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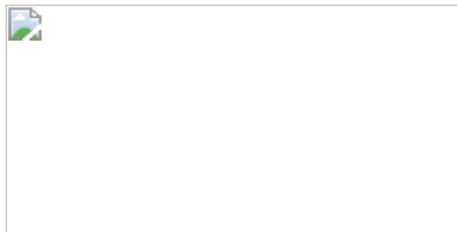
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What is your current electoral division?

13 - Calgary-Glenmore

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Susan MacKay

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December 13, 2025

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

My name is Susan MacKay. I am writing to you, as a citizen of the riding Calgary Glenmore, to express my appreciation of the fair and thoughtful draft of the proposed Electoral Boundaries.

Calgary Glenmore is composed of mature, established communities. This is a vibrant community which contains many important elements including: Rockyview Hospital, schools, Glenmore Reservoir, Weaslehead and Fish Creek Provincial Park; as well as, part of the Calgary Ring Road. The proposed map generally keeps the composition of Calgary Glenmore the same.

I concur with the commission's decision to keep the ridings of Edmonton and Calgary within municipal boundaries, while adjusting rural ridings to keep their constituents together. I believe this will enable MLAs to better meet the unique needs of constituents.

The committee has responded to the significant population increase with the addition of two new ridings in Calgary. Population numbers are expected to continue growing in the near future. I ask that the committee create one additional riding for Calgary to ensure that each riding has fair and similar numbers.

Thank-you for your consideration of my input to the planning of electoral ridings Alberta.

Susan MacKay

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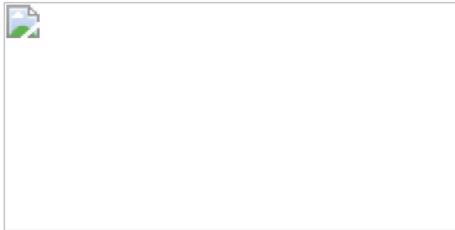


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What is your current electoral division?

85 - Taber-Warner

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

85 - Taber-Warner

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Southern Alberta concerns

Submission

I appreciate the opportunity to provide my thoughts on the proposed boundaries.

The Commission's statute prioritizes communities of interest, independence from political pressure, and effective representation.

The four quadrant hybrid meets each criterion more precisely than the status quo.

A community of interest exists across Canada's Premier Food Corridor (CPFC): irrigated acres, processing plants, research centres, and shared services bind Lethbridge, Coaldale, Taber, the MD of Taber, and Lethbridge County to Lethbridge's hub.

Regional realities are obvious in transportation (Highway 3, Highway 4/CANAMEX, and Highway 36), utilities (regional waste and water partnerships), and health care (the Chinook Regional Hospital catchment). Our rural health care centers are becoming very productive and useful to service each quadrant very effectively, reducing wait times, line-ups, and long trips into the Regional Hospital in Lethbridge or Medicine Hat. The Southern Alberta Medical Program located at the University of Lethbridge will further train medical doctors whose goals are to service our rural regions.

Effective representation requires boundaries that anticipate uneven urban growth and rural capacity needs; quadrant alignment offers that stability without diminishing rural seats.

Therefore, the hybrid model is not merely preferable—it is the option that most directly fulfills the Commission's statutory mandate and I respectfully encourage the committee these points into consideration.

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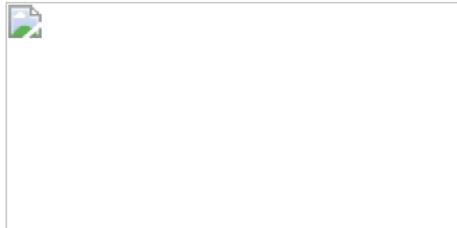


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Cypress County

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57 - Cypress-Medicine Hat

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

74 - Medicine Hat-Cypress

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns

Submission

Why a Cypress County Resident Is Better Served by an MLA Who Lives in Cypress County

As a rural resident and retired cattle producer in Cypress County, my needs, priorities, and daily realities are fundamentally different from those of urban voters in Medicine Hat. The same arguments that support Medicine Hat's case for being a distinct, standalone urban riding also demonstrate why rural residents like me are best represented by an MLA who lives in—and understands—Cypress County.

The 2016–17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission process made clear that effective representation depends on shared community identity, geography, and lived experience. Medicine Hat's strong urban identity justified keeping it separate from surrounding rural areas because its municipal governance, economic structure, and service priorities differ sharply from those of agricultural communities. That same logic applies in reverse: Cypress County's rural character is distinct and deserves representation that is not diluted by urban priorities.

As a cattle producer, my concerns center on agriculture policy, land use, water management, property rights, rural infrastructure, emergency response, and municipal affairs unique to sparsely populated regions. These are not secondary issues; they are central to the sustainability of rural life and the agricultural economy. When Cypress County is merged into a blended urban-rural riding dominated by a large city, rural voices risk being overshadowed by urban concerns such as transit, downtown development, and urban housing pressures. An MLA who lives in Medicine Hat—no matter how well intentioned—cannot fully grasp the day-to-day realities of managing land, livestock, and rural operations without living them.

The Commission's own principles emphasize communities of interest and manageable geography. Cypress County covers vast territory, with dispersed farms, ranches, and small communities that require an MLA who is physically present and accessible. An MLA based outside the county must divide time between urban council meetings and long-distance rural travel, reducing meaningful engagement with rural residents. For ranchers and retirees alike, representation is not just about emails or virtual meetings—it's about face-to-face conversations, attending local meetings, understanding seasonal pressures, and responding quickly when rural issues arise.

Medicine Hat's role as a regional hub further reinforces this point. Cypress County residents naturally rely on Medicine Hat for health care, education, and services—but reliance does not equal shared political identity. Just as Medicine Hat should not be politically subordinated to distant communities like Brooks, Cypress County should not be politically subordinated to an urban center with fundamentally different priorities. Regional service use does not negate the need for distinct rural advocacy at the provincial level.

Finally, the logistical challenges highlighted in the boundary debate cut both ways. Large, hybrid ridings place unfair burdens on MLAs and ultimately disadvantage constituents. An MLA who lives in Cypress County is far more likely to understand rural road conditions, emergency response times, agricultural cycles, and the cumulative impacts of provincial policy on producers

and rural retirees. This lived knowledge cannot be replicated by commuting into the county or relying solely on brief visits.

In short, the same democratic principles used to argue for Medicine Hat's electoral independence—distinct identity, effective representation, geographic practicality, and coherent communities of interest—also support the case that Cypress County residents are best served by an MLA who lives in Cypress County. For rural Albertans, representation works best when it is local, grounded, and informed by lived experience.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul von Huene

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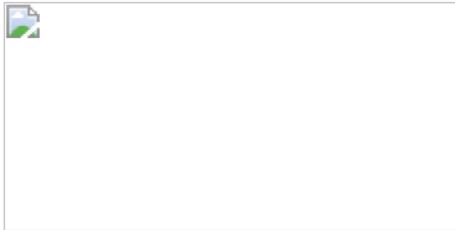


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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

Dear Honourable Justice Miller and Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

I am writing as a resident of the West Yellowhead electoral division to express my opposition to the proposal to remove the Municipality of Jasper from West Yellowhead and place it within the new Banff–Jasper riding. In my view, this change does not meet the requirements of Section 14 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, particularly subsections (b) communities of interest and (d) transportation and accessibility.

Jasper residents overwhelmingly travel east through Hinton, Edson, and onward to Edmonton to access health care, government services, post-secondary institutions, and commercial amenities. This east–west corridor along Highway 16 is the natural service and governance route for Jasper. Residents do not travel south to Banff for these purposes, nor is Banff a practical or realistic service hub. Aligning Jasper with Banff prioritizes tourism branding over the lived realities of permanent residents, contrary to the Act's requirement to focus on effective representation for electors, not visitors.

Transportation realities further underscore this concern. Highway 93 between Jasper and Banff is frequently hazardous in winter months, subject to closures, and unreliable for regular travel. This would materially impede Jasper residents' ability to access their MLA and constituency services, directly undermining effective representation under Section 14(d). By contrast, Highway 16 provides year-round, safer, and more reliable access within West Yellowhead.

For these reasons, removing Jasper from West Yellowhead fractures a long-standing and functional community of interest and fails to reflect actual transportation patterns. I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider this change and retain Jasper within West Yellowhead to comply with the intent and letter of Section 14 of the Act.

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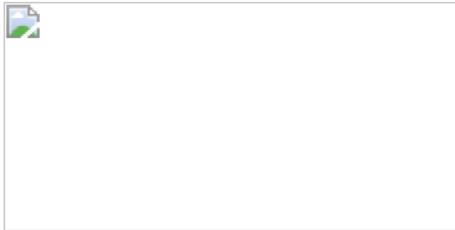


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What is your current electoral division?

80 - Rimbev-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

Submission

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to the committee to share my perspective on the draft boundaries for Banff-Jasper, specifically the inclusion of Nordegg and western Clearwater County in this constituency. As a local tourism operator and resident living in Cline River, west of Nordegg, I believe that the inclusion of western Clearwater County in a riding with Banff and Jasper National Park will reduce the effective representation of our region. Based on the guidelines for effective representation outlined by the Boundary Commission, the proposed Banff-Jasper boundaries will not provide effective representation, particularly as it relates to the tourism economy, transportation networks, and local communities of interest.

Nordegg and “David Thompson Country”, located in western Clearwater County, is a growing tourism destination in Alberta. Travel Alberta recognizes this area as the David Thompson Tourism Development Zone, extending from the Town of Rocky Mountain House along Highway 11 all the way to the border with Banff National Park. The tourism industry in this area is growing, and we work closely with Clearwater County, Rocky Mountain House, and our provincial representative to facilitate more growth and investment in our sector. This relationship is distinct from that of Banff or Jasper National Park because we do not have the same relationship with Parks Canada. The Banff-Jasper proposed boundary would have the unintended consequence of dividing this recognized tourism area between several representatives, rather than having a unified voice for our needs in the Legislature.

The Commission also rightly points out that transportation networks are an important factor when identifying new electoral boundaries. Nordegg is naturally tied to Clearwater County and Rocky Mountain House by Highway 11. This corridor forms a clear transportation and economic link, with visitors, workers, and goods moving back and forth along the same route. Keeping all of Clearwater County together is a logical step for the boundary commission so that there is the same representation along the entire transportation corridor.

The proposed map for Banff-Jasper does not take into account the lack of reliable transportation networks between Banff, Jasper, and Nordegg. Highway 93 between Banff and Jasper is one of the most dangerous highways in North America in the winter. For six months of the year, this highway is frequently closed due to avalanche risk and extreme weather. As a result, an MLA would be unable to reach Nordegg without having to drive through multiple other constituencies. I am concerned that a Banff-Jasper MLA would simply not come to the Nordegg region due to this lack of transportation connection, reducing the representation we currently have.

Finally, Nordegg shares common communities of interest with the rest of Clearwater County, and should be in the same constituency as Rocky Mountain House and the rest of the county. Rocky Mountain House is the closest town to

Nordegg and western Clearwater County. It is where children go to school, where families shop, and where tourism businesses source their supplies and services. For residents, it is also the closest hospital, doctor's office, and police station. As I previously outlined, Banff and Jasper are simply not accessible due to the frequent closures of Highway 93, so we rely on Rocky Mountain House for day-to-day needs. Keeping Clearwater County and Rocky Mountain House together in the same constituency is essential to reflect these established communities of interest.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Commission to reconsider their interim maps for Banff-Jasper, and keep Nordegg, Rocky Mountain House, and all of Clearwater County within a single constituency.

