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## Interim Report Submission from Robert McLeod

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**What is your current electoral division?**

09 - Calgary-Elbow

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

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

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

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

**Submission**

I submit that the provincial government accept the Boundaries Commission's Interim Report as is and approve it as written.

The Commission has followed the principle to effective representation to the best of its ability staying close to the avg. of 54,929 electors.

The report has followed the guidance as provide by the various acts and interpretation by the courts. I see no evidence of gerrymandering!

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## Interim Report Submission from Kyle Braun

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**What is your current electoral division?**

25 - Calgary-Varsity

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

Multiple electoral boundaries

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

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

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

## Submission

I am writing to provide a submission in support of electoral constituency boundaries that extend beyond the current northern limits of the City of Calgary to include the City of Airdrie and the Balzac area of Rocky View County. This view is grounded in the principles set out in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act and informed by the real social, economic, infrastructure, and community connections that link north Calgary, Airdrie, and Balzac into a single, highly integrated region.

The central argument of this submission is that a combined North Calgary–Airdrie–Balzac constituency would better achieve the Act’s objective of effective representation. Such a boundary would reflect genuine communities of interest rather than relying solely on municipal borders that no longer match how residents live, work, worship, and interact in practice.

The Electoral Boundaries Commission Act makes clear that effective representation involves more than population parity alone. It directs the Commission to consider communities of interest and identity, shared social and economic connections, transportation and communication links, understandable geographic boundaries, and both current and anticipated population growth. While population equality remains important, the Act explicitly allows for reasonable variances where these broader factors justify them. This flexibility exists to ensure electoral boundaries reflect real communities rather than artificial or purely administrative divisions.

From a day-to-day perspective, residents of north Calgary, Airdrie, and Balzac are deeply interconnected. Thousands of people travel between these areas every day for work, education, shopping, recreation, and religious activities. The QEII Highway functions not as a dividing line, but as the main corridor that binds the region together. For many residents, municipal boundaries are largely administrative and do not define their sense of community. In practice, north Calgary neighbourhoods, Airdrie, and Balzac operate as a single metropolitan and regional corridor.

These connections extend well beyond commuting. Faith communities, cultural organizations, sports leagues, and community groups regularly draw participants from across all three areas. Houses of worship, community centres, and recreational facilities serve residents regardless of which side of a municipal boundary they live on. These shared institutions contribute to a common social fabric and are strong indicators of a genuine community of interest, which the Commission is specifically required to consider.

The regional economy further supports this integrated view. Balzac functions as a major employment and logistics hub, hosting warehousing, transportation, and large-scale retail operations that employ residents from both north Calgary and

Airdrie. CrossIron Mills and the surrounding industrial and commercial areas draw workers and consumers from across the region and serve as shared economic anchors. At the same time, many Airdrie residents work in north Calgary, while Calgary residents rely on employment and commercial opportunities in Airdrie and Balzac. These patterns reflect a single, interconnected regional economy rather than separate local ones.

Economic development in this area increasingly takes place at a regional scale. Collaboration between Calgary, Airdrie, and Rocky View County reflects a recognition that labour markets, infrastructure planning, and investment decisions are interdependent. A single electoral constituency encompassing these areas would support clearer and more consistent advocacy on shared regional priorities such as transportation infrastructure, industrial land use, and workforce development.

Transportation and infrastructure connectivity strongly reinforce the case for a combined constituency. The QEII Highway, supported by major interchanges and feeder roads, directly links north Calgary, Balzac, and Airdrie. Regional road networks, logistics corridors, and transit planning already treat this area as a unified system. Infrastructure investments in one municipality routinely have direct impacts on residents of the others. Few regions in Alberta demonstrate such clear physical and functional connectivity, which is precisely the type of factor the Act directs the Commission to consider.

Population growth is another critical consideration. North Calgary, Airdrie, and Balzac are among the fastest-growing areas in the province. Growth pressures do not stop at municipal boundaries, and future development will continue to blur these lines. Establishing a constituency that reflects this growth corridor would better anticipate future population changes, reduce the need for frequent boundary adjustments, and support more stable, long-term representation in a rapidly expanding region.

Clear and understandable boundaries also matter to voters. A constituency aligned with major transportation corridors and real community patterns would be easier for residents to understand and identify with than one that divides highly interconnected communities. Rather than fragmenting representation across multiple MLAs with overlapping responsibilities, a combined constituency would provide clearer accountability for issues that residents experience collectively, such as traffic congestion, infrastructure investment, regional growth, and economic development.

