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## Interim Report Submission from Matt Gould

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**What is your current electoral division?**

79 - Red Deer-South

**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?**

- Other concerns

**Submission**

I wanted to comment on this interim report because I believe that the breakdown of ridings in the province is foundational to democracy and the process must be free from partisanship and even the faintest whiff of gerrymandering. It is not about trying to sway an election one way or the other but to ensure that the process is even-handed and fair.

On the whole I am pleased with the results of the interim report and so just have a few general comments to make: Though the commission has permission to create hybrid ridings I am glad to see that they are not being added to the mix, and if they are being contemplated, I would hope that that is path not taken. Hybrid could mean that an MLA might not be able to properly do their jobs in representing all of their constituents and their differing needs/priorities.

I was pleased as well to see that my particular riding Red Deer South has not changed and that Red Deer North has only changed in so far as the city limits have shifted so they are nice and tight ridings. There may be room to tweak EDM and CGY - I think two seats were added to CGY due to population growth and one to EDM? But did EDM lose a seat? Anyway, attention needs to be paid to those centres as we are becoming more and more an urban society which needs to reflect our realities. A funny balance, aiming to create space for urban and rural concerns and representation.

I would like to close with a thanks once more for your efforts and with you all the best in the next rounds of discussions/submissions. And thanks for taking the time to read my submission.

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**Interim Report Submission from Sara Borchellini**

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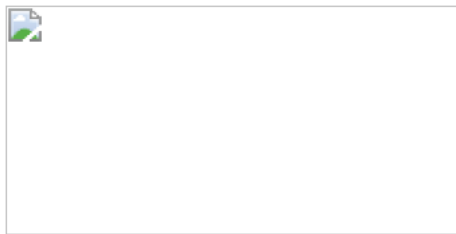
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Edmonton

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

**Submission**

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter.

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**What is your current electoral division?**

23 - Calgary-Shaw

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

26 - Calgary-Shaw

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

### Submission

I strongly oppose redrawing the boundaries of Calgary Shaw. Gerrymandering the existing boundaries is anti-democratic and unethical.

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December 18, 2025

Hon. Dallas K. Miller  
Chair  
Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Hon. Miller,

On behalf of the Village of Delburne Council, I'm pleased to share our input on the provincial boundary redistribution.

Delburne is the fastest-growing community along the Highway 21 corridor and serves as a central hub for residents, businesses, and activities across eastern Red Deer County. The Red Deer River provides a natural division between Red Deer and Stettler counties. Many Delburne residents work north in Joffre at the NOVA Chemicals plant, creating a strong local employment connection.

We also share an important relationship with Blackfalds through a medical practitioner who serves patients in both communities. This cooperation has improved local healthcare access and helps reduce pressure on the Red Deer Regional Hospital. To the south, our shared agricultural roots and family relationships with Lousana, Elnora, and Trochu strengthen the social and economic fabric of the Highway 21 corridor. This region has worked hard and seen the benefits of these strong relationships.

For these reasons, Delburne Council recommends that the new Innisfail electoral boundary includes Delburne, Joffre, Blackfalds, and Trochu, and be named Delburne-Blackfalds-Innisfail. We believe this configuration best reflects the shared interests and natural connections of our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bourne  
Mayor, Village of Delburne



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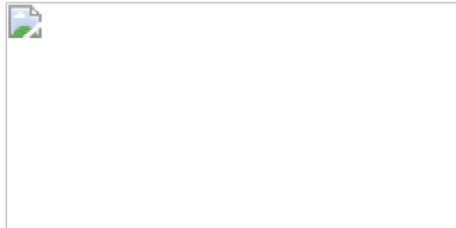
**Interim Report Submission from Linda Barr**

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Lethbridge

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**What is your current electoral division?**

71 - Lethbridge-East

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

70 - Lethbridge-West

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns



- Effective representation

### Submission

Thank you for the interim report. I agree with your conclusions and proposed maps. These are in line with natural dividing lines and keeping our community interests intact.

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## Interim Report Submission from Leah Nelson

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**What is your current electoral division?**

66 - Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

86 - Sylvan Lake-Innisfail

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

## Submission

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December 18, 2025

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Village of Elnora council, I am pleased to submit our comments regarding the proposed changes to Alberta's provincial electoral boundaries.

The communities situated along Highway 21—including those within Red Deer County and Kneehill County—share deep and longstanding social, economic, and educational relationships. Families living in and around Elnora are proud to send their children to Elnora Elementary School, which serves as an important community hub. As students move on to higher grades, they typically attend high schools in Delburne, Trochu, or Innisfail—schools that naturally draw from a shared regional population centered around Highway 21. These strong educational and social linkages demonstrate the natural community of interest that exists among these municipalities.

Beyond education, our region faces similar opportunities and challenges in areas such as rural healthcare delivery, seniors' services, agricultural development, small business support, and road infrastructure. Residents across Trochu, Huxley, Elnora, Lousana, and Delburne rely on overlapping systems of health, commerce, and transportation that connect our daily lives. These shared priorities are most effectively represented when our communities fall under the same provincial electoral boundary, ensuring a unified and consistent voice at the Legislature.

For these reasons, the Village of Elnora respectfully recommends that Trochu, Huxley, Elnora, Lousana, and Delburne be included within the same provincial constituency. We believe this configuration best reflects the integrated nature of our region and would enhance the quality of representation for all residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Leah Nelson

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Dear Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commissioners,

I am a voter in the constituency of Edmonton Decore and have lived here since its renaming. My husband and I have both experienced Decore's sense of good community people, history, and convenient supportive services needed for everyday city life.

Numerous commercial services, parks and walkways, public transportation, schools, medical clinics, even specialized medicine, along with churches and mosques plus strong newcomer cultural communities, community leagues and the North Edmonton Seniors Association have all contributed well to the quality of my life and livelihood.

Taking this further, there is no question that in the past eight years Edmonton Decore has grown. For example, a small snapshot of impact is the development of the new neighborhoods of Ozerna, Mayliewan, and newer parts of Eaux Claires and Belle Rive with many more citizens. We all have some similar needs for daily life and share many of the same services, workplaces, and noticeably busier infrastructure that takes in multiple constituencies feel the pressure and possibilities of growth.

Aligned with this growth, I support the proposed boundary expansion of Decore that includes Beverly-Claireview neighborhood. This is as a logical fit with present constituency needs and is democratically representative of urban living in this area.

I want to also urge commissioners to consider adding at least one more Edmonton constituency to the electoral boundaries map to reflect the needs and voices of citizens in other impacted neighborhoods. I note with thanks that the commission is closely reviewing all possible impacts on all Alberta constituency boundaries.

Thank you for your overall work on the provincial interim report and the considerations for Edmonton Decore.

Best wishes as you prepare the final report,  
Janet Laddish

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## Interim Report Submission from Edward Poppitt

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**What is your current electoral division?**

72 - Lethbridge-West

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

70 - Lethbridge-West

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

Lethbridge is a shining example of a symbiotic and significant relationship with the surrounding rural areas. It clearly acts as a destination for all the rural population. They are in Lethbridge many times for an incredible range of services. They travel to Lethbridge using many of the excellent highways, The Lethbridge population frequently use those same highways [a provincial responsibility] to visit the excellent provincial parks [provincial responsibility] and other recreational areas surrounding Lethbridge.

The rural population use Lethbridge for their medical [provincial responsibility] appointments; hospital [provincial responsibility] needs; accounting needs [provincially regulated] legal needs [provincially regulated]; prescriptions and medical supplies [provincially regulated]; chiropractic needs [provincially regulated] education needs [provincial responsibility]; banking; loans; and investment advice. You only need to look around and to see that the magnitude of these services are far greater than they would be without the support of the rural population.

They also significantly contribute to; local sports teams; theatre, concerts, music, and other attractions. This allows Lethbridge to punch well above its weight class in these activities due the combined economic contributions of both urban and rural populations.

I would be remiss to not mention the economic contribution in terms of milling plants; food processing facilities; vehicles and farm equipment; and a multitude of assorted supplies and needs required for rural life. A significant railway and trucking presence are in Lethbridge that allows these products made from rural inputs to get to market. Providing significant economic results for both urban and rural populations. Lethbridge has an extremely proficient supply of trades people due to the complex nature of these food processing plants; aircraft engine manufacture; repair of complex equipment; construction; along with other manufacturing and assembly plants. This gives a mutual benefit to both the rural and urban population.

Lethbridge has many owner run businesses that depend on the support of both urban and rural There are example after example of mutually beneficial urban rural relationships affecting owner run businesses. For example, a Lethbridge bakery that buys its flour from a rural miller, makes bread, and has customers in both Lethbridge and rural areas.

In conclusion after examining all the crucial factors I see no downside to having 4 MLAs to represent Lethbridge in combination with the surrounding rural area. It is really a mini economic corridor. With symbiotic relationships on all sides. Having 4 MLAs representing this economic corridor makes absolute sense. Four voices at the table as opposed to two will benefit Lethbridge and its rural neighbors dramatically. I see the ability for this well represented corridor to increase economic activity to a greater extent than if it was represented individually.

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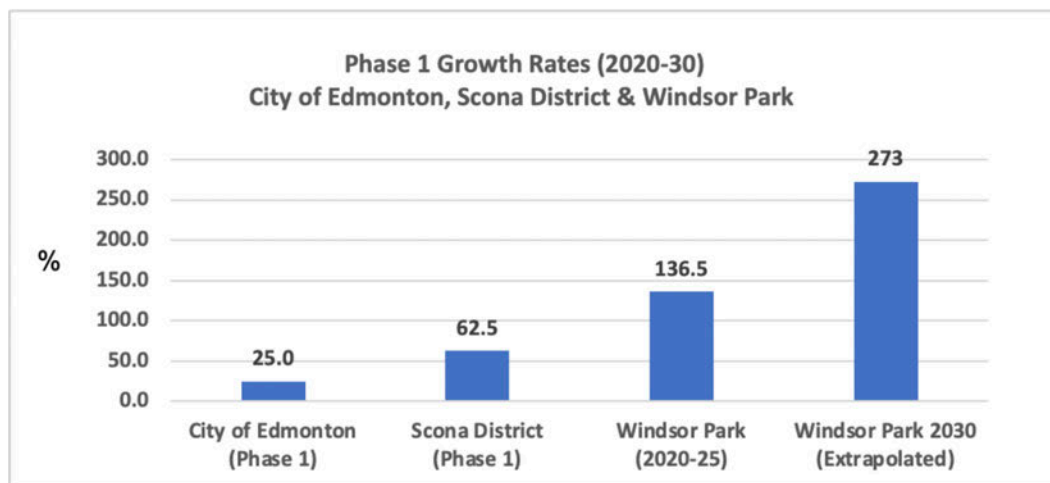
Honourable Members of the Commission,

My name is Danica Wolkow and my husband and I have lived (and raised a family) for the past 22 years in the Windsor Park neighbourhood which is in the riding of Edmonton-Riverview. Windsor Park is roughly 0.76 km<sup>2</sup> in size and is centrally located in Edmonton. It is an historic neighbourhood. Our house was built in 1931. Our main economic drivers are the University of Alberta campus (including student residences), and the University of Alberta Hospital which includes Stollery Children's Hospital.

I realize you consulted census data from 2021. The most recent Municipal data is from 2019. What I know is not evident in those numbers is just how intensely the mature neighbourhoods of Edmonton have been densified since 2020 when blanket zoning was enacted. Edmonton has had an increase of roughly 200,000 residents and contrary to what many think, it has not all gone to the suburbs or rural areas. The mature neighbourhoods, ours in particular, have seen a huge influx of people made possible by lot splitting, secondary units, and the construction of multi-unit dwellings on lots which previously held single family homes.

We did our own research in Windsor Park. The graph below is by Windsor Park resident Karen Hughes for CoE Public Hearing on June 30, 2025 and based on the City's General Permits Database: "The number of dwellings in Windsor Park nearly doubled from 575 in 2020 to 1085 in 2025. We exceeded City targets years ahead of schedule." I might add that our numbers will be even greater once newly proposed buildings are approved.

**Question: *How does City Admin's recommendation align with the City Plan's promise of managed growth (GMF)?***



Source: Based on data from City of Edmonton General Permits Database; CoE Public Hearing, June 30, 2025.

