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Interim Report Considerations

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What is your current electoral division?

69 - Leduc-Beaumont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

68 - Leduc-Beaumont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I have been living in Beaumont for the past 20 years. I feel separating the boundaries of Beaumont will divide Beaumont as a city.

It will cause too much disruption and divide against the citizens of Beaumont. I would like to keep Beaumont as a tight knit community as it has been for years.

Please reconsider this change. I believe it will not be good for or benefit any member of our City.

Thank you for your consideration.

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68 - Leduc-Beaumont

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- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I feel dividing Beaumont will not be helpful to our community. It will only cause problems and trouble for the members of our City.

I am proud to be living in Beaumont for the past 20 years and feel to divide the City will be to divide the Community as a whole.

Please seriously reconsider this change in our boundaries.

I don't think it will benefit any of us living here in Beaumont.

Thank you

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What is your current electoral division?

43 - Edmonton-South West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

34 - Edmonton-Ellerslie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

The Edmonton-Meadows division has several neighbourhoods that are split between the Edmonton-Mill Woods and Edmonton-Ellerslie areas. These neighbourhoods are usually connected geographically and by community league ties and should be represented together in the same electoral area. They are also represented by similar city councillors and school trustees.

The neighbourhood of Weinlos is linked with Bisset as they are neighbouring and share a community league. Currently Weinlos is in Edmonton-Mill Woods and Bisset is in Edmonton-Meadows. It would be more appropriate to have them both be part of Edmonton-Meadows.

The neighbourhoods of Crawford Plains and Laurel that are north of the Anthony Henday, are currently in the Edmonton-Ellerslie area but it would be more appropriate to have them be part of Edmonton-Meadows. Crawford Plains is linked with Daly Grove through their community league. This would also restore the whole neighbourhood of Laurel into Edmonton-Meadows, instead of splitting it up.

The Edmonton-Ellerslie area does currently have almost 20000 more voters than the Edmonton-Meadows area, so it would make sense to put these neighbourhoods back into the area to ensure equal representation.

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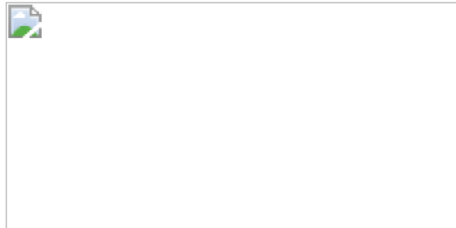
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St. Albert

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What is your current electoral division?

83 - St. Albert

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

82 - St. Albert

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Geographical features
- Projected growth

Submission

I support the commissions current proposal as it supports the cohesion of the community of St. Albert as much as possible, and aligns with new municipal boundaries. While there has been growth making St. Albert into two ridings eventually makes more sense that aligning parts in rural edges.

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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?

- Effective representation

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing today to support the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's interim report regarding changes to electoral boundaries for the next provincial election.

I am a strong supporter of the proportional electoral districts, and of the commission's findings in the interim report. I believe that electoral districts should continue to remain either within or outside maintain city boundaries, and that population evidence should be a key determining factor in determining constituencies.

I live in Edmonton Strathcona, and I was pleased to see that the interim options maintain Strathcona as a city centre riding that encompasses the neighbourhood of Old Strathcona which I am proud to call home. I think that drawing electoral lines based on the lines that already exist in our communities helps those communities come together to vote in their interest.

Thank you for your attention.

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Municipality / City

Olds

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76 - Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

75 - Mountain View-Kneehill

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Members of the Commission,

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

I respectfully disagree with the Electoral Boundary Commission's conclusion that central Alberta should have less representation in the Legislature as a result of the boundary redraw. This decision risks reducing the voice of Albertans like me by removing an entire constituency and dividing our communities into other ridings that have very different priorities. The proposed constituency of Mountain View-Kneehill will result in less effective representation of this area.

Proposed Boundaries:

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

This configuration aligns with existing intermunicipal cooperation and shared services among the communities of Beiseker, Irricana, Acme, Linden, and Carbon. These municipalities hold intermunicipal meetings to address common issues and explore resource-sharing opportunities to reduce costs. For example, Beiseker and Irricana collaborate on Recreation and FCSS programming, demonstrating strong social and economic ties.

The communities in this region support one another through shared amenities: Beiseker hosts the arena, Irricana has the curling club, and Acme offers a swimming pool. These facilities serve residents across municipal boundaries, reinforcing the interconnected nature of these communities. Additionally, these areas maintain strong economic relationships with Olds and other regional centers, further justifying their inclusion within a single electoral district.

By adopting these boundaries, the riding will better represent a cohesive rural region with shared interests, services, and economic ties.

Geographic Considerations:

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

Economic and Service Connections:

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

service use demonstrate a natural connection to Olds as a regional hub, reinforcing the logic of including these communities within the same electoral district.

By adopting these boundaries, the riding will better represent a cohesive rural region with shared interests, services, and economic ties.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

Kind regards

Brenda Berreth

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Beaumont

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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

Submission

To: The Electoral Boundaries Commission

I originally moved to Leduc County in 1976 and more recently to the (now) City of Beaumont in 1991. That is almost a half century of contributing and developing a community based on the Leduc-Beaumont Electoral Riding and our common needs.

Those needs include our friends, our schools, our libraries, our recreational centres, our business communities and respective City and County Councils. I have worked with all three, Beaumont, Leduc and Leduc County to help build this community and the amenities utilized by this region.

The proposed delineation of using Secondary Hwy 814 as a dividing line to split Beaumont in two depriving us of this unified strength is destructive. It reduces our combined strength to pursue common interests such as reducing reliance on residential property taxes, ensuring we have adequate educational and recreational facilities, retail amenities to shop local, and continuing as a “distinct” City with a distinct “French Heritage”, and definitely not part of Edmonton nor a rural riding.

The proposed split puts our City Council and buildings in a different provincial electoral riding than the bulk of the City. It puts me in a riding that I have no shared interests with. Who does the Council go to for grants and building the community, two separate MLAs? Who do I and the parents of children go to for support when the children attend school in a different electoral riding from where we live?

I respectfully request that the electoral boundaries be realigned to keep the City of Beaumont whole and complete, within the Leduc-Beaumont Electoral Riding, so that we can speak together as a community to a single MLA.

Thank you.

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Municipality / City

Edmonton

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44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

47 - Edmonton-Strathcona

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I am concerned at the proposed loss of an elected seat in the city of Edmonton. Edmonton has grown rapidly in the last 2-3 years and it is noticeable in every aspect of daily life.

Representation by population is a basic principle of fair governance. When a majority of the population in urban centres do not have corresponding representation in government, that is wrong. I do not make this statement at the expense of rural voters who likely have concerns/needs separate from city voters. It is about fairness for a larger portion of the population.

If any changes are made, it should be to ADD a seat to the city of Edmonton, to accurately reflect the major population boom here.

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Municipality / City

Red Deer North

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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?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

Submission

Hello, Boundaries Commission. I am Norm McDougall and I also writing on behalf of my wife [REDACTED].

We have been working in Red Deer since 1977.

We would like to see the boundaries for Red Deer North stay the same as last provincial election 2023.

We notice some rural areas to the north have been added. We feel that issues effecting urban areas and rural areas maybe be different. This makes it difficult for an elected representative to be fair to both areas.

We understand that Alberta is growing and we appreciate that the Commission needs to look at changes as areas grow.

However Red Deer North should stay the same as 2023 since the rural areas including are not likely to be developed for a decade or more.

Thank you for considering our point of view.

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Municipality / City

Cooking lake

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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

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

Submission

Leave Sherwood Park-Strathcona alone!

Beaumont is not part of Strathcona county it is it's own unique city. It should not be added to this riding. That's a ridiculous idea.

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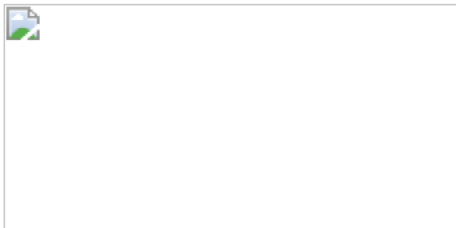
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Municipality / City

Blackfalds

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Don't take the seat from Edmonton

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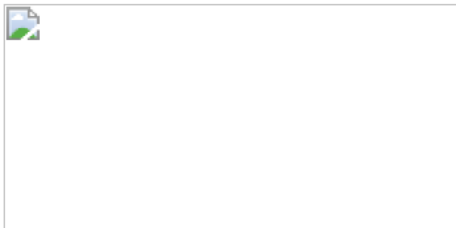
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Royal Gardens / Sherwood Park

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- Naming of electoral boundaries

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No changes to electoral boundaries are wanted or required!

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Municipality / City

Sherwood Park

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84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

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?

Strathcona- Sherwood Park and Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns

Submission

Dont add half of Beaumont, add Toefield instead,

Don't carve out Heritage Hills area- it will be super confusing to residents.

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Municipality / City

SHERWOOD PARK

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81 - Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

79 - Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

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HERITAGE HILLS BELONGS TO SHERWOOD PARK AND WE WANT TO
KEEP IT AS IS.

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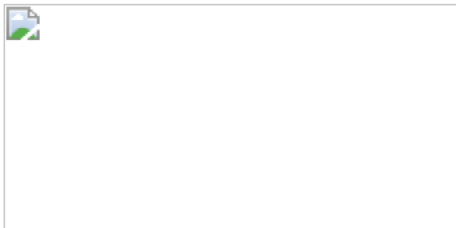
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Municipality / City

Sherwood Park

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- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

Sherwood Park will grow over the next 5 years to reach the 55,000 people number - the community is different than Beaumont and areas of Leduc who have different school systems and economic challenges and opportunities. It doesn't make sense to split the county in this way. Adding a rural community - such as Tofield makes more sense as Strathcona already has a large rural community attached to Sherwood Park and the new development area of Bremner.

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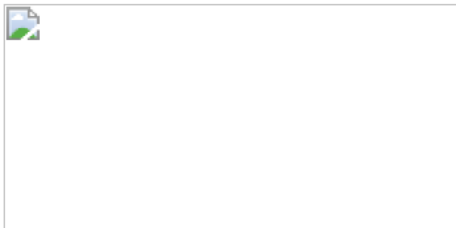
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62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- 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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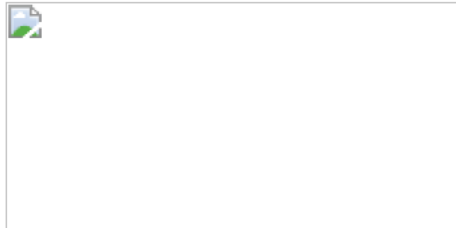
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84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

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

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

Submission

Strathcona Sherwood park share nothing in common with Beaumont. This appears to be a clear attempt at weakening the conservative voice. Leduc Beaumont scored way down on conservatism (64th out of 87)for conservative leaning vs strathcona Sherwood park which is ranked high in conservatism (#18 out of 87) according to a CBC study conducted in May of 2023 (www.cbc.ca/News/Canada/Calgary/alberta-ridings-ranked-most-conservative-most-prigressive-1.6852299). There are clearly different and competing priorities in these communities when it comes to what's important and putting the two in one constituency will make it impossible to please anyone, or completely anger part of the constituency. Please do not redraw the boundaries to make Beaumont part of stratcona-sherwood park constituency.

