of Highway 16.

Thank you for reading and considering my point of view.

Sincerely,

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84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

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

Submission

My comments on the proposed change:

- Population is fine as-is. Our constituency is sitting at about 51,000 residents, which is already within the legal variance. With Ardrossan and Hillshire growing quickly, we'll naturally reach the provincial target of 55,000 without any boundary changes.
- Beaumont doesn't fit. Their residents look to Leduc and Edmonton for schools, services, and work. They don't share much with Sherwood Park, so lumping us together weakens representation for both sides.
- Heritage Hills belongs here. Families there use Sherwood Park schools and services. Pulling them out breaks up natural catchments and community identity.
- Tofield is a better option. If the Commission insists on adding population, Tofield makes sense. People there commute to Sherwood Park, shop here, and use our services. They're already connected to us.
- School catchments matter. Removing Heritage Hills disrupts natural school boundaries. Parents expect their MLA to represent both their neighborhood and the schools their kids attend.
- Transportation priorities differ. Our riding is tied together by county roads and commuting into Edmonton's industrial base. Beaumont's corridors point toward Leduc and Edmonton, not Sherwood Park.
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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

70 - Lethbridge-West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

Submission

The proposed changes to turn the Lethbridge riding from 2 to 4 districts would not benefit the province. Increasing the number of districts wouldn't change voting turn out within Lethbridge. Our surrounding communities such as Taber and Coaldale, take into the consideration the rural communities across Alberta due to their distance from the city. Expanding city centres to more districts would create more challenges than benefits. These rural communities are accounted for already, adding them to city centres would be invaluable.

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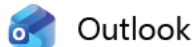
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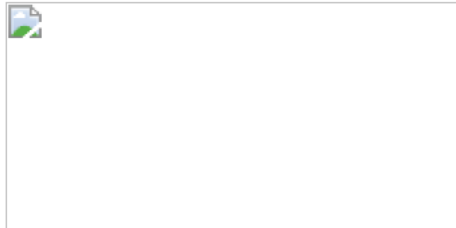
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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

- Projected growth
- Other concerns

Submission

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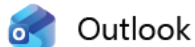
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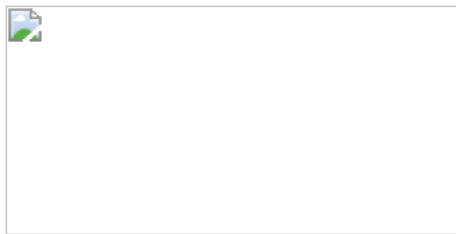
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What is your current electoral division?

73 - Livingstone-Macleod

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?

Livingstone-Macleod, High River-Vulcan, and Cardston-Taber-Warner

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Thank you for all the work put into this so far, My issue with the proposed boundaries (Both Options A&B) stems from the inclusion of the Town of Coaldale in Livingstone-Macleod. Should this proposal be carried out, the makeup of Livingstone-Macleod would be fundamentally altered, and not for the best. Coaldale brings it's own issues, being largely disconnected geographically, culturally, and economically, from the rest of the Constituency, the center of population would fall outside the current boundaries and away from the Livingstone Range, and the Foothills lifestyle we are proud of. Livingstone-Macleod, should the proposal be accepted, would become predominantly a Lethbridge commuters riding, something the residents of Pincher Creek, the Crowsnest Pass, and Nanton I am certain will not appreciate. The concerns of ranchers and residents of Alberta's southern Rockies would be drowned out by the needs of Coaldale's manufacturers and Lethbridge commuters.

This Riding, though similar in size to the current boundaries, would require a much more of our MLAs, the Population would be in the top 10 overall, the Largest outside of Calgary and Edmonton, and holds some 20 municipalities, including a National park, First Nations Reservation, and tourism destinations, all while being a geographically large, environmentally diverse, economic driver located at the intersection of our two of our Province's greatest transportation corridors. The Population Trends of Municipalities in Lethbridge county would also ensure that this would remain one of the most populous Constituencies in the Province.

These factors and many more are enough to reconsider the inclusion of Lethbridge county, if not in whole then at least in part. I have attached a basic rendering of an option I find more suitable.

Thank you for your consideration and all the work you have put into this commission.