This is a snap-shot of one neighbourhood comprising the mature neighbourhoods of Edmonton most of which I know are struggling with accommodating the increase in population.

While I am grateful for the additional seat in Edmonton, and grateful that you have kept ridings within Municipal boundaries, I would urge you to further add a seat in the core to accurately reflect the population increase and give this population the voice it deserves.

Thank you all for your service.

Sincerely,  
Danica Wolkow

Commissioners,

Thank you for your time spent on this very important part of our democracy and for the opportunity to provide comments.

I've lived in Nordegg for the past nine years and I fully endorse the creation of the new Banff – Jasper constituency. I have had a long association with Nordegg and area. I first travelled to Nordegg in the early 1960s as a pre-schooler and visited the area often. I worked as a summer student out of Nordegg in the late 1970s conducting fish surveys. Nordegg has changed over the years and is now a vibrant community. Extensive mountain bike trails have been developed bringing in people from outside the province, ice climbing in the winter, bubble watching on Lake Abraham's ice and there are a number of artists now residing in the community. Nordegg has much more in common now with Banff and Jasper than it does with the settled area to the east.

One change that you may want to consider is adding the Cardinal River (north of Nordegg, tributary to the Brazeau River) watershed to the constituency. This would then include the Mountain Cree Camp (formerly the Smallboy Camp). This community has been under serviced in the past. The road up the Cardinal River was once a good quality gravel road and has been allowed to deteriorate to wash board and potholes. Two of the indigenous people from this community worked with my contractor to finish my house in Nordegg and in the summer they often come to Nordegg to golf. I do not speak for the Mountain Cree Camp and they should be consulted with to see what constituency they would like to be in.

Thank you for your time,

Vance Buchwald





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## Interim Report Submission from Crystal DANARD

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36 - Edmonton-McClung

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

39 - Edmonton-McClung

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Projected growth

## Submission

Good morning

After having reviewed your proposed map for electoral boundaries, I want to thank you for your time and efforts. You have created a map that definitely upholds the principles of fairness and democracy.

I am the Reverend Crystal Rose Danard, and I live in the Edmonton McClung riding at this time. Over the past year I have sat on the executive board for the Edmonton-McClung riding as a member at large. I find the meetings most interesting and have a much broader understanding of democratic process than I did a year ago, which again has me wanting to thank you for the time you took to create this map.

I presently live in the Lyburn subdivision, and am loving it.

I also want to thank you for recognizing that Edmonton's population is growing; you reflected that knowledge in adding another seat for us. I do however wish to petition that you consider adding yet another.

From personal experience, I had lived in Beaumont for 16 years - moved in when there were less than 5000 people and moved to BC in 2010. When I returned to Alberta in 2014, I could not believe the changes in Edmonton. Since that time, I have witnessed many many more. In my neighborhood alone the numbers have grown substantially. I live on a crescent that has seen a high rate of turnover from elderly couples moving away and families moving in, my own home increased from 1 to 6 residents, and my daughter increased theirs from 2 to 7 residents. Out of the 20 houses in my block - 8 have been sold to families - all of which have moved to the city from elsewhere, not just moving within the city. There is a multi-family complex of affordable housing planned for the corner property across the street - which will increase density as well.

Everywhere I look I see apartment buildings being built, I live close to the Anthony Henday and have witnessed many start ups between Collingwood & Lessard. I recently travelled to 122 Street & 51 Ave and was amazed at how many new homes were going to be completed soon. Everywhere I look, I see evidence that we are growing and slowing down does not appear evident to happen within the next 10 years. The inner city has not been hollowed out yet Edmonton Riverview was removed.

Our population is growing by almost 6% per year and this boundary map could be proactive in being ready for that growth. This area was not an option to add as a concern.

I also want to mention that in the past I have also lived in Grande Prairie & Edgerton. I am a wedding officiant that travels all over the province and conversations are varied yet informational. Family that lives in different areas provide much insight as well.

In areas of healthcare, public education and social resources, everyone pretty much wants the same access. Everything else however is varied between urban

and rural areas. Our needs are very different and I believe creating hybrid areas will cause confusion in the messages that the residents want raised. My personal needs varied from place to place that I lived, so I believe I am speaking from experience as much as from friendly commentary. You were very judicious in how you applied the boundaries around the province.

I appreciate the time you spent in reading my concerns, and again want to thank you for creating such a fair map, and I want to thank you for your willingness to look at adding another seat to Edmonton.

with gratitude  
the Reverend Crystal Rose

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## Interim Report Submission from Beverley Gerlitz

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YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

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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?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions

**Submission**

No not in favor of change to boundaries, Jasper National Park , Must remain a Federal Park, I am not with the current Provincial Governments in plans for privatization

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Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing to add my voice to the Commission's review of Alberta's electoral boundaries, particularly in light of the significant population growth I am witnessing in my community. I have lived in the Edmonton–Gold Bar riding for over 15 years, and prior to that I resided in the Edmonton–Highlands–Norwood riding for approximately five years.

Within the Gold Bar riding, a housing development consisting of four two-storey units and four basement units is currently under construction less than a block from my home (8312 73 Avenue NW). In addition, approximately six blocks away, another eight-unit development—marketed as a four-plex with four legal basement suites—is nearing completion (8126 77 Avenue NW). These two projects alone will add housing for 16 families on only two city lots. Furthermore, lots across my back alley have been subdivided, converting two single lots into four separate two-storey homes. If growth continues at this pace, my immediate area is likely to see its population density quadruple, or more, over the next decade.

Urban and rural ridings each warrant dedicated representation, as their circumstances and challenges are fundamentally different. In my case, issues such as limited parking, waste management, and water runoff—within a 75-year-old drainage system not designed to support high-density, multi-unit housing—are everyday realities. These challenges are markedly different from those experienced by my rural family members.

Under the proposed maps, and given the rate of unprecedented growth, Alberta's largest urban centres risk remaining underrepresented relative to rural areas. This imbalance could be addressed by adding two additional seats each for Edmonton and Calgary, rather than one. I am particularly concerned about the proposed consolidation of Edmonton–Riverview and Edmonton–Glenora into a single Edmonton–Glenora–Riverview riding, which effectively results in the loss of two existing seats. The residents of these inner-city ridings have needs and priorities that are distinct from those of surrounding areas. As in my own community, ageing infrastructure and the rising cost of housing present especially acute challenges in Edmonton's inner city.

I would like to acknowledge that the Commission has already recognized Alberta's population growth in its most recent proposals, including the addition of a seat in Edmonton. In this respect, I believe the map is a fair starting point. However, I respectfully suggest that further adjustments could better achieve balanced and equitable representation across the province.

Thank you for your time and for your careful consideration of public input.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Wheller, PhD



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**Interim Report Submission from Mark Goettel**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

71 - Lethbridge-East

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

69 - Lethbridge-East

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

**Submission**

Thank you for your interim report with which I totally agree. Both rural and urban constituents have their unique interests and needs which need representation in the Legislature. Diluting them would only exclude one or the others interests from being represented.

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## Interim Report Submission from Ross Kilgour

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**What is your current electoral division?**

72 - Lethbridge-West

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

69 - Lethbridge-East

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

## Submission

Dear members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your efforts on this important work. I would like to convey my views on the interim report, as a current voter in Lethbridge West (which could be moved to Lethbridge East under the proposed boundaries).

I would say I am "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 further agree with your report that "hybrid electoral divisions are not necessarily good in themselves. They can be used in ways that undermine effective representation" (p.29). I strongly fear that this is what is being proposed in splitting Lethbridge into four rural-urban ridings. I am very grateful that the Commission did not follow those suggestions.

I strongly believe that electoral districts should reflect social communities first and foremost, not economic corridors. I completely agree with your assertion that "the boundaries of the two divisions within [Lethbridge] 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).

Splitting Lethbridge into four rural-urban ridings does not make good sense, in my view. Lethbridge is a growing city, the third or fourth largest in Alberta (depending on the year), and with an increasingly urban feel and increasingly diverse demographic that is deserving of effective, fair, democratic representation. Lethbridge has its own unique local culture and community that is composed of many people with heritage from across the world - I myself immigrated to Lethbridge from the UK in 2013. As a "college town", Lethbridge also has a very high student population as a proportion of its total. If Lethbridge were split into four rural-urban ridings, this urban, diverse population would see their voice diluted in a way that I feel would harm our democracy.

I hope the recommendations from the Interim Report will be maintained in the final submission. Thank you again for your service, and for considering my submission.

Kind regards

Ross Kilgour  
Private citizen

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To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Calgary Cross Hybrid Riding

I completely agree with the commission findings to bring Calgary Cross back to north of 16<sup>th</sup> avenue and bringing the Four Properties (Rundle, Whitehorn, Temple and Pineridge) together. I completely disagree with the commission findings to dissect the community of Monterey Park in half in order to accommodate the inclusion Conrich and area to create a hybrid riding. In my opinion, the north side of Monterey Park has more connectivity and commonality with the south side of Monterey Park than Conrich and area and therefore any modifications to the riding should include both north and south Monterey Park.

North and south Monterey Park isn't just two blocks of voters divided by 32 avenue as seen on the riding map; they are a community bound together by a strong community association. Monterey Park is an established community with an active community association (City of Calgary views the community association as the official "voice of the community"). Dividing this community between two MLAs will definitely make it more difficult for the community association to advocate for the residents in their community especially if the MLAs were from opposing political parties. If one MLA was part of the government and the other from the opposing party, the governing MLA could make it very difficult for the non-governing MLA to advocate for their "half" of the community. For example, MLA Manmeet Bhullar advocated for his Calgary Greenway riding (which included both north and south Monterey Park) when he asked the Ministry of Transportation (Ric McIver) to construct a berm between the bordering communities and Stoney Trail. Imagine if Monterey Park community association tried to advocate for their community and had the support of one MLA and not the other, especially if the MLAs were from opposing parties. Splitting the community in half between two ridings will create ongoing issues for the residents of Monterey Park when their community association applies for provincial funding grants/ continues their strong advocacy for their community or when these MLAs each representing half of the community bring opposing messages to their neighbours.

Historically, Calgary Cross has included the four Properties and Monterey Park. The commonalities of the communities and how the residents of these communities, including the community associations and other organizations in the community, work together have benefited the past MLAs. I worked for MLA Yvonne Fritz as a constituency assistant for seven years and I saw this first hand. Rundle, Temple, Whitehorn, Pineridge and Monterey Park (both north and south side including Parkridge Estates) community associations regularly partner together with garage sales and other events. Our community associations meet as a group with the Community Liaison at the Calgary Police Service on a monthly basis. We have found that we share many of the same concerns and have learned from each other.

It is my opinion that the commission members should ditch the hybrid riding model for Calgary Cross and ensure that the whole of Monterey Park community is incorporated into Calgary Cross riding along with the four Properties (Rundle, Whitehorn, Temple and Pineridge).

Thank you,

Debra McIsaac

## **SUBMISSION RE THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE 2025 ALBERTA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION**

Democracy is messy and difficult, but current events nearby and around the world certainly underscore the lessons of history that democracy is worth every effort. To this end, the 2025-26 Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report offers an interesting introduction to the principle of effective versus perfectly equal representation.

Despite the complex challenges of Alberta's geography and population distribution, the members of the Commission have made recommendations that go a long way to dealing with population growth and shifts since the electoral boundaries were last drawn in 2017.

However, because the next boundaries review will not take place for several years, it is important to look ahead. In particular, population changes within Alberta's two major cities will continue. Some adjustments to the interim recommendations are needed to help ensure ongoing effective representation.

For example, from my home in Calgary-Acadia it is a very short walk to three sites where apartment complexes are under construction. As well, the LRT runs right through this electoral division – and with it comes the city's policy of increasing densification near C-train stations. Long before the next review, the population of Calgary-Acadia will see significant growth.

As a second example, a family member has recently moved to the new Calgary community of Creekside. That area is still under construction and features closely-spaced single-family homes, townhouses, and apartment blocks – the perfect recipe for significant urban population growth. It is within a proposed new hybrid electoral division (Calgary-Okotoks) that the commission has already flagged for further consideration.