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RE: Critical Opposition to the Calgary-Okotoks Hybrid and the Partitioning of Calgary-Shaw

Dear Justice Miller and Commissioners,

I am writing to register my severe opposition to the proposed boundaries regarding **Calgary-Shaw** and the creation of the **Calgary-Okotoks** hybrid electoral division.

After reviewing the 2025 Interim Report, specifically the proposal to sever southwest Calgary communities and merge them with a rural area and the Town of Okotoks, I am compelled to state that this is not merely a logistical adjustment. It represents a fundamental threat to the democratic integrity of our region.

I urge you to abandon this proposal immediately for the following reasons:

1. Appearance of Political Engineering The proposal to crack established urban neighbourhoods in Calgary-Shaw and pack them into a riding dominated by a distinct, non-Calgary municipality and a rural area creates the unmistakable appearance of **electoral engineering**.

- By submerging a specific block of urban voters into a largely rural and distinct municipal riding, the Commission is effectively neutralizing the political voice of these residents.
- This map does not appear to be drawn to ensure effective representation, but rather to manipulate the weight of the urban vote. When boundaries are drawn in a way that artificially dilutes the influence of a specific community, it erodes public trust and suggests a motivation rooted in political calculation rather than fairness.

2. A Failure of Representative Democracy Effective representation is impossible when the mandate is fundamentally conflicted. Combining Calgary suburbs with a rural area and Okotoks forces a single MLA to choose between diametrically opposed interests, creating an existential threat to local accountability.

- **Incompatible Priorities:** As noted in other submissions, urban voters prioritize provincial funding for issues such as public transit and high-density municipal services, whereas rural voters prioritize provincial funding for agricultural land use and regional highways.
- **Disenfranchisement:** An MLA representing this hybrid riding will inevitably neglect one group to appease the other. Given the distinct municipal governance of Okotoks, Calgary residents in this hybrid riding will be left without an effective advocate for the issues that affect their daily life, as will rural residents in the hybrid riding. This creates classes of voters who are effectively disenfranchised from the political conversation.

3. Unjustifiable Community Division The proposal treats the residents of south Calgary as mathematical placeholders to balance a spreadsheet, rather than a community of interest.

- The Interim Report acknowledges that the creation of Calgary-Okotoks is "controversial." It creates a riding that is neither urban nor rural in any coherent sense.
- There is no continuity between these areas. A rural area separates them , and they share no municipal services or transit links. Splitting Calgary-Shaw to subsidize the population numbers of Okotoks is an arbitrary decision that sacrifices the cohesion of our community.

Conclusion The proposed **Calgary-Okotoks** hybrid sets a dangerous precedent. It subverts the democratic rights of Calgary-Shaw residents and results in a map that appears designed to engineer a specific result rather than reflect the true will of the people.

I demand that the Commission abandon the Calgary-Okotoks hybrid experiment. Calgary-Shaw must remain a dedicated, cohesive urban riding that respects the integrity of our city limits.

Sincerely,

Jo Smith

Resident, Calgary-Shaw



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74 - Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin

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
- Urban concerns

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

Submission

Statement Supporting the Looma Area Remaining in the Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin Constituency

I respectfully request that the Looma area remain within the Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin constituency. This alignment best reflects the community's natural connections, geography, shared services, and identity. Moving Looma and Leduc County Communities would disrupt long-standing patterns of community interaction and undermine effective representation.

Key Reasons to Keep Looma Within Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin

1. Communities of Interest

Looma's connections align overwhelmingly with the Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin region. These ties include:

Shared rural culture and identity, distinct from the more suburban or urban communities north of Highway 14.

School catchment patterns that link Looma families with Leduc County-area programming and supports.

Recreational, agricultural, and community networks that overlap with Leduc/Wetaskiwin County and neighbouring rural communities far more than with the northern region.

Long-standing relationships with Indigenous communities, including the Maskwacis nations, which shape local cultural, social, and economic interactions.

Similar economic and land-use characteristics, including farming, acreage living, and rural small business activity.

These community-of-interest factors are essential to ensuring representation by an MLA who understands the region's culture, economy, and needs.

2. Geographical Features

Geographical considerations strongly support keeping Looma in Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin:

Highway 14 naturally divides communities with differing identities, service patterns, and population centres. Looma lies within the southern rural corridor that is oriented toward Wetaskiwin.

Transportation routes used daily by Looma residents lead south and west toward Wetaskiwin-area services rather than northward.

Rural road networks and service-provision boundaries (fire services, agricultural services, recreational districts) align more closely with Wetaskiwin County than with northern municipalities.

Natural geographic cohesion of rural areas south of the highway reflects a shared community fabric that should remain represented together.

Geography is a core principle of boundary-setting, and Looma's natural alignment with the Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin region is clear.

3. Effective Representation

Maintaining Looma within Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin ensures the community receives meaningful and effective representation:

MLAs serving rural regions must understand rural issues, including agriculture, land use, water management, rural crime, and infrastructure needs. Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin is structured for this.

Shifting Looma into a more urbanized constituency would dilute rural representation, leaving Looma residents competing with concerns that do not reflect their lived experience.

Service delivery—health, education, transportation, FCSS supports—already aligns with Wetaskiwin and Maskwacis systems, and representation should follow these established patterns.

Residents deserve continuity, particularly after years of stability in representation under a constituency that reflects their community reality.

Effective representation is not only about population numbers but also about ensuring shared interests, service patterns, and identity remain intact.

Conclusion

For reasons rooted in communities of interest, geographical logic, and effective representation, the Looma area should remain within the Maskwacis–Wetaskiwin constituency. This boundary best preserves established regional ties and ensures residents continue to receive representation that reflects their community's unique rural identity and needs.

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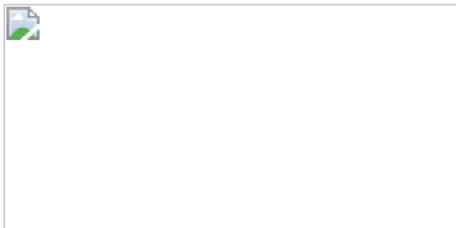
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What is your current electoral division?

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
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Projected growth

Submission

My name is Barbara Hood. I'm a 4 year resident of Beaumont. My choice to move to Beaumont cantered primarily around the rural nature, the multicultural growth and strengths and the small community feel.

I congratulate the work of the proponents of the changes to electoral boundaries throughout the province.

My concern centers around the dividing of Beaumont into two districts. This would create many divisions in various ways in our close knit community. It affects all residents in all services- namely schools, medical care, health facilities, business interests and local government structures. We want to be a whole community. My understanding is generally it is wise to develop close knit communities which support a seamless experience for its residents. Please reconsider dividing our community down the middle. The optics are horrible, the effects will be destructive and to no good end. Leave it Leduc-Beaumont!

Thank you.

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- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
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- Projected growth

Submission

I would like to see our" Fort Sask and Veg boundaries to remain as is," It represents a HUGE growth area of Farming and Industry, working together which is the engine of Alberta.

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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I do not believe Heritage Hills should be removed. I do not believe
Beaumont/Leduc should be added to our current constituency.

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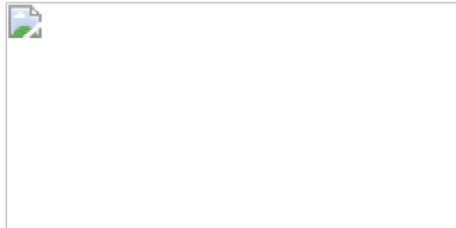
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84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation

Submission

I disagree with the plan to remove Heritage Hills from the Strathcona-Sherwood Park electoral division. Heritage Hills clearly belongs by location, shared interest, roads, services, etc. It makes little sense to remove them and add in Beaumont. Beaumont is much more closely aligned with Edmonton-Leduc.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submission to the Electoral Boundary Commission

To the Members of the Electoral Boundary Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed electoral boundary options. I am writing to formally express my disappointment and concern with both boundary options, particularly as they relate to South Calgary and my ward, Ward 13.

At a high level, the proposed boundaries fail to adequately recognize and plan for the significant and ongoing growth in Calgary's suburban communities. South Calgary, in particular, is experiencing some of the fastest population growth in the region, and this reality is not meaningfully reflected in either Option A or Option B.

My primary concern lies with Boundary Option A, which reduces effective representation for residents of Ward 13 through the creation of the proposed riding of Calgary–Okotoks. This riding combines the rapidly growing Town of Okotoks with the rapidly developing communities of Silverado and the broader West Macleod area of Calgary.

While both areas are growing quickly, they are fundamentally different in character, governance, and priorities. Okotoks is an independent municipality with its own council, infrastructure responsibilities, and local policy considerations. In contrast, South Calgary communities face urban issues such as transit, city-scale infrastructure, growth management, and municipal service delivery within a large metropolitan government. Combining these distinct communities into a single riding risks diluting effective representation and undermining the ability of an MLA to adequately advocate for the unique needs of South Calgary residents.

Further, the City of Calgary has already approved multiple Area Structure Plans in West Macleod that will result in thousands of new homes and tens of thousands of new residents in the coming years. These approved growth plans are not speculative—they are real, planned, and underway. Despite this, the proposed Calgary–Okotoks riding already projects to be 6.2% over the provincial average population. This boundary therefore begins its life overpopulated and will only grow further out of balance over time.

These concerns are further compounded by the fact that the underlying mapping used in the proposals appears to be outdated and does not accurately reflect the current built form of Southwest Calgary. Notably, it fails to show the completed Southwest Ring Road which was completed in 2021 and omits several adjacent and rapidly developing communities, including Alpine Park and Vermilion Hill (Calgary-Lougheed), as well as the near-complete communities of Yorkville, Belmont, and Pine Creek (Calgary-Okotoks). The absence of this major roadway infrastructure and established communities provides further evidence that the population assumptions informing these boundary proposals are outdated and not reflective of the massive existing growth—or the well-documented future growth projections in Southwest Calgary.

While Calgary–Okotoks is my most immediate concern, I believe the broader issue extends across South Calgary. Many suburban ridings in the south are already projected to be above the average population, yet the proposed boundaries do not sufficiently account for the pace and scale of growth occurring in these communities. This pattern suggests a systemic underestimation of suburban growth in South Calgary.

Option B exacerbates these issues. In my view, it performs even worse in recognizing current and future population growth in South Calgary and does not offer a meaningful improvement over Option A. It similarly fails to align representation with where people live now—and where tens of thousands more will live in the near future.

For these reasons, I cannot support either Boundary Option A or Boundary Option B. I respectfully urge the Commission to reject both options and return to the drawing board with a renewed focus on:

- Accurately reflecting existing and approved future growth in South Calgary;
- Ensuring urban Calgary communities are not combined with rural towns or separate municipalities in ways that weaken representation; and
- Creating electoral boundaries that are sustainable over time, rather than immediately exceeding population averages.

South Calgary residents deserve fair, effective, and forward-looking representation. I ask that the Commission reconsider its approach and bring forward a proposal that better reflects the realities of growth in our city.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan McLean

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73 - Livingstone-Macleod

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

71 - Livingstone-Macleod

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

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

Submission

Dear Elections Boundaries Commission;

I currently reside in Livingston-Mcleod and operate my business, Market Place Commodities Ltd in Lethbridge and in LM. If there are going to be changes made to the boundaries of the electoral divisions, i would like to see it being done to bridge the gap between urban and rural interests and concerns. Right now, more than ever there is a large gap between rural and urban residents. I think in many ways we share and possibly differ on major issues such as education and health care to name a couple but we do share the same belief that we want a safe, healthy and prosperous communities that care about each other and work together on all things good and bad. I would suggest that the viewpoint we hear from the cities is continually driven by the unions in both the private and public sectors that continually vilify any opposition to their ways and coerce their members to fall in line while the business community such as ourselves, although the majority of tax revenue for municipalities, county's and cities comes from the business and those they employee, we don't seem to be able to have ability to reach or bridge the gap with the general public. If our electoral boundaries are moved, there will be more ability to reach out and unify our communities to the benefit of all.