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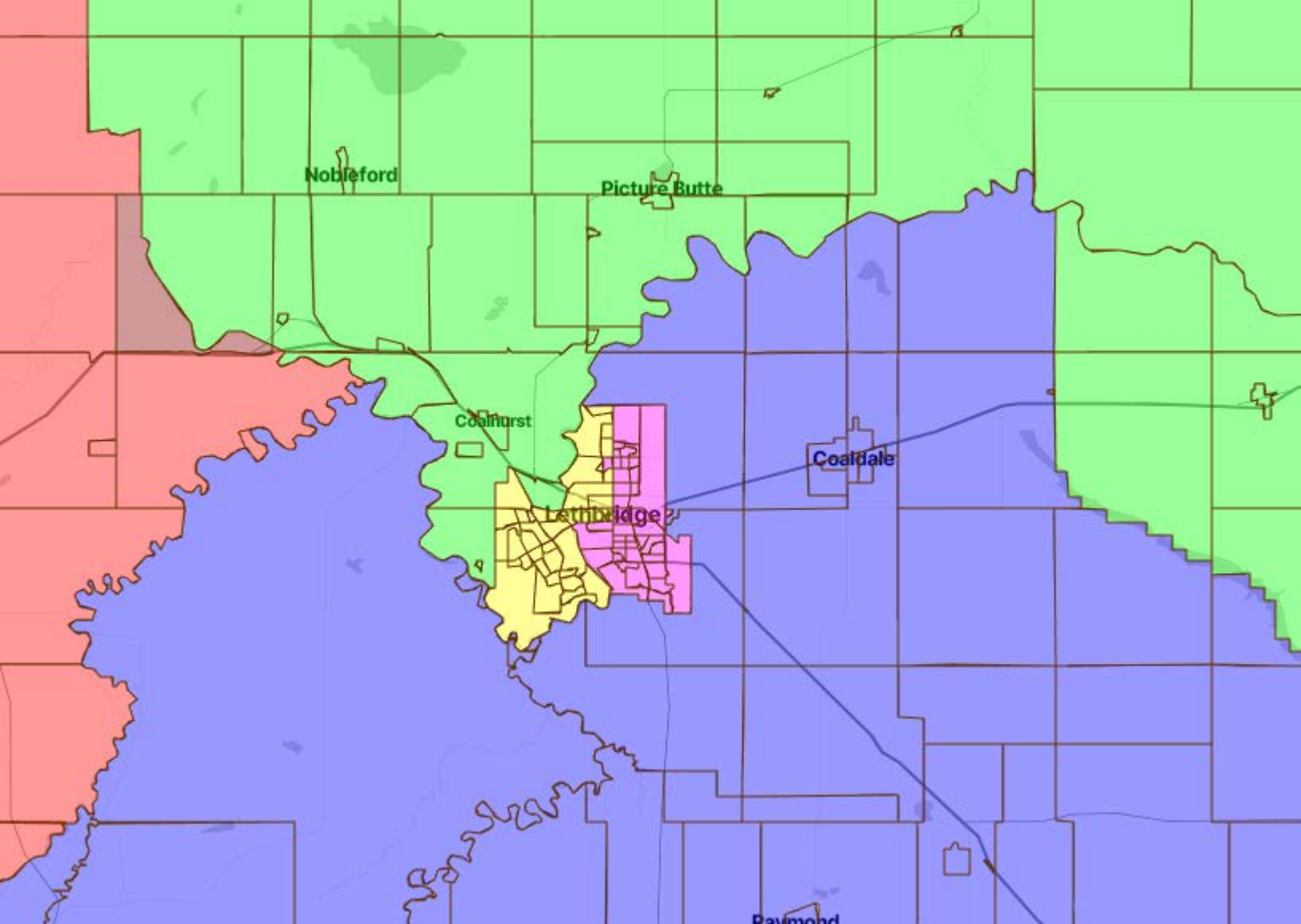
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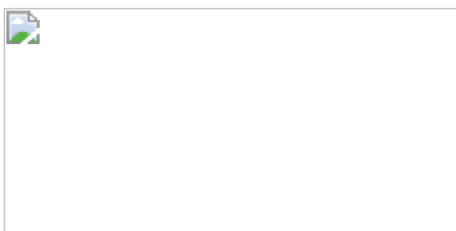
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What is your current electoral division?

50 - Banff-Kananaskis

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

58 - Cochrane-Springbank

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

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

Submission

I am a resident of Springbank writing to express concern with the proposal to place Springbank within the new Cochrane-Springbank electoral division.

My concern is based on lived reality. I rarely go to Cochrane, but I go to Calgary daily.

My work, services, and daily life are centered in Calgary. I commute into the city every day using Highway 1 and Stoney Trail, shop in west Calgary, and access healthcare and community services in the city. Provincial decisions that affect me most relate to Calgary's transportation, services, and urban-edge growth, not to Cochrane.

Effective representation depends on accessibility. Springbank residents already travel into Calgary as part of daily life, making a Calgary-based MLA far more accessible for meetings, events, and constituency support than one focused on Cochrane.

Placing Springbank in a Cochrane-centered riding also risks diluting its voice within a hybrid constituency dominated by Cochrane and Airdrie priorities. Springbank's concerns differ and could easily become secondary in such a riding.

Finally, voter clarity matters. Most Springbank residents already identify with Calgary. Aligning Springbank with a Calgary-based riding such as Calgary-Bow creates clearer boundaries and representation that matches lived experience.

For these reasons, I ask the Commission to reconsider Springbank's placement and align it with a Calgary-based electoral division.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Eniko

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Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I would like to introduce myself. My name as above is Boris Boyko, and I am a retired Family Physician from Edmonton Alberta. I have been a lifetime resident of the City of Edmonton and have watch the growth of the city change from linear to more exponential. This growth has brought with it changes in the City Boundaries as well as the electoral boundaries. The electoral boundary changes have been necessitated by the expansion of the city and growth of the province as whole. The representation of the populus of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta has changed and will change in the years to come as the province grows. The preliminary report that was available for this year gave an excellent historical perspective of the Commission's origins and its development over time. It also outlined the need for change and under what parameters that change is to take place.

I would like to thank the Commission for the stewardship and common-sense approach to this monumental undertaking. The consideration of the current population, with best estimates as the census data was dated back to 2024, as well as any potential growth that they had to factor in. I consider that the population growth as detailed over the next few years in percentages will be significant by actual population numbers. As a percentage of a large number in absolutes, is a significant number. Also having to consider the geographical boundaries, cultural demographics, indigenous needs and the other unique areas that make up our province, makes prognosticating the future needs of the electoral boundary make up a daunting challenge. I believe that the electoral boundaries map (new) for 2025-2026 is a thoughtful redrawing of the boundaries for the province, taking in the parameters mentioned in the Preliminary report.