Ultimately, the goal of boundary redistribution is not mathematical precision alone, but effective representation. A North Calgary–Airdrie–Balzac constituency would better reflect how residents actually live and interact, align political representation with social and economic realities, and allow a single MLA to advocate more effectively on regional issues that extend beyond municipal borders. This approach is consistent with both the letter and the spirit of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to consider electoral boundaries that extend beyond north Calgary to include the City of Airdrie and the Balzac area of Rocky View County. Such a constituency would more accurately reflect the lived experience of residents and advance the Commission's mandate to ensure fair, effective, and meaningful representation for Albertans.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission and for your careful consideration of perspectives from this rapidly growing and interconnected region.

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## Interim Report Submission from Rob Chatfield

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**What is your current electoral division?**

50 - Banff-Kananaskis

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

53 - Banff-Jasper

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

- Naming of electoral boundaries
- Other concerns

**Submission**

Regarding naming of electoral boundaries:

Follow the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's naming recommendations (p. 39 of the Commission's 2025 interim report) and include Canmore's name first in order for the electoral division now proposed as Banff-Jasper; in other words, name it Canmore-Banff-Jasper.

Regarding other concerns:

When producing future Commission reports for distribution in PDF, please include a page reference for maps cited in the body of the report. This will be important for maps that cannot be found using a keyword search; i.e., when a map's name or number is part of an embedded image that cannot be searched. For example, in the Commission's 2025 interim report, Appendix G includes 89 maps that in my experience cannot be searched by name or number.

The terms "social makeup" (pp. 7, 12) and "social change" (p. 27) appear in the Commission's report without definition. It might therefore be helpful to clarify how these two social factors, as defined by the Commission, influence the drawing of electoral boundaries.

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44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

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

35 - Edmonton-Glenora-Riverview

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

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

## Submission

Here is the submission for the Boundaries. Can you read it and let me know if you are ok?

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am an architect and have worked in Edmonton for more than thirty years. Much of my professional life has been spent in the city's core, observing how population growth, land use, and infrastructure shape the way communities function. I am participating in this consultation because electoral boundaries, like the built environment, quietly but powerfully influence how people experience civic life.

From an urban perspective, I appreciate the decision to keep Edmonton ridings within municipal boundaries. Cities operate as integrated systems.

Transportation networks, utilities, schools, emergency services, and land use planning are designed and delivered at the municipal scale. Electoral boundaries that align with these systems support effective representation. Avoiding hybrid urban and non-urban ridings respects how the city is actually organized and lived in.

Growth in Edmonton's core since the last boundary review in 2017 has been substantial. Infill development, higher-density housing, and mixed-use projects have added thousands of residents to neighbourhoods that were previously less populated. This growth is the result of deliberate planning decisions and long-term investment. Representation must evolve alongside these changes if it is to remain fair and functional.

For this reason, I ask the Commission to consider adding back the seat of Edmonton-Riverview. I appreciate that the proposed map recognizes this reality by adding an additional seat, but I think the removal of Edmonton-Riverview is incredibly detrimental. Population growth directly affects demands on schools, transportation, health care, public safety, and public space. When representation does not keep pace, the ability of residents to be heard is diminished.

Equally important is the treatment of communities of interest. In the urban core, neighbourhoods are bound together by shared infrastructure, employment centres, cultural institutions, and public spaces. These connections form a coherent social and economic fabric. Dividing them across ridings would weaken representation by fragmenting shared concerns and priorities. The proposed boundaries respect these relationships and the geographic logic of the city. Poorly drawn boundaries can make people feel disconnected from both place and process. Clear, coherent boundaries do the opposite. They reinforce a sense of belonging and encourage participation by reflecting how people actually move through and use their city.

Thank you for the care and diligence evident in this work. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important process.

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## 2025 Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission Submission

Having read the Interim Report, would like to make a twofold submission, one on Edmonton Goldbar and one on central Edmonton. First, thanks very much for the assiduity and hard work that went into the interim report, I think, by and large, it's a very admirable response to an absolutely chaotic, unprecedented demographic scenario, and anyone on board is to be congratulated for trying to capture all the variables in as close to real time as possible.

I live in Edmonton Goldbar and am a member of the francophone community there