In addition to considering population numbers, the interim report addresses the time-and-distance challenges of representing a large rural area. I would add that increasing densification brings a different kind of challenge for city MLAs: communication with constituents living behind the locked entrances to apartment and condominium buildings where, for example, traditional methods such as door-knocking and literature drops are not possible.

The above examples also help illustrate the difficulty for MLAs in providing effective representation for both large urban and rural areas within hybrid ridings.

I therefore urge the Commission to revisit its recommendations for the Calgary boundaries in light of current realities and to look ahead for the next few years. Ongoing urban population growth and increasing density must be factored in. I believe that at least one



and probably two more Calgary electoral divisions than currently proposed will be needed. This would also allow the Commission to revisit the most awkward of the hybrid electoral divisions on the edges of Alberta's largest city.

Thank you to the Commission for the work already done in considering many complex and often conflicting factors. You have thoughtfully addressed several issues with the current electoral boundaries, and I look forward to seeing final recommendations which further support effective representation within Calgary.

Judith Gibson

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## Interim Report Submission from Ildiko Price

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72 - Lethbridge-West

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

70 - Lethbridge-West

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Effective representation

**Submission**

Lethbridge West should not be expanded to include any of the neighboring rural divisions. This is a direct effort to gerrymander the boundary. It is very well known the rural areas in this community are very conservative minded and would wipe out the chance to continue representation from a different party. West Lethbridge tends to vote for a more social/liberal representative and if the boundaries are changed it would take away our ability to do so by adding in historically conservative supporters. It is clear the UCP government would like to follow in the footsteps of the United States republican government. I would appreciate if we allowed democracy to still rule in some parts of this province.

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## Interim Report Submission from Tany Yao

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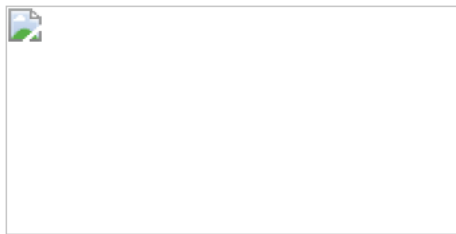
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**What is your current electoral division?**

61 - Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

80 - Slave Lake-Westlock-Athabasca

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

**Submission**

Hello,

I have attached a PDF of a submission developed by several provincially elected officials. The core concern is that the north could lose a constituency and that this does not reflect effective nor fair representation, as the north provides much revenue but does not necessarily receive adequate funding relative to it's economic importance.

Thank you,

Tany Yao

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# Proposal Regarding Changes to Alberta Electoral Boundaries in Northern Alberta

## Introduction

This document presents a set of proposals responding to the interim report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. The signatories express concern about the planned reduction of electoral districts in Northern Alberta, arguing that such changes would undermine effective representation for its citizens and violate key considerations outlined by the Commission, prior commissions and the courts.

## Population Rules and Special Cases

The population of any proposed electoral division must not exceed 25% above or below the average population of all districts. Exceptionally, up to four divisions may have populations up to 50% below the average if they meet at least three of five criteria (e.g., large area, distance from Edmonton, absence of large towns, presence of Indigenous communities, boundary with the province).

## Concerns with the Interim Report

The signatories argue that reducing the number of Northern Alberta electoral districts would harm effective representation, especially given the region's unique characteristics:

- Economic Importance: Northern Alberta is the source of much of Alberta's oil and gas wealth.
- Population Dynamics: The region has a significant 'shadow population' (workers who do not reside full-time), a high proportion of eligible voters, and remote indigenous reserves and Metis Settlements.
- Geographical Challenges: Very large distances and limited transportation and communication infrastructure make effective representation difficult. Northern Alberta contains about two thirds of Alberta's land mass and about one tenth of its population.

The signatories of this proposal believe that their recommendations will ensure effective representation for the citizens of the electoral districts of Northern Alberta.

A key aspect is maintaining the existence of the Lesser Slave Lake electoral district, which helps prevent Northern Alberta from losing too many electoral districts — a loss that would dramatically undermine effective representation for its citizens and will have profound

long-term effects on Alberta's polity. Past Electoral Boundary Commissions have found that not having a Lesser Slave Lake electoral district prevents having effective representation across roughly 66% of geographic Alberta which makes up the nine electoral districts of Northern Alberta.

Northern Alberta, while less populated than other regions, is a major contributor to Alberta's wealth, especially through oil and gas production in areas like the oil sands, the Montney field, and the new Clearwater resource near Lesser Slave Lake.

When the Commission proposed removing the Lesser Slave Lake electoral district, it quickly became clear that this would create electoral districts unable to meet the standards for effective representation, particularly regarding access to communication and transportation.

The Boundary Commission must consider factors such as population density and growth rate, but these can be misleading if not viewed alongside other important elements. For example, Northern Alberta has a significant "shadow population"—people who work there but do not live full-time in the region.

Additionally, a disproportionately high number of adults in Northern Alberta are eligible voters, unlike some other areas where the population has fewer adults proportionately and many adults are not citizens and cannot vote. This means that an electoral district in Northern Alberta may have fewer residents than an electoral district in Calgary or Edmonton, but more actual voters and voter turnout.

The signatories argue that the duty of effective representation is greater for citizens and voters than for those who are not yet eligible to vote. Therefore, the responsibilities of a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) should consider, if not prioritize, the eligible voting population.

Also, Northern Alberta has all of Alberta's remote indigenous reserves and Metis settlements. Indigenous communities in other parts of Alberta are all closer to major population centers than those that exist in Northern Alberta. The effective representation needs of remote indigenous and Metis communities are more complex than those of similar communities located closer to Alberta's major urban centres.

Other factors the Commission should consider include the unique communities of interest in rural Northern Alberta. Within a single electoral district, residents may have very different lifestyles and needs, unlike in urban, suburban or exurban areas where experiences are more similar. Communities of interest should be defined not just by municipal boundaries, but by where people send their children to school, which courthouses and hospitals they use, and where they access government services.

In rural Northern Alberta, these experiences differ greatly from those in the larger cities and southern and central Alberta. It is common for residents of rural Alberta to drive at least an hour to reach essential services, and in some electoral districts, such as the two Fort McMurray electoral districts, Peace River, and Lesser Slave Lake, travel times can be several hours long.

Finally, the Commission must pay close attention to the availability of communication and transportation. In rural Northern Alberta, communication options are limited—there are only two daily newspapers left (mostly online), a few radio stations that have news services, and many communities lack even a weekly newspaper. Face-to-face contact with constituents is one of the critical ways to communicate and in those regions that is made challenging due to transportation difficulties. These realities make effective representation in the north much more complex and must be considered in any boundary changes.

## Proposed Boundary Adjustments

To ensure the Boundary Commission can develop a model where electoral districts fall within plus or minus 25% of the average population of 54,900, we have proposed changes based on the existing 2017 boundaries rather than those suggested in the interim report.

The interim report's proposed boundaries were rejected because removing the Lesser Slave Lake electoral district resulted in a variety of problems to effective representation in the north. For example, the proposed Peace River electoral district is wildly impractical. The new configuration would have forced the MLA to travel more than two hours on poor roads outside their own electoral district, just to reach a major population center in their electoral district - Wabasca Big Stone Cree Reserve and its associated communities.

We believe as a matter of principle that a requirement of a well drawn electoral district should be that its representative should not have to leave the electoral district to access another part of the same district.

Our proposal results in 7 electoral districts that are within plus or minus 25% of the 54,900 mean population and 2 electoral districts that use the section 15 (2) exemption. However, it should be noted that the two 15(2) districts have been drawn to have populations over 30,000.

### **Lesser Slave Lake Electoral district: (New population 31,300)**

Our proposal recommends starting with the current boundaries of the Lesser Slave Lake electoral district and expanding it to include:

- The remaining population of Big Lakes County and the County of Lesser Slave River
- A portion of Woodlands County, specifically the area that borders the Athabasca River and includes the village of Fort Assiniboine

This expanded electoral district would have a population of approximately 30,000 people, which brings it above the 50% threshold for median electoral district size—a threshold it previously did not meet.

With these changes, the Lesser Slave Lake electoral district would consolidate the following areas:



- All of Northern Sunrise County and the Municipal District (MD) of Opportunity
- Nearly all of Big Lakes County and the entire MD of Lesser Slave River
- The towns of Swan Hills and Fort Assiniboine

The electoral district would also encompass many Indian reserves and Métis settlements, maintaining the essential characteristics of the historic Lesser Slave Lake electoral district. Importantly, the proposed electoral district meets several criteria outlined in Section 15(2) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act:

- It is geographically large -15(2)a
- Its closest point (Fort Assiniboine) is about 160 kilometers from the Edmonton Legislature by highway -15(2)b.
- It contains no town with a population over 8,000 – 15(2)c
- It includes multiple Indian reserves and Métis settlements – 15(2)d

Although the electoral district does not border another province, these adjustments help create a sustainable electoral district.

Additionally, these changes enable further adjustments to neighboring electoral districts to better serve the region's representation needs.

### **Peace River and Central Peace-Notley Electoral districts :**

#### **2017 Peace River. (New population 43,000)**

Grows by portions of 2017 Central Peace - Notley that is North of the farmed area north Peace River to the Dunvegan Bridge then north of Hwy 2 to the junction of Hwy 684 and then north of Hwy 684 to the Peace River to Peace River electoral district. Town of Fairview remains in Central Peace - Notley. (Approx +500)

Gives up the portion of Peace River electoral district the lands south of Township Road 822 / Harmon Valley Road to Central Peace - Notley (Approx - 500)

#### **2017 Central Peace - Notley (New population 31,750)**

Gives up the portions of 2017 Central Peace - Notley that is North of farmed area north the Peace River to the Dunvegan Bridge then north of Hwy 2 to the junction of Hwy 684 and then north of Hwy 684 to the Peace River to Peace River electoral district. Town of Fairview remains in Central Peace - Notley. (Approx -500)

Gets the portion of Peace River electoral district the lands south of Township Road 822 / Harmon Valley Road. (Approx +500)

Get's from Grande Prairie - Wapiti electoral district part of the area east of Hwy 2 and north of Hwy 43. (Approx +1000)

These changes combined would take Central Peace - Notley into roughly 31,700 people, and Central Peace - Notley would then meet the requirements of 15(2)a for size, 15(2)b for distance from the legislature, a 15(2)c in that no town is bigger than 8,000 people, 15(2)d because of reserves, and then it would also include a 15(2)e because it would have a boundary with the province of Alberta.

The loss of those 1,000 people to Grande Prairie -Wapiti would still leave Grande Prairie Wapiti with roughly 50,500 constituents and that's well within the boundary of being within the plus or minus or minus the 54,900 mean.

If the electoral District Commission saw fit, they could reconfigure the boundary between Grande Prairie proper and Grande Prairie - Wapiti to make an equalizing adjustment or to convert both Grande Prairie ridings into hybrids.

### **Fort McMurray Electoral districts:**

#### **Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo (New population 47,700)**

##### **Fort McMurray- Lac La Biche (New population 44,800)**

- Adjust boundaries between Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo and Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche to balance populations and improve clarity.
- Transfer Buffalo Lake and Kikino Métis settlements, and White Fish Lake Reserve to Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock.
- Add portions of Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range and Deadland River Wildland Park to Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche.

We recommend making minor adjustments to the boundaries between Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo and Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche. Specifically, this would involve moving four neighborhoods (Cornerbrook, Woodland, Castle Ridge and Timberline) from Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo into Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche within the urban area of Fort McMurray north of the Athabasca River. This change would decrease the population of Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo by 2,800 and increase the population of Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche by the same amount, resulting in a clearer and more logical division between the two electoral districts.

Reducing the size of Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo is appropriate because its population is primarily concentrated around Fort McMurray, but the electoral district also includes Fort Mackay and the very remote community of Fort Chipewyan. Access to Fort Chipewyan is extremely limited, often requiring charter flights or travel on an ice road that is only available for a few months each year. With a population of approximately 45,000, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo would be better positioned to provide equitable and effective representation, especially given the challenges of serving remote and transient populations, including those living in work camps near resource extraction sites.

To balance these changes, we propose that Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche transfer the Buffalo Lake and Kikino Métis settlements, as well as the White Fish Lake Reserve, to the electoral district of Athabasca - Barrhead - Westlock. This adjustment would shift about 2,100 people, offsetting the population that Athabasca - Barrhead - Westlock previously transferred north to Lesser Slave Lake. This makes sense because Buffalo Lake, Kikino, and White Fish Lake Reserve are all located in Smoky Lake County, which is mostly within Athabasca - Barrhead - Westlock electoral district.