I can only speak to my situation in Edmonton Southwest, as I have seen this area expand exponentially since moving to this area 8 years ago (the same time the last commission met to redraw the lines). I believe that creating an additional seat of this fast-growing urban area was very wise and I would expect that further development of an urban nature going westward is bound to happen soon. Thus, the commission has considered the current population and upcoming trends for population growth, while protecting the urban/rural dichotomy extremely well.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this written submission in support of the current redrawing of Edmonton Southwest.

Yours truly

Boris Boyko



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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

- Other concerns

Submission

Beaumont is a small city that should not be divided. In doing so not only does half of the city loose out on benefits of Leduc county - but also would divide the tight nit community this small city has created. We chose to live in Beaumont, in Leduc county. NOT Strathcona County.

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What is your current electoral division?

56 - Chestermere-Strathmore

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

57 - Chestermere-Strathmore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I recently moved from the City of Calgary to the hamlet of Langdon to get away from the big city and settle in a smaller town with my family. I know many families in Langdon have made the same choice, seeking the same kind of community. Langdon is closely connected to both Chestermere and Strathmore, and many residents travel between these communities every day for schools, shopping, health care, recreation, and work. They form a natural triangle of interconnected towns that share services and lifestyle patterns, and we quickly became aware how often we rely on these communities, only venturing into Calgary for the occasional item or service that's not available in these locations.

Moving from Calgary to Langdon also quickly made me aware of the differing political needs between urban and rural ridings. Keeping these smaller communities together ensures the MLA represents a community that actually functions as a single region. For that reason, it's important that Langdon remains in the same constituency as Chestermere and Strathmore, and I'm glad to see that the draft boundaries maintain this.

Grouping communities based on real-world connections ensures residents are better represented. I believe the Commission correctly recognized that communities like Conrich, Prince of Peace, function as Calgary suburbs and are better represented in Calgary-based constituencies. I would also encourage the commission to include Carseland and the surrounding area within the Chestermere Strathmore constituency as well, since Carseland relies on Strathmore as its main service center. These examples highlight the importance of drawing boundaries based on real-world connections rather than administrative lines alone.

Given the strong three-way relationship between Chestermere, Langdon, and Strathmore, and with de Havilland Field located right in the center of this triangle, the Commission may also want to consider recognizing this structure through a constituency name such as "Chestermere-Strathmore-Langdon," similar to other constituencies that are named after multiple interconnected hubs.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Bos

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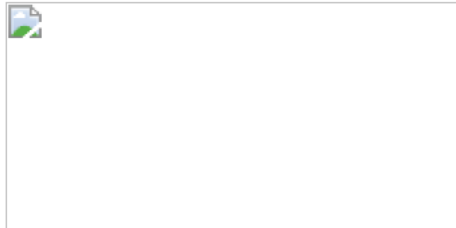
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What is your current electoral division?

34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

I am concerned, on the whole, that redividing up the electoral boundary lines will constitute gerrymandering on behalf of the current UCP government. I do not believe it makes sense to split up urban centres and pair them up with rural ones - effective representation should be the focus here. Lines drawn have to be keeping communities together, not placing them beside an area that is far and away. I find it incredibly disgusting that the government would propose new boundaries in this way, giving them a clear advantage when an election is maybe only 18 months away as well. Urban interests need to be accounted for. Rural districts already have their voice heard, and changing the boundaries only gives more voice to the rural citizens over the majority of this province's population - our urban centres in Edmonton and Lethbridge that have been proposed to be paired up in ways that just don't make sense. I urge you, do not go through with this!

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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?

- Communities of interest

Submission

I am not in favor of splitting Beaumont down the middle. I have a residence here and an income property. DO NOT DO IT

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What is your current electoral division?

29 - Edmonton-City Centre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

32 - Edmonton-City Centre

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

I have lived in downtown Edmonton off and on for nearly ten years. This neighbourhood has grown a lot, with many more residents in the downtown. One thing I notice over this time is how consistent it is. The more towers and people, the more it feels like a community. People who live here seem to like living here, and attract similar people to the downtown core.

I learned of the election boundaries becoming changed and I think it makes the most sense for the downtown to remain as it is. As someone without a car, the services and businesses I use are all within a similar distance to me as my neighbours. For this reason, we share a common community.

I feel downtown residents are different than those who live in Edmonton's suburbs. I think blending the two would be a mistake. The boundaries as proposed make the most sense for this neighbourhood.

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,
Michel Galban Lara

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December 14, 2025

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission letter, and for your work in developing a fair and balanced electoral boundaries map. The ridings map keeps the ridings within municipal boundaries. I would like to express my appreciation for the Commission's commitment to the principles of representation, which is clearly reflected in the present ridings. This approach strengthens democratic legitimacy and helps ensure that all Albertans' voices are heard equitably in the Legislative Assembly. It is important that the Commission does recognize the fast rate of population growth however, and adds another seat to both Edmonton and Calgary in order that representation by population remains valid. With the growth in population on the edges of both cities steadily climbing, adding another seat for each city would continue to ensure that all voices are heard and there is fair representation.