Kindest regards,

Jim Beusekom

President

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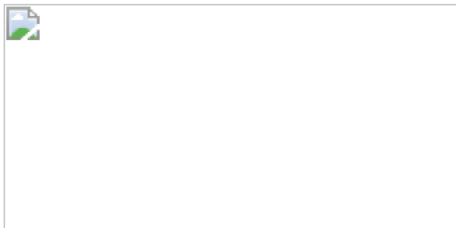
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What is your current electoral division?

44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Edmonton

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

Submission

To the Commission,

I wrote to you in the first round on consultations to speak on behalf of the residents of ward

Papastew and Edmonton. I shared my belief that what voters expect above all else during an

election is a chance to fairly cast a ballot and to be properly represented once the votes are

tallied. Voters want to know that their vote matters, and that their representative actually

represents them and their community.

So thank you for listening to my concerns. Edmontonians will be represented by fellow

Edmontonians, which is critical for our residents to maintain their trust in our political system. I

imagine that the residents of places such as Sherwood Park and St. Albert feel similar about

this issue, and would appreciate if their provincial boundaries fit their communities better.

As I had shared, Edmonton has seen record growth over the past few years, welcoming

140,000 new residents. The City of Edmonton's own growth projection of 2.7 per cent per year

until 2028 suggests we could quickly add yet another 100,000 residents. Adding a new riding to

Edmonton will go a long ways to account for both the recent and projected growth of the city. I

hope that you will take Edmonton's rapid rate of population growth into consideration as you

create the final map.

I also want to take a moment to address the removal of Edmonton-Riverview as a city. I

represent many of the core neighbourhoods in our city. From my own personal lived experience

and my professional experience as a school board trustee and a councillor, I can tell you that

the population in these neighbourhoods is not declining. If the ridings that represent the core

neighbourhoods are going to be created to be above the variance, they are going to continue to

only go above the variance even more. As a city, we have made sustainable

efforts to keep old
and attract new Edmontonians to the core. The success of these initiatives has
been reflected
for example, in the increase in enrollment rate in schools in core neighbourhoods
(edmonton.ca/infill) As
we become one of the last affordable major cities in Canada, Edmonton is going
to continue to
be a place where young people stay, families come, and people choose to stay.
The ridings that you make have to be reflective not only of the population growth
that has
occurred, but also the population growth that is going to occur. In doing so, you
have a
responsibility to ensure that Edmonton is fairly, adequately, and properly
represented in the
Legislature.
Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration, and I will be following the
rest of the
Commission's work with great interest.
Michael Janz

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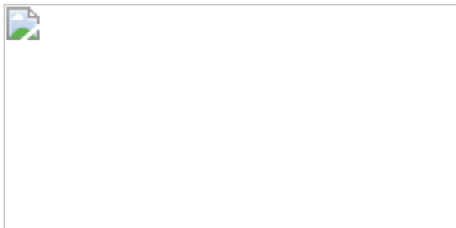
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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

I believe that Heritage Hills should stay within the boundaries of Strathcona and NOT have Beaumont/Leduc added.

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What is your current electoral division?

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

35 - Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Geographical features

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for the work your team has undertaken in preparing the Interim Report. I appreciate the complexity of balancing population equality with community continuity, representation, and long-term demographic trends. I know your work is challenging and appeasing everyone is not possible, that said: I am writing to express my deep concern with the proposed dissolution of Edmonton-Riverview, and to urge the Commission to reconsider this change in your final recommendations.

Central Edmonton Is Not Hollowing Out — It Is Growing, Not Declining

The rationale for dissolving a central district is typically grounded in declining population density. However, the communities currently housed within Edmonton-Riverview do not fit this pattern.

Neighbourhoods such as Belgravia, Windsor Park, Parkallen, Garneau, Old Strathcona, Crestwood, Laurier Heights, Grovenor, Canora, McQueen, Britannia, High Park, Youngstown, and Parkview show stable or increasing population, rising density through infill, and redevelopment activity that continues year after year.

University-adjacent neighbourhoods, in particular, have strong, sustained growth tied to student populations, research expansion, and increased housing density. These areas are not experiencing population decline; if anything, they are becoming denser and more vibrant.

Central Edmonton is not shrinking. It is strengthening.

Dissolving Riverview Creates a Predictable Long-Term Population Imbalance and Vote Dilution

According to the Commission's own methodology, the provincial average population per electoral division is approximately 54,929 residents. Under the Interim Report, the proposed Edmonton–Glenora–Riverview riding would be created already between approximately 10% and 14% above this provincial average.

When a riding begins a boundaries cycle significantly above the average, even modest and predictable population growth compounds quickly. Using conservative growth assumptions of between 1% and 1.5% annually—rates consistent with mature, centrally located Edmonton neighbourhoods—the proposed Edmonton–Glenora–Riverview riding would exceed the 25% population variance threshold well within the 10 year lifespan of these boundaries.

Under these conservative assumptions, the riding's population would rise into the high-60,000 to low-70,000 range, representing a deviation of approximately 26% to more than 30% above the provincial average before the next redistribution. This outcome would materially dilute the voting power of residents in this riding and runs counter to the Commission's mandate to preserve effective representation and voter parity over time.

By contrast, maintaining Edmonton-Riverview as a separate electoral division distributes anticipated population growth across multiple ridings, allowing each to remain closer to the provincial average throughout the decade. This approach better reflects both current realities and future growth patterns in Edmonton's central neighbourhoods.

Riverview Communities Have Distinct Identities, Needs, and Geographic Realities

The communities currently united under Edmonton-Riverview share deep social ties and geographic coherence, particularly around:

proximity to the North Saskatchewan River valley

university-based community life

transit, environmental, and redevelopment pressures unique to central-river neighbourhoods

strong and interconnected community leagues

By contrast, the proposed merged district forces together neighbourhoods with very different lived realities and priorities:

Belgravia is not Bonnie Doon

Laurier Heights is not Woodcroft

University- and river-oriented communities do not share the same needs as farther-north or east-central neighbourhoods

This undermines the principle that electoral divisions should reflect communities of common interest and respect natural geographic boundaries.

Why do Boundaries Matter?

Electoral boundaries exist to ensure that shared interests are aligned and that communities are not diluted or overshadowed simply for the sake of numerical convenience. West Central river communities benefit from representation by an MLA who understands the pressures of river-adjacent neighbourhoods, student and researcher populations, urban density, transit reliance, and redevelopment

impacts.

This representational coherence will be lost if Edmonton-Riverview is dissolved.

My Conclusion

For reasons of population fairness, long-term demographic sustainability, effective representation, community identity, and geographic logic, I respectfully ask the Commission to preserve Edmonton-Riverview as its own distinct electoral division in the Final Report.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work to strengthen democratic representation in Alberta.

Sincerely,
Sean McQuillan

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What is your current electoral division?

72 - Lethbridge-West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

70 - Lethbridge-West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

Lethbridge currently has only 2 MLAs as do many cities but with much smaller populations. I think Lethbridge should have more of a significant voice & a possible way to do that would be to divide Lethbridge into quarters & include rural ridings in each quarter. The reason for this is that many people live outside the city but work within it & vice versa. Economic development opportunities are aligned with agri-business that extend beyond the city - this is a very significant part of Lethbridge. This would also help to coordinate planning between Lethbridge & surrounding municipalities & would be a better representation for Lethbridge in provincial government.

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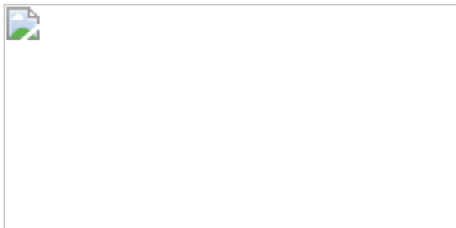
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What is your current electoral division?

01 - Calgary-Acadia

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

15 - Calgary-Glenmore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Other concerns

Submission

To the Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Commission's interim report and proposed electoral boundaries.

I am writing regarding the proposed electoral division of Calgary-Glenmore. I am participating because I have spent most of my life in this part of Calgary and believe the riding, as proposed, reflects how these communities actually function day to day.

For context, I moved to the Glenmore community of Braeside in 2001 and grew up there. I attended John Ware Junior High School and Henry Wise Wood High School, schools that serve families from across the Glenmore area and naturally connect several neighbouring communities.

Then, I met my wife in 2013 while she was living in Woodlands, and we now live just across the street in Haysboro. Living on both sides of that boundary has given me a clear sense of how communities in Calgary-Glenmore differ from neighbouring areas. My father still lives in Braeside, so we continue to spend a great deal of time in the area.

From a practical, lived perspective, Calgary-Glenmore makes sense.

Most of the neighbourhoods that make up the riding were developed in the 1970s and 1980s and were designed to work together. Families share the same schools, shopping areas, and recreation facilities — including places like Southland Leisure Centre — as well as transit routes such as MAX Yellow and feeder bus lines to the Red Line CTrain. These connections are part of everyday life for people who live here.

I appreciate that the Commission's proposal largely maintains the existing boundaries of Calgary-Glenmore. In my view, that restraint is appropriate. The riding already holds together well, and there is no clear benefit to further tinkering.

In recent years, many of these neighbourhoods have seen young families move in, often as a more affordable way to buy into established southwest Calgary communities like the ones many of us grew up in. Keeping these areas together provides an opportunity for clear, effective representation for residents who share similar needs, infrastructure and priorities.

Additional boundary changes would risk breaking up communities that already function well together and would make it harder for residents to understand who represents them. In a case like this, continuity supports engagement and

effective representation.

I recognize the complexity of the Commission's work and appreciate the care being taken to balance growth, fairness, and clarity. Thank you for considering my submission and for the work you are doing on behalf of Albertans.

Sincerely,

Bryan Weismiller

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Re: Alberta's Electoral Boundaries

To whom this may concern,

My name is Julianne Chua and I have been a resident of Edmonton-South West since 2002. I have lived in the beautiful neighbourhood of Glastonbury for over 20 years and watched surrounding areas grow. Today I am writing about the first electoral boundaries proposal.

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed boundaries. We appreciate the Commission's work and believe the current proposal for Edmonton-South West is generally sound and reflects the community's geography and interests.

Edmonton-South West has experienced significant growth in recent years, with new neighbourhoods and developments continuing to expand. This growth places pressure on representation and risks creating a population imbalance compared to other divisions. Adding a new seat in Edmonton would ensure fair and effective representation for residents, maintain community integrity, and anticipate continued growth in this area.

As a long term resident, I have seen surrounding neighbourhoods grow over the past decade. Even neighbourhoods that are considered more developed have received new developments through apartment complexes and condos. With the fast growing population, the current proposal of splitting the riding is fair. This will help the communities be properly represented and anticipated growth can be factored during a term.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. If there are any questions, please reach out to me at [REDACTED]. I look forward to seeing the report in the new year.

Sincerely,

Julianne Chua
Edmonton-South West Resident



Interim Report Submission from Megan Girard

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What is your current electoral division?