As a result, Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche would be composed almost entirely of areas within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Lac La Biche County, including the Heart Lake and Beaver Lake Reserves. To further improve and balance community of interest, we also suggest adding all of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range and part of the Dillon River Wildland Park to Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche from the Bonnyville - Cold Lake Electoral District.

These additions would make the electoral district boundaries more contiguous and straightforward while having negligible impact on population. They would also consolidate nearly all of Alberta's SAGD (Steam-Assisted Gravity Drainage) facilities within one electoral district. By moving this area into Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche, we would create two distinct communities of interest in the energy sector between the affected electoral districts. Additionally, the boundaries of Bonnyville - Cold Lake would largely align with those of the Municipal District of Bonnyville.

**Bonnyville-Cold Lake (New population 53,200) and Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock (New population 50,500):**

In his initial presentations to the Boundaries Commission, MLA Scott Cyr proposed moving the entire County of St. Paul into his electoral district.

However, we believe this change would bring MLA Cyr's electoral district population too close to the provincial average, which may not be ideal. One important factor the Commission should consider, as outlined in Section 14(a) is the rate of population growth.

There are strong indications that the Cold Lake area will experience significant growth in the coming decade, largely due to planned changes at CFB Cold Lake, including the new Canadian Forces Fighter Jet Program.

We believe the sections of St Paul County should remain in Athabasca - Barrhead - Westlock as should some portion of the Saddle Lake Reserve.

If a rural electoral district is already at or above the average population and is expected to grow further, this could diminish effective representation for the northern region as a whole. Increasing the population of Bonnyville - Cold Lake beyond what is appropriate would reduce the available population for other northern electoral districts, negatively impacting representation in areas such as Athabasca - Barrhead - Westlock, Central Peace - Notley, the two Grande Prairie electoral districts, Lesser Slave Lake, Peace River, and the two Fort McMurray electoral districts.

We believe that the changes we have suggested will lead to a more equitable arrangement and improve representation across the region.

We also believe that by transferring some of the northern and remote populations out of Athabasca - Barrhead - Westlock, this electoral district will shift closer to Edmonton. This adjustment enables the Boundary Commission to make minor changes that allow northern communities located within an hour to an hour and a half of Edmonton or the Legislature to be included in electoral districts that are geographically closer to these areas.

By not adopting MLA Cyr's proposal to add a larger population base to Bonnyville - Cold Lake —though we appreciate his generosity in being willing to take on the population —the Boundary Commission can better balance the needs of the nine northern electoral districts. This approach helps ensure that more than half of Alberta's land area, and a disproportionate share of its economic wealth, are effectively represented.

Our model results in only two special case electoral districts in the north—Central Peace - Notley and Lesser Slave Lake—which have historically held this status. With these changes, the north retains nine electoral districts (excluding West Yellowhead), meaning nine out of Alberta's 89 electoral districts would represent the majority of the province's physical area, while the remaining 80 electoral districts would cover the minority of Alberta's geography.

Importantly, the combined population of these nine northern electoral districts on average would fall within plus or minus 25% of the provincial average. Only two would be considered special cases, and even these would be less exceptional than they have been in the past. Overall, these changes support the Boundary Commission's strategic direction toward more balanced and effective representation.

## Rationale for Hybrid Electoral districts

The signatories support the concept of hybrid electoral districts and want the Electoral Boundaries Commission to create more of them.

Hybrid electoral districts combine urban and rural areas within a single electoral district. We appreciate the Commission's efforts in its interim report to establish more hybrid electoral districts, including those that extend into the Capital Region and Greater Calgary Metro Region. Creating electoral districts that include both parts of the capital region and the greater Calgary metropolitan area alongside rural communities is a positive step.

We believe that expanding hybrid electoral districts into these urban centers is essential for ensuring effective representation for both northern and rural Alberta. This approach is supported by the same "communities of interest" argument that justifies underpopulated electoral districts in the nine northern electoral districts. Communities of interest should not be defined solely by municipal boundaries or property tax jurisdictions, but rather by

where people go to school, work, and access hospitals, courthouses, and government services.

In and around the capital region, residents of places like Sherwood Park, St. Albert, downtown Edmonton, Spruce Grove, Leduc, and Beaumont share similar lived experiences and community of interests. They work in the same areas, go to the same schools, use the same hospitals and courthouses, and access the same government offices. This is not the case in deep northern Alberta and rural Alberta, where communities are more isolated and have different needs.

Recognizing communities of interest based on how people interact with government and access services aligns with the criteria outlined in Section 14b, and should also be considered under Section 14f when planning electoral districts.

Furthermore, since rural Alberta plays a crucial role as an economic driver and as the host for the economic drivers for the province, the Commission should be sensitive to the unique needs of rural communities, ensuring that rural electoral districts are generally closer to 25% below the average population, while urban districts should be above average due to the relative ease of effective representation in urban areas, suburban areas and exurban areas.

Increased hybrid electoral districts will be needed over time to allow effective representation and an effective voice for Albertans living in rural and remote areas.

## Importance of Voter Proportion in Electoral Districts

In addition to our earlier arguments, we urge the Boundary Commission to pay particular attention to Section 14F and other relevant factors.

One key consideration is the proportion of adults who are citizens and eligible voters, compared to those who are not yet citizens and therefore cannot vote. If the Commission focuses solely on total population, without considering the number of eligible voters, it may create situations where, for example, a electoral district in northern Alberta with 45,000 people has 35,000 voters—largely because these rural areas tend to have fewer children. In contrast, a electoral district in Edmonton or Calgary might have 60,000 residents, but a lower number of voters due to a higher proportion of new Canadians, permanent residents, refugees, temporary foreign workers, and international students. These communities often have more children and non-voters than voters.

This observation is not meant to diminish the needs of those who are not eligible to vote, who also deserve and generally have representation. Permanent residents, temporary foreign workers and international students are entitled to respect and support from elected officials, whether out of generosity or in anticipation of future citizenship. However, if citizenship is to have real meaning and value, it should be considered among the factors that shape legislative districts.

Canada has generously extended many rights to newcomers, especially following the Supreme Court's Singh Decision in the 1980s, which ensured that almost all Charter rights apply to all residents.

Still, certain rights—such as voting, obtaining a passport, and running for office—are reserved for citizens. If the right to vote is not valued as an “other factor the commission considers appropriate,” the significance of citizenship is diminished. We believe Alberta and Canada are best served when the proportion of citizens and eligible voters in an electoral district is taken into account. While we are not suggesting this should be the sole criterion, we ask the Commission to recognize that, in rural areas where population growth has slowed, adults make up a higher proportion of the population and that the adult population is much more likely to be eligible voters than in urban areas where more newcomers live. This is not to undervalue the contributions of non-citizens, but rather to highlight a factor the Commission should consider.

Attached to this, is the argument about the duty of fair representation to remote indigenous and Metis communities in the North as discussed earlier. An approach to redistricting that only places value on pure population numbers diminishes the commitment to voters and especially to indigenous and Metis voters and the duty of reconciliation.

## Conclusion

The proposed changes aim to balance effective representation across Alberta, particularly in the north, by adjusting boundaries to reflect population, geography, and community interests. The document advocates for a model that maintains two special case electoral districts where necessary and supports the strategic direction of the Boundary Commission towards more hybrid and equitable electoral divisions.

## Legislative Framework

*Part 2 – Redistribution Rules of the Act sets forth the direction as to how the Commission does its work:*

*13 The Commission shall divide Alberta into 89 proposed electoral divisions.*

*14 In determining the area to be included in and in fixing the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions, the Commission, subject to section*

*15, shall take into consideration the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and in doing so may take into consideration*

- a. *sparsity, density and rate of growth of the population,*
- b. *communities of interest, including municipalities, regional and rural communities, Indian reserves and Metis settlements,*
- c. *geographical features,*
- d. *the availability and means of communication and transportation between various parts of Alberta,*
- e. *the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries, and*
- f. *any other factors the Commission considers appropriate.*

*15(1) The population of a proposed electoral division must not be more than 25% above nor more than 25% below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions.*

*(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), in the case of no more than 4 of the proposed electoral divisions, if the Commission is of the opinion that at least 3 of the following criteria exist in a proposed electoral division, the proposed electoral division may have a population that is as much as 50% below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions:*

- a. the area of the proposed electoral division exceeds 20 000 square kilometres or the total surveyed area of the proposed electoral division exceeds 15 000 square kilometres;*
- b. the distance from the Legislature Building in Edmonton to the nearest boundary of the proposed electoral division by the most direct highway route is more than 150 kilometres;*
- c. there is no town in the proposed electoral division that has a population exceeding 8000 people;*
- d. the area of the proposed electoral division contains an Indian reserve or Metis settlement;*
- e. the proposed electoral division has a portion of its boundary coterminous with a boundary of the Province of Alberta.*

*(3) For the purpose of subsection (2)(c), The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass is not a town.*



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**What is your current electoral division?**

16 - Calgary-Lougheed

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Boundaries within Calgary



**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

**Submission**

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

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

Under the \*Electoral Boundaries Commission Act\*, the Commission is allowed to deviate from strict population parity to ensure effective representation. In this context, adding a new seat to south Calgary better reflects both current realities and future growth pressures. It would also reduce the risk of immediately overburdening south Calgary constituencies as growth continues over the next redistribution cycle. For these reasons, I would request that any additional seat allocated to the City of Calgary be located in the south part of the city rather than in central Calgary.

Thank you very much for your hard work.

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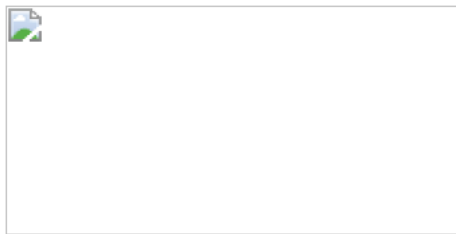
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**What is your current electoral division?**

48 - Airdrie-East

**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?**

Airdrie West and Airdrie East

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Effective representation
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**Submission**

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The Commission's proposal addresses several key concerns that were raised:

1. **Recognition of Current Under-Representation:** The proposed divisions acknowledge that Airdrie's current electoral divisions (Airdrie-Cochrane at 75,597 residents and Airdrie-East at 68,022 residents) significantly exceeded the provincial average, resulting in less proportional representation for our residents.
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the Airdrie-West electoral division. With Airdrie's projected average annual growth rate of 4.62% over the next decade, our community will be adding approximately 5,000 new residents per year, the equivalent of adding an entire town the size of Didsbury annually. These proposed boundaries create sustainable electoral divisions that will grow into appropriate population levels over the coming electoral cycle, with Airdrie-West positioned to experience the most substantial population increase.

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### Effective Representation for Growing Communities

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**Interim Report Submission from W. Bruce Kaufman**

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15 - Calgary-Klein

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

## Submission

Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Hello and thank you for reading my feedback. I live in Calgary Klein, where I have resided with my family for over thirty five years. I am an active participant in many volunteer positions within Calgary and more specifically my community of North Haven. I care deeply about my neighbours, my community, Calgary and my chosen province, Alberta. Utmost in my thinking is fairness and equity.

From reading your report and looking at the maps it seems that you've tried to ensure fairness. I do believe that the 25% variance from the average in voting populations is too high, but sadly changing that was not within your purview. [An over 40 point difference between the greatest +12.6 to -28.9 [[22 787 raw population difference]] as the least is unacceptable.] Saying that, and reading your report I do worry about large rural electoral districts - their MLA's should be given extra monies that must be used for additional Constituency Offices. I hope that in the final report the difference between the most populace and least populace of constituencies is more like 20%.

Calgary Klein - it seems that you've tried to keep the geographic and transportation lines in mind when looking at our area. Keeping Klein north of the major roadway - 16th Avenue, makes some sense. The same goes for continuing the boundary along the length of 10th Street NW. I see the population growth in Calgary Klein as being mostly by changing lots where many blocks were only single family homes are now duplexes, 4-plexes and 8-plexes. This sort of growth may not continue at a steady rate. Seeing that we're already -9.6 to average I worry that future Electoral Boundaries Commissions will have to make major revisions to Calgary Klein.