My name is Gail Jenkins. I am a retired teacher and have raised my children and lived in the riding of Edmonton Whitemud for over 30 years. I am lucky. It is a community that has grown in terms of community leagues and what they offer, shopping, recreation facilities, churches and medical/dental offices. It has a certain flavor, identity and diverseness which in short, makes it a great riding. We know our MLA and know she works hard to keep our riding strong and vital. It is precisely these things that are compelling me to write. While I know my riding is secure in its boundaries, the growth in my neighborhood ridings like South and South-West that are on the edges would benefit from being represented by their own ridings to ensure their flavor and distinctness are maintained. Thank you for not creating hybrid ridings in these areas.

I respectfully request that the commission avoid the creation of hybrid ridings, particularly in South and South-West Edmonton. Hybrid ridings in these areas may not accurately reflect the distinct communities affected and could unintentionally dilute their shared priorities, wants and needs. Rural and urban communities are very different and so they should have different representatives to represent them. Additionally, such a configuration may create unnecessary challenges for the Member of the Legislative Assembly in effectively representing very different communities. A more cohesive riding structure would better support fair representation and community advocacy.

Sincerely,
Gail Jenkins



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What is your current electoral division?

85 - Taber-Warner

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

56 - Cardston-Taber-Warner

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

Increasingly, families live in one municipality while working or studying in another. As a result, issues such as housing affordability, student transportation, and youth training programs require coordinated, region-wide planning and representation.

A hybrid model that thoughtfully distributes urban neighbourhoods while preserving rural communities more accurately reflects the real movement patterns of families and young people throughout the region. This approach supports long-term population stability and more effective service delivery.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage the adoption of a four-quadrant hybrid approach for the Lethbridge region.

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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

Do not want the division of Beaumont to go through. It would rip apart a community that has deep roots. The community relationships are deeply engrained and are a large part of why my husband and I moved here. We want to stay for the rest of our lives but if it were to change the small community feel would disappear and I fear we would move as a result.

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What is your current electoral division?

85 - Taber-Warner

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

69 - Lethbridge-East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Southern Alberta concerns

SubmissionGARY BIKMAN
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December 16, 2025

Re: Submission Regarding Proposed Boundaries for Taber Constituency
Commissioners:

Thanks for the opportunity to share my perspective on this matter.

As a long-time resident of this region, and its former MLA, I respectfully recommend that the Taber constituency include the area from Lethbridge County, east to Bow Island along the Highway 3 corridor. This region is geographically connected and represents a unified economic zone that has become a cornerstone of Alberta's agri-food industry.

During the past half-dozen years, the Highway 3 area has seen significant investment and development, including:

- NewCold – \$220 million investment in a state-of-the-art food logistics facility in Coaldale.
- McCain Foods – \$600 million expansion, the largest in its global operations.
- Infrastructure improvements like the Highway 3 twinning project, designed to support supply chain efficiency and future growth.
- Consistent growth from major processors such as Lantic Inc., Cavendish Farms, PepsiCo and Lamb Weston.

Investments like these, emphasize the strategic and vital nature of this zone as Canada's Premier Food Corridor.

Existing and potential new investors will be able to develop relationships of trust with a single MLA. This will increase the likelihood of the process being more successful, simpler, effective and efficient, rather than fragmented across multiple constituencies.

Unified representation will enable consistent advocacy, coordinated infrastructure planning, and stronger support for economic initiatives that benefit the entire region.

The communities along Highway 3 share common interests, challenges, and opportunities. Keeping them together within the Taber constituency will ensure effective representation and help Alberta capitalize on the momentum of this thriving agri-food hub.

I encourage the boundary commission to reconsider the four-quadrant hybrid model for Lethbridge.

Sincerely,
Gary Bikman

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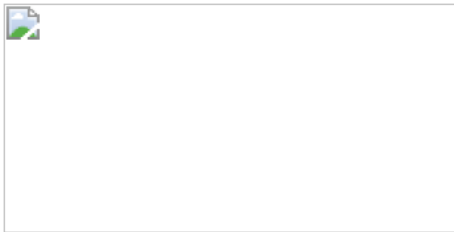
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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Lethbridge-East, Lethbridge- West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Commissioners of the 2025 Electoral Boundaries Commission,

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

I am a current resident of Lethbridge-West and have witnessed the city evolve and diversify over the past several decades. As a visible minority, I have observed the ethnic landscape of Lethbridge change significantly over the last 35 years, becoming more diverse and increasingly integrated into the cultural fabric of the city. This evolution is especially meaningful to me, as visible minorities have historically—and continue to—face unique barriers and systemic challenges that often silence our voices and disregard our lived experiences.

As the largest urban center south of Calgary, with a growing university, a diverse population, and a vibrant arts and culture scene, Lethbridge is uniquely positioned as an urban community within a predominantly rural and agricultural region. As Lethbridge's population becomes more diverse within a predominantly white, rural landscape, the inclusion of these perspectives in political conversations and decision-making is only now beginning to be meaningfully heard.

The current electoral boundaries reflect this distinct identity and allow for representation that accurately reflects the perspectives and priorities of the city's residents. Dividing these boundaries would risk diluting the urban voice by subsuming it within surrounding rural communities, whose lived experiences, needs, and priorities differ and deserve their own dedicated representation. Maintaining the current boundaries ensures that communities with shared interests, culture, and geographic context retain an accurate and effective voice to advocate for their specific needs.