Sincerely,

Luke Mireault
Owner, Aurum Lodge

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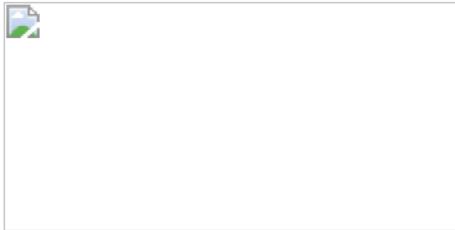


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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation
- Naming of electoral boundaries

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Submission

I am not in favour of moving the Beaumont electoral boundaries into Strathcona
Sherwood boundaries.

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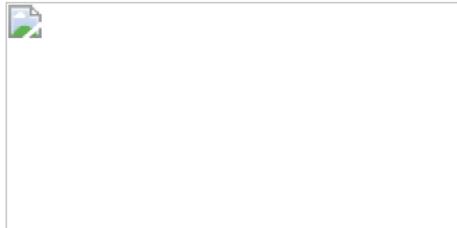


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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

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Submission

Hello, I am the proud owner of The Driftwood restaurant in Sylvan Lake. I'd like to recommend that the new provincial boundaries reflect the on-the-ground reality of people and communities in central Alberta.

Communities around Sylvan Lake and Gull Lake have very similar provincial interests. They are small rural communities that look towards the Town of Sylvan Lake as their central hub - everything from local restaurants, to schools, to Walmart.

The new provincial boundaries should understand the school, sports, and recreational connections in this area.

Rimbey, Bentley, and Benalto have more in common with Sylvan Lake and Lacombe. From my personal experience, most families that come to my business are from Rimbey, Bentley, Benalto and Lacombe area. We should consider these important geographical factors when drawing the new boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ian Cotton

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What is your current electoral division?

41 - Edmonton-Rutherford

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

43 - Edmonton-Rutherford

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

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Introduction

I am Brent Dane, and I have lived with my family in the Edmonton Rutherford ED for 25 years. Most of the housing was built about 1970, some of it 10 years later. It is centrally located, well serviced by schools, and good access to 4 main thoroughfares to other parts of the city. Many original residents have moved on, and been replaced by younger families, newcomers, and renters. Infill is underway and very impactful.

Given that the Boundaries map is only redone every 8 years, I advocate that Edmonton be allotted one more Electoral District. Thank you for the opportunity to present to the Commission.

Concerns:

A change to the stated level does not meet the actual and increasing population. The City Development Plan is bringing greater density and increasing population for the area. This Electoral District already has a population close to the recommended average in cities. It is proposed that residents in areas south of Henday will be added to the existing ED. The multiple year lag time in implementation of new electoral boundaries means larger populations will increase this issue.

The City of Edmonton population grew by over 100,000 people - over 10% [2022 to 2024]. The long-standing City Development Plan addresses this by higher density and transit-oriented development in designated Nodes and Corridors.

This electoral district includes identified priority areas: Century Park Node , Primary Corridor of Calgary Trail and 23 Avenue, and 111 street. [Secondary Corridors]. There are other smaller nodes designated in the district as well.

Population density will be markedly increased, city-wide zoning adding 50% of new units through infill city-wide, by using Low Density Residential lots, now using existing single home lots for multiple dwellings. Small Scale Residential (RS) Zone in redeveloping areas allows:

Single-family and semi-detached housing, row housing and multi-unit housing and other alternative housing.

Up to 8 dwelling units - apartments in mid-block on a 50-foot lot.

Regarding demands on MLA to cover their districts, both types have challenges, and do not see the service demands that differently. In urban settings, the demands are from much larger populations for service. The MLA's office reports many calls for assistance and referrals. Citizens call to access or to get services, from the various levels of government and agencies. City governments seem large and far away to many.

In comparison with rural areas, residents often know or can locate councillors and local staff in local offices, giving easier and more familiar access. Rural MLAs have these folks as contacts, though have challenges of travel time for personal contact, and some limitations in online communication in some areas.

I am opposed to the proposed rural urban hybrid ridings, as MLAs are elected to represent their residents, their interests and concerns. From my experience, living in a rural area, then in the city, there is a definite difference. It is very important that the representatives have an understanding and some focus on this. In rural areas, it seemed that agricultural, population and service loss, and impacts

of resource development were priorities. In this city, housing, access to services, social concerns, growth and commuting through construction seem the highest concern.

Rationale for the City of Edmonton to pursue density of a long term policy:

The ensures the efficient use of land, amenities, infrastructure and services

The private sector decides on building; the Development Plan addresses the developer community.

Edmonton's tax-revenue shortfall. Older areas, densities 9-15 units, Service cost per sq ft is about 4 times new - near 50 units per hectare. New zoning proposals are much higher.

Edmonton Rutherford current boundaries are: Whitemud Drive NW to the north, Gateway Boulevard NW to the east. Under redistribution, south of Anthony Henday Drive (Highway 216) to Ellerslie Road.

Written Submission regarding Edmonton Rutherford Electoral District Number

From Validator Brent Dane December 14, 2025

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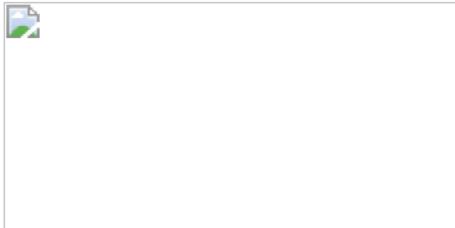


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- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

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Submission

I have made a submission to the Commission yesterday for Edmonton Rutherford EDA, in writing and want to add one recommendation. I believe one downtown Electoral District was taken from Edmonton. I recommend to add at least one more Electoral District to address the rapid and sustained large growth in South, West and Southwest areas of the city. I also note the extensive expansion in South and South West Edmonton, beyond the Henday. Adding one ED only addresses the downtown one that was lost through consolidations of ridings by the Commission. There needs to be two Electoral Districts added, currently, population is close to the average. As I stated, increased population will continue to rise, density will concentrate these folks in these areas, thus demand on MLAs will increase, contact lost and access to our MLA more difficult.

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Written Submission regarding Edmonton Rutherford Electoral District Number
From Validator Brent Dane December 14, 2025

Introduction

I am Brent Dane, and I have lived with my family in the Edmonton Rutherford ED for 25 years. Most of the housing was built about 1970, some of it 10 years later. It is centrally located, well serviced by schools, and good access to 4 main thoroughfares to other parts of the city. Many original residents have moved on, and been replaced by younger families, newcomers, and renters. Infill is underway and very impactful.

Given that the Boundaries map is only redone every 8 years, I advocate that Edmonton be allotted one more Electoral District. Thank you for the opportunity to present to the Commission.

Concerns:

A change to the stated level does not meet the actual and increasing population. The City Development Plan is bringing greater density and increasing population

for the area. This Electoral District already has a population close to the recommended average in cities. It is proposed that residents in areas south of Henday will be added to the existing ED. The multiple year lag time in implementation of new electoral boundaries means larger populations will increase this issue.

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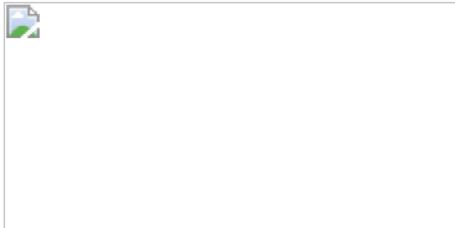


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What is your current electoral division?

34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

My name is Vivienne Horne. I am a graduate student working on my thesis looking at the intersection of justice and urban planning. Previously, I worked with nonprofits and rural, remote, and Indigenous communities across Canada to build affordable housing. From 2015 to 2019 I served as the MLA for Spruce Grove-St Albert, a hybrid constituency which was redistributed by the previous boundary commission. Over the decade since the previous commission, I lived first in St Albert, spent most of the COVID pandemic in Edmonton Rutherford, and now reside in Edmonton Highlands-Norwood. While my focus will be on Edmonton core ridings, all of these experiences inform my observations.

I want to thank the Commission for their hard work. The interim report largely maintains the principles of effective representation while acknowledging the legislative constraints and shifting demographics of our province. That is no small accomplishment!

First I do have a comment based on my time in the Legislature. Hybrid constituencies are included in this report but they appear to have been implemented sparingly. I encourage the Commission to maintain that trend, if not to reduce the hybrid constituency use further. The report notes that these constituencies have existed in the past and are in some way inevitable, and are also reflected in federal ridings. This is absolutely correct. However, they do pose a challenge to effective representation. MLAs representing hybrid ridings are by definition splitting their time between the rural and urban contexts, and it is a challenge to ensure both receive the care and attention they deserve. My riding included Spruce Grove, approximately a third of St Albert, the Alexander First Nation, and the rural land in between. Nearly every policy piece was vital to at least one major stakeholder, placing greater demands on my time and attention as I tried to engage with all of them. In some sense this may be seen as the ideal—MLAs legislate for the entire province, after all—but there are only so many hours in the day to meet with impacted groups, let alone meaningfully or proactively. Legal and cultural division between rural and urban may be blurry, but that should not be interpreted to mean that hybrid ridings should be seen as a positive vision for the future.

The Commission reports that Edmonton's core has been "hollowed out," reflecting the last federal census. I would caution against putting too much weight on that data alone. It was a census during the height of the COVID pandemic, for one, and many people moved to the suburbs or even to rural communities during that time. Lately, however, there has been a shift toward return-to-office, and that will make that trend a bit less salient. Further, the core is and will continue to redevelop. CMHC data shows that in 2025, the university area saw 47 housing starts while Strathearn/Holyrood saw 26. Edmonton's new zoning bylaw, in addition to development plans, will continue to densify the core.

In Highlands-Norwood, the City is in the process of redeveloping Northlands,

which will bring both new “grade-oriented” and mixed-use residential into the middle of our community. The new zoning also promotes greater density along 118 Avenue, which will likely lead to developer interest in the coming years. On a more personal level, I have witnessed a trend in who is moving in to our community. There are several seniors living in my neighbourhood, and they report having lived here for a few decades or more. Some are widowed, living alone in a two or three-bedroom home. However when they move, they are not being replaced by people approaching retirement looking to downsize, but by young families. I have lived in my house for a few years now, and every new resident has young children. I witnessed a similar trend in condos in St Albert and on the south side of Edmonton, but it seems to be stronger in the mature neighbourhoods of the core. There is more infill development as well, and the new zoning allows up to 8 units on a standard lot by default, which will further add to the density. My concern with the assumption that the core has been hollowed out is that the trend will not hold, and the MLAs of the core ridings in 5 years will find they have constituencies above the provincial average.

Overall, I am pleased with this interim report, and want to reiterate my gratitude to the Commission for their work. There are always trade-offs that have to be made, especially when considering the whole province it is not possible to ensure all aspects are perfect. I see a map that manages effective representation overall, with just a few points where I could see improvement.