32 - Edmonton-Glenora

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

35 - Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Dear Boundaries Commision,

Thank you for your hard work on redrawing two proposals for the electoral boundary map. I really appreciate that you didn't create hybrid ridings as those types of ridings would be difficult to represent. Thank you also for increasing the seat count in our major municipalities. I'm writing to let you know about the population growth I'm witnessing in my neighbourhood of Westmount, located in the Edmonton Glenora riding. When I moved to Westmount in 2007, the local elementary school was going to close its doors due to lack of attendance. Now, it is completely full. With new municipal bylaws, high density housing is being built and we also have a new supportive housing apartment building 2 blocks away. We will continue to see a lot of growth in this neighbourhood and riding due to its proximity to downtown and our beautiful river valley. It is a highly desirable location with more affordable housing now being added. If we add Riverview to our riding, it will be a large population to represent.

Thank you for your consideration!

Megan Girard

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What is your current electoral division?

10 - Calgary-Falconridge

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

57 - Chestermere-Strathmore

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

To the Commission:-

Every time I visit Conrich, and it's clear to me that the community is just another part of the city's outskirts. People living there aren't farming or running small rural businesses, they're heading into Calgary for work, groceries, doctors, and everything else.

The lives of families in Conrich revolve entirely around Calgary. Their kids go to schools in the city, they shop at the same stores I do, and they rely on city hospitals. It doesn't make sense to lump them into a rural constituency where those priorities are completely different from theirs.

Representation should match reality. If someone's daily life is essentially Calgary life, then their voice should be heard alongside other Calgarians. Moving Conrich into a Calgary riding is the only way to make that happen.

Sincerely,

Sikander Ahmad Khokhar

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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

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

Submission

We're at about 51,000 residents, within the legal range. Growth in Ardrossan and Hillshire will naturally bring us to the 55,000 target. This doesn't seem to account at all for the projected growth in Bremner either. Has this been considered?

Beaumont doesn't fit. Their schools, services, and jobs connect to Leduc/Edmonton, not Sherwood Park. We have little in common with the newly developing east side of Beaumont. This should be in an Edmonton or Leduc district, not Sherwood Park.

Heritage Hills belongs here. Families rely on Sherwood Park schools and services — removing them breaks up natural catchments. This makes no sense.

School catchments matter. Cutting Heritage Hills disrupts boundaries and confuses families about representation.

Adding Tofield is a better option. If population needs adjusting, Tofield already shares commuting, shopping, and service ties with us.

Transportation priorities differ. Our roads and industry link to Edmonton's base; Beaumont's corridors point elsewhere.

Governance is different. Strathcona County is a specialized municipality; Beaumont has its own council. Mixing them weakens focus.

Economic ties are distinct. Sherwood Park residents work in the Heartland and Refinery Row; Beaumont commutes elsewhere.

Stable boundaries matter. Our riding has been consistent for years. Sudden changes confuse residents and weaken representation.

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Attention: Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission

Re: Proposed Electoral Boundaries, Retention of the Town of Coaldale within the Taber–Warner Electoral District

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Mayor of the Town of Coaldale, and on behalf of Coaldale Town Council, to provide formal input regarding the proposed electoral boundary redistribution for Southern Alberta. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process and recognize the Commission's responsibility to balance population parity with effective representation and genuine communities of interest.

Our submission is focused on a single, clear objective: that the Town of Coaldale remain within its current provincial electoral district, represented by MLA Grant Hunter. This request is not rooted in partisanship or convenience, but in the practical, economic, and institutional realities that define how Coaldale functions day to day. Coaldale's community of interest is firmly aligned with the Highway 3 agri-food corridor anchored by Lethbridge and extending east through Taber and the Municipal District of Taber. Any boundary change that separates Coaldale from this corridor risks weakening representation rather than improving it.

Coaldale is not a peripheral community. It is an integrated municipality within Canada's Premier Food Corridor, a formal partnership that includes Lethbridge, Coaldale, Taber, the MD of Taber, and Lethbridge County. This corridor links irrigated primary production, value-added food processing, logistics, education, finance, and research into a single regional economy. Coaldale's role within this system is well established. Our residents commute daily along Highway 3 for employment, education, health care, and services. Local businesses operate within a regional labour market, draw on regional supply chains, and depend on infrastructure and institutions located throughout the corridor.

The lived geography of Coaldale aligns overwhelmingly east-west, not north-south. Employment flows, commercial traffic, and service access follow Highway 3 toward Lethbridge and Taber. Residents routinely access Chinook Regional Hospital, post-secondary institutions, specialized medical services, and government offices located in

Lethbridge. Agricultural producers and processors rely on Lethbridge-based research institutions, veterinary services, financial services, and export logistics. This is not theoretical connectivity; it is daily practice.

Provincial service delivery further reinforces this alignment. Health care is organized regionally, with Chinook Regional Hospital serving a broad catchment that includes Coaldale and dozens of surrounding rural communities. Alberta's borderless EMS dispatch model deploys resources according to need across municipal boundaries, with Lethbridge functioning as a central coordination point. Emergency response, hospital offload capacity, and ambulance availability for Coaldale residents are directly affected by system pressures in Lethbridge and along the corridor. Electoral boundaries should reflect this shared service reality.

Infrastructure planning also confirms Coaldale's place within this regional system. Highway 3 is the spine of Southern Alberta's agri-food economy, connecting irrigated production to processors, warehouses, and export routes. Highway 4 and the CANAMEX corridor link this system south to the United States and north to Calgary and Edmonton, with Lethbridge as the interchange. Provincial investment decisions consistently treat Lethbridge as the hub serving surrounding municipalities, including Coaldale. The Lethbridge Water Treatment Plant, regional drainage planning, and coordinated land-use frameworks under Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks are all designed on a corridor-wide basis.

Coaldale participates actively in these intermunicipal frameworks. Our land-use planning, transportation coordination, emergency management, and utility partnerships are aligned with neighbouring municipalities and the regional urban centre. These arrangements exist because Coaldale's prosperity and service outcomes are inseparable from those of its neighbours. Electoral representation should follow these established relationships rather than disrupt them.

Equally important is the matter of effective representation. Coaldale has benefited from consistent, knowledgeable advocacy through MLA Grant Hunter, whose understanding of the region reflects the integrated nature of our communities. Continuity of representation matters in rural and small-town Alberta. It allows elected officials to develop deep familiarity with local issues, regional partnerships, and long-term infrastructure and service challenges. Arbitrary boundary shifts that divide established communities of interest undermine this effectiveness without delivering a corresponding public benefit.

We are mindful of the Commission's statutory obligation to remain independent of political pressure and to prioritize evidence over volume of commentary. In that spirit, we respectfully submit that retaining Coaldale within its current district is not about preserving legacy boundaries for their own sake. It is about matching electoral geography to functional geography. Coaldale's economic base, workforce patterns, health-care access, emergency services, and educational pathways all point in the same direction. The corridor model reflects how Southern Alberta actually works.

It is also important to note what this submission is not. We are not advocating for the creation of additional seats or for population redistribution elsewhere in the province. We are simply asking that, in adjusting boundaries to meet population requirements, the Commission avoid separating Coaldale from the corridor community to which it clearly belongs. Stability, coherence, and representational effectiveness are best served by keeping Coaldale aligned with its existing regional partners.

The Commission has correctly emphasized that communities of interest extend beyond municipal lines. In Southern Alberta, those communities of interest are defined by shared infrastructure, shared services, and shared economic systems. Coaldale is firmly embedded in the same corridor-based community of interest as Lethbridge, Taber, and the surrounding rural municipalities. Retaining that alignment respects both the letter and the spirit of the Commission's mandate.

On behalf of Coaldale Town Council and the residents we serve, I respectfully urge the Commission to ensure that the Town of Coaldale remains within its current electoral district under MLA Grant Hunter. Doing so will preserve effective representation, reflect lived regional realities, and support coherent governance across Southern Alberta.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this submission and for the important work you undertake on behalf of Albertans.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Van Rijn

Mayor, Town of Coaldale

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Councillor Lisa Reis
Councillor Bill Chapman
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Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

We read the interim report of the Commission with interest and we thank you for the thoughtful report. However, we believe that some of the changes affecting Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County will have a negative impact on the effective representation of our great community. Due to the history, common geography, proximity to regional First Nations communities, and existing transportation corridor, Rocky Mountain will have the best representation by being located in the same constituency as all of Clearwater County and maintaining a connection with other communities along the Eastern Slopes region. Changing these proposed boundaries is essential to making sure that the issues facing Rocky Mountain House have a voice in the Alberta Legislature.

History

Rocky Mountain House is one of Alberta's oldest communities with a long history of acting as the regional hub for residents of the surrounding county. Established in 1799, Rocky Mountain House began as a fur trading fort and gateway for exploration of the Rocky Mountains. As a result, Rocky developed as a commerce and municipal service hub over many decades for residents both to the east in agricultural communities and west in ranching and mining communities. Under the proposed boundary for Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House, however, the town of Rocky Mountain House will be disconnected from much of that history. In fact, the proposed boundary would place the Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site, which lies west of the North Saskatchewan River, would not be placed in the same constituency as the town that bears its name. The Commission report rightfully points out that history is a proper reason to consider when drawing electoral boundaries. In the history of Alberta's electoral boundaries, Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County have been in the same constituency dating back to at least 1940. The long history of Rocky Mountain House has influenced the development of the surrounding county, and the new electoral boundaries should not separate the town from the communities to the west and north that have been included in its electoral boundary for generations.

Connection to Clearwater County

In addition to our history, Rocky Mountain House is the major hub for services and commerce for the rest of Clearwater County. Unlike many other counties in Alberta, Rocky Mountain House is the only town in that county. This means that core services located in Rocky, such as schools, the hospital and medical clinics, fire services, policing, and recreation facilities, are all used by residents of both the town and the surrounding county. At the municipal services level, we have a close working relationship with Clearwater County that enables us to serve a broad catchment area from services based within the town of Rocky Mountain House. For example, the Rocky RCMP detachment serves communities as far east as Leslieville near the border with





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Lacombe County, to the Little Big Horn First Nation over 100 km west of Rocky Mountain House. To ensure effective representation for Rocky Mountain House, the new electoral boundaries should recognize Rocky Mountain House's role as the service hub and ensure that our region, not just our town, have a single voice in the Alberta Legislature.

Representation for Indigenous Communities

The proposed electoral boundaries put forward by the Commission also divide Rocky Mountain House from the O'Chiese and Suncild First Nations reservations that lie to the west. Separating First Nations reserves from the services located in Rocky Mountain House would create significant challenges for representation both of our town and of the regional Indigenous communities. These communities rely on Rocky Mountain House for healthcare, policing, and social services. For Rocky Mountain House and the surrounding region, part of our work on reconciliation is recognizing the needs of our Indigenous neighbours and advocating together for those services. Dividing these communities from one another and cutting off Indigenous communities from the services that their members access in Rocky Mountain House would be a step in the wrong direction and would limit effective representation in the Legislature on these topics. Keeping Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County together in the same constituency would overcome these representation challenges.

Distinct Regional Industries and Challenges

The boundaries for Rocky Mountain House's electoral district should also reflect the distinct economy and geography of Rocky Mountain House and other western communities. The industries and challenges facing Rocky Mountain House are distinct from those in eastern communities such as the City of Lacombe. As a result, including Rocky Mountain House with Lacombe County, the City of Lacombe, and other proposed eastern communities within the Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House boundary risks reducing representation of the industries at the heart of Rocky Mountain House's economy. Our local economy is shaped by forestry, oil and gas, agriculture, and tourism—sectors that are closely tied to the geography of western Alberta.