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

Brittany Griffiths

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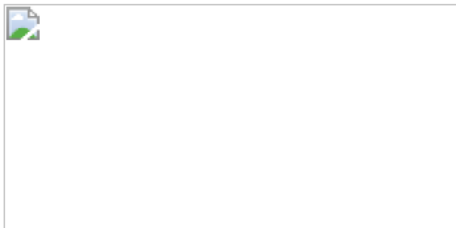
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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

As a long-time resident of Canmore, nestled in the heart of the Bow Valley, I've watched our community evolve from a quiet coal-mining town into a vibrant hub of tourism, outdoor recreation, and sustainable development. With the 2025 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's interim report proposing the merger of our current Banff-Kananaskis riding into a sprawling Banff-Jasper division—stretching from the Icefields Parkway to remote Jasper National Park—our local voices risk being drowned out by the unique priorities of national park enclaves and distant northern territories.

This reconfiguration, while addressing provincial growth patterns, overlooks the distinct needs of growing mountain communities like ours. Instead, I urge the Commission to create a dedicated Canmore-Crowsnest Pass electoral division, linking the Bow Valley (including Canmore and Kananaskis Country) with the southern Rockies communities around Crowsnest Pass. This would honor the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act's principles of communities of interest, geographic coherence, population equity, and effective representation, giving residents like me a riding that truly reflects our shared mountain lifestyle and economic realities. Below, I outline why this makes sense from right here in Canmore.

Canmore, with its 17,200 residents focused on eco-tourism, tech startups, and family-oriented outdoor pursuits, shares far more in common with the rugged, resilient communities of Crowsnest Pass (population ~6,100) than with the federally dominated tourism bubble of Banff townsite or the isolated wilderness of Jasper. Both areas grapple with similar challenges: balancing rapid housing growth against environmental protections, advocating for Highway 1 and 3 upgrades to handle tourist traffic, and diversifying economies beyond seasonal visitors—think Canmore's film industry ties to Fernie and Crowsnest's emerging adventure sports scene. We collaborate on regional initiatives like the Bow Valley Regional Housing Plan and wildfire mitigation strategies that echo Crowsnest's coal legacy-turned-conservation efforts.

The interim's Banff-Jasper proposal fragments this by lumping us with Jasper's remote, park-centric needs (e.g., grizzly bear corridors and federal park funding).

A Canmore-Crowsnest Pass riding would reconnect us southward, incorporating MD of Ranchland, Kananaskis Improvement District, and portions of Livingstone-Macleod (e.g., Pincher Creek and Coleman), fostering advocacy on shared Rockies issues like avalanche control, Indigenous partnerships with Stoney Nakoda, and carbon pricing impacts on remote energy sectors. This aligns with the Commission's call for boundaries that reflect “economic and cultural linkages,” amplifying voices from mountain towns over vast parklands.

The proposed riding of Banff Jasper sprawls over 20,000+ km² of jagged peaks

and valleys, making MLA access a challenge—drives from Canmore to Jasper take 4+ hours via winding Icefields Parkway. No one makes this drive from Canmore in the winter where you are hours without even cell phone coverage

A Canmore-Crowsnest Pass division would shrink to a more compact ~15,000 km², following natural corridors: Highway 1 westward from Calgary through the Bow Valley, then south via Highway 40 (Kananaskis Trail) and Highway 3 over the Crowsnest Pass—routes we use daily for trade, evacuations, and tourism loops.

This leverages clear, identifiable boundaries like the Highwood River to the north and BC border to the west, avoiding the interim's awkward extensions into Clearwater County or Foothills fragments. As a Canmore local who bikes the Legacy Trail and skis at Castle Mountain, I value a riding where communities are linked by shared trails and transit, not isolated by national park gates—promoting the Commission's goal of “manageable geography” for effective door-to-door engagement.

Since 2012, Banff-Kananaskis has given Canmore a platform to champion valley-specific wins, like the Three Sisters expansion controls and Bow Valley EMR zoning. But merging north to Jasper would sideline us amid park politics.

A new Canmore-Crowsnest Pass riding would build on this by empowering a unified southern Rockies voice—stronger on provincial advocacy for things like the Coal Policy.

For families like mine, raising kids amid avalanche risks and housing crunches, this means less dilution and more direct access, especially as our population diversifies with 25% newcomers seeking mountain authenticity.

In closing, as a Canmore resident who cherishes our town's role as the “gateway to the Rockies,” I implore the Commission to pivot from the interim's north-south overreach and craft Canmore-Crowsnest Pass as a beacon for mountain Alberta. This isn't just redistricting—it's reclaiming representation that mirrors our valley's spirit. Let's keep our mountains, and our voices, connected.

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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?

- Other concerns

Submission

Dividing Beaumont into 2 different electoral ridings should not happen.

All Beaumont residents should be in the same Leduc- Beaumont riding so that all residents are treated the same and have the same representation in parliament.

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Re: Updates to the Calgary-Foothills electoral division

Hello to the members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed Calgary-Foothill provincial riding boundary change and a new riding name.

The Kincora Residents Association (KRA) includes 1,381 of over 2,500 homes in the community of Kincora and is governed by a volunteer board of community members. In 2023, the Kincora Residents Association updated community information panels to include the indigenous heritage in our area. The electoral boundary change is the perfect opportunity to update the riding name to also reflect this region's history.

Residents in Calgary-Foothills do not associate the current riding name with where they live. 'Foothills' no longer refers to a political or geographic region near this part of northwest Calgary. 'Foothills' is prominently recognized for the Foothills Hospital located 2 riding boundaries away as well as amenities and businesses located in different quadrants of Calgary. To add confusion, about 20 kilometers southwest, the Federal Foothills County riding touches Calgary's city limits.