My suggestion would be to have Mayland Heights remain in Klein. Then Memorial Drive SE from Deerfoot Trail to Barlow Trail would be the south boundary. Calgary Confluence is a +3.6 and Klein is -9.6 as per your draft. The above changes would bring both districts closer to the Provincial Average. As well it would keep the two neighbourhoods of Vista Heights and Mayland Heights who are a common, shared community association (Cross Roads) together.

The introduction of hybrid districts around the cities of Calgary and Edmonton which are the fastest growing populations makes little sense. Adding more population that then needs to be divided up means that the extra districts being added are watered down. So you've artificially chosen boundaries that add to the city populations for elections but at no other time. The two cities each need more representation to allow for equity in our democracy. If taxpayers are paying equal provincial taxes, they need to be given even more equal representation.

Thank you for your efforts as members of this commission and for taking the time to read my submission.

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## Election boundaries for Lethbridge East

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Members of the boundary commission,

I strongly agree with the boundary suggestion in the Interim report. It is important for Lethbridge East and West to remain urban focused areas. I most emphatically disagree with the proposal put forward by Lethbridge East MLA Nathan Neudorf. His plan amounts to simple gerrymandering. In dividing Lethbridge into four quarters and pulling in rural residents, he is changing the dynamics of two urban ridings in a significant way. Urban and rural residents have very different needs and issues.

Here in Lethbridge, Constituents are concerned about provincial roadways within the city, the possibility of building a third bridge across the Old Man River, coordination between the City and Provincial governments to address social problems such as the need for affordable housing, how best to provide assistance to unhoused citizens, and how best to handle addictions help and recovery. There are only a few urgent areas needing attention from both levels of government.

Rural areas also have their own specific issues and, frankly, I will not pretend have the knowledge to begin to know what those specific concerns and needs could be. That is best left for rural residents to identify and share with the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to give input.

Sincerely,  
Sheila King  
Lethbridge East Constituent

Sent from my iPad



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**Interim Report Submission from Spencer Watkins**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

65 - Highwood

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

24 - Calgary-Okotoks

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Naming of electoral boundaries

### Submission

I have intentionally lived in a rural community with rural values. While I understand growth and urbanization being lumped into a big city boundary with Calgary will surely result in me and my fellow neighbours losing their rural voice.

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**Interim Report Submission from Ian kamenwa**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

42 - Edmonton-South

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

44 - Edmonton-South

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

**Submission**

Dear Committee i firstly wanted to thank you for keeping the ridings within the municipale boundaries, As formerly my federal riding consisted of both urban and rural constituents and i saw how that cause strain on my MP and lead to conflicting concerns being voiced to them. Thus after seeing the prosposed map published I would ask you to maintain the current map and avoid the formation of hybrid ridings.

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## Interim Report Submission from Kaiden Nott

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**Interim Report Considerations**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

72 - Lethbridge-West

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Cardston-Taber-Warner, High River-Vulcan, Lethbridge-East, Lethbridge-West, Livingstone-Macleod, Medicine Hat-Brooks, and Medicine Hat-Cypress

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

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

**Submission**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a resident of Medicine Hat (Cypress-Medicine Hat), a student at the University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge-West), and Vice-President Youth of the UCP Lethbridge-West Constituency Association. I submit this feedback in my capacity as a resident with lived experience across multiple southern Alberta communities.

My response focuses on seven proposed districts: Cardston-Taber-Warner, High River-Vulcan, Lethbridge-East, Lethbridge-West, Livingstone-Macleod, Medicine Hat-Brooks, and Medicine Hat-Cypress.

#### 1. The Case for Enhanced Regional Representation

These seven districts have a combined population of approximately 387,440, averaging 55,349 residents per constituency. This represents a mere +0.8% variance from the provincial average of 54,929. This statistical parity provides the Commission with the flexibility to prioritize "effective representation" and "communities of interest" without violating population mandates.

While Lethbridge is Alberta's fourth-largest city, it is currently limited to two MLAs. Given that Lethbridge is a six-hour drive from the Legislature and serves as the primary service, educational, and healthcare hub for the entire region, I propose a reconfiguration that provides a third "anchor" MLA for the city while strengthening ties to the surrounding rural districts.

#### 2. Proposed Boundary Adjustments

To better reflect social and economic realities, I respectfully propose the following three-step adjustment:

Shift the County of Forty Mile No. 8 to Medicine Hat-Cypress: Forty Mile County is economically and socially oriented toward Medicine Hat. Moving it from Cardston-Taber-Warner into Medicine Hat-Cypress respects existing transportation corridors and service patterns.

Establish a "Lethbridge-North" Hybrid District: The relocation of Forty Mile County reduces the population of Cardston-Taber-Warner (CTW). This allows CTW to absorb the northern portion of the City of Lethbridge. This creates a third Lethbridge-focused MLA through an urban-rural hybrid model, reflecting the

shared employment and agricultural interests of the city and its immediate neighbors.

Refine Northern and Western Inter-Constituency Borders: To maintain population parity following the Medicine Hat-Cypress expansion, portions of the City of Medicine Hat should be reallocated to Medicine Hat-Brooks. Simultaneously, modest population transfers from Livingstone-Macleod into High River-Vulcan and adjustments with Drumheller-Stettler will ensure all seven districts remain within acceptable provincial variances.

### 3. The Merit of Urban-Rural Hybrids

Southern Alberta's economy is built on the interdependence of urban service centers and rural agricultural production. Hybrid districts—like the proposed "Lethbridge-North/CTW" configuration—ensure that MLAs represent the entire value chain of our industries. This prevents the "siloing" of urban and rural concerns and acknowledges that Lethbridge's growth is inextricably linked to the success of the surrounding rural municipalities.

### 4. Historical Recognition

As a final recommendation, I suggest renaming Medicine Hat-Cypress to "Medicine Hat-Strom." This honors Harry E. Strom, Alberta's ninth Premier and the last Social Credit Premier, who represented this region for 20 years. Such a change would honor the distinct political heritage of Southeast Alberta.

### Conclusion

By dividing Lethbridge interests across three constituencies—West, East, and a North-Hybrid—the Commission will provide Southern Albertans with a legislative voice commensurate with their economic contribution and geographic distance from the capital.

Thank you for your dedication to ensuring fair and effective representation for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

Kaiden Nott

Resident of Medicine Hat and Lethbridge

VP Youth, UCP Lethbridge-West Secretary

University of Lethbridge Campus Conservative Club

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**What is your current electoral division?**

54 - Cardston-Siksika

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

56 - Cardston-Taber-Warner

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features
- Effective representation

## Submission

I am a resident of southern Alberta writing to support an electoral district that reflects the strong regional connections among our communities. Effective representation in this part of the province depends on recognizing how closely linked our lives, work, and institutions are across municipal boundaries.

A district that includes portions of Lethbridge together with the Crowsnest Pass, Waterton Lakes National Park, and the communities of Cardston, Magrath, Raymond, and Stirling would accurately reflect how southern Albertans live. Families, social networks, faith communities, and volunteer organizations routinely span these communities, creating a shared regional identity.

Lethbridge serves as the primary economic and service hub for the region, providing employment, healthcare, post-secondary education, and specialized services. Residents of surrounding communities regularly commute to Lethbridge while remaining actively involved in their home towns. This daily movement reflects a unified regional economy.

Educational institutions such as the University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge Polytechnic draw students from across southern Alberta, strengthening long-term regional connections. Shared cultural traditions, including strong faith communities with deep roots across the region, further reinforce this cohesion.

Geography also supports a regional approach. Waterton Lakes National Park and the Crowsnest Pass are central to the recreational, cultural, and historical life of residents throughout southern Alberta and are widely used across communities.

Section 14 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act allows the Commission to prioritize communities of interest and geographic realities in pursuit of effective representation. In southern Alberta, a regional district would better meet this goal than one based primarily on municipal boundaries.

I respectfully urge the Commission to recognize these shared regional realities when finalizing southern Alberta's electoral boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Interim Report Submission from Audrey Leavitt**

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**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

56 - Cardston-Taber-Warner

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

## Submission

I am writing as a southern Alberta resident to emphasize the importance of drawing electoral boundaries that reflect lived reality rather than administrative convenience. In this region, communities are connected through daily movement, shared institutions, and longstanding relationships. A district that links parts of Lethbridge with the Crowsnest Pass, Waterton Lakes National Park, and Cardston, Magrath, Raymond, and Stirling would accurately reflect how southern Albertans live and interact.

Section 14 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act places effective representation at the centre of the Commission's mandate and allows consideration of communities of interest—economic, social, and regional—as well as geography and patterns of human movement (s.14(2)(a) and (c)). These factors clearly demonstrate that southern Alberta functions as a cohesive regional community.

Social and family connections routinely cross municipal boundaries. Families are spread across communities, and residents frequently move within the region for education, work, and family life. Many people maintain deep ties to faith congregations and community organizations throughout southern Alberta regardless of where they currently reside.

Economic patterns reinforce this cohesion. Lethbridge serves as the regional hub for employment, healthcare, education, and specialized services. Daily commuting from surrounding communities is common, reflecting a shared economic system rather than isolated local economies.

Educational institutions further bind the region together. The University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge Polytechnic bring together students from across southern Alberta, fostering shared experiences and long-term regional connections.

Geographically, Waterton Lakes National Park and the Crowsnest Pass are central gathering places for residents throughout southern Alberta. These shared landscapes reflect common travel patterns and collective use of the region's natural features.

The Act provides the Commission with flexibility to balance population equality with communities of interest and geographic realities. In southern Alberta, recognizing the region as a single, interconnected community would result in more effective and meaningful representation.

I respectfully encourage the Commission to draw boundaries that reflect this lived regional reality.

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## The Honourable Todd Loewen

MLA for Central Peace-Notley

December 19, 2025

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Dear Justice Miller:

I am writing to express my deep concern with changes outlined in the Interim Report of the 2025-26 Electoral Boundaries Commission. In particular, I am distressed by the loss of representation for northern Alberta, including the devastating loss of a seat. This is a sentiment I have also received from many of my constituents.

While the Interim Report extensively references the need for effective representation as required by the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*, the proposed boundaries egregiously seem to miss this mark. Representation in northern Alberta already comes with considerable challenges, which are only compounded as electoral districts get larger.

I would like to describe my current experience as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. I currently represent eight municipal districts/counties, six towns, five villages, two First Nations reserves, and seven school boards (public, separate, and francophone) for a total of 28 elected councils and boards. Within Central Peace-Notley, there are currently an additional 16 hamlets, as well as many more small localities not contained in this list.

I have two offices, located in Fairview and Valleyview. While it is unfortunate that many of my constituents must travel a considerable distance to get to an office in person, I will note that we have attempted to structure the Central Peace-Notley offices so that most of the residents I represent are within approximately an hour of travel time to an office. Despite optimizing the placement of our offices, a small segment is still left with longer travel times, up to 90 minutes.

I already spend a considerable amount of time travelling to the communities I represent. If I were to drive a complete circuit of Central Peace-Notley (from Fox Creek in the south, through Falher, across the Peace River to Berwyn, then through Fairview to Cleardale in the west, and back to Fox Creek), the total distance would be 857 kilometers, or over nine hours of driving time—noting that



the most efficient way to do this route has me leaving the province of Alberta and briefly driving through British Columbia. Obviously, when factoring in time needed to meet with constituents, it is not feasible to cover the area in a day, or even multiple days. This calculation is only intended to give a sense of the scale of my electoral district as it stands and an idea of the proportion of my time spent in a vehicle rather than in a community. Again, there are considerable challenges for both me and my constituents.

As I review the newly proposed Peace River-Notley boundaries proposed in the report, I would like the Commission to be aware that it has taken an existing considerable challenge and made it nearly impossible to represent the area fairly and effectively. The proposed district now includes **10 MDs/counties, 10 towns, six villages, two First Nations reserves, and eight school boards** for a total of **36 elected councils and boards**, plus an additional **24 hamlets**. Over **200 elected officials** comprise these various councils, all representing communities with unique needs.