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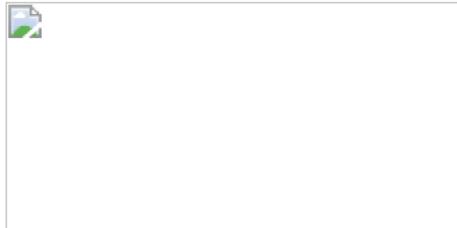


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What is your current electoral division?

65 - Highwood

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

24B - Okotoks-Diamond Valley

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Effective representation

Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this submission to The Electoral Boundaries Commission. My name is Richard Nichols and I live in Okotoks.

Background

I am writing to provide input on the proposed electoral boundary maps. After reviewing the options presented, I wish to state my preference for Interim Option B, which would create an Electoral District for Okotoks-Diamond Valley.

My Rationale

1. Preserving Community Identity

Okotoks and Diamond Valley are distinct communities with unique and often corresponding priorities. Their residents deserve representation that is not diluted by the competing demands of Calgary. An electoral district that straddles both Calgary and Okotoks risks diminishing the voice of the smaller community, whose concerns about issues such as local infrastructure, schools, and community services require focused attention.

Interim Option B ensures that the smaller communities retain a representative exclusively dedicated to their identity and interests.

2. Planning for Growth and Sustainability

The principal factor limiting growth in the Okotoks/Diamond Valley area has historically been its water supply. This challenge will be resolved prior to the next scheduled election with the completion of a major new water pipeline. The pipeline will unlock significant potential for residential and industrial development in this area.

With this growth on the horizon, it is vital that the area have a representative rooted in the community, capable of guiding expansion responsibly and ensuring that development balances opportunity with sustainability.

Conclusion:

Interim Option B not only protects the integrity of local representation but also better positions Okotoks and Diamond Valley to jointly manage growth effectively in concert with the Government of Alberta. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to adopt Interim Option B of the proposal.

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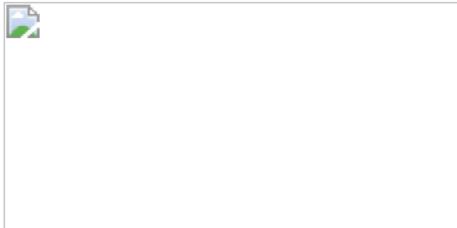


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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

As the former MLA for Strathcona-Sherwood Park I know how important it is to maintain community consistency in the constituencies

Many voters find the boundaries confusing as it is so changes simply add to that confusion

Splitting Sherwood Park at Clover Bar road 22 years ago still confuses voters to this day

To pull Heritage Hills back into Sherwood Park would cause great confusion

Cutting Beaumont into two would create even more confusion

More importantly it would take a

Community with common priorities and divide it sending both halves into other communities it has less in common with

Getting voters to turn out is hard enough

Confuse them and try sending them to a neighboring constituency to vote and they'll often just go home

In summary I strongly suggest the Strathcona-Sherwood Park Constituency

Boundaries be left as they are

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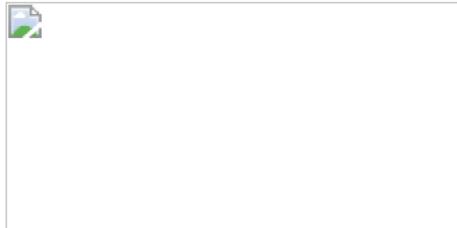


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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

Submission

The Boundary Commission wants to remove Heritage Hills from the Strathcona-Sherwood Park and add Beaumont and part of Leduc County to our constituency. I don't believe that these proposed changes reflect our community.

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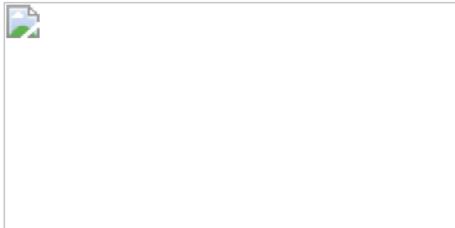


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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

72 - Mackenzie

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

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Submission

Submission in Response to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report

Regarding the Proposed Elimination of the Lesser Slave Lake (LSL) Electoral Division

Submitted by: Valerie and Lloyd Marshall

Community: Hamlet of Faust, Alberta

Current Electoral Division: Lesser Slave Lake

Date: December 17

Executive Summary

This submission responds to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's Interim Report and the proposed elimination of the Lesser Slave Lake (LSL) electoral division. The proposed redistribution would divide the LSL region among multiple ridings, including the proposed Mackenzie riding, one of the largest and most geographically expansive constituencies in Alberta.

The existing Lesser Slave Lake riding constitutes a clear and functional community of interest. Its communities share common geography, transportation corridors, service networks, economic relationships, and social and cultural ties. The riding's scale, while rural and northern, remains manageable and allows for effective MLA accessibility and meaningful in-person representation.

The proposed Mackenzie riding would extend across a vast boreal region with scattered agricultural areas, spanning extraordinary distances. Despite some surface similarities, communities across this area have limited interaction, differing priorities, and few shared institutions. The size and scale of the proposed riding would make regular, in-person representation impractical, particularly for rural and Indigenous communities.

Based on lived experience delivering adult education across the Lesser Slave Lake region for nearly 30 years, this submission demonstrates the practical limits of excessively large northern ridings. While the LSL region is large but navigable, areas farther north require air travel, underscoring the barriers an MLA would face in the proposed Mackenzie riding.

This submission concludes that the proposed elimination of the Lesser Slave Lake riding fails the effective representation test set out in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act. It recommends retaining the LSL riding. If that is not possible, it urges the Commission to keep Big Lakes County intact and

attach it to the proposed Peace River–Notley electoral division.

1. Introduction

I am writing in response to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's Interim Report, specifically regarding the proposed elimination of the Lesser Slave Lake (LSL) electoral division and the redistribution of its communities into other ridings.

While I recognize the challenge of balancing population parity with other statutory requirements, the proposed changes affecting the Lesser Slave Lake region do not meet the standard of effective representation set out in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

2. Overview of the Proposed Change

Under the Interim Report, the existing Lesser Slave Lake riding would be eliminated, with its communities redistributed among three neighbouring electoral divisions. One of these is the proposed Mackenzie riding, which would encompass a vast geographic area extending from near the centre of the province to the Northwest Territories boundary and westward to the British Columbia border.

This proposal would create an exceptionally large and geographically complex riding, combining communities with limited shared interests or practical connections.

3. The Existing Lesser Slave Lake Riding as a Community of Interest

The current Lesser Slave Lake electoral division functions as a coherent and effective community of interest that supports meaningful representation.

a) Shared Geography and Regional Realities

Communities within the LSL riding share a common geographic context characterized primarily by boreal forest, large lake systems, and scattered agricultural areas. These shared conditions give rise to common priorities related to wildfire response, land and resource management, infrastructure maintenance, and environmental stewardship.

b) Community Identity and Culture

The LSL region has a strong regional identity grounded in long-standing social, cultural, and historical relationships. The riding includes significant Indigenous, Métis, and francophone populations whose communities are interconnected through family ties, shared institutions, and regional events.

c) Transportation and Service Linkages

LSL communities are linked by established transportation corridors and shared service networks, including school divisions, health services, municipal governance structures, and commercial hubs. Residents routinely travel within the riding for employment, education, healthcare, and government services.

d) Manageable Scale for MLA Accessibility

While geographically large, the current LSL riding remains navigable. An MLA can reasonably travel between communities such as Slave Lake, High Prairie, Grouard, and surrounding First Nations and Métis settlements, enabling regular in-person engagement and sustained relationship-building.

4. Personal Experience Illustrating Effective Representation

As an adult educator, I worked for nearly 30 years in the Lesser Slave Lake region, delivering adult education programs in more than 20 communities, including towns, hamlets, Métis settlements, and First Nations. This work required frequent in-person visits to support learners and to meet with community leaders.

Although the communities within the LSL region are geographically dispersed, it was possible to travel between them by road and to develop lasting, meaningful relationships over time.

By contrast, during this same period I had only two occasions to meet with communities in Fort Vermilion, La Crête, and High Level. On both occasions, air travel was required due to distance and travel constraints. This experience illustrates the practical limits imposed by scale in northern Alberta and highlights the difference between a large but functional riding and one that is too vast for regular, in-person representation.

5. Concerns with the Proposed Redistribution

a) The Proposed Mackenzie Riding

The proposed Mackenzie riding would be primarily composed of boreal forest with scattered agricultural areas, but would span an extremely large territory. Despite some geographic similarities, communities across this area have limited interaction, distinct service patterns, and differing priorities.

The scale of the proposed Mackenzie riding would make consistent MLA presence unrealistic. Travel times of 8–12 hours one way are common in northern Alberta, particularly in winter conditions, significantly reducing opportunities for meaningful engagement.

b) Communities of Interest

Absorbing the Lesser Slave Lake region into the proposed Mackenzie riding would dilute a well-defined community of interest within a much larger and less cohesive constituency. Issues central to the LSL region—such as lake management, wildfire preparedness, forestry impacts, and rural healthcare access—risk being marginalized.

c) Impact on Indigenous and Rural Communities

Many communities within the LSL region are rural, remote, and Indigenous. Expanding riding size would further limit opportunities for MLAs to attend community meetings, cultural events, and consultations, exacerbating existing barriers to political participation.

6. Recommendations

1. Retain the Lesser Slave Lake electoral division as a distinct riding that reflects established communities of interest and supports effective representation.
2. If the Lesser Slave Lake riding cannot be maintained, attach the entire county of Big Lakes to the proposed Peace River–Notley electoral division, keeping the county intact within a single riding.

The Interim Report fragments Big Lakes County across four electoral divisions. This level of fragmentation undermines effective representation and complicates municipal–provincial coordination, making it more difficult for county leadership to work effectively with a single MLA on shared priorities such as infrastructure, emergency response, healthcare access, and economic development. High Prairie functions as the primary commercial, educational, and cultural centre for Big Lakes County, reinforcing the county's internal cohesion.

7. Conclusion

The existing Lesser Slave Lake electoral division meets the standard of effective representation required under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act. It reflects a coherent community of interest, shared geography, established service networks, and a scale that allows an MLA to remain accessible and responsive.

By contrast, the proposed elimination of the LSL riding and its absorption into the proposed Mackenzie riding prioritizes population redistribution over the statutory principles of effective representation. The proposal would create an excessively large riding lacking meaningful cohesion and would significantly impair representative accessibility, particularly for rural and Indigenous communities.

For these reasons, the proposed changes affecting Lesser Slave Lake clearly fail the effective representation test under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act. I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie and Lloyd Marshall

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Written Submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission
Round 2 – In Support of the Interim Report
Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview

Submitted by:

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Dec 17, 2025.

Introduction

Thank you to the members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the opportunity to provide a written submission during Round 2 of your public consultations.

I am writing in strong support of the Commission’s Interim Report recommendation for Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview, and specifically to express my support for maintaining the riding boundaries exactly as proposed. The recommendation reflects a careful, principled approach that respects communities of interest, upholds effective representation, and recognizes Edmonton’s continued growth.

Lived Experience and Daily Connectivity

I have lived in Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview for more than 15 years, in the Clareview area, central to the riding. My daily life reflects how closely connected the communities within this riding are.

I live within walking and biking distance of the Clareview LRT station, the Clareview Recreation Centre, and the Clareview Library, which I use regularly. I also make a short drive to the Penny McKee Library, particularly to use its excellent makerspace, a resource that serves residents from across the riding. These facilities function as shared community hubs rather than neighbourhood-specific amenities.