A riding name change to Calgary-Symons Valley uses a familiar Calgary geographic reference. Calgary-Symons Valley is inclusive for the 7 proposed neighbourhoods (Citadel, Sherwood, Kincora, Nolan Hill, Sage Hill, Glacier Ridge and Eskar Park) and for additional future developments.

Recognizing neighbourhood borders during the boundary changes for to the Calgary-Foothills riding is appreciated and supported. Having one MLA provides consistent provincial representation for a community. This avoids splitting up a neighbourhood and maintains a community's cohesion.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Regards,



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What is your current electoral division?

04 - Calgary-Buffalo

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

05 - Calgary-Buffalo

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns

Submission

Thank you for the work you've already done. I live in Calgary-Buffalo, and I'm submitting feedback because urban ridings need to reflect where Albertans actually live today. Calgary has grown fast and continues to densify, and the maps should keep pace with that reality.

I appreciate that Calgary-Buffalo remains contained within city limits. Keeping urban ridings intact rather than blending them with rural or semi-rural areas supports fair representation. It ensures the voices and needs of people who live downtown and inner-core Calgary are not diluted by combining completely different communities of interest.

City growth isn't slowing. Between 2017 and now, Calgary has added entire districts of housing, multi-unit developments, a growing immigrant base, and densification that didn't exist when the last boundary decisions were made. Calgary-Buffalo in particular has seen a significant increase in residential towers, mixed-use buildings, and population turnover. When I'm outside in my neighbourhood going for a walk or getting a coffee, I see how much my neighbourhood has changed, even just over the last few years. It is a testament to just how fast Calgary is growing. More people live in smaller square footage than ever before, and that matters when counting representation.

The additional seat added to Calgary is a good step, and I want to acknowledge that. It shows recognition that representation needs to match demographic reality. Based on continued growth, I believe another seat in Calgary is justified. If most Albertans increasingly live in major cities, then our legislature should reflect that proportionally. Urban ridings handle distinct needs: transit infrastructure, housing affordability, density, safety, healthcare access, newcomer supports, and downtown revitalization.

These are not issues that align with rural or exurban priorities, and mixing these communities in the same riding puts both at a disadvantage. Calgary-Buffalo needs to remain whole exactly because it functions as a downtown core with shared services, shared culture, and shared development rhythms.

If boundaries break apart natural community ties, it becomes harder for residents to feel engaged, harder for representatives to advocate effectively, and easier for people to feel disconnected from provincial decision-making. A fair map is not just a technical exercise; it translates into funding for schools, roads, hospitals, policing, transit, and public safety. Population-accurate ridings matter because budget-accurate outcomes depend on them.

Thank you again for the work already completed. I know revisiting maps is intense and not always straightforward. Maintaining municipal boundaries for Calgary-Buffalo, recognizing growth, and considering an additional Calgary seat will ensure that representation stays fair and accurate as Alberta continues to evolve.

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What is your current electoral division?

43 - Edmonton-South West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

49 - Edmonton-West Henday

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Projected growth

Submission

As the President of the Edmonton West-Henday Constituency Association, I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the riding boundaries. This area is growing fast, and changes are needed to make sure residents in the west of Edmonton have fair representation. The changes outlined in the interim report will help balance and simplify the riding's boundaries. It is a big bonus that the new area aligns with the City's Ward boundaries. Thank you for your work to support effective changes for our riding.

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What is your current electoral division?

81 - Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

79 - Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

Submission

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my overall support for the proposed boundaries for Sherwood Park in the Interim maps that were released earlier this year. As a resident of Sherwood Park for more than 30 years and the owner of a residential cleaning business, I love my community and I am pleased to see that it will continue to be represented fairly in the Alberta Legislature.

When I learned that the Commission was looking at 'hybrid' ridings that cross city boundaries in Edmonton and Calgary, I was concerned that it could lead to parts of Sherwood Park being lumped into Edmonton instead of staying as a separate riding as it has been for the last several decades. The Commission made the right decision with the Sherwood Park boundaries and I hope that you keep those boundaries the same on the final map.

Overall, my only real concern is with the Strathcona-Sherwood Park boundaries – I don't understand why half of Beaumont is included in this riding. It seems to me like the previous boundaries were fine and should be left as-is. Beaumont is not in Strathcona County, and people from Sherwood Park don't regularly travel there for business or vice versa. For example, I don't have clients in Beaumont. It feels like a random decision to include it.

In general, the Commission did a decent job with Sherwood Park and I am relatively satisfied with the proposed maps ... except for the strange decision to include Beaumont, when the last map was fine without it.

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What is your current electoral division?

81 - Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

79 - Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Dear Commissioners,

You have probably already received a submission from my wife, Sharon – she encouraged me to write in as well, and to let you know that I am happy with the proposed boundaries for the Sherwood Park riding in the interim boundary report. I was born and raised in Sherwood Park, and have spent most of my life here (save ~10 years in Calgary but always an Oilers Fan :-p) and I am very glad to see that the Commission will be maintaining a stand-alone Sherwood Park riding, like we've had for as long as I can remember. I think it's important that we stick with what works and not try grouping Sherwood Park in with Edmonton.