A circuit of this Peace River-Notley constituency would now be roughly 1,205 kilometers and well over 12 hours in driving time, assuming optimal road conditions. Furthermore, given the distribution of population in this proposed riding, it would likely be necessary to maintain an office in Peace River (as the largest community) and one other location. What this means for constituents is a terrible loss of access to their MLA offices, with large portions of the population being at least an hour away, even assuming Valleyview as the geographically optimal second location.

Fairview has been home to a Legislative Assembly office for decades, yet continuing to keep one open there along with Peace River would require upwards of 8,000 people from the southern portion of the riding (Fox Creek, Valleyview, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, Ridgevalley, Debolt, etc) being at least 90 minutes from their Member's nearest office. There is no solution that does not result in many people feeling a direct loss and greatly increased difficulty in being represented.

The Commission notes that Central Peace-Notley is 48% below the average population. While this is indeed a smaller population than other constituencies, the legislation governing this boundary review specifically provides for up to four such electoral districts. This provision is specifically in the legislation to allow for flexibility in balancing geographical area with population when considering how Albertans would best receive effective representation.

It is troubling that the Interim Report creates urban ridings such as Calgary-Klein (49,666) and Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood (49,995) that are scarcely larger in population than rural ridings such as Peace River-Notley (48,602). With all due respect, the logic behind this is nonsensical. Population being roughly equal, how is the representation of a city constituency measured in blocks in any way comparable to the representation received by people living in a constituency larger in area than entire Canadian provinces? Logically, there ought not to be any rural electoral district with a population higher than, or even comparable to, the lowest urban district given the obvious difficulties imposed by geographical size.

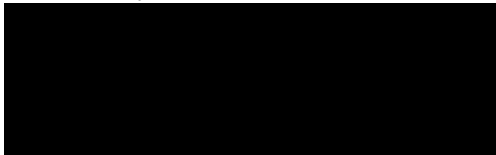
I urge the Commission to use the allowed variances under the Act and to acknowledge that several rural constituencies, including Central Peace-Notley, are already pressing against the limits of what

can considered effective representation, even before the proposed reduction in the number of rural constituencies. In addition to halting the removal of any rural constituencies, I would like to propose that you use one of the following four recommendations, in order of preference:

1. **Leave the current boundaries unchanged.** The boundaries changed significantly in the previous re-draw eight years ago, and this causes significant disruption to representation of rural Albertans, which may not be clearly understood in urban areas, where shifting lines are more subtle. As noted by the Commission, the population is within legally allowable limits as it stands.
2. **Add Grimshaw to Central Peace-Notley.** Grimshaw was previously with Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley prior to the 2018 boundary change. This is minimally disruptive as it would only involve adding a greater portion of the MD of Peace, which is already partially within Central Peace-Notley.
3. **Add the Teepee Creek area to Central Peace-Notley.** This would also be minimally invasive, adding a small portion of an additional county, the County of Grande Prairie.
4. **Add the Nampa area to Central Peace-Notley.** This would also simply involve adding another small portion of an additional county, Northern Sunrise, to the electoral district.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to clarify my position. Thank you for your service to Alberta and your attention to this crucially important matter.

Sincerely,



Hon. Todd Loewen, MLA



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## Interim Report Submission from Gary Stanford

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**What is your current electoral division?**

54 - Cardston-Siksika

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

56 - Cardston-Taber-Warner

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns



- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

## Submission

I am writing to strongly encourage the Commission to recognize southern Alberta as the unified region it is when determining electoral boundaries. Effective representation requires districts that align with how communities actually function, not simply where municipal lines have been drawn. A district that combines parts of Lethbridge with the Crowsnest Pass, Waterton Lakes National Park, and Cardston, Magrath, Raymond, and Stirling would do exactly that.

Section 14 of the Act expressly authorizes the Commission to consider communities of interest—economic, social, and regional—alongside geography and human movement. Every one of these considerations supports the conclusion that southern Alberta operates as a single, interconnected region.

Families, workplaces, schools, faith communities, and recreational spaces all cross municipal boundaries daily. Lethbridge serves as the central hub for employment, healthcare, education, and services, while surrounding communities remain socially and economically integrated with the city.

Educational institutions, shared cultural traditions, and common use of regional landscapes such as Waterton Lakes National Park and the Crowsnest Pass further reinforce a shared regional identity.

The Act's flexibility exists precisely for regions like southern Alberta, where communities are defined more by connection than by jurisdictional borders. Drawing boundaries that reflect this reality would enhance representation and strengthen democratic engagement.

I urge the Commission to adopt a regional approach that reflects the shared identity and interests of southern Alberta residents.

Thank you

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## Interim Report Submission from Penni Lougheed

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**What is your current electoral division?**

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Banff-Jasper, Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House, and Mountain View-Kneehill.

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

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

**Submission**

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Clearwater County and as a member of the Condor Community Centre Board. I am deeply concerned about the potential impacts that the proposed electoral boundaries for Mountain View–Kneehill, Banff–Jasper, and Lacombe–Rocky Mountain House may have on our families, schools, and the broader community.

As a community volunteer, I am concerned that dividing Clearwater County into multiple constituencies will make it more difficult for residents, parents, and community organizations to advocate for local needs. Under the current arrangement, communication with our elected representative is straightforward. Under the proposed boundaries, our community would need to engage with multiple MLAs, which risks weakening our collective voice.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundaries and ensure that all of Clearwater County remains within a single constituency that reflects our shared connections and interests.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Penni Lougheed

Member, Condor Community Centre Board

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56 - Cardston-Taber-Warner

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

## Submission

I am writing as a southern Alberta resident to urge the Commission to draw electoral boundaries in a manner that fully reflects the purpose of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act. In this region, effective representation is best achieved by recognizing shared regional interests and lived connections rather than relying primarily on municipal boundaries. A district that unites portions of Lethbridge with the Crowsnest Pass, Waterton Lakes National Park, and the communities of Cardston, Magrath, Raymond, and Stirling would do precisely that.

Section 14 of the Act clearly prioritizes effective representation and expressly permits consideration of communities of interest—economic, social, and regional—as well as geography and patterns of human movement (s.14(2)(a) and (c)). When applied to southern Alberta, these criteria lead directly to the conclusion that this area functions as a single, interconnected regional community.

Social and family relationships throughout southern Alberta are deeply interwoven. Families routinely span multiple communities, and residents often move within the region for work, education, and family reasons. Many individuals grow up in smaller communities and later settle in Lethbridge while maintaining strong ties across the region. These enduring relationships exemplify the social and regional communities of interest the Act is intended to protect.

Economic activity further demonstrates regional cohesion. Lethbridge serves as the principal centre for employment, healthcare, higher education, and specialized services for much of southern Alberta. Residents from surrounding communities regularly travel to Lethbridge while remaining actively engaged in their home towns, reflecting a shared regional economy under section 14(2)(a).

Educational institutions reinforce these connections. The University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge Polytechnic attract students from across the region, creating shared experiences and long-term networks that transcend municipal boundaries.

Cultural and faith traditions also bind the region together. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has a long-established presence across Cardston, Raymond, Magrath, Stirling, and Lethbridge, fostering cooperation, volunteerism, and civic engagement throughout southern Alberta.

Geography supports this regional understanding. Waterton Lakes National Park and the Crowsnest Pass are central to the recreational and cultural life of residents across the region and are widely used by families, schools, and community groups, consistent with section 14(2)(c).

The Act intentionally provides the Commission with flexibility to balance

population equality with communities of interest and geographic realities (s.14(1) and s.14(2)). In southern Alberta, a regionally based electoral district would most faithfully fulfill this legislative intent.

I respectfully encourage the Commission to draw boundaries that reflect this reality.

Thank you for your service

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## Interim Report Submission from Seth Carlisle

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**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Rural concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns



- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

## Submission

As a resident of southern Alberta, I am writing to emphasize the importance of drawing electoral boundaries that reflect the lived realities of the region. In southern Alberta, daily life is shaped far more by regional connections than by municipal borders. A district that brings together parts of Lethbridge with the Crowsnest Pass, Waterton Lakes National Park, and the communities of Cardston, Magrath, Raymond, and Stirling would accurately reflect how people in this region interact and would align fully with the intent of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

Section 14 of the Act makes clear that effective representation is the Commission's guiding objective and that communities of interest—economic, social, and regional—along with geography and patterns of human movement, are legitimate and important considerations (s.14(2)(a) and (c)). These criteria point unmistakably to a cohesive southern Alberta region that transcends municipal boundaries.

Families and social networks in this area are highly interconnected. It is common for individuals to live, work, study, and worship in different communities within the region over the course of their lives. Many residents grow up in smaller towns and later move to Lethbridge while remaining closely involved with family, faith communities, and local organizations throughout southern Alberta. These enduring ties reflect a shared social community that should be recognized in electoral boundaries.

The regional economy further underscores this unity. Lethbridge is the primary centre for employment, healthcare, post-secondary education, and specialized services for much of southern Alberta. Residents from Cardston, Raymond, Magrath, Stirling, and nearby rural areas routinely travel to Lethbridge while maintaining strong ties to their home communities. This pattern of daily movement reflects a single, integrated regional economy.

Educational institutions play a central role in sustaining regional connections. The University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge Polytechnic serve students from across southern Alberta, creating shared educational and social experiences that foster long-term regional relationships.

Cultural and faith traditions also contribute to a shared identity. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has deep roots and a strong presence throughout the communities in question, encouraging cooperation, volunteer service, and civic participation across municipal lines.

Geography further reinforces this regional perspective. Waterton Lakes National Park and the Crowsnest Pass are integral to the cultural and recreational life of southern Albertans and are used extensively by families, schools, and

community groups from across the region, consistent with section 14(2)(c).

The Act intentionally allows flexibility so that electoral districts can balance population equality with communities of interest and geographic realities (s.14(1) and s.14(2)). In southern Alberta, a regionally focused district would achieve this balance far more effectively than one based primarily on municipal boundaries.

I respectfully urge the Commission to give full weight to these realities when evaluating southern Alberta's electoral boundaries.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

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## Interim Report Submission from Daryl Lougheed

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**What is your current electoral division?**

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Banff-Jasper, Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House, and Mountain View-Kneehill.

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

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

**Submission**

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a long-time resident of west central Alberta and a former Reeve of Clearwater County to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed elimination of the Rimbey–Rocky Mountain House–Sundre constituency and the division of Clearwater County into three separate electoral ridings.

Clearwater County has always functioned as a cohesive region with a shared economy, geography, and identity. Our communities are deeply connected through agriculture, oil and gas development, forestry, and tourism—industries shaped by our proximity to the Rocky Mountains and the unique landscape of west central Alberta. For generations, residents of Clearwater County have lived, worked, and recreated in this region, forming strong social, economic, and cultural ties that distinguish us from prairie and urban communities to the east.

Dividing Clearwater County among multiple constituencies risks weakening effective representation in the Alberta Legislature. Communities with shared priorities, challenges, and perspectives would be split between different MLAs, diluting their collective voice and reducing the ability of elected representatives to advocate effectively for the region as a whole. From my experience in municipal leadership, strong representation depends on keeping communities of interest intact.

I strongly urge the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundaries and to keep Clearwater County together within a single constituency alongside other west central Alberta communities. Doing so will preserve effective representation and respect the shared identity of the people who call this region home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daryl Lougheed

Former Reeve, Clearwater County

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This is my submission in opposition to the elimination of the Lesser Slave Lake riding.

I disagree with the commissions view that social media was a more effective way to engage discussion as opposed to house hold mail out. Cost of mail out should not have been a consideration in such an important revision of the boundaries. The commission stated that Municipalities were contact yet many have indicated they have no record of this.

Here are my observations of the draft report:

15(2) Requirements for 50% population variances are document as:

Must be more than 20,000 sq. kms, we are over 70,000 sq. kms

Distance from legislature more than 150 kms we are 380 kms to High Prairie

No town with larger than 8000 population Slave Lake is largest +/-6000

Significant indigenous population, we have 10 reserves and 4 settlements

Conterminous with boundary of province of Alberta

Lesser Slave Lake riding complies with 4 out of 5 requirements to meet 15(2) exemptions, (80% compliance)

It appears that no consideration was given to the criteria noted.

The proposed change does not equate to effective representation for the region.