I frequently use the trail systems in Rundle Park and Hermitage Park for walking, cycling, and nature photography. These green spaces physically and socially connect neighbourhoods across the riding and reinforce the lived reality that Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview functions as a single, cohesive community despite major roadways such as the Yellowhead.

Respect for Municipal Boundaries and Effective Representation

I want to thank the Commission for keeping Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview within the City of Edmonton, with the limited and sensible exception of the landfill and gravel pits just across the river. By avoiding hybrid urban–rural or city–suburban ridings, the Commission has upheld the democratic principle of effective representation.

Residents of this riding rely on shared municipal services, transit systems, infrastructure, and social supports. Maintaining these communities within one municipal framework allows an MLA to advocate effectively and consistently on behalf of residents whose needs and priorities are shaped by the same city systems.

Logical Alignment of Neighbourhoods and Geographic Boundaries

I also want to express my support for how the Interim Report thoughtfully aligns neighbourhoods in a way that reflects shared history, daily interaction, and clear geographic boundaries.

In particular, bringing together the communities of Fraser and Bannerman makes sense given their close proximity, shared amenities, and long-standing social and community connections.

Residents in these neighbourhoods interact frequently through schools, parks, community leagues, and local services, and experience themselves as part of a common area rather than as distinct or separate communities.

Similarly, uniting the closely connected communities of Belvedere and Balwin within Edmonton-Decore is a logical and welcome decision. These neighbourhoods share historical roots, redevelopment patterns, and commercial and transit connections, and their alignment better reflects how residents live and move through the area.

Importantly, this approach also respects the CN rail tracks as a clear and meaningful geographic boundary. Rail infrastructure creates real physical separation, affects travel patterns, and shapes how communities interact. Using it as a boundary enhances clarity, coherence, and effective representation, rather than dividing communities that are naturally connected.

Taken together, these boundary decisions demonstrate a careful balance of history, geography, and lived experience, and I believe adopting the Interim Report as written will correct two significant misalignments in the current boundaries.

Integrated Social Supports and MLA Advocacy

An essential reason to keep the proposed boundaries intact is the way social supports operate across Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview as an integrated network.

In the south of the riding, organizations such as the Candora Society support families, individuals facing barriers to employment, and residents seeking community connection. In the north, the C5 Hub brings together five agencies under one roof, providing specialized supports for newcomers, Indigenous residents, people experiencing housing insecurity, young families, teen parents, and seniors. Other organizations, including the Abbottsfield Youth Project, deliver after-school and youth programming that serves families throughout the riding.

These agencies do not operate in isolation. Their effectiveness depends on coordination, continuity, and strong advocacy. Keeping Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview intact ensures that a single MLA can advocate clearly and consistently for funding, policy alignment, and service delivery that reflects how these supports actually function on the ground. Fragmenting the riding would risk weakening that advocacy and disrupting services relied upon by some of my most vulnerable neighbours.

Shared Community Life and Local Economy

Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview is also unified by shared community traditions and local economic activity. I regularly shop at the Beverly Farmers’ Market, one of the oldest and friendliest markets in

Edmonton, where it is common to run into neighbours and friends from across the riding. This shared space is a clear example of how residents experience the riding as a connected community rather than a collection of separate neighbourhoods.

Growth Within the Riding

The Interim Report appropriately accounts for ongoing and anticipated growth within Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview. I have seen first-hand growth:

In the north of the riding, and in the southeast, particularly through new high-density, multi-family housing near transit corridors.

These patterns support the Commission's conclusion that the riding's population will continue to align with provincial averages and further justify maintaining the proposed boundaries.

Conclusion

In closing, I want to sincerely thank the members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for your hard work, diligence, and commitment to public service. The Interim Report demonstrates a strong understanding of both demographic data and lived community experience.

For all of these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to adopt the Interim Report as written and retain the proposed boundaries for Edmonton–Beverly–Clareview without modification.





Interim Report Submission from Bernard Merrick

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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

Dear EBC

We urge you to keep the electoral boundaries for the Red Deer North Riding the same as last provincial election in 2023.

I am Bernard Merrick and I am also writing on behalf of my wife, Mary Louise Merrick.

We have lived and worked in Alberta our entire lives since 1966.

We disagree with the inclusion of more rural area to the boundaries.

To be fair to citizens, they need their elected representatives to be able to support their wishes. Red Deer North is an urban riding. It would not be fair to include more rural areas and rural citizens.

Both urban or rural citizens may not be properly represented if the areas are mixed.

Issues of urban and rural areas may not be the same. It would be very difficult for elected MLAs to do their job.

Please keep the boundaries for Red Deer North riding the same as 2023.

Thank you for your work looking at possible boundary changes. No doubt, due to growth, some ridings need to be changed. But not Red Deer North.

Sincerely,
Bernard and Mary Louise Merrick

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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

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

EBC-2025-2-566

Submission

I oppose the current propose change to the Strathcona-Sherwood Park electoral division. The proposed change takes out the community of Heritage Hills replacing it with a very different type of community - Beaumont. Beaumont has very different needs for roads and infrastructure, economic development and schools, Beaumont is governed by a council while Heritage Hills shares with the rest of the Strathcona-Sherwood Park division the status of specialized municipality. In my opinion, switching out Heritage Hills for Beaumont will weaken the representation of all constituents in the riding because it will no longer be able to focus and prioritize needs among communities of common interests. As the current population of the riding is within the variance allowable and as the population of the riding will naturally increase as the communities of Hillshire and Ardrossan expand there does not seem to be any pressing need to actually change these boundaries that have worked very well to date. Unneeded change is expensive and causes undo confusion among residents. I respectfully ask that this propose change be reconsidered.

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Template 2: Focus on Population Growth & Municipal Integrity (General)

Subject: Submission regarding Strathcona-Sherwood Park – Keep 2023 Boundaries

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to provide feedback on the Interim Report, specifically concerning the proposed **Strathcona-Sherwood Park** constituency. I urge the Commission to reject the proposal to add parts of Beaumont and Leduc County and instead maintain the 2023 boundaries.

1. Population Targets and Natural Growth The Commission's primary rationale for changing this riding appears to be population balancing. However, the current population of roughly 51,000 is already within the acceptable 10% threshold of the provincial average.

- This area is growing rapidly. The community of Ardrossan is expanding exponentially and is expected to add at least 1,000 residents in the next 2–3 years.
- The new Hillshire subdivision is projected to add 2,000–3,000 residents within five years.
- This natural growth will place Strathcona-Sherwood Park squarely in the "sweet spot" of the 55,000 population target without the need to artificially engineer the boundaries.

2. Communities of Interest The proposal to add the eastern half of Beaumont and a connecting portion of Leduc County creates a disjointed riding.

- Strathcona County and Beaumont are geographically and culturally distinct. They do not share significant economic or social ties; Beaumont residents rarely commute to Sherwood Park for services or work.
- Effective representation is best achieved when an MLA represents a cohesive community of interest. Mixing these distinct municipalities dilutes the voice of both Strathcona County and Beaumont residents.
- If increasing the population was an absolute necessity (which the growth data suggests it is not), communities like Tofield would have been a far more logical fit due to existing economic and social ties to Sherwood Park. Beaumont is simply not a fit.

Conclusion Please keep it simple. The current boundaries work, the population is within the legal variance, and future growth is already guaranteed. I ask that you **maintain the 2023 boundaries for Strathcona-Sherwood Park.**

Sincerely,

Ashley Zwarich

Strathcona County, AB

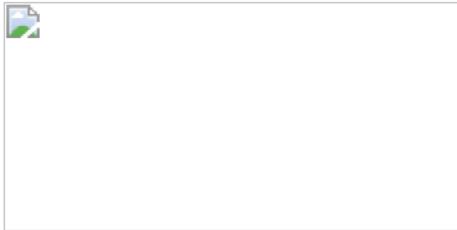


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What is your current electoral division?

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

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

I oppose the currently proposed change to the Strathcona-Sherwood Park electoral division.

The proposed change carves out of Sherwood Park the embedded neighborhood of Heritage Hills and replaces it with Beaumont - a totally independent and detached community from Sherwood Park. Beaumont has very different needs for roads and infrastructure, economic development and schools, Beaumont is governed by a council while Heritage Hills shares with the rest of the Strathcona-Sherwood Park division the status of specialized municipality and common Mayor/councilors.

In my opinion, switching out Heritage Hills for Beaumont will weaken the representation of all constituents in the riding. Heritage Hills needs and priorities, e.g. transportation, infrastructure, schools, etc., are aligned with Sherwood Park and has nothing in common with Beaumont - this change will no longer be able to focus and prioritize needs among communities of common interests.

Beaumont is closely aligned with Leduc/Nisku and should remain so. If there is a need to adjust population add communities that are already reliant on Sherwood Park for supplies such as Tofield.

Thank you for allowing this submission.

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FEDERATION OF CALGARY COMMUNITIES

December 18, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Proposed Electoral Division Areas

The Federation of Calgary Communities (the Federation) represents 157 community associations and approximately 90 other community-based organizations across Calgary. Our members deliver a wide range of programs and services that directly impact the quality of life in Calgary's neighbourhoods. The Federation works to strengthen the capacity of these primarily volunteer-run organizations by providing resources, advocacy, and professional support.

Through our ongoing work with community-based organizations across the city, the Federation has a unique and comprehensive perspective on the needs, priorities, and lived experiences of Calgary's neighbourhoods.

We would like to begin by expressing our appreciation to the Electoral Boundaries Commission for recommending the addition of two seats to Calgary. This decision appropriately acknowledges the city's significant population growth and represents an important step toward ensuring effective representation by population.

That said, the Federation has concerns with the recommendation to create three hybrid electoral divisions—Calgary–West Elbow Valley, Calgary–Cross, and Calgary–Okotoks. Calgary has a distinct urban character that differs markedly from the rural communities beyond the city's boundaries. The city's neighbourhoods are highly interconnected and tend to share common urban issues, services, and experiences that differ from those of adjacent rural areas.

From the Federation's perspective, electoral divisions are most effective when residents within a district share common interests, challenges, and lived realities. Maintaining electoral boundaries that reflect Calgary's urban context supports more cohesive representation and enables elected officials to more effectively advocate for the needs of their constituents.

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The Federation respectfully encourages the Commission to consider the importance of preserving Calgary's urban integrity when finalizing electoral boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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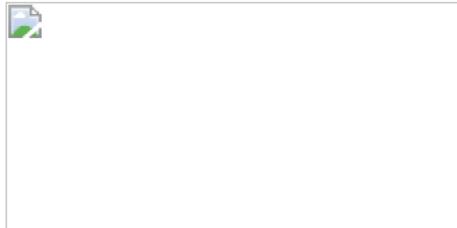


Interim Report Submission from Scott Seland

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What is your current electoral division?

01 - Calgary-Acadia

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

01 - Calgary-Acadia

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest

Submission

My wife, kids and I have lived in the community of Acadia since 2006. Interim options A and B for Calgary-Acadia (they are the same) look very reasonable. Our one concern for our riding is losing the Manchester neighbourhood. In our 19 years in the area, it has felt like an extension of the Acadia/Fairview corridor, and we use the businesses in that area frequently. It seems like it should stay part of Calgary-Acadia. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Request from Tofield Residents to Join Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Subject: Submission regarding the placement of Tofield – Request to join Strathcona-Sherwood Park

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a resident of **Tofield** to provide feedback on the 2025-2026 Interim Report. Currently, the proposal places our community within the **Camrose** electoral division. I respectfully request that the Commission instead include Tofield in the **Strathcona-Sherwood Park** constituency.