One up-and-coming industry for Rocky Mountain House is tourism. Our town is part of two Tourism Development Zones with Travel Alberta – David Thompson (Rocky and west Clearwater County) and Rocky Mountain House-Sundre-Cochrane. The tourism development zones reflect where communities and tourism operators can coordinate for growth of the sector in areas with common geography and experiences. It presents an opportunity to advocate to our local representative for policy changes and funding opportunities that benefit the entire region. The current proposal of Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House cuts off these tourism development zones and divides them between several members of the Legislature. Under this proposal, there is a real risk that Rocky Mountain House's unique needs will be diluted by being in a constituency that does not have the same geography or industry. Amending the boundaries to include Rocky Mountain House with the entire Clearwater County would address these concerns and ensure the town's needs are represented in the Legislature.





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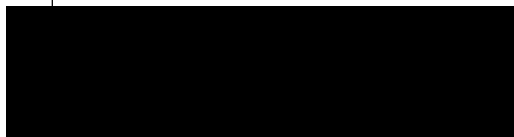
Wildfire Management

Rocky Mountain House also serves as a base for wildfire monitoring and management for west central Alberta. Wildland firefighters come from across the province to protect communities and assets west of Rocky Mountain House during wildfire season in the extensive forest reserve. Having the air tanker base and wildfire response teams located in Rocky Mountain House allows our town to act as the gateway to the west, and we are able to support provincial wildfire efforts each year. Dividing Rocky Mountain House from the forests to the west would present practical challenges to effective representation because the Rocky Mountain House residents working on wildfire response would have a different representative than the region to the west where they work. In addition, Rocky Mountain House would not have the same voice to our representative on these issues because the rest of the constituency they represent is not within a forest area. Keeping our community unified with Clearwater County in electoral boundaries ensures emergency response and resource allocation concerns can all be brought to an MLA who is responsible for representing the entire region.

Rocky Mountain House has always faced west, not east. Many of our residents work, recreate, and volunteer in the western parts of the county and beyond. Dividing our community would make it difficult to properly advocate for the needs of our residents, as their interests and daily lives are closely tied to the west. Our history, geography, and industries have far more in common with the Clearwater County communities to the west and south, than to communities east of the Lacombe County boundary. For all these reasons, we urge the Commission to keep Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County together within a single constituency. This will ensure that our communities continue to receive effective, unified representation that reflects our shared interests and realities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your commitment to fair representation for all Albertans.

Sincerely,



Mayor Shane Boniface

CC: Town Council
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December 15, 2025

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Dear Members of the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment further on the proposed boundaries for Southern Alberta. I write to urge the Commission to adopt the four-quadrant hybrid model for Lethbridge and its surrounding rural municipalities. This model aligns most closely with the Commission's statutory mandate: to prioritize communities of interest, reflect regional realities, and ensure effective representation across multiple population cycles.

While the Commission's interim report acknowledges that the hybrid model is conceptually strong, structurally coherent, and well supported by regional economic evidence, it also notes that "more work needs to be done on this issue in terms of recognizing the integrated economics of the agri-business industry in Southern Alberta." I fully agree—and this letter aims to provide that additional work by identifying the concrete regional linkages that justify the hybrid model.

Lethbridge is the central hub of the largest agri-food corridor in the province. The city is the urban anchor of Canada's Premier Food Corridor (CPFC), a formal partnership of Lethbridge, Coaldale, Taber, the Municipal District of Taber, and Lethbridge County dedicated to advancing the agri-food sector along the Highway 3 corridor. The region encompasses approximately 4.2 million acres of farmland, including more than 900,000 irrigated acres, supports over 4,470 farms, produces more than 65 specialty crops, and generates roughly \$8 billion in annual GDP, with more than 11,000 businesses and a service population of approximately 342,000 people. The city hosts the region's major processors, suppliers, research facilities, and transportation infrastructure, while the surrounding rural municipalities supply the raw production—livestock, feedlot operations, grain, sugar beet, and specialized crops—that sustain those facilities. Daily labour flows between Lethbridge and communities such as Coalhurst, Picture Butte, Nobleford, Shaughnessy, Monarch, Coaldale and Taber illustrate a tightly linked employment region, not discrete populations. Post-secondary institutions in Lethbridge provide the skilled workforce that agri-business firms rely on; financial, veterinary, marketing, and logistics services are centrally located in the city but serve rural producers as their primary clientele; and the transportation routes that define the region—Highway 3 running east-west to Vancouver, Seattle, and Chicago, Highway 4 and the CANAMEX corridor connecting Calgary and Edmonton to the U.S. and

Mexico, and Highway 36 linking the U.S. border to the oilsands—run through Lethbridge’s orbit as the indispensable transfer point for export and domestic markets.

For these reasons, the City of Lethbridge consistently acts—and regularly positions itself—as a regional leader whose responsibilities extend well beyond municipal boundaries. Several recent examples demonstrate this:

1. Opposition to coal mining projects hundreds of kilometres away.

Recently, Lethbridge City Council formally opposed proposed Eastern Slopes coal developments due to downstream risks to the Oldman River watershed, explicitly citing the impact on rural irrigation districts, livestock producers, and regional drinking water—not merely city concerns. Although the mines are located far outside city limits, Lethbridge City Council nevertheless felt the need to weigh in on the issue because the region’s agricultural economy depends on watershed health. This action reflects a sense of stewardship over regional environmental and economic systems, not just Lethbridge’s.

2. Regional physician recruitment partnerships.

At the direction of Lethbridge City Council, the City has begun collaborating with Lethbridge County, Coaldale, and other municipalities in the region to create an integrated physician recruitment strategy. This program explicitly acknowledges that health-system pressures transcend urban–rural lines and that Lethbridge must lead regional attraction and retention efforts. Accordingly, the City has stepped into a convening role, coordinating municipal contributions, provincial programming, and joint marketing to stabilize medical service availability across the entire region.

3. Expanding regional air service at YQL.

In recent years, Lethbridge City Council has directed its Administrative team to intensify efforts to expand commercial air service at the Lethbridge Airport (YQL). Council has consistently framed this work as essential to supporting the economic competitiveness, agri-food export capacity, and tourism needs of Southern Alberta as a whole. The City repeatedly emphasizes that YQL functions as the airport for the region—not merely for city residents—because expanded air service benefits rural producers, post-secondary institutions, and regional businesses that rely on fast access to national and international markets. By pursuing airport expansion as a regional economic necessity rather than a local amenity, Council demonstrates its understanding of Lethbridge’s responsibility to provide the region with critical transportation infrastructure.

4. Participation in provincial Regional Health Advisory Councils.

Lethbridge has positioned itself as a principal regional voice within Alberta’s new Regional Health Advisory Council framework. City representatives consistently raise issues such as rural patient access, EMS performance, specialist shortages, and hospital capacity—matters that affect dozens of surrounding communities whose residents rely on Chinook Regional Hospital. By advocating for regional system improvements rather than exclusively local interests, the City

affirms its role as the hub of Southern Alberta's health-care network and its obligation to speak on behalf of the wider catchment area.

5. Engagement with EMS dispatch and emergency management affecting rural communities.

Because Alberta's borderless EMS model relies on Lethbridge for ambulance coordination, staging, and hospital offload, City Council frequently intervenes on issues that primarily affect surrounding municipalities. Council has raised concerns about rural wait times, resource redeployment, and ambulance availability in neighbouring towns—acknowledging that pressures within Lethbridge's emergency rooms and EMS system directly shape service levels in the broader region. This engagement reflects a recognition that emergency response is a regional system and that Lethbridge must steward its functioning on behalf of all communities who depend on it.

6. Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDP) and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF).

Lethbridge has entered into formal IDP and ICF agreements with Lethbridge County and the Town of Coalhurst that govern joint land-use planning, transportation corridors, regional drainage, and emergency services. These agreements require detailed coordination between municipalities and legally acknowledge Lethbridge's role as the primary urban centre around which regional development occurs. The City's willingness to assume shared planning responsibilities—and to align growth strategies with neighbouring municipalities—illustrates its ongoing commitment to regional governance rather than a narrow focus on its own municipal boundaries.

7. Regional economic development initiatives.

Through Economic Development Lethbridge (EDL) and Canada's Premier Food Corridor, the City leads regional business attraction, logistics development, innovation partnerships, and agricultural research promotion in coordination with neighbouring rural municipalities. The CPFC itself describes Lethbridge as the commercial, educational, financial, industrial, and transportation hub of Southern Alberta, and emphasizes that each partner community—Lethbridge, Lethbridge County, Coaldale, Taber, and the MD of Taber—"forms the backbone" of a single agri-food ecosystem. By directing municipal resources toward region-wide economic outcomes, the City demonstrates its understanding that Lethbridge's prosperity is inseparable from the prosperity of its neighbouring municipalities.

8. Regional transit and connectivity studies.

In recent years, Lethbridge City Council has commissioned or participated in transit feasibility studies exploring intermunicipal routes to Coaldale, Taber, and other nearby communities. These studies arise from Council's recognition that labour mobility, student access, and regional service integration increasingly depend on transportation systems that cross municipal borders. By advancing intermunicipal transit planning, the City has signalled that it views itself as the central

transportation node for Southern Alberta and must therefore take responsibility for strengthening regional mobility.

9. Regional waste, recycling, and utility partnerships.

Lethbridge's waste, recycling, and utility infrastructure supports several neighbouring municipalities that lack the scale to operate comparable facilities - and Lethbridge City Council has authorized these partnerships not merely as service contracts but as contributions to regional public health, environmental stewardship, and long-term sustainability. By opening its facilities to partners outside the city, Lethbridge has assumed responsibility for essential regional utility functions—another hallmark of its tendency to govern with regional outcomes in mind.

10. Regional fire, rescue, and disaster response agreements.

Lethbridge provides specialized fire suppression, hazardous-materials response, technical rescue services, and disaster-response coordination to smaller municipalities under mutual-aid agreements. Lethbridge City Council's support for these arrangements reflects an understanding that emergency readiness cannot be siloed by municipal boundaries. During wildfires, floods, industrial accidents, and large-scale emergencies, surrounding communities depend on Lethbridge's capacity to deploy equipment, personnel, and coordination leadership. These actions underscore Lethbridge's practical role as the region's protective and operational backbone.

Collectively, these actions reflect a governing posture grounded in regional stewardship. The City does not act as an isolated municipality—it behaves as the civic, economic, and institutional anchor for Southern Alberta.

Just as significant as the City's own conduct, however, is the manner in which the Province of Alberta consistently relies on Lethbridge to serve as the institutional, economic, and infrastructural anchor for Southern Alberta. Across multiple ministries and policy domains, provincial decisions presuppose a region centred on Lethbridge—one in which facilities, programs, and investments located in the city are intended from the outset to serve a broad rural population. This pattern is neither incidental nor occasional; it is structural. Several examples make this unmistakably clear:

1. The University of Lethbridge's Rural Medical Education Training Centre.

The Province's decision to establish a Rural Medical Education Training Centre at the University of Lethbridge reflects a deliberate recognition that Lethbridge is the logical hub for training the region's future health-care workforce. The Centre recruits, prepares, and places medical students in rural and remote communities throughout Southern Alberta—work that depends on Lethbridge's institutional capacity, not its municipal borders. By situating this program here rather than in Calgary or Edmonton, the Province signaled that Lethbridge is the centre of gravity for regional physician development and rural health stabilization.