I also want to second the point that my wife made in her submission regarding the decision to include half of Beaumont in the Strathcona-Sherwood Park riding. This doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me because the previous boundaries seemed to work fine, and people from Sherwood Park don't really commute or work in Beaumont and vice versa. I work from home, and my wife is a business owner, and neither of us have any clients or connections to Beaumont. The same goes for a lot of our friends and family. It seems a really random decision, based on population rather than 'communities of interest'. While I understand Sherwood Park isn't big enough to have two ridings that are exclusively urban, I don't think that the proposal is a good solution.

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What is your current electoral division?

25 - Calgary-Varsity

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

28 - Calgary-Varsity

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Hi, my name is Devon Langdon and I am the Constituency Office Manager for the MLA in Calgary-Varsity. I am the primary point of contact for constituents, community associations, and community groups for the office. I am also a resident of the riding, and have lived in several different neighbourhoods in different corners within the district over the years. This means I have a unique and strong understanding of the people, neighbourhoods, and ongoing development, in this part of the city.

I would of course be proud to serve whatever the final boundaries of Calgary-Varsity become, but I have some concerns surrounding the addition of Montgomery which I feel would be beneficial while feedback on the map has been requested. I am not sure the changes serves the people of Montgomery best and ensures effective representation with anticipated and active increases in population growth in Calgary-Varsity, as well as ensuring communities most alike remain together, or there at least be solid reasoning for changes to be made.

I would like to ensure that the boundaries are created fairly, and while understanding that population will ultimately play a major deciding factor in boundaries, there should be strong reasoning made with any changes to boundaries, to ensure that changes are being made for the right reasons and don't unnecessarily split communities with strong ties, and risking people not having their voices respected by overpopulating riding that have anticipated growth.

First I would like to share my thoughts and concerns about the report's comments about growth for the boundary changes in Calgary-Varsity, followed by thoughts and concerns on the report's comments on physical geographical features.

The report reasons that adding more population to the Calgary-Varsity riding "can be justified due to lower-than-average anticipated population growth in this urban electoral division" which I would like to contest, as I believe this could indicate that the Commission may have missed major developments in the riding with the rapid growth of the new University District neighbourhood which is currently in the middle of development.

I know that the Commission has access to more up to date population data than is publicly accessible, given 2024 population estimates have been listed instead of the 2021 census data. I do have concerns that the timing of the last census in relation to the development timeline of University District means that population and growth statistics for the neighbourhood may not be reliable or perhaps even exist at all, such as how almost all Calgary neighbourhoods have very detailed "Community Profile" pages which include projected population growth rates, while for University District this growth rate graph simply does not exist.
(<https://www.calgary.ca/communities/profiles/university-district.html>)

However, even if the commission does have 2024 accurate population data for University District, that number would still not be close to the true anticipated size of the neighbourhood in just a few years. In the notes from a University District Construction Town Hall from March 17, 2025, on page 4 it states that the final number of units will be 7,100. The report also listed the buildings that would be constructed over 2025, which makes up 1,343 units just since the 2024 population data would be from. (myuniversitydistrict.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025-Construction-Town-Hall-Summary-.pdf) As well, about a third of the footprint of the neighbourhood, on the south side of the Children's Hospital, is at the moment an empty dirt lot actively being prepared to be built with units beginning to be sold in these soon constructed buildings right now. (<https://luxuriahomes.ca/university-district/>) (<https://trumanhomes.com/find-your-home/communities/university-district/>)

In 2021, according to the City of Calgary Neighbourhood Profile and Census Data (<https://www.calgary.ca/communities/profiles/university-district.html>), the University District neighbourhood only had 485 units and a population of 960 (2 people per household). Given just how early into development this data is from, it may not reflect what the average people per household number is now, but using this 2 per household number and the Calgary average of 2.6 as a range, it can be estimated that the population of the neighbourhood when fully completed could be somewhere around 14,200-18,460.

When finished in a few years, this would likely make the neighbourhood firmly the largest in the entire riding. According to 2021 Census data, the neighbourhood of Varsity had the largest population of 12,040. (<https://www.calgary.ca/communities/profiles/varsity.html>) Without adding any neighbourhoods to the riding, this kind of population growth in just a few years could lead to the riding being significantly higher than the riding quotient, even if each other neighbourhood stopped growing entirely, which due to redevelopment of older lots across this riding, it will not. In just 2025, the number of units added to University District could have added half of the size of Montgomery to the population of the riding, and construction of University District is still happening fast.

For transparency, I will note that previous estimates in 2018 from University District representatives estimated 11,000-15,000 people (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/university-district-calgary-1.4772310>), which still is in the range to make the neighbourhood the largest in the riding, however, I also note that plans have changed since these initial estimates. This 2018 estimate said there would be 6,000 units, compared to the 7,100 number from 2025. According to these 2025 University District Construction Town Hall meeting notes (<https://myuniversitydistrict.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025-Construction-Town-Hall-Summary-.pdf>), University District no longer estimates population and instead sticks to units as the census is the only way to know for certain population, whereas they would have hard numbers on units. This is a change from the 2024 town hall meeting when they still gave a population estimate (<https://myuniversitydistrict.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2024-UD->

Construction-Town-Hall-PPT-and-Meeting-Notes-03182024.pdf), so one has to imagine they realized that this increase in anticipated units meant that their 7 year old population estimates were no longer going to be accurate. Despite those 2018 population estimates popping up in the odd article still, it does appear these are outdated statistics that have lingered around, and official statistics indicate more units and therefore a higher population.