1. Communities of Interest and Economic Ties The Election Act requires the Commission to consider "communities of interest" when drawing boundaries. For residents of Tofield, our primary community of interest is Sherwood Park, not Camrose.

- **Commuting Patterns:** A significant portion of Tofield's workforce commutes daily to Sherwood Park and Edmonton's industrial heartland. Our economic lives are deeply tied to the west, towards Strathcona County.
- **Access to Services:** When Tofield residents need specialized medical services, major retail shopping, or entertainment amenities, we overwhelmingly travel to Sherwood Park. It is our primary service hub.
- **Transportation:** Highway 14 provides a direct and frequently used link between Tofield and Strathcona County, creating a natural corridor that binds our communities together.

2. Effective Representation Placing Tofield in the Camrose riding separates us from the hub where we work, shop, and recreate.

- **Shared Priorities:** We share more common interests with the semi-rural and industrial-adjacent communities of Strathcona County than we do with the agricultural and distinct municipal focus of the Camrose area.
- **Representation:** An MLA representing Strathcona-Sherwood Park would be better positioned to advocate for the specific infrastructure and economic needs of the Highway 14 corridor that connects us.

3. A Logical Alternative to the Current Proposal I understand the Commission is proposing complex changes to Strathcona-Sherwood Park, including adding parts of Beaumont.

- Adding Tofield to Strathcona-Sherwood Park is a far more logical solution to population balancing than adding Beaumont. Unlike Beaumont, which is a distinct municipality with little connection to Sherwood Park, Tofield is already integrated into the fabric of Strathcona County through our daily lives.

Conclusion: To ensure effective representation that reflects our true community of interest, I urge the Commission to amend the interim report and move Tofield into the **Strathcona-Sherwood Park** electoral division.

Sincerely,

Teira Hight and Dave Hoyer

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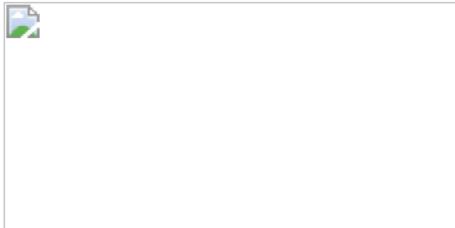


Interim Report Submission from Kimberly Villanueva

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What is your current electoral division?

38 - Edmonton-Mill Woods

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

41 - Edmonton-Mill Woods

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Effective representation
- Projected growth
- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

EBC-2025-2-572

Submission

I am a mother of two girls currently attending high school and post-secondary here in Edmonton and I work as a teacher in southeast Edmonton. I think it's very important for residents to be involved and have a say in choosing their provincial representatives.

I want to thank the Commission for recognizing the huge population growth in southeast Edmonton by adding another seat on the Interim boundary map, and for keeping all four seats within Edmonton's boundaries and not mixing them with the suburban or rural communities outside of Edmonton. Southeast Edmonton is much more diverse than the smaller cities outside of Edmonton like Leduc or Beaumont, which is one of the many reasons my family calls this part of the city home and why it has been such a great place to raise my two girls. I think it's important that the Commission keeps the finalized boundaries for this area as close as possible to the Interim map, which I think does a great job at guaranteeing effective representation for families and voters in southeast Edmonton by making sure that any candidates have to earn broad support from the diverse communities in our part of the city if they want to win, instead of pitting communities against each other like what could happen in a mixed or 'rurban' riding.

I am very happy with the proposed map, but I would also strongly suggest that the Commission consider adding at least one additional seat to Edmonton given the huge rates of population growth this area is seeing, especially compared to more rural areas. I am concerned that if the Commission does not act proactively now, these seats will all be over-populated again within a few years. We should address this issue now rather than waiting until it becomes a problem.

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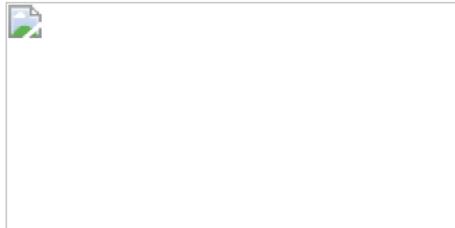


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What is your current electoral division?

08 - Calgary-Edgemont

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

10 - Calgary-Edgemont

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Projected growth

Submission

To the Volunteers of the Provincial Boundary Commission,

My name is Allan Thacker, and I am a constituent of the Calgary-Edgemont riding in Calgary, Alberta. I am a young adult who takes interest in the political situation in this province. The Provincial Boundary Commission matters to me a lot, not only as someone who believes in the importance of upholding a fair, equal democratic process but also as someone who sees Dalhousie and its adjacent neighborhoods as a community and a place to call home in Alberta. What makes my community unique is that Calgary-Edgemont has been known as a community where neighbors know each other and live in the same space. In my childhood, I grew up going to school with classmates who were not just classmates but my neighbors. My parents also knew other parents at my school as neighbors and friends. Additionally, as an adult who continues to live in this community, I run into other residents of the riding through walking my dog, attending community center events, and during celebrations such as Canada Day. Since 2017, my riding has seen significant changes, such as the construction of new apartment buildings and the development of adjacent new neighborhoods such as Tuscany. More broadly, Calgary as a city has seen rapid population growth. Many people have moved to Calgary and its satellite towns in the past few years, creating some of the most quickly growing municipalities in Canada.

I believe that the Electoral Boundaries Commission has acted in the interests of me and my fellow constituents in my riding. The Electoral Boundaries Commission is keeping neighboring communities together in the same riding, so me and my fellow constituents in the riding can cast votes in the same community and be represented by the same MLA. This is particularly important because our current MLA, Julia Hayter, has often reached out to constituents at events such as the Dalhousie Show and Shine, the local farmers market, and other events to make sure that we recognize her as someone who we can talk to when we need to feel heard in the government decisions in Alberta. Additionally, the boundaries of Calgary-Edgemont are now more clearly defined, as they are separated from other ridings by the freeways of Shaganappi Trail, Stoney Trail, Crowfoot Trail, and Country Hills Boulevard, which distinguish my local neighborhoods from more distant communities. Additionally, I am also happy to know that two new ridings will be added to Calgary, which reflects the needs for representation among an electorate that is growing.

While I am impressed with the boundaries themselves, one thing that I would like the boundaries commission to do is clarify where to vote. In the Calgary Municipal Election, many people were confused about where to vote, which decreased participation. I would like to see the Electoral Boundaries Commission establish polling stations for constituents that are within the constituents neighborhoods, well known to the constituents, and easy to access. Overall, I believe that the electoral boundaries commission has created a good map that reflects the communities in the riding of Calgary-Edgemont.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best in All,
Allan Thacker

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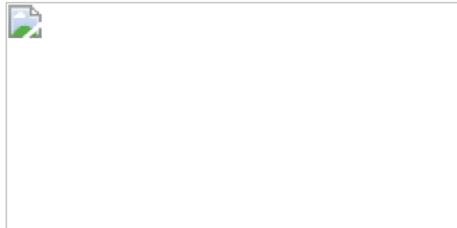


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What is your current electoral division?

46 - Edmonton-Whitemud

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

50 - Edmonton-Whitemud

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

EBC-2025-2-574

Submission

I'd like to begin commending the Electoral Boundaries Commission for its careful consideration of the differing and complex issues before it and concluding in its Interim report with what I perceive to be a thoughtful and logical response, the riding in which I live. In my view the proposal of hybrid ridings was rightfully rejected as these would be artificial constituencies, thus limiting the voice of Albertan residing within those politically motivated rather than by community interests within naturally geographically sound boundaries.

Myself and my wife have lived in Edmonton-Whitemud for over 15 years. We are members of our Community League, a Rotary Club connected to this part of Edmonton, and utilize the many amenities available to us within our community. The proposed new boundaries for Edmonton-Whitemud are not only geographically sound, primarily bounded by the river and the ravine but actually reflects how those of us living on both sides of Rabbit Hill road actually experience and gather within this area. I believe the proposed boundary changes much more accurately and effectively represent those of us that live within the communities located within the new boundaries. Our interests align within these communities whether in reference to transportation, housing or amenities to name but a few. I have family and friends who live within these communities and the previous boundary that divided us artificially, primarily on the basis of Rabbit Hill road bore no relationship to our common interests and our experience that in effect the proposed changes now match.

While I do appreciate the complex work and commitment of the Commission to create a new and needed electoral map fairly representing Alberta's changing demographics I am of the opinion that Edmonton requires one additional seat. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

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To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

My name is Julie Johnston. I reside in the community of Hawkwood which falls within the Calgary-Edgemont riding.

I have been a resident of Calgary for almost 60 years, growing up in Dalhousie. My first home was in Edgemont and I have lived in Hawkwood for the last 20 years. I have attended schools in Dalhousie and sent my own children to Hawkwood School. I have a strong understanding of this riding and its character. Including Arbour Lake in Calgary-Edgemont is a logical choice. Along with Ranchlands, all these communities share a similar demographic. We all make use of infrastructure like Crowfoot and Dalhousie retail districts. Our transit feeds to Crowfoot and Dalhousie LRT stations. Many students from the proposed Calgary-Edgemont riding attend schools that feed to Robert Thirsk High School.

I appreciate that the proposed boundaries for Calgary-Edgemont are very clear, following the major thorough-fares of Crowchild Trail, Shaganappi Trail and Country Hills Boulevard. I think this would be helpful for electors to identify not only the physical boundaries of the riding, but also to feel a sense of community and connection to other voters that might share their perspectives.

According to the interim report, The Hamptons would no longer be a part of Calgary-Edgemont. Looking at the proposed map, I see it fitting in much more logically with the new north communities of Sage Hill and Nolan Heights. I think this was a good decision.

On a more general note, I am thankful that Calgary-Edgemont remains a clearly urban riding. I am very uncomfortable with the notion of hybrid ridings, as I feel there is a potential for constituents in these ridings to have their voices diluted. I urge you to resist creating hybrid ridings for this reason.

I would also like to raise the issue of adequate representation within Calgary as a whole. I am continually astounded at the rate of growth in my city. I see constant construction of new communities like Livingston and Glacier Ridge as well as ongoing densification within the city core. A new electoral map needs to take into account growing populations in the next few years. Will these expanding communities be adequately represented with the present number of urban ridings in Calgary? Perhaps it would be a good idea to make provision for future growth by including an additional riding?

I would like to conclude by thanking the commission for your efforts to ensure a fair electoral map for all Albertans. It is a huge job and requires insight into the many communities that exist in this province. I hope that the submissions you receive will be informative in the drafting of the final proposal.

Sincerely,
Julie Johnston



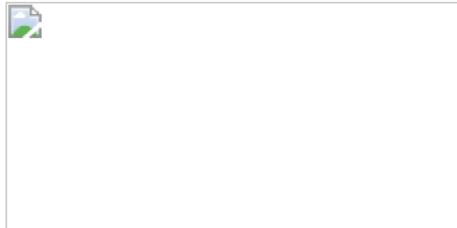


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What is your current electoral division?