2. The Lethbridge Water Treatment Plant upgrades.

The Government of Alberta's major capital investments in the Lethbridge Water Treatment Plant were justified explicitly by the facility's role in supporting the broader region. The plant supplies potable water to municipalities, food processors, livestock operations, irrigation districts, and industrial users across Southern Alberta. Its modernization is essential not only to Lethbridge's stability but to the viability of an entire agri-food corridor that generates billions of dollars in provincial GDP. The Province's financial commitment reflects its view that Lethbridge is the fulcrum of a regional water-security system on which surrounding communities—and the province's agricultural economy—depend.

3. Enhanced services at Chinook Regional Hospital.

Chinook Regional Hospital receives provincial investment at a scale and frequency commensurate with its status as the acute-care anchor for Southern Alberta. The Province routinely justifies expansions to emergency medicine, maternity care, diagnostics, and specialized services on the grounds that Chinook serves dozens of rural municipalities whose residents cannot access equivalent care locally. By consistently enhancing the hospital's capabilities, the Province affirms that Lethbridge is the medical hub for an extensive rural catchment area—a regional centre in function as well as in name.

4. The Province's borderless EMS dispatch system.

Alberta's "borderless" EMS dispatch model is operational proof of the Province's regional approach: ambulances are deployed according to need, not municipal boundaries, and Lethbridge is one of the primary coordination points for Southern Alberta. Rural emergency-response times, ambulance redeployment, and patient transport patterns all hinge on Lethbridge's capacity and geographic centrality. The system is designed on the assumption that Lethbridge is the regional emergency-services hub, and the Province relies on the city to stabilize service levels across the region.

5. The Province's investment in Exhibition Park as a regional agri-business and event hub.

The Province's \$27.8-million investment in Exhibition Park was not made to benefit Lethbridge alone. It was justified on the grounds that the revitalized site functions as a region-wide economic generator—drawing agricultural producers, youth programs, industry delegations, and innovators from across Southern Alberta. Exhibition Park is a shared asset, and the Province's decision to fund its redevelopment demonstrates its understanding that Lethbridge is the economic and cultural gathering point of the region.

6. Provincial funding for Lethbridge College's regional agri-food and applied-research programs.

The Province has repeatedly invested in Lethbridge College programs—particularly in irrigation science, emerging ag-tech, and applied research—because these initiatives drive innovation across the region's agri-food sector. These programs operate in an integrated network with the

Lethbridge Research and Development Centre, Farming Smarter, and the University of Lethbridge. Together, they form one of Canada's most concentrated clusters of agricultural research capacity. The Province funds this network because Lethbridge is the intellectual and scientific hub for the entire corridor, catalyzing productivity and competitiveness well beyond its city limits.

7. Provincial collaboration on expanding regional air service at YQL.

The Province's ongoing collaboration with the City to expand flight options at Lethbridge Airport demonstrates explicit provincial recognition that YQL is not a municipal facility but regional transportation infrastructure. Government messaging consistently frames YQL as essential for agricultural exporters, business travelers, and rural residents accessing medical and educational services. This aligns precisely with the Canada's Premier Food Corridor characterization of Southern Alberta as Canada's "Western Gateway," with Lethbridge as the multimodal link between the Highway 3 corridor, the CANAMEX route, and international markets. Provincial policy treats YQL as the region's airport, not the city's.

8. Alberta Agriculture and AHS program placements in Lethbridge as regional centres.

The Province's placement of key Alberta Agriculture programs and major AHS services—including cancer care, mental-health supports, and specialized clinical programs—in Lethbridge reflects the city's role as the natural hub for southern Alberta service delivery. These programs are intentionally sited in Lethbridge because they are not intended for one municipality; they are intended for the region. The decision to concentrate these services here corresponds directly with the CPFC's description of Lethbridge as a centre of research excellence, workforce development, and industry collaboration. In practice and in policy, the Province uses Lethbridge as the administrative and service anchor for Southern Alberta.

Each of these examples demonstrates that the Province itself understands Lethbridge through a regional lens—one deeply consistent with the logic of a hybrid electoral map.

It is therefore concerning that the decisive factors cited for rejecting the model were not analytical. The Commission noted that local residents opposed the proposal, and that this opposition—combined with the convenience of maintaining the two existing internal boundaries—ultimately weighed heavily in its decision. Respectfully, this rationale conflicts with two of the Commission's stated principles. First, independence from political pressure requires the Commission to separate substantive evidence from vocal resistance. A proposal's controversy does not diminish its validity. Although the Commission noted that this opposition was "not determinative," it nonetheless influenced the outcome. Second, the mandate to prioritize logic and representational effectiveness cannot be fulfilled by retaining familiar boundaries simply because they are familiar. The hybrid model better reflects actual regional relationships than the current two-division configuration, which rests largely on historical convenience rather than present-day regional function.

Deferring a model that the Commission finds “intriguing,” “sympathetic in the abstract,” and supported by integrated economic evidence creates the impression that loud voices, rather than principled analysis, shaped the decision. Even if unintentional, this perception risks undermining confidence in the Commission’s independence.

In light of the economic and regional analysis provided above—including the specific examples demonstrating that the Province itself treats Lethbridge as a regional service hub—I submit that the case for adoption is even stronger. The four-quadrant hybrid model recognizes the functional community of interest that binds Lethbridge and its rural neighbours. It provides long-term population stability as Lethbridge continues to grow unevenly across neighbourhoods; it strengthens rural representation by avoiding seat removal; and it aligns with the successful Medicine Hat model. These are evidence-based reasons—precisely the type of reasoning an independent boundaries commission is expected to prioritize above political discomfort.

For these reasons, and in view of the additional economic and policy evidence supplied, the Commission’s own analysis demonstrates that the hybrid model is the most logical, forward-looking, and regionally coherent option for Southern Alberta. I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider the four-quadrant hybrid model and adopt a boundary structure that reflects how Southern Alberta actually functions—not simply how it has historically been divided.

Sincerely,

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Cameron Mills, MBA
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Interim Report Submission from Cameron Galisky

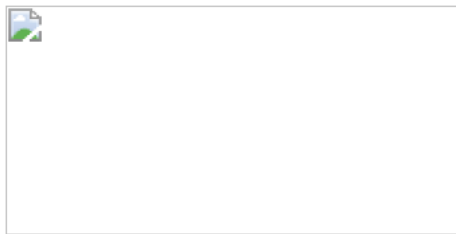
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Interim Report Considerations

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What is your current electoral division?

66 - Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

86 - Sylvan Lake-Innisfail

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

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

Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed changes to Alberta's provincial electoral boundaries. As a Councillor for the Town of Penhold, my priority is ensuring that central Alberta residents are represented within constituencies that reflect real communities of interest, coherent demographics, and the lived geography of our region.

This submission focuses on strengthening the coherence of the Innisfail–Sylvan Lake constituency by aligning it more closely with the natural corridor of the Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Highway and the regional centre of Red Deer. This corridor unites communities such as Innisfail, Penhold, Delburne, and Elnora through shared commuter patterns, economic linkages, and access to regional services. Residents and businesses throughout this area depend on the same transportation routes, labour market, and infrastructure.

A corridor-based constituency reflects how people actually live, move, and work. Communities in this region share common priorities: highway safety, intermunicipal cooperation, school capacity, and access to health, recreation, and education services. When grouped together, these communities form a coherent political community, making it easier for an MLA to advocate effectively on behalf of shared local concerns.

Blackfalds is a natural addition to this corridor-based riding. Its rapid growth, strong commuter ties to Red Deer, and infrastructure challenges mirror those of communities already within the constituency. Similarly, Trochu to the southeast aligns as a rural service centre and agricultural hub facing issues familiar across central Alberta: sustaining local health and education services, managing growth, and supporting family farms.

Including both Blackfalds and Trochu would achieve balance by connecting corridor communities with their rural counterparts—reflecting the interdependence of central Alberta's highway towns and agricultural hinterlands.

This proposal aligns with core boundary-setting principles:

Community of interest: Shared economic and service connections centred on Red Deer and the QEII corridor.

Demographic consistency: Communities with similar growth, age structures, and economic foundations.

Geographic and functional logic: A region naturally organized around Red Deer and its surrounding transportation network.

By reinforcing Innisfail–Sylvan Lake as a QEII corridor constituency, the Commission can create a more coherent, representative, and future-ready riding that reflects how people in central Alberta actually live and work.

Thank you for your consideration and for your work in strengthening democratic representation across Alberta.

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What is your current electoral division?

24 - Calgary-South East

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

27 - Calgary-South East

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

- Projected growth

Submission

Calgary SE requires division into two ridings as it is one of the fastest growing areas in the Province, however, the Community of Cranston SE should not be split into two areas, but rather the boundaries should ensure that each community etc. Cranston, Seton etc are kept intact within an electoral district.

Further, Urban and Rural ridings should remain separate.

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What is your current electoral division?

81 - Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

79 - Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Thus is a strange and uncomplimentary adjustment that you are trying to create.
Very different communities and too far apart. I feel it works well the way it is.
There is emerging growth in the eastern end of Strathcona county so why bring
in communities that fit another shoe and work well where they are presently.
They don't seem to want it and neither do we in our county.

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To Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

My name is Maria Dusevic, and I have been a resident of Calgary Foothills for 20 years. First, I am writing to thank you for your work in creating the Interim Electoral Boundaries Report. As a citizen of Alberta, I have truly been worried about gerrymandering in this province, and it is important to me that the principles of democracy are upheld by this Commission.

After viewing the Interim Electoral Boundaries Report for Calgary Foothills, I am quite satisfied with the Commission's redrawing of the map. I am happy to see that the boundary of Calgary Foothills remains within the City of Calgary, and it does not include rural areas outside of the city. Calgary Foothills is an urban constituency, with unique urban needs.

I have been a teacher in various schools in NW Calgary for 30 years. Throughout those years, I have witnessed a great deal of change in Calgary classrooms. These changes include an increase in English as a Second Language students, as well as students with diverse physical, social, emotional and academic needs. Classroom sizes have increased, as well, and there is often little to no support for struggling students. It is important to have an MLA who is willing to advocate for these students, and who understands the issues that are facing urban classrooms in Alberta.

Over the 20 years that I have lived in Calgary Foothills, I have witnessed immense change and growth. In fact, within Kincora, Sage Hill and Nolan Hill there are many multi-family dwellings that are currently under construction. Undoubtedly, the population of this constituency will increase immensely over the next 10 years, and this projected growth needs to be taken into consideration by the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Although Calgary Foothills is considered 'suburbia,' the concerns of people in this area are the same as citizens throughout Calgary: we want local schools for our children, access to recreation facilities and access to adequate health care. We want affordable housing, and adequate transportation corridors. We also want an MLA who recognizes the concerns of an evolving urban community.

If Calgary Foothills is ever forced to join a rural municipality, urban voices would undoubtedly be competing with rural voices for their MLA's attention. One MLA cannot adequately meet the needs of a demanding Calgary electoral district, as well as a rural electoral district. Thus, I am satisfied that the Commission's Interim Report has Calgary Foothills remaining within city boundaries.

Again, thank you for your valuable work on the Electoral Boundaries Commission, and thank you for helping to uphold the principles of democracy and fair representation for the citizens of Alberta.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my submission.

Sincerely,

Maria Dusevic



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Interim Report Submission from Deborah Florence

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What is your current electoral division?