The courts have consistently ruled that the principle of the numbers are not to be the only determining factor yet the commission draft report appears to be based primarily on numbers. The 4 rural ridings with special consideration have been continually recognized for their unique aspect and contribution. They need to be

protected instead of eliminated. Northern Alberta's contribution to GDP for the Province needs to be a consideration. The commission draft report does not represent fair and equitable representation for the riding.

The commission is suggesting a departure from recognized population averages model that has been used for many years to achieve effective representation.

The report states that "changes in Alberta Health registry files are a reliable indicator of population change". Yet the Alberta government has stated that there are 500,000 more people registered in Alberta Health than actual population."

I question why the commission does not work with the Alberta Govt. to change the census timing so that we are dealing in real time numbers not conflicting estimates.

The Carter distinction is commonly referred to as a guiding principle in the commission's recommendations yet the acknowledgement by the Carter distinction of the 4 special rural ridings and the criteria required seems to have been ignored.

The commission had no issue granting distinction of 15(2) to McKenzie yet chose to ignore the rules to incorporate 15(2) to Lesser Slave Lake and essentially deleted the riding. The statement made in the report by the commission of not adding Swan Hills to the riding was so as not to dilute indigenous population. This is a very troubling statement as it suggests ethnic make should have some weight in fair and equitable representation. The comments from indigenous leader including the Grande chief of Treaty 8 do not support this view.

Swan Hills falls within Big Lakes County and drawing the lines to incorporate all of Big Lakes County and all of Lesser Slave River boundaries would easily bring Lesser Slave Lake to the 15(2) distinction. It was noted at the hearing by the commission that we were only shy around 250 people. The proposed change would increase our riding population by 1500 to 2000 population. The town of Swan Hills is fully on board with this and represents +/- 1300 population.

We are disappointed with the commission report and respectfully submit that the riding of Lesser Slave Lake be moved at the very least to include all of Big Lakes County boundaries to the south which would encompass the Town of Swan Hills. Applying 15(2) distinction to this riding would result in fair and equitable representation given we meet four out of five of the requirements for this exemption including the large geographical area, significant indigenous population and distance from the legislature.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Skrynyk

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## Interim Report Submission from Danielle Larivee

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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?**

- Northern Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation

## Submission

Having presented to the Commission in the first round, I will not repeat the same messages from that time. Instead, I will focus on replying to the new boundaries you have proposed for Northern Alberta. I can't imagine how difficult your job has been, and I want to thank you for the time and effort you have put into trying to address the many challenges you are faced with.

As a resident since 1979, I am well acquainted with the region, especially since having been an MLA for the area. As a result, I was very disappointed to see the dismemberment of Lesser Slave Lake. Having said that, I realize that you needed to reduce the number of rural ridings and that the North has been a challenge. So rather than ask for a return to Lesser Slave Lake being intact, I want to comment on new challenges that arise as a result of your choices.

The first issue for me is that the communities from High Prairie along the Southern shore of Lesser Slave Lake to Slave Lake are now split across three different constituencies. In particular, the communities in Big Lakes County are now split up, which will lead to governance and representation challenges for both the municipality and MLAs representing county residents. Lesser Slave Lake is very large and those communities have almost no connection to the Northern communities that are on the other side of the lake- instead, they are connected to High Prairie and Slave Lake, including when it comes to accessing provincial services. I strongly suggest that the lakeshore communities that are part of Big Lakes County continue to stay in the same constituency as High Prairie.

This change would also slightly reduce the vastness of Mackenzie, a size which is incredibly intimidating in comparison to what used to seem to be a very large Lesser Slave Lake constituency. I waxed on previously about utilizing all effort to connect with people across Lesser Slave Lake and now I worry I made it sound too easy! It took great effort to connect with constituents with the previous size. I do not envy an MLA who, if truly trying to represent their constituents, would have to attempt travel across that vast distance over and over again.

Lastly, while I did not want to see Indigenous communities in the North divided up across many constituencies and as such losing their voice, placing so many in one constituency poses two major issues: firstly, they are complex and require appropriate attention to develop relationships when representing them. 12 First Nations and 3 Metis Settlements took a significant amount of time as an MLA to work with properly- representing more seems likely to be overwhelming.

Secondly, I worry that with fewer MLAs genuinely having an opportunity to understand Indigenous issues, they will have less voices who can speak to their issues in the Legislature, especially given how few Indigenous people have been MLAs to date.

Once again, I do not envy your position in having to develop new boundaries.

But I do hope that as you look once again at the draft you have shared that you consider the feedback I have shared. Happy holidays and a wonderful New Year to you all!

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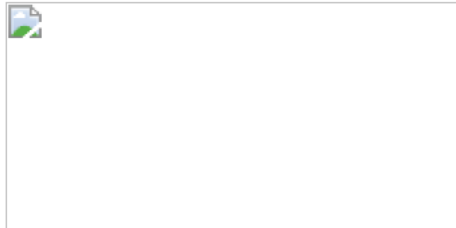
**Interim Report Submission from Ryan Barker**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

04 - Calgary-Buffalo

**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?**

Calgary Region

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

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

**Submission**

Commissioners,

Since my submission to the Commission earlier this year, my concerns about our democracy, as a teacher in Alberta, have only multiplied. My disappointment has never been deeper, but disappointment is not despondence. Your hard work to incorporate the views of concerned citizens still offers hope for fairer elections. Thank you for listening, and thank you for this second opportunity to succinctly share my perspective.

Given that Calgary will be home to two million residents in the near future, I was heartened by your proposal to create the new constituency of Calgary-Confluence. This historic heart of Calgary's inner city, where Indigenous peoples gathered for thousands of years prior to the construction of Fort Calgary 150 years ago this year, warrants special recognition as a distinct community. It makes sense that parts of Calgary-Buffalo, where I have resided for nine years, as well as neighbourhoods on the north side of the Bow River, would be incorporated into this new riding. I also appreciate the proposed name, which appropriately reflects the more inclusive name of the historic site and parkland we commemorate and value.

You have the power to bring even greater fairness to our electoral system. An additional riding within Calgary's existing city limits would go a long way toward providing the representation this city deserves, while demonstrating foresight in responding to our rapid rate of population growth. As a birthplace of political innovation, an engine of economic growth, and a magnet for global talent across many fields, Canada's third-largest city needs to be represented fairly in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Lastly, I would humbly caution the Commission against creating hybrid ridings that combine parts of Calgary with communities such as Airdrie, Chestermere, or Springbank. These communities are distinct from Calgary and, like our city, deserve their own ridings so they can elect MLAs who are well positioned to represent their specific needs.

Thank you once again for your commitment to public service.

Sincerely,

Ryan Barker

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## Interim Report Submission from Aina Khan

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**What is your current electoral division?**

42 - Edmonton-South

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

46 - Edmonton-South West

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Projected growth

### Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns about the electoral boundaries.  
The newly proposed boundaries for the south of Edmonton support the population growth.

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**Interim Report Submission from Mary-Anne McTrowe**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

72 - Lethbridge-West

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

70 - Lethbridge-West

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Effective representation

### Submission

Lethbridge should not be divided into 4.

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## Interim Report Submission from Sally (Sarah) Scott

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**What is your current electoral division?**

34 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

37 - Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Communities of interest

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

As a resident of central Edmonton, I am pleased to provide a written submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

I have lived in the provincial riding of Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood for the past several years, and I am lucky to own a home in the wonderful Highlands neighbourhood. Highlands and the surrounding neighbourhoods that make up the rest of the Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood riding are a wonderful part of our city, and I am so proud to know and live in community with my neighbours. Our riding is made up of countless young families purchasing their first homes, many newcomers who are looking for a place to settle and put down roots, people who have lived in the area for several decades, and folks who have gone through hard times and are looking to rebuild. What we all have in common is a commitment to building and living in a sustainable community of neighbours who truly care about each other. As this work continues to come to fruition, I am pleased to say that not only do I live here, but I also work, run almost all of my errands for daily living, and spend time with friends at the beloved third spaces here in Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood.

I am pleased that this cohesive and community-minded riding will, per the proposed electoral divisions, continue to remain cohesive. I am also pleased to see the addition of Westwood, which I believe will be a great fit with the extant riding of Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood.

As a proud Edmontonian, I do feel the need to register my concern regarding the number of ridings assigned to Edmonton. As I am sure the Commission knows, Edmonton grew by over 10% (more than 100,000 people!) from 2022-2024. This growth is roughly equivalent to the total population of Red Deer. This is the strongest growth period in our city since at least 2003, and this trend shows no sign of stopping--we gained 65,000 citizens in 2024 alone. I am so pleased to welcome all of these new residents to our city. Our growing population, though, means that it is essential that our political voice also grows in order to ensure equity for our political concerns. Given this, I ask that the Commission please strongly consider adding additional ridings to Edmonton.

Thank you very much for your time, your careful consideration, and your extremely hard work on this massive and complex project. Please know that I and so many other Albertans sincerely appreciate all that the Commission members are doing in this process.

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## Interim Report Submission from Ishaan Sahai

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**What is your current electoral division?**

04 - Calgary-Buffalo

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

01 - Calgary-Acadia

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

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

## Submission

My name is Ishaan Sahai, and I am writing to submit feedback on the interim report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission. I would like to express strong appreciation for the meticulous and attentive efforts of the Commission, as the proposed changes are clearly responsive to the population growth that we have seen in urban centres like Calgary. This approach thoughtfully avoids the creation of hybrid constituencies with urban and rural components, which would greatly dilute representation, while also anticipating Calgary's ongoing demographic shifts and likely continued growth over the next decade.

However, I would like to share some additional concerns regarding Calgary-Acadia. I have lived in Calgary for much of my life, including completing my secondary schooling in this part of the city, and have more recently begun work as a Constituency Assistant for Calgary-Acadia. As a result, I am uniquely aware of many of the intricacies of this area and feel compelled to provide my thoughts on how we can best ensure the fair representation of this region. Specifically, I strongly believe that Manchester should remain within the electoral division, as its removal would undermine the cohesion and effectiveness of the overall community's voice.

Manchester is home to a highly vulnerable population that depends on consistent access to local services and strong representation. Its current relationships and ties are essential, especially for those who rely on affordable housing, public infrastructure, and social support programs. To remove Manchester from Calgary-Acadia would disrupt these relationships and leave vulnerable individuals without the representation they depend on, which could create a disconnect and also erode public trust in the system.

Furthermore, Manchester's economic and demographic characteristics are more aligned with Calgary-Acadia than Calgary-Confluence. It is a working-class community facing many of the same challenges around affordable housing and access to key services as many residents in Acadia, Southwood, and Willow Park. This contrasts strongly with the economic profile of communities such as Inglewood, which has seen significant recent gentrification and a rise in higher-income residents, and therefore greatly different issues and priorities from Manchester. Manchester's transportation links and road systems are also more closely aligned with its southern neighbours than the downtown-adjacency of Calgary-Confluence. These growing differences make it less appropriate to pair Manchester with Inglewood.

Crucially, Manchester is also clearly set to experience significant growth in the coming years, particularly with many notable high-rise developments that will increase its population density significantly. As this growth continues, so too will its demand for services and strong representation. If Manchester is removed from Calgary-Acadia, it risks losing a cohesive, united voice in legislative and

I greatly appreciate the Electoral Boundaries Commission's commitment to fair and balanced representation, particularly its focus on recognizing growing populations and ensuring cohesion within constituencies. By retaining Manchester in Calgary-Acadia, the Commission will further ensure that the community will continue to benefit from unified representation and that its needs are met alongside its comparable neighbours. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this feedback, for considering the perspectives of those who live and work in these communities, and for your time and consideration.

Ishaan Sahai

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**Interim Report Submission from Reid Lopushinsky**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

62 - Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Communities of interest
- Geographical features

- Effective representation

### Submission

Leave the Fort Saskatchewan Vegreville constituency boundaries the same as of September 2025

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## Interim Report Submission from Debbie Baich

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**Municipality / City**

Rocky Mountain House

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**What is your current electoral division?**

80 - Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House; Banff-Jasper; Mountain View-Kneehill

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Central Alberta concerns
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

**Submission**

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as the former mayor of Rocky Mountain House, a local business owner, and a proud citizen of our great town. I was surprised when I read the interim report of the Boundaries Commission and saw the draft maps proposed splitting Rocky Mountain House from communities west and south of the town. I strongly encourage the Commission to reconsider this decision and keep Rocky Mountain House united with other communities along the Eastern Slopes, which is a better reflection of the communities of interest, geography, and history of the region.