30 - Edmonton-Decore

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

38 - Edmonton-Manning

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

Submission

To the election boundary commission members,

First, I want to thank you for the work you have done so far. When I look over the map, I see that a lot of thought has been put into making it fair and representative.

My name is Jennifer Porritt and I am a resident of the current riding of Edmonton-Decore. I recently ran for city council in Ward tastawiniyiwak which greatly overlaps Decore and am quite familiar with it.

Overall, I think the map for Edmonton-Decore looks good. I like the addition of Belvedere because I know that neighbourhoods that were built in similar decades, also have similar demographics. Making ridings within the concentric circles of a city makes more sense to me than a similar sized pie slice.

Something that I didn't know before running was that even by just looking at the map and seeing whether neighbourhoods have grids, pocket parks or cul-de-sacs, I could get a good sense of the demographics of the citizens. The conversations that I had at the doors in the northern part of the riding were quite different than in the south.

When the current government made hybrid ridings allowable, I heard a government politician saying it would bring a unified voice to a varied community. I take issue with that because although there will only be one voice it means that large portions of the riding will feel unheard and disenfranchised.

A reason that I do question Belvedere being added to Edmonton-Decore is because it seems to make population space for Edmonton-Manning to become a rural/urban hybrid riding. The needs and priorities for these two halves in Edmonton-Manning will quite likely leave one half of the riding feeling unrepresented. Personally, I would consider adding the neighbourhoods from Decore between 153 Ave and 167 Ave to Manning and adding more neighbourhoods from Edmonton North West to Decore, if it helped to avoid making hybrid ridings.

Another issue is central Edmonton losing a riding. I know that central Edmonton ridings have seen a decrease in population but this trend has already begun to reverse as the city works towards its goal of having 50% of new housing built within the Henday. I can think of a half dozen of multiplexes being built within a few minutes walk from my house, which is just north of the Yellowhead and south of it, where houses are even older, the growth of multiplexes is even more rapid. The city also has a goal of revitalizing downtown by focusing on housing. The opening of O'day'min Park downtown has brought the announcement of a number of apartment blocks to surround it. As this map is meant to serve for the next 8-10 years, these trends should be taken into account.

In 2021, I was transferred to a new workplace on the very south side, just off 41

Ave SW. It was during the federal election and I remember being shocked seeing signs for the Westaskiwin MP at my Edmonton workplace. The citizens of Wetaskiwin and those suburban dwellers living on 41 Ave SW had very different needs and concerns. One single representative would have a hard time voting with both groups in mind. Democracy would be weakened in the eyes of the electorate and in reality.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission. I encourage you to keep urban boundaries clear and create riding with the greatest amount of cohesiveness possible by using neighbourhood design and therefore age, as your guide.

All the best in your service of democracy.

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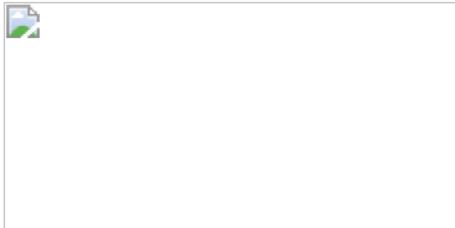


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What is your current electoral division?

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

Submission

Good evening. I have lived in the Innisfail area for two decades. My background is in logistics, primarily in trucking around Central Alberta. With my business, I connect with dozens of people a week and see the important culture and geographical around this region. I see that the commission wants to name it "Sylvan Lake-Innisfail". I find that odd considering Innisfail is alphabetical and has always been first in past boundaries. Additional, Innisfail is a very important stop for Albertans going north or south. Sylvan (wonderful place), is really different than the rest of the riding. The primary industry is really tourism. I don't think we should clump a bunch of areas for the sake of it. Sylvan Lake should really be part of Lacombe-Ponoka area due to its tourism, culture and oil field worker feel. If you are looking for more population, perhaps add a town like Blackfalds or Olds. Those have much more in common with Innisfail area than Sylvan Lake. I appreciate the opportunity to have a say. Happy Holidays.

Vivek

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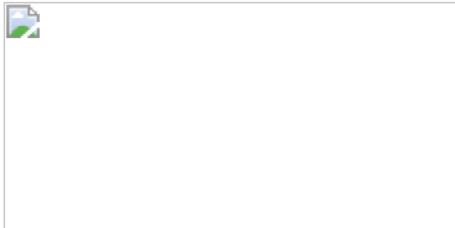


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What is your current electoral division?

75 - Morinville-St. Albert

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

83 - St. Albert-Sturgeon

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Effective representation

Submission

I am writing to suggest the relocation of polling sites 43, 44, and 45 from the Morinville-St. Albert riding to the St. Albert riding. This proposal stems from the shared demographic traits and community features between these polling places and St. Albert.

The polling locations in question are situated in an older part of St. Albert, which closely matches the demographic and age profile typical of the St. Albert riding. Moving these polling sites would lead to a representation that better mirrors the needs of the local community.

My recommendation is especially relevant given the significant growth occurring on the northern side of St. Albert, particularly within the Morinville-St. Albert constituency. Adjusting the boundaries for polls 43, 44, and 45 is essential for addressing this rapid development and ensuring that all constituents receive effective representation.

I appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

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To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

First, I would like to say thank you for your sincerest efforts on this issue. It is important work, but not glamourous. There are a few things in the interim report I would like to speak to, situating myself as a voter in Lethbridge-East.

I would include myself as someone who is “skeptical of hybrid electoral divisions” (p. 27 of the report), but do see where they might be necessary. I strongly agree with the Commission’s approach that “used hybrid constituencies judiciously and only where we believe it helped further the goal of effective representation” (p. 27).

I also appreciate the Commission’s observation that “hybrid electoral divisions are not necessarily good in themselves. They can be used in ways that undermine effective representation” (p. 29). From my reading of some submissions to the Commission, it seemed that was being attempted in suggestions that Lethbridge-West and Lethbridge-East be split into four rural-urban ridings. I am glad that the Commission did not follow those suggestions.

Communities establish a sense of social cohesion primarily because of how we gather together as groups of human beings, not because of how certain economic corridors exist. I strongly believe that electoral districts should reflect social communities first and foremost, not economic corridors. The Commission’s intelligent use of pragmatism in the decision to maintain these two urban ridings is excellent, as you note that “the boundaries of the two divisions within the city are clearly logical and facilitate effective representation with minor changes to the boundaries, to reflect disparate historical population growth and anticipated future population growth between the two electoral divisions” (p. 35).

As someone who is also well-versed in local history, I appreciate you citing Belinda Crowson’s common-sense observations about how Lethbridge’s two current riding boundaries just “make sense” (p. 67). Splitting Lethbridge into four urban-rural hybrid electoral divisions, in my opinion, would not make good sense. Again, I appreciate the Commission’s use of logic and history in maintaining these boundaries.

I hope the recommendations from this Interim Report will be maintained in the final submission. Thanks again for your service.

Best Regards,

Tyler Stewart
Private Citizen
Lethbridge, AB

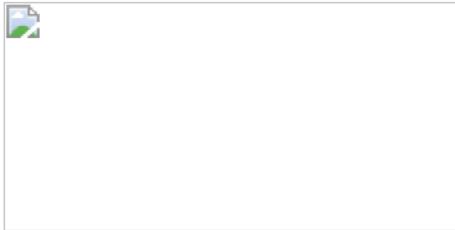


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What is your current electoral division?

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

35 - Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

- Projected growth

Submission

Dear Commissioners,

I want to begin by thanking you for the work you are doing as it is incredibly important for Alberta's democracy. My name is Athena Michailides and am a life long resident of the Edmonton-Riverview constituency. I felt motivated to participate because of how critical I feel a fair map for my city and my community is.

My community of Edmonton-Riverview is distinct and continuously growing and should be represented on its own, rather than divided and merged with neighbouring ridings. As the population in this area continues to grows, it will be important they maintain their representation. If this community is broken up and split across other ridings through central Edmonton, it fractures various communities and dilutes votes. Edmonton-Riverview is home to various communities, including many ethnic groups, whose voices may not be heard with the reallocation of boundary lines. The newly proposed boundary lines of Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview mix together communities on opposite sides of the river where needs may differ greatly from one neighbourhood to the other.

In order for the constituents of Edmonton-Riverview to be properly represented, I believe our existing boundary lines must remain intact. Our neighbourhoods are constantly growing and are distinct communities that should not be divided and mashed with others. Simply, I believe Edmonton-Riverview should be left to its current, existing boundaries and that doing so would help create a fair electoral map for the Edmonton region.

Thank you.

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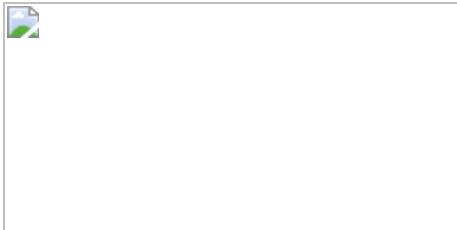


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What is your current electoral division?

39 - Edmonton-North West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

42 - Edmonton-North West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

Submission

Good evening,

I had the opportunity to read the Interim Report's suggested changes to Edmonton Northwest. The inclusion of the Calder neighbourhood, which appears to be the only change to the electoral division, would not undermine effective representation in the electoral division for a few reasons.

The first reason is that Calder's population will not put Edmonton North West significantly over the average. If memory serves, Edmonton North West was, previous to the proposed amendments in the Interim Report, slightly below the average population for an electoral division. The increase to approximately 61,000 does not significantly dilute our vote as constituents of the riding.

The second reason is that Calder has ties to Edmonton Northwest both geographically and socially. For instance, the Al-Rashid Mosque sits just outside of Calder and is a cultural hub for the Muslim community in Edmonton North West. Calder is also just across 113a Street from Grand Trunk Park, a common recreational space for people in the electoral division.

The inclusion of Calder is a logical and reasonable extension of the riding that maintains the integrity of the electoral division while also not overburdening the electoral division with too significant a population increase.

Yours truly,
Will van Engen

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Members of the Commission,

My name is David Molaro. I live and work in the electoral division of Edmonton-North West. I'm writing a submission this evening because I believe it is important for the opinions of everyday Albertans to be heard throughout the process of designing electoral boundaries. In particular, I believe that the concerns of urban Albertans should be addressed, given that they represent the largest percentage of the population.

First, I'd like to thank the Commission for adding another division to the Edmonton area. The city is clearly growing and was overdue for an additional division or two. I believe that while a strong argument exists for not creating a second new division in Edmonton at this time, it is an inevitability that should be considered at a later date.

I'm also thankful for the Commission choosing to largely maintain the boundaries of my riding, Edmonton-North West. The borders make a lot of sense to me given the cultural connections of many residents as well as the major roadways that pass through the division. That said, I have a suggestion for a change related to my next point about hybrid divisions.

The rationale listed in the Interim Report for the necessity of some hybrid divisions makes sense, but I take issue with the choice to continue including part of St. Albert in the proposed St.Albert-Sturgeon division. I believe that it would make much more sense to have a southern section of St.Albert be part of Edmonton-North West or for a western segment to become part of Edmonton-West Henday. Living in the northwest of Edmonton, I spend a fair amount of time in St. Albert and the communities of the proposed St. Albert-Sturgeon division. It is my opinion that the people of St.Albert have more in common with those in Edmonton's northwest than say Gibbons or Redwater. Given the Commission's goal of keeping communities of interest together, this seems like an appropriate change.