I have also not yet mentioned the City of Calgary's "South Shaganappi Area Plan" (<https://www.calgary.ca/planning/local-area/completed-plans/shaganappi-projects.html>) which was approved and in the implementation phase as of 2025 and overlaps greatly with the current boundaries of Calgary-Varsity. The plan has "core values" of "diversity of housing, improved mobility network, transit oriented development, recreational opportunities" which will increase population growth across the riding in an area that has had a stagnating population more recently. The three chapters of the plan report are literally entitled "Visualizing Growth," "Enabling Growth," and "Supporting Growth." Along major roads, the 4 C-Train stations in or shared with Calgary-Varsity, and various other centres of the community, there will be increased density and development. Despite blanket rezoning currently being a contentious issue before Calgary City Council, and possibly being repealed, this Area Plan is separate and I have seen no indication that the zoning and development strategy changes included in the plan will be affected should blanket rezoning be repealed, and we should expect growth of population more generally in the riding as a result.

I would also like to note that because the census occurs in the summer, and the last Alberta Election occurred after the UCalgary Winter semester ended, the population of students living on and around campus would likely not reflect the population that will exist during the University academic year, such as in the month of October, when the next election is scheduled to occur.

Moving on to geographical features and like communities now, the report quotes that "it makes sense for both electoral divisions to not be on both sides of the river." I believe this to be a generalization which doesn't hold true here, and though I understand the line sometimes just has to be drawn somewhere, I think this could come as a disservice to residents of Montgomery without much of a proper reason.

The Bow River makes a handy line in a map. Unfortunately, it doesn't define the historical, cultural, and economic history and identity of neighbourhoods. Montgomery was a separate municipality until 1964. Bowness was also its own municipality until 1963. Everyone says Bowness is a culturally different neighbourhood as a result, and Montgomery is a similar story. Both Montgomery and Bowness really do lean into this identity, with Montgomery having special road signs, a "town square", and "welcome" signs (which are uncommon in an "inner-city" neighbourhood, and makes it stand out significantly in comparison to all the neighbourhoods of Calgary-Varsity).

The people of Montgomery, much like Bowness, are also known to be a bit more working class than the neighbourhoods like Parkdale and Varsity, which have a

much higher proportion of medical professionals, doctors, professors, and grad students. While there are folks in Montgomery whose travel patterns revolve around the University, that can be said about large swaths of Northwest Calgary, but that doesn't make them all similar. These communities, Montgomery and Bowness, despite being on either side of the Bow River, have more in common as a result of the river, as opposed to it being something that has divided them. I'm confident that if you ask the vast majority of people wouldn't hesitate to say that the neighbourhood most like Bowness is Montgomery. Even one of the main landmarks of Bowness that people think of as main Bowness landmarks would be the Shouldice bridge which connects Bowness with Montgomery.

Montgomery is very connected to the other side of the Bow River because of this historic bridge connection. Many neighbourhoods in West Calgary remain separated by the river valley and hills of the Bow River, so it is certainly understandable why the Bow would be a geographic feature to not want to cross for the Commission. There are not many points to cross the river in Calgary-Varsity. Under current boundaries, the only river crossing in Calgary-Varsity is actually a pedestrian bridge in Edworthy Park, so not something that defines too many commute patterns or community connections. Going west on the main road from the centre of the city on 16 Ave NW/Trans Canada Hwy, (or via Bowness Rd which goes straight through Montgomery), following the point you can cross the River on the Crowchild Trail (in Calgary-Mountain View), the next place you can easily cross the river are the bridges between Montgomery and Bowness. If there is one place that it makes sense to have a boundary cross the Bow River, it would be in this location. I'd argue it makes more sense here than it does even for Calgary-Confluence, which as an aside, I think is a reasonable jump across the river.

The hill separating Bowness from the neighbourhoods on top of the hill would be more of a natural geographic boundary, given the fact you have to go up nearly 5km of Sarcee Trail, climbing a cliff side to get from Bowness to reach the nearest neighbourhood's access road in Coach Hill. They did the ski jumping in the Olympics on this hill it's so big! If the commission believes the hill behind Canada Olympic Park is a reasonable geographic divide to be within a riding, the level of separation caused by the Bow River between Montgomery and Bowness is so, so much less. Therefore, I contest that boundaries not crossing the river acts as a good justification in this specific instance, and a better justification might be demanded by residents in Montgomery if the changes are followed through.

With recent commercial developments, multiple new grocery stores and other amenities in Trinity Hills and the south end of Bowness, including a new Great Canadian Superstore in Bowness near Montgomery, these neighbourhoods are now sharing more similar shopping and local transit habits as well. People from Montgomery are going east or north for their weekly or regular errands far less than they have in the past, and are going west more than they already did.

To summarize, I would of course be proud to serve whatever the final boundaries of Calgary-Varsity may become, and would strive to serve each constituent I

work to assist in the representation of equally and to the best of my ability, no matter what part they live in. However, I do not want the people of Montgomery to be separated from their neighbours and in the community they share the most with and are most alike, splitting their voices in two, and then be drowned out by a booming population in University District, and a boost in growth across the riding, just because there happens to be a river. I fear adding Montgomery to Calgary-Varsity might do just that.

Thank you for your time, and for considering my feedback on the boundary changes.

Best,
Devon Langdon

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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

79 - Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

Submission

Hello

As a former Strathcona County Councillor in a Specialized Municipality it was very confusing for residents as it is and a further change will only confuse the electorate further.

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