One of the most compelling reasons to keep Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County together is the role Rocky plays as a hub for services and the local economy. Our residents rely on the same schools, hospitals, businesses, and emergency services. Local government works very closely together to address the needs of the entire region, ensuring that the town, surrounding county, and First Nations governments in the region are working together to advocate for local issues to our provincial representative. The decision to divide Clearwater County into three different constituencies and to disconnect Rocky Mountain House from other Eastern Slopes communities risks losing this effective collaboration, and will limit the effective representation of west central Alberta as a region.

Tourism is another area where our region's unity is essential. Rocky Mountain House has long served as the gateway to the Rocky Mountains, welcoming visitors from across Alberta and around the world. Rocky Mountain House is widely recognized as part of the Nordegg and Eastern Slopes tourism area, including as part of the David Thompson Tourism Development Zone. Our local MLA has traditionally been an advocate for the entire region, supporting tourism development, key infrastructure upgrades, and economic growth that benefits our entire region. Keeping these communities together in a single constituency ensures that our tourism sector continues to thrive and that our collective interests are represented effectively in the Legislature.

The history of Rocky Mountain House further underscores the importance of maintaining our region as a whole. Since at least 1940, Rocky has been at the center of a constituency that includes Clearwater County and western Mountain View County, extending all the way to the BC border. Unfortunately, the current boundaries do not reflect this history. In fact, the boundary for Lacombe-Rocky Mountain House divides the town and places Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site, the location of the original fort for which our town is named, in another constituency (Banff-Jasper). This long-standing tradition of unified representation has allowed our community to advocate for its needs and

contribute meaningfully to the province's development. To break apart this historical connection would be to ignore the lessons of the past and the realities of the present.

I urge the Commission to recognize the communities of interest, regional tourism industry, and the historical precedent that supports keeping Clearwater County, Rocky Mountain House, and other Eastern Slopes communities together in a single electoral division. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your commitment to ensuring effective representation for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

Debbie Baich

Mayor of Rocky Mountain House, 2021-2024

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## Interim Report Submission from Lisa St Jean

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**What is your current electoral division?**

52 - Brooks-Medicine Hat

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

73 - Medicine Hat-Brooks

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns

**Submission**

To the members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission

I am writing to express concern regarding the Commission's decision to maintain the current status quo for the Brooks–Medicine Hat and Cypress–Medicine Hat electoral divisions. While I acknowledge and respect the complexity of balancing population, geography, and community interests, I believe Medicine Hat would be better served as a fully urban electoral division rather than continuing as two hybrid urban–rural ridings.

Medicine Hat is one of Alberta's larger urban centres and functions as the economic and service hub for Southeast Alberta. Its urban population, municipal structure, and shared infrastructure distinguish it meaningfully from the surrounding rural regions. As such, it is reasonable to expect representation that reflects those distinct urban interests, in line with how comparable Alberta cities are treated.

When examining other similarly sized urban centres, the decision to maintain Medicine Hat as a split, hybrid city is difficult to reconcile. Cities such as Grande Prairie, Red Deer, and Lethbridge are comparable to Medicine Hat in geographic footprint and population. Notably, Grande Prairie's population is nearly identical to Medicine Hat's, yet it remains a unified urban riding despite being surrounded by very large rural districts. The surrounding rural districts in those regions are comparable in size to, or larger than, what would result if Medicine Hat were designated as a fully urban division.

Population deviation alone does not appear to be a prohibitive factor. A fully urban Medicine Hat riding would fall within population deviation ranges already accepted elsewhere in the province. Several existing or proposed divisions demonstrate equal or greater deviation without being considered unworkable.

The rationale cited for maintaining the current structure — including lack of unanimous public submissions, preservation of status quo, and population proximity to the provincial quotient — does not seem to be applied consistently across the province. In particular, it is unclear why status quo was favoured here while other urban centres underwent boundary changes despite similar circumstances.

Should Medicine Hat remain divided, I am also concerned that the current boundary does not follow the city's most logical and established geographic divider: the South Saskatchewan River. The river already functions as a clear and widely recognized boundary within the city for planning, navigation, and community identification. Using it as an electoral boundary would provide clarity, consistency, and a more intuitive division for residents. I can see that I personally have observed much confusion when people were putting out political signs for election. Both sides had signs in the wrong area due to the incongruent split of the community.

Overall, I respectfully submit that maintaining the current hybrid configuration for Medicine Hat appears less consistent with provincial precedent and more reflective of convenience than of principled boundary design. I urge the Commission to reconsider Medicine Hat's unique role as a major urban centre and to reassess whether a fully urban riding — or at minimum a more geographically coherent division — would better serve effective and fair representation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this submission.

Lisa St Jean

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**What is your current electoral division?**

71 - Lethbridge-East

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

69 - Lethbridge-East

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Other concerns

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### Submission

Don't touch the electoral boundaries. What's wrong with your people? Rural and urban concerns are completely different. Leave them alone.

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## Interim Report Submission from Marc Slingerland

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**What is your current electoral division?**

72 - Lethbridge-West

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

Lethbridge-West; Lethbridge-East; Livingstone-Macleod; Cardston-Taber-Warner

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

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

**Submission**

To the members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on your Interim Report. I appreciate the thorough historical perspective included in the report, and your explanation of the various factors weighed in coming to your recommendations. The principles explained and defended in the report, however, do not seem to have been applied consistently in the Lethbridge area, and I would urge you to reconsider the proposed boundaries for southern Alberta.

Your interim report makes an effective case for the validity and usefulness of hybrid urban-rural ridings. For instance, you correctly explain that “having MLAs who represent both a city and areas not in a city may cause MLAs to understand issues important to all aspects of Alberta society. It will help depolarization and increase understanding” (p. 28). However, as applied to Lethbridge you simply state that you “have opted not to pursue this path at this time” (p. 34). The reason given – that the current boundaries are “clearly logical” (p. 35) – hardly seems sufficient justification, since the existence of one logical division does not preclude other equally logical options that could simultaneously provide other advantages.

I submit that hybrid rural-urban boundaries for Lethbridge and area would better address the goal of effective representation. The distinction between city and rural citizens is not clear-cut; I have lived in Lethbridge and worked outside city boundaries for my entire adult life, while many others are in the opposite situation. Numerous communities of interest extend across city boundaries, including not only agribusiness and other economic drivers, but also indigenous populations where common representation of urban and on-reserve individuals would be advantageous.

Creation of hybrid ridings in the Lethbridge region would bring benefits for both the urban and rural components of the ridings. As the largest municipality in the southern region, representation of Lethbridge by just two MLAs does not seem equitable considering the much smaller municipalities elsewhere in the province that also have two MLAs. Meanwhile from the rural perspective, hybrid ridings would reduce the number of municipalities, school boards, irrigation districts, and other authorities each MLA would need to engage with; especially given reduced travel requirements, they could therefore provide more focused and effective representation to each.

In conclusion, then, your interim proposal represents a missed opportunity to improve representation in the Lethbridge area. I urge you to apply in southern Alberta the hybrid riding approach that you endorse elsewhere in your report, and I look forward to seeing this reflected in your final recommendations.

Yours truly,  
Marc Slingerland  
Lethbridge

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## Interim Report Submission from Brent Dane

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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
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## 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.

### 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:

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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.

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

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**Interim Report Submission from Gina Fernandez**

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10 - Calgary-Falconridge

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

07 - Calgary-Cross

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Urban concerns
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

December 19, 2025

RE: Support for the Realignment of Whitehorn into Calgary-Cross

To the Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

My name is Gina Fernandez and I am a 20+ year resident of Whitehorn and have been a community advocate for many years now. My family has spent over two decades living and building community within Whitehorn and the adjacent neighbourhoods forming the larger community area known as "The Properties". The neighbourhoods within The Properties share similar demographics; we all access the same services from many of the same locations, be they essential or recreational. We go to the same stores, medical centres, library, and recreational centres.

Our communities are extremely interconnected and have been for decades. The previous electoral boundaries (currently in effect) never made sense as they essentially severed Whitehorn and Temple from half the sister communities we hold very strong ties to. I know this has left myself, and many of the residents here, feeling we have not been properly represented. The differences in demographics and overall composition of the Calgary-Falconridge communities north of McKnight Trail are significant from those of Whitehorn and Temple; with Castleridge, Falconridge and Coral Springs being much more interconnected with Martindale and Taradale. The proposed electoral boundaries are an excellent step forward in reflecting this and I hope will be much better aligned to provide more accurate representation for those of us in the Whitehorn/Temple area.

Calgary as a whole has experienced significant population growth which does not look to be slowing down anytime soon. The strain on our housing and community services as a result of this has been marked. I can only hope this rate of continued growth will lead to additional seats within Calgary, rather than combining Calgary neighbourhoods with cities outside our municipal boundaries. The Electoral Boundary Commission's proposed changes show a deeply thoughtful effort to group communities sharing established networks and a recognition of the many diverse but interconnected pockets of Calgary with a clear mandate to improve representation for Calgary's residents.

The Boundary Commission's work shows the thorough and meticulous care they put into understanding our many diverse needs and it is my hope these proposed changes will be finalized in the final report. Thank you for the dedication you've shown to representing our communities fairly.

Sincerely,

Gina Fernandez,  
20+ year Whitehorn Resident

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**What is your current electoral division?**

42 - Edmonton-South

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

44 - Edmonton-South

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions

**Submission**

Name: Catherine Dike

Riding: Edmonton South

**Introduction**

As a resident and constituent of Edmonton South, I appreciate the Commission's decision to keep Edmonton's riding within municipal boundaries and to avoid creating hybrid ridings. This approach respects the integrity of our city and reflects how residents experience their community in everyday life.

Electoral boundaries commissions play a crucial role in upholding the right to effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. For constituents like myself, clear and understandable riding boundaries make it easier to engage with our elected representatives and to feel meaningfully represented.

Edmonton South is a growing and cohesive urban community whose residents share common social, economic, and cultural experiences. Keeping the municipality intact helps preserve our shared identity and ensures that local priorities are not diluted across multiple ridings. As one of only four officially bilingual municipalities in Alberta, Edmonton's unique character and needs are best represented through a single, clearly defined constituency.

Maintaining existing municipal boundaries strengthens effective representation and allows our Member of the Legislative Assembly to advocate consistently and effectively on behalf of constituents like me.

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## Interim Report Submission from Mabel Adesopo

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**What is your current electoral division?**

42 - Edmonton-South

**Which proposed electoral division are you making a submission about?**

44 - Edmonton-South

**What issues are you concerned about in your submission?**

- Hybrid electoral divisions



**Submission**

Thank you for keeping Edmonton's riding within its municipal boundaries, thereby preserving the city's integrity and avoiding the creation of hybrid ridings.

My name is Mabel Adesopo, and I am a resident of the Edmonton South constituency. I have lived in this community for the past four years, having migrated from my home country in Africa. Edmonton South has become far more than a place of residence for me—it is where I have found a strong sense of community, belonging, and family. My ethnicity and race have never been barriers here; instead, this constituency has been welcoming and inclusive, reinforcing why it truly feels like home.

The current boundaries of Edmonton South reflect a coherent and well-established community of interest. Residents share common social, economic, cultural, and geographic characteristics that are best represented under the existing constituency structure. Altering these boundaries risks diluting the collective voice of the community and weakening effective representation.

Furthermore, Edmonton South already meets the fundamental principles of fair representation, including population balance, accessibility, and meaningful political engagement. Introducing a hybrid model or redrawing boundaries could create unnecessary administrative complexity, reduce accountability, and make it more difficult for constituents to engage effectively with their elected representative. The constituency also reflects the core principles of a 15-minute city, where essential services and daily needs are accessible within a short walk or transit ride. Changing the boundaries could disrupt this balance and negatively affect residents' daily lives.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to retain the existing boundaries of Edmonton South and to reconsider any proposal to designate it as a hybrid constituency. Preserving the current structure best serves the interests of residents and protects the strong sense of place that many of us proudly call home.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input during this review process. I appreciate the Commission's commitment to transparency and democratic representation.

Sincerely,  
Mabel Adesopo

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