Once again, I'd like to extend my appreciation to the members of the Commission. The work that you all have done and continue to do will affect Albertans now and for many years to come.

Thank you for considering my submission,

David Molaro

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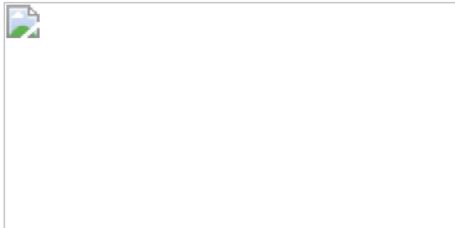


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What is your current electoral division?

28 - Edmonton-Castle Downs

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

35 - Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

Submission

Alberta should not be changing any boundaries to electoral districts to suit a provincial govts own agenda , they should remain as they presently are ..no gerrymandering . Edmonton Riverview should remain

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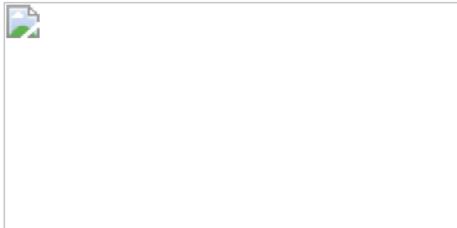


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What is your current electoral division?

40 - Edmonton-Riverview

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Communities of interest

Submission

Firstly, I wish to express support for the new riding configuration of Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview. We have many north-south connections in this area of the city, and the maps reflect that. Edmonton overall looks fine.

I mainly write to express my preference for map option B because it uses hybrid ridings more judiciously.

On hybrid ridings - I found the report's attitude on the subject rather dismissive, to urban concerns, and to "most submissions" (as the report puts it) who took the time to mention the subject skeptically.

The argument in the report that small cities already use hybrid ridings, and therefore large cities should accept them too, does not follow. Hybrid makes sense for small cities that typically (in Alberta) are worth less than a whole riding quota, or a fraction around two. In these cases, a hybrid riding achieves a worthwhile outcome: ensuring that the citizens of a small city are not underrepresented. But larger cities can distribute their fractional value above or below quota among their ridings, so that the city is neither very over or very under represented compared to the "perfect" population quota. It makes less difference to representation if Edmonton has 21 or 22 ridings than if Airdrie has 1 or 2.

I also find the report misleading about the work of the federal commissions and hybrid ridings. The use of the Federal map to justify hybrid ridings in the big cities is questionable. The report says: "13 federal Members of Parliament in Alberta also routinely represent constituencies with urban and rural populations." As your own footnote shows, none of these 13 hybrid federal MPs represent Calgary or Edmonton. If anything, the federal commission seems to affirm the status quo in Alberta, where only smaller cities have hybrid representation!

I question the idea stated in the report that hybrid ridings are the way of the future. To this point, Federal commissions have actually moved away from them. In the current federal maps of both Alberta and Saskatchewan, the many hybrid ridings around the larger cities that once existed have now been abandoned. Only one hybrid riding remains, in Regina—Qu'Appelle. Even the old riding combining St. Albert and northwest Edmonton, two urban areas, has been abandoned, to give Edmonton its own exclusive ridings.

I also question whether it is part of the commission's mandate to reduce polarization when drawing boundaries, which the report mentions twice as a virtue of the proposed hybrid ridings?

The argument does not need to be, as is laid out in the interim report, about urban, rurban and rural areas and where to draw the line. Using this argument is not neutral and steers the conversation in an implicitly favourable direction to hybrid ridings.

A more obvious starting point for a discussion of political maps would consider the importance of municipal boundaries, which do not have the ambiguity of urban, rurban and rural. Municipal borders delineate citizens who pay their taxes to, and receive services from, the same entity, elect the same city council and mayor, and share, legally and socially, a citywide identity. Edmonton and Calgary are large political entities in Alberta with clear boundaries, and these cities have their own relationships with the provincial government as advocates for their citizens. The considerations advanced in favour of hybrid ridings – people from small communities accessing amenities in a city, shared traffic or business corridors, similar population densities - are evidently weaker factors if trying to identify a shared political community.

If you must use hybrid ridings, I would prefer no more than one hybrid riding per city.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work.

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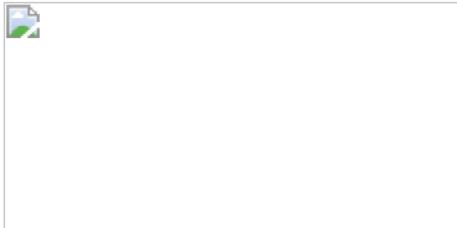


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What is your current electoral division?

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
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

Submission

Electoral Boundaries Commission Submission 18/12/2025

Submitted by Janine Jevne, resident of the Banff-Kananaskis Riding

My husband and I purchased our property in the MD of Bighorn near the Summer Village of Waiparous in 2005. We built our home and have lived here full-time since 2009. We are currently retired.

I appreciate the diversity of our rural riding which serves First Nations Communities, and a blend of interests including tourism, agriculture and ranching.

I am grateful that you have recognized the uniqueness and geography of our mountain towns, Canmore and Banff, with their environmental and tourism concerns and have added Jasper to our district. It makes sense.

In terms of population, you have recognized the exponential growth on the horizon for Canmore.

Further, I applaud including all the Stoney Reserves in one riding, the newly proposed Banff/Jasper Electoral District. These reserves are served by one education agency, Stoney Education Authority, and share similar challenges. It makes sense to include them in one riding.

I am also inspired by your diligent work in outlining the principles of our Canadian democracy in regards to electoral boundaries, a very different picture from the United States, where the focus on one person, one vote, has resulted in ineffective representation in many areas and opened up this important process to gerrymandering and in some areas, vote suppression.

“Factors like geography, community history, community interests and minority representation may need to be taken into account to ensure that our legislative assemblies effectively represent the diversity of our social mosaic. These are but examples of considerations which may justify departure from absolute voter parity in the pursuit of more effective representation” Interim Report of the 2025-2026 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission (<https://abebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025-Interim-Report-Original-Signed-for-Web-Posting.pdf>)

Spring Bank and Elbow Valley have been removed from the proposed riding- this makes sense to me. Those neighbourhoods border Calgary and have much more in common with the residents of this big city than they do with Bow Valley residents.

I am a former teacher, teacher-librarian and public library director. I have worked in northern and central Alberta, in Okotoks and Airdrie and Calgary and now

reside in this rural area. I am aware of the differences in economic, group and cultural identities in different geographic areas and how they contribute to shaping the different ridings.

Thank you for recognizing the importance that geographic interests, and common cultural and economic issues contribute to electoral boundaries.

I support the changes in this proposal for Banff-Jasper and thank you for the research and effort that has gone into completing this critical process of electoral boundary reform.

Thank you. I hope your proposal for Banff-Kananakis becomes a reality.

Sincerely,
Janine Jevne

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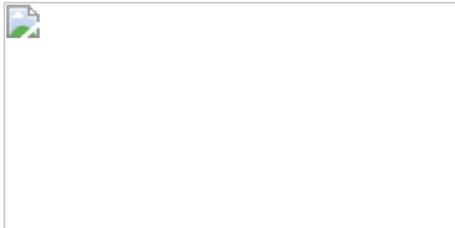


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What is your current electoral division?

25 - Calgary-Varsity

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

04 - Calgary-Bow

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

Submission

I am writing this submission in response to the Committee's current review of the geographic boundaries of the Calgary Bow electoral division.

I have been a resident of Calgary Bow for nearly 20 years, and during that time I have raised a family, volunteered extensively, and remained deeply engaged in the life of this community. Based on this lived experience, I strongly believe that the residents of Springbank would be far better served by being included within the Calgary Bow electoral district rather than being aligned with Cochrane or Canmore.

There is a strong and longstanding community of interest between Springbank and Calgary Bow. Many Springbank families are closely connected to Calgary through schools, youth sports leagues, volunteer organizations, and daily activities. Children from Springbank commonly participate in Calgary-based school programs and athletics, while parents rely heavily on Calgary for employment, healthcare, recreation, and essential services. These social, educational, and economic ties naturally align Springbank with Calgary Bow.

By contrast, Cochrane and Canmore represent distinct communities with different growth patterns, service needs, and regional priorities. While geographically proximate, they do not reflect the day-to-day realities of Springbank residents in the same way Calgary Bow does. Springbank's orientation, socially, economically, and functionally, is toward Calgary, not westward into the mountain and tourism-oriented communities.

Maintaining communities of interest within electoral boundaries is essential to effective representation. Aligning Springbank with Calgary Bow would better reflect shared priorities, ensure more coherent representation, and support stronger engagement between constituents and their elected representative.

I respectfully urge the Commission to carefully consider these community connections and the lived experience of residents when determining the final boundaries for Calgary Bow.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this important process.

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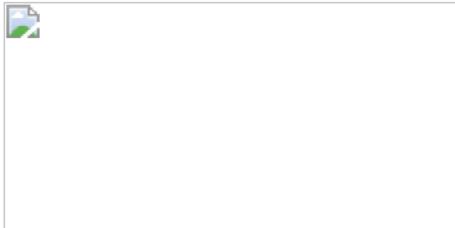


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Sherwood Park

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What is your current electoral division?

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

Adding Beaumont to Strathcona-Sherwood Park makes zero sense. Why would you remove Heritage Hills? This region is growing fast and will hit its target organically, soon. Leave this district as it sits please.

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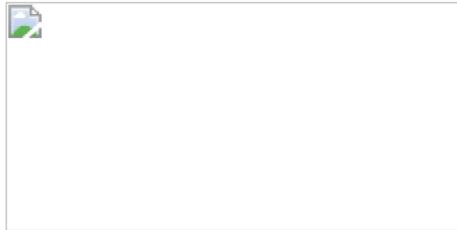


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What is your current electoral division?

03 - Calgary-Bow

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

04 - Calgary-Bow

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

I live in Cougar Ridge on the outskirts of the city of Calgary. I have many friends and work colleagues who live in Springbank. Many of the people I know in Springbank go to my church building which is just inside the city limits. We do many activities together and they are a big part of our church community. These friends have children who travel in to Calgary for school and shopping and other activities including church activities. We are all one big community which works together and have common interests and concerns. I think it would be smart to include Springbank into the Calgary Bow riding as the interests and concerns are the same. We are all part of the O&G community which have the same concerns especially regarding Federal government policies. It is important that we continue to build that firewall around Alberta! Pension, police, and tax collection are a few important issues that we get right. I am 70 years old and I have watched the federal government take from Alberta my whole life. Pierre Trudeau is still very fresh in my mind and I will never forget what the father/son have done to Alberta and our industry. I want a better future for my grandchildren and right now I don't see it. We have the resources and we have the expertise to develop these resources responsibly! Please include Springbank in Calgary Bow.

Thank you!

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Big Lakes County

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What is your current electoral division?

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

Submission

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am against the elimination of the Lesser Slave Lake constituency based on the lack of population. I live in Big Lakes County and this would split our country into three different constituencies potentially making it even more difficult to meet with our representative whom ever they are. One idea I propose is adding in the Swan Hills area to bring the population up to a number that you see works and the fact that is is already within our county makes sense. Removing the Lesser Slave Lake riding takes yet another voice away from the north and continues to fuel the urban and rural divide fire. The economic driver behind this province is the north and when our voices are not heard it appears that you really don't care about us and just want our resources. The indigenous population play a large role in our riding and by changing the boundaries it's may make it more difficult to work with them. My fear is at some point in the future there will be only one or two riding north of Swan Hills due to the major centers getting larger but that still isn't fair and equal representation. Driving four hours in a southern constituency is totally different than driving 4 hours in the north. The southern constituency has numerous places to stop within that area to meet and talk with constituents where as we in the north don't have that luxury. Please reconsider eliminating the Lesser Slave Lake constituency. Thank you

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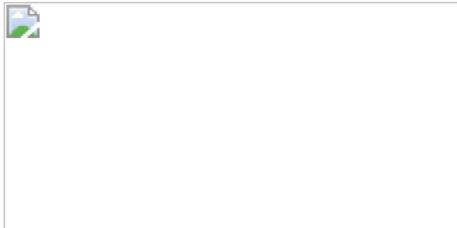


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Strathcona Sherwood Park

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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

Population works already. 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.

Beaumont doesn't fit. Their schools, services, and jobs connect to Leduc/Edmonton, not Sherwood Park.

Heritage Hills belongs here. Families rely on Sherwood Park schools and services — removing them breaks up natural catchments.

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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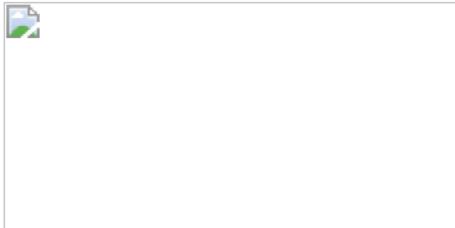


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Lacombe County

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What is your current electoral division?

68 - Lacombe-Ponoka

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

67 - Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

Submission

Lumping Lacombe, all the small towns and villages between, with Rocky Mountain House would leave numerous people under-represented. Nevermind the fact that the physical area would be extremely difficult for an MLA to effectively serve.

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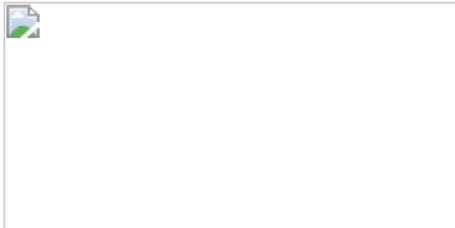


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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Central Alberta concerns
- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

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Submission

It is vital Jasper stay with West Yellowhead Division. It plays an integral part .

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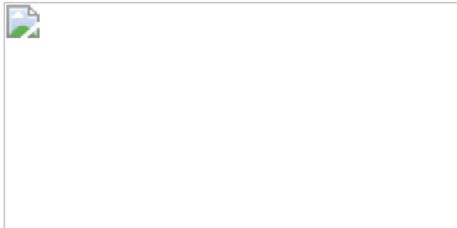


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What is your current electoral division?

43 - Edmonton-South West

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

46 - Edmonton-South West

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Hybrid electoral divisions

Submission

Hello! My name is Tim White. Firstly I would like to thank you for your hard work on this commission. I'm a resident of Edmonton McClung. I would like to express my gratitude for largely avoiding proposing a hybrid electoral division. In my 59 years in this great province I have lived rurally, in a small town and in Edmonton. I realize that each of these settings have unique concerns and issues. The creation of hybrid ridings dilutes the ability for MLAs to address and represent these concerns and issues effectively. Edmonton has and, I believe will continue to grow at a rapid pace. Your recognition of this growth is welcome. I would suggest that Edmonton is warranted another seat considering the growth that has already occurred and the growth that is projected.

In closing I strongly feel that hybrid ridings in general and in the case of my riding in particular do not represent Albertans effectively.

Thank you for your attention to my submission.

Tim White

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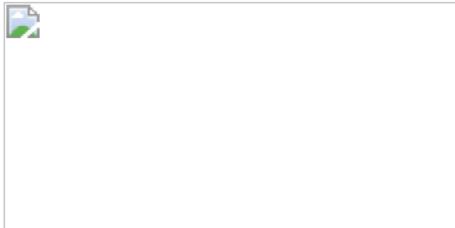


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What is your current electoral division?

87 - West Yellowhead

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

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

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Submission

Jasper is a vital part of West yellowhead electoral division. Jasper share's a common concern around forest management, wildfire risk, transportation safety, backcountry access, cumulative land use effects, and the balance between industry, recreation, and conservation. We also share Rail, pipeline, forestry, and haul routes run through the Athabasca Valley toward Hinton and Edson. And of course, our school divisions. Jasper moving outside of West yellowhead electoral division would not help in anyway, it will cause more damage to existing programs, and more delays to future projects.

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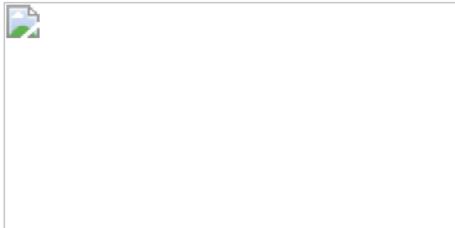


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Sherwood Park

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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?

- Central Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

Submission

I have become aware of a plan to remove sherwood park from the Strathcona-Sherwood park constituency and instead integrate Beaumont. As someone who has lived in both areas I have significant concern of this change, I live in strathcona county and I visit sherwood park more than once a week while I rarely visit Beaumont. There is a significant connection between sherwood park and strathcona county. We are reliant on each other in education, economic and social dynamics. The two work together and should be counted as one community and remain as a connected constituency.

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Re: City of Spruce Grove feedback on Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report

Dear Chair and Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the City of Spruce Grove, I am writing to express our appreciation and support for the recommendations contained in the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission 2025 Interim Report. In particular, we strongly support the recommendation to create the proposed new electoral district of Spruce Grove, which places the City of Spruce Grove at the heart of its own constituency.

We recognize the significant undertaking faced by the Commission during the review to consider many diverse perspectives, and ultimately make recommendations that consider effective representation, respect community identity, and foster continued democratic engagement.

As a mid-sized municipality of over 40,000 residents, the City of Spruce Grove has been experiencing significant growth, and we appreciate the consideration of our recommendations, as well as those made by MLA Searle Turton, to recognize our current and anticipated future growth. We believe that aligning the new Spruce Grove electoral district more closely with our municipal boundaries will ensure more effective representation of our community's interests at the provincial level.

Thank you for your careful consideration of submissions from municipal and community stakeholders, and for your work toward ensuring fair representation across Alberta. We welcome the opportunity for continued engagement with the Commission, and we will continue to monitor the process as the Commission moves toward its final report.

Yours sincerely,



Jeff Acker
 Mayor, City of Spruce Grove

cc: Spruce Grove City Council
 Hon. Searle Turton, MLA for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain

The Community of Choice

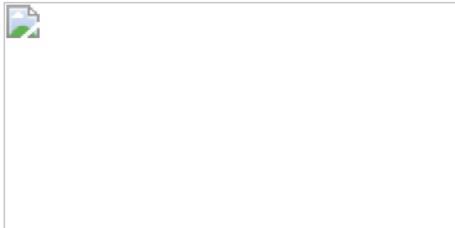


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What is your current electoral division?

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?

- Geographical features

Submission

Not only do I feel Jasper should be kept in the West Yellowhead riding, I believe Banff should become part of the West Yellowhead riding to better battle the wildfire concerns as we all have the same problems, much the same weather pattern and should be better able to advocate and fight the issue as one group or area.

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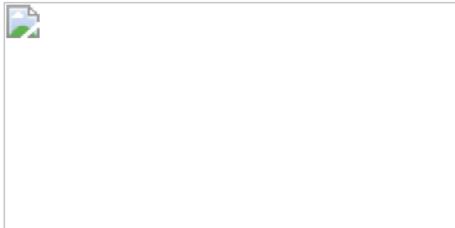


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What is your current electoral division?

87 - West Yellowhead

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

53 - Banff-Jasper

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Jasper needs to stay in the Yellowhead County, it is our heritage and we are proud to say Jasper is 1 1/2 hours away from Edson and it is our wow factor to where we live! Calgary and area has Banff. We have Jasper.

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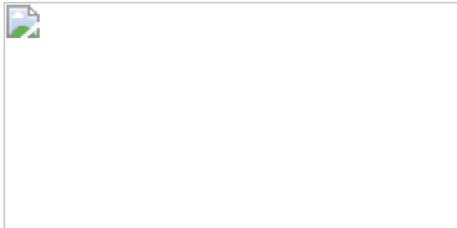


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What is your current electoral division?

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Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

88 - West Yellowhead

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Naming of electoral boundaries

Submission

Jasper is our highlight of where we live. We would like it to stay as is. Down south has Banff. We have the resources to provide Jasper with the support needed to keep the park available to everyone.

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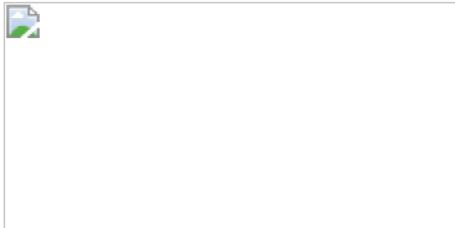


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What is your current electoral division?

54 - Cardston-Siksika

Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Lethbridge East, Lethbridge West, Livingstone Macleod

What issues are you concerned about in your submission?

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

Submission

Thank you for listening to the concerns of the bulk of the original submissions from my neighbours in Cardston-Siksika who expressed no interest in being merged with urban ridings that would lose our rural voices and rural concerns. I appreciate that you have a difficult job to do as rural ridings must be merged because of the growth rate in urban ridings. I think that your drawing of the proposed Livingstone-Macleod riding is very reasonable for my community of Coalhurst. We share far more in common with communities in the proposed riding than we did with the previous riding or with any of the hybrid ridings suggested. I think the proposed Livingstone-Macleod riding may be the best option for those of us in the small communities along the Oldman River.

As for the Lethbridge East and Lethbridge West divide, I appreciate that you took the submission of historians like Belinda Crowson seriously and maintained the municipal boundary to these ridings. The divide between the two ridings is a little arbitrary though, and I would suggest a small change. In my work, I often ask people which riding they live in and many say, "I don't live in Lethbridge West or East, I live in north Lethbridge". Of course, we know there is no such riding as North Lethbridge but my point is that there is a sense of community in North Lethbridge so the dividing line may not be easy to communicate. I suggest that instead of leaving some of south Lethbridge and some of north Lethbridge in Lethbridge-West that the dividing line be Highway 3 through the centre of town. That would make all of North Lethbridge be in the Lethbridge-East riding. Anything south of Hwy 3 and west of 13th St S could be kept in Lethbridge West (which is the current riding boundary but is not the proposed riding). This would then allow easier communication with people about what riding they live in since all of North Lethbridge and anything East of 13 St S would be Lethbridge-East. Lethbridge-West would include none of the north side of Lethbridge and only a few communities in south Lethbridge. Since you heard how the social divide and geographical divide is as much North-South as it is East-West in Lethbridge this dividing line I am proposing would both reflect the communities of interest and make it clearer as to which riding a person lived in. It would still allow for the growth expected in the extreme north end of Lethbridge to be kept in Lethbridge-East while the growth expected in west Lethbridge would be balanced.

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