54 - Cardston-Siksika

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

71 - Livingstone-Macleod

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

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

Submission

December 14, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Re: Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes – Southern Alberta (Livingstone–Macleod)

Dear Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the town of Coalhurst, I would like to thank the Commission for its work in reviewing Alberta's electoral boundaries and for the opportunity to provide input.

We understand the importance of ensuring fair population balance across constituencies, and we recognize the complexity of this task in southern Alberta. We also appreciate the Commission's intent to balance representation across the region.

That said, Coalhurst does not support the proposed changes to the Livingstone–Macleod constituency. From our perspective, the existing boundary functions effectively, aligns with established regional relationships, and supports meaningful representation. We do not see a compelling reason to alter Coalhurst's current boundary, and our preference is for it to remain unchanged.

In particular, we have significant concerns regarding the proposed westward extension of the constituency. The new boundaries would combine prairie-based municipalities such as Coalhurst with foothill and mountain communities, including Pincher Creek and Crowsnest Pass. These areas differ significantly in geography, local economies, and municipal priorities.

Coalhurst shares deep economic and service relationships with neighboring prairie municipalities, built around common regional corridors and challenges such as water security, agricultural sustainability, transportation and connectivity, and infrastructure capacity. These shared concerns shape everyday decision-making and require sustained, focused provincial advocacy. Expanding the constituency westward to include foothill and mountain communities—whose priorities and economic drivers differ dramatically—would dilute our collective voice, create unnecessary competition for MLA attention, and weaken our ability to pursue coordinated advocacy or provincial grant support on issues that matter most to the prairie corridor.

The proposed boundaries would also create a geographically vast and highly diverse district, making it increasingly difficult for one MLA to maintain close and

meaningful engagement across all communities. For residents in the south, this risks reduced access to their provincial representative and weaker advocacy overall.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Commission maintain Coalhurst's current electoral boundary and reconsider the proposed westward expansion of the Livingstone–Macleod constituency. Preserving geographic continuity and shared regional interests is essential to effective representation in southern Alberta.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work to ensure fair and effective representation for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

Mayor Deb Florence and Coalhurst Town Council

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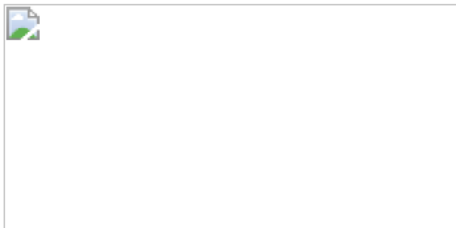
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What is your current electoral division?

87 - West Yellowhead

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

88 - West Yellowhead

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

As a 20+ year resident of Jasper, and formerly a resident of Hinton, I strongly oppose the realignment and shifting of Jasper out of the West Yellowhead Riding. With all do respect to our neighbours to the South, the 'natural' flow of people, goods and services in this area is East-West. This is exemplified by Jasper having a good portion of its workforce actually living in Hinton; which has always happened to some extent but since the Fires of 2024 is much more emphasized. An example of the impact and volume of this is the Municipality of Jasper's involvement in arranging multiple-times-daily bus service between our two communities. This however is not just restricted to Hinton. Edson, Whitecourt and the entire region are considered as part of our 'trading area' much more so than Banff and Canmore for example. The road connections alone show this. Highway #93; the road that connects Banff with Jasper is at best questionable with respect to being open during the winter months. As I write this it is in fact closed due to poor weather and avalanche conditions. How many ridings throughout the province are 'cut in half' on a regular basis during the course of a year? And it is not like there is train or air service available as an option.

I fear that moving Jasper out of West Yellowhead will only serve to isolate our community more than it already is and pull us away from what has historically been a strong alliance with our partner communities within the West Yellowhead Riding.

Thank You for your consideration.

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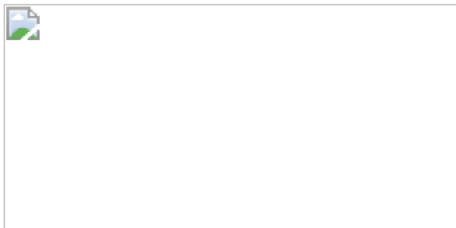
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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

79 - Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

I see that there is a proposal to include Beaumont to this constituency and drop the heritage hills.

I am against this proposal. Beaumont Both by location and different demographic's this does not make sense. Heritage hills fits exactly with current zoning only several blocks north of where I live now. Heritage Hills and my subdivision the Ridge share boundaries and similar issues.

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Re: Interim Report – Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes and Impacts on School Communities

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Foothills School Division, thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Interim Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. We recognize the complexity of your mandate and appreciate the care taken to balance population growth, geography, and the constitutional requirement for effective representation.

Foothills School Division serves a geographically large and diverse region that includes rural communities, growing towns, and communities adjacent to major urban and resort areas. From a public education perspective, our school communities are shaped by attendance boundaries, transportation routes, shared services, and family networks — not by municipal or electoral lines.

Foothills School Division's Current Electoral Context

Foothills School Division currently serves communities that fall within **three provincial electoral divisions**: *Highwood*, *Banff-Kananaskis*, and *Livingstone-Macleod*. While these ridings differ in geography and population, families within Foothills School Division are united through shared schools, transportation networks, school councils, and advocacy pathways.

Despite spanning multiple ridings, this configuration has remained relatively stable and well understood by families and education partners. It has allowed Foothills School Division communities to engage with elected representatives in ways that reflect established relationships, regional service delivery, and coherent communities of interest from a public education perspective.

Status Quo as a Coherent and Defensible Education Configuration

The Interim Report proposes a series of simultaneous boundary changes that, taken together, would have asymmetrical and cumulative impacts on Foothills School Division and the communities we serve. These include:

- potential reconfiguration of the Okotoks area through either a *Calgary–Okotoks* or *Okotoks–Diamond Valley* option;

- the proposed shift from *Banff-Kananaskis* to *Banff-Jasper*, expanding and re-orienting representation for Foothills-connected families west and south of the Highwood River;
- the movement of northern Foothills areas into *Cochrane–Springbank*; and
- the reassignment of communities in the Millarville area to *High River–Vulcan*, contingent on the configuration ultimately selected for Okotoks and surrounding communities.

In this context, communities that currently fall within *Livingstone-Macleod* are not merely adjacent to these changes; Foothills-connected areas are being actively reassigned across multiple proposed electoral divisions as part of broader population-balancing adjustments.

From an education system lens, these concurrent changes would alter representation across multiple edges of Foothills School Division’s catchment at the same time. The current configuration remains **coherent, functional, and well understood** by families, school councils, and education partners. It supports continuity of advocacy, accessibility to elected representatives, and alignment between MLAs and the school communities they serve. Any departure from this arrangement should therefore be clearly justified and demonstrably improve effective representation for school communities.

Primary Impact to Foothills School Division: Okotoks and Surrounding Communities

The most significant proposed change affecting Foothills School Division relates to the future configuration of Okotoks and surrounding communities, with options that would place Okotoks within either a *Calgary–Okotoks* or an *Okotoks–Diamond Valley* electoral division.

Foothills School Division’s schools, transportation networks, staffing models, and parent advocacy structures are deeply integrated across Okotoks, Diamond Valley, and surrounding rural communities. These connections reflect how families live, work, and access public education, forming a clear and established community of interest.

A *Calgary–Okotoks* configuration would represent a substantial departure from this alignment, blending urban and regional education contexts in ways that risk fragmenting school communities and complicating advocacy for education infrastructure, student supports, and long-term planning. Maintaining alignment with Diamond Valley more closely reflects existing school communities and supports continuity in education representation and engagement.

Compounding Impact: Shift from Banff-Kananaskis to Banff-Jasper

In addition to the Okotoks-area reconfiguration, the proposed shift from *Banff-Kananaskis* to *Banff-Jasper* represents a second major change affecting Foothills School Division’s broader catchment.

Foothills School Division serves students and families connected to the *Banff-Kananaskis* region whose employment patterns, transportation routes, and educational pathways are oriented south and east toward Foothills County. Expanding this riding northward to include Jasper significantly increases the geographic scope and diversity of the constituency, raising concerns about accessibility, continuity of relationships, and sustained advocacy for education services relevant to Foothills-connected families.

Fragmentation of Foothills School Division Families Across Multiple Electoral Divisions

When the proposed boundary changes are considered together — rather than in isolation — Foothills School Division has significant concerns regarding the fragmentation of a single public school system across multiple provincial electoral divisions. These combined effects may not be readily apparent to families reviewing individual maps or proposals, yet together they would substantially alter how Foothills School Division communities are represented provincially.

Under the configurations outlined in the Interim Report, families whose children attend Foothills School Division schools would be represented across **four or more provincial electoral divisions**, including:

- Calgary–Okotoks *or* Okotoks–Diamond Valley
- Banff–Jasper
- Cochrane–Springbank
- High River–Vulcan
- with additional redistribution pressures affecting communities currently within *Livingstone-Macleod*

This would result in families from the same school communities — including those in **Diamond Valley and the Millarville area** — being represented by MLAs whose constituencies span vastly different geographies, economic drivers, and policy priorities. Families with strong ties to Foothills-based schools may not reasonably anticipate being represented within a riding extending from Banff to Jasper, nor to see neighbouring communities reassigned to different electoral divisions.

From an education system perspective, this fragmentation introduces challenges that extend beyond population distribution, including:

- reduced clarity for families seeking to advocate for education issues;
- increased complexity for school councils and trustees engaging with elected officials;
- weakened continuity in relationships between MLAs and school communities; and
- greater difficulty advancing coordinated advocacy for school infrastructure, transportation, and student supports.

Education Systems as Communities of Interest

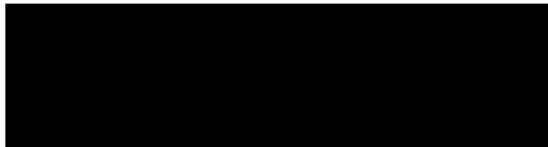
The Commission's Interim Report rightly emphasizes that effective representation extends beyond population parity to include accessibility, communities of interest, and the ability of elected officials to meaningfully serve their constituents. Foothills School Division respectfully submits that **public education systems and school communities are a critical component of those communities of interest**.

Foothills School Division's submission is intended to assist the Commission by identifying affected electoral divisions, outlining specific education-system concerns, proposing guiding considerations to address those concerns, and highlighting the interconnected effects of boundary changes on neighbouring ridings.

As the Commission moves toward its final recommendations, Foothills School Division urges that the proposed boundary changes be assessed **collectively and in their full context**, rather than as discrete adjustments. When viewed together, the cumulative impacts on a single public school system — and on the families, students, and communities it serves — become both clearer and more consequential.

Given the scale and cumulative nature of the proposed changes affecting Foothills School Division, we respectfully request that the Commission's final report clearly articulate the justification for these boundary adjustments, including how education-system impacts were considered. This clarity is essential so that families and school communities can understand how proposed changes advance effective representation.

Respectfully,



Theresa Letendre
Chair, Board of Trustees
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Cc:

- Dr. Christopher Fuzessy, Superintendent of Schools, Foothills School Division
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- Chelsea Petrovic, Parliamentary Secretary Health Workforce Engagement, MLA - *Livingstone-Macleod*
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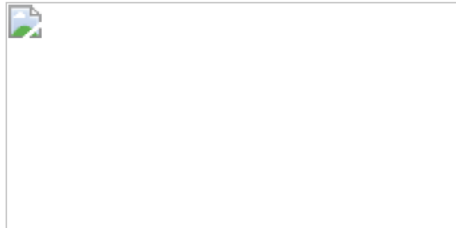


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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

I am writing as a resident whose provincial electoral representation would be directly affected by the proposed boundary changes outlined in the Interim Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.

I currently reside in a community that falls within the Banff-Kananaskis electoral division. Under the proposed changes, my community would become part of the Banff–Jasper riding. I wish to share my perspective on how this change affects my sense of representation, accessibility, and community alignment.

I identify strongly with the Foothills region, which is where I work, where my children attend school, where I volunteer, and where my extended family lives. My daily life and community connections are deeply rooted in this area.

For work, I travel regularly throughout communities such as Millarville, Red Deer Lake, and High River. I access services and amenities primarily in Diamond Valley, Okotoks, and Calgary, and my family's recreation time is spent in Kananaskis Country and Bragg Creek. I also volunteer locally, including in Millarville, at the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area, and within my own community of Priddis.

While I value Alberta's mountain communities, my day-to-day life is not oriented northward toward Jasper. The proposed Banff–Jasper riding would span a vast geographic area with communities that face very different priorities, travel patterns, and service needs from those of residents in the southern Foothills and Kananaskis regions.

From my perspective, this significant expansion weakens effective representation. The scale of the proposed riding raises concerns about accessibility to my elected representative, the ability to build meaningful relationships, and whether local Foothills-based issues would receive adequate attention within such a geographically large and diverse constituency.

In addition, my children attend schools within Foothills School Division, and education issues that matter to my family are grounded in the realities of Foothills communities. I am concerned that education priorities affecting families in my area would be less visible within a riding whose focus must span from Banff to Jasper.

Taken together, the proposed shift from Banff-Kananaskis to Banff-Jasper does not enhance my sense of representation. Instead, it significantly diminishes it by placing my community within a riding that does not reflect my lived experience, community connections, or daily interactions.

I respectfully ask the Commission to consider whether this proposed configuration meaningfully improves effective representation for residents in the southern Foothills and Kananaskis areas, and whether alternative approaches

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could better preserve established communities of interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective as part of this review.

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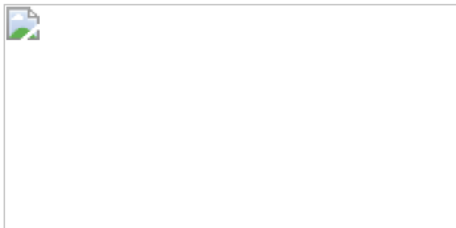
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What is your current electoral division?

28 - Edmonton-Castle Downs

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

31 - Edmonton-Castle Downs

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

My name is Andrea Waywanko and I am writing to you as a constituent of Edmonton - Castle Downs. I would like to take this opportunity to comment positively about the interim map for my constituency. I am gratified that the commission has decided to make few to no changes to the boundaries since I was hearing that there may be changes that would make suburban areas in major cities hybrid with adjacent rural areas.

This concerned me because it would compromise the representation of both rural and urban ridings and serve neither area well. It ignores the cohesiveness, shared identity and concerns of the respective populations. Avoiding major changes in riding boundaries serves to maintain integrity and trust in the electoral process.

This brings me to a concern I do have about a change in the interim report to the inner city ridings in Edmonton, in particular, the loss of a riding in this area. While a justification of a decrease of population in the inner city could be made in the current context, it is unlikely that over the next decade, this pattern will continue. Having previously lived in the Glenora riding, I am well aware that rezoning by the City of Edmonton has encouraged densification, especially in established areas of the city with aging housing stock. For example, the house that our family owned in Glenora was demolished and two "skinny houses" were built on the lot. Other single lots in the area have multiple townhomes built on them and, in some cases, up to 8 unit plexes have been built on previous single-home lots. On Stony Plain Road and 142 Street, multiple high rise apartments and townhouse complexes have been or are being built. This, along with increased in-migration to major cities in Alberta, indicate that allowance should be made to accommodate this issue by the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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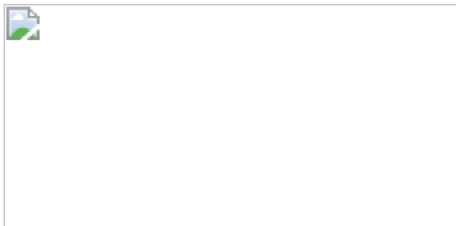
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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Other concerns

Submission

Currently, the Strathcona Sherwood Park riding is nicely fit into the county's boundaries with a simple division at Clover Bar, which creates a simple and united set of people who are all working for the same set of goals in areas like schools, transportation, and more. Although I personally like the town of Beaumont, I think that adding a new town and land from a different area would be harmful to the Constituency Association. By introducing a whole new municipality with its own unique system, interests, and goals, Strathcona Sherwood Park could lose much of its sense of unity and end up being made of two distinct areas artificially connected by borders on a map. Thank you

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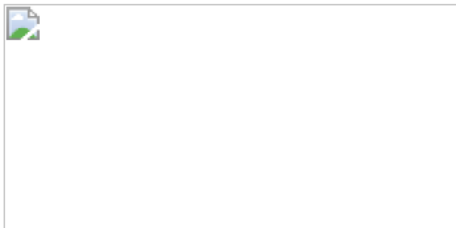
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87 - West Yellowhead

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

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

Submission

Regarding combining Jasper and Banff, No. I have read some other submissions that are very detailed and explain many different reasons and I agree with them all.

My contribution would be a simple example that aside from our entire lives are east west, Jasper to hinton, Edson and Edmonton. Our economy, rail, transport, everything is based off that, for anyone thinking of combining Banff and Jasper...do this -

Drive into Banff and then go north to Jasper. A beautiful but desolate road for 4 hours through NOTHING. That is when you can safely drive that road. Banff is a different world. You will feel like you are going to another world up here. If this happens we will be isolated, forgotten and become an afterthought to a politician that will probably never be here.

We run the local Royal Canadian Legion in Jasper. Regularly we see our MLA and we used to see our MP for over a decade regularly. The federal changes happened and our MP now comes out of the south. Zero visits, zero interaction in the entire time.

That highway is the example of the divide between our two locations. The focus of southern Alberta, Banff and regions down south are completely different.

We don't even get the same weather here, stop doing this. Our ties to Hinton and east are real. Since the federal redraw ties to Banff area, zero. Not because of politics but GEOGRAPHY. Simply, we go to Costco in Edmonton. Jasper doesn't go to Calgary. We have no ties, no economic connection, different needs and a mountain range between us.

Totally against this move.

Keith Henderson

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing with concern for your work in redistributing the electoral boundaries for the Legislature of Alberta.

As the President of the Inglewood Community League, an incorporated neighbourhood association within and recognized by the City of Edmonton, and currently with the Alberta Electoral District of Edmonton-Glenora, the interim report published by the Commission concerns us.

The Interim Report proposes that Edmonton-Glenora will be merged into a new riding of Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview. According to Appendix E, p. 108, this new riding will have 12.3% more residents than the provincial average of ridings under the new distribution. With over 61,000 residents this will make Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview the third largest riding in the province by population—just behind 2 other Edmonton ridings.

Apart from the inequity this imposes on the residents of Inglewood, whose votes will be worth more than 10% less than voters in most other urban ridings, this inequity is expected to grow over the coming decade until the next redistribution process.

The area contained within Edmonton-Glenora, including Inglewood, is experiencing a massive population growth over the past decade which is expected to continue through the next decade.

In the 2014 Edmonton Municipal Census, Inglewood had 6,771 residents living in 3,671 family units. By the 2019 municipal census, Inglewood's population had grown to 7,320 residents—an 8% increase in 5 years. If anything this growth is accelerating.

This increase is due in large part to the City of Edmonton's strategic policy of encouraging densification of the city's core so as to limit urban sprawl. This strategy is implemented using zoning and other developmental bylaws. A significant rewrite of the City's zoning master plan in 2024 is signaling and triggered this acceleration through the broader downtown Edmonton region.

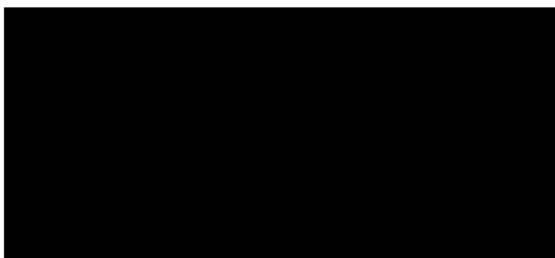
As one of the neighbourhoods closest to the downtown core, Inglewood experienced this densification early. However, now additional neighbourhoods to the North and West of Inglewood: Sherbrooke, Woodcroft, Dovercourt, and Prince Charles—are also experiencing significant redevelopment through infills, garage suites, garden suites, and replacing single dwelling corner houses with 8-12 multiplex units. These neighbourhoods are also in the current riding of Edmonton-Glenora.

If your interim recommendations for the new riding of Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview are approved, then it is completely likely that a voter in the new riding of Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview may only be able to express a $\frac{3}{4}$ or possibly a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote when they go the ballot box sometime around 2030 compared to any other resident in Alberta.

I invite you to explain to the residents of Inglewood how this redistribution of Edmonton-Glenora would be equitable.

Thank you for your work, your time, and your consideration.

Respectfully,



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To the Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I write on behalf of Mountain View County Council with our feedback on the interim electoral boundary map released by the Boundaries Commission. After careful review, on behalf of our residents, Mountain View County Council believes that the current proposal will reduce effective representation for all residents of our county, particularly for those living west of Highway 22.

Mountain View County encompasses a diverse landscape, spanning from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in the west to prairie communities east of Highway 2. The geography of western Mountain View County is characterized by foothills, forests, and proximity to the Rocky Mountains, while the eastern portion is defined by prairie landscapes and agricultural land. For example, residents in the James River, Bearberry, and Water Valley regions rely on communities along the Highway 22 corridor like Sundre, Caroline, and Rocky Mountain House; whereas residents who live to the east of Highway 22 are more likely to rely on Highway 2 corridor communities like Olds. These differences shape the daily lives, industries, and priorities of our residents. Placing residents living west of Highway 22 in a prairie riding like Mountain View-Kneehill would limit their effective representation in the Alberta Legislature.

Clear distinctions exist in the communities west of Highway 22 in Mountain View County that make the Highway 22 corridor an appropriate boundary line for provincial electoral boundaries. The economy of western Mountain View County is closely tied to forestry, oil and gas, ranching, tourism, and recreation, reflecting its unique landscape and close proximity to the mountains. In contrast, the eastern part of Mountain View County has a greater agricultural focus. These differences mean that the needs and interests of residents in the west are distinct from those in the east, and grouping them together in a single constituency will dilute their voices and undermining effective representation.

Our communities of interest also differ significantly between the two regions. Residents west of Highway 22 have strong social, economic, and service connections with neighbouring communities such as Sundre, Rocky Mountain House, and Clearwater County. Mountain View County enjoys a strong working relationship with our neighbouring communities in the west. These connections are reflected in shared emergency services, transportation corridors, and mutual aid agreements. The proposed boundaries do not recognize these established relationships and instead group western communities with eastern ones that have different priorities and challenges.

In conclusion, Mountain View County Council strongly recommends that the Commission revise the proposed boundaries in central Alberta to ensure that residents living west of Highway 22 are included in a western-facing constituency. Our recommendation would be to maintain the same boundary through Mountain View County that currently exists between Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre and Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills. This will ensure that Mountain View County residents living in the western portion of our county can maintain representation that reflects their unique interests.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your commitment to fair representation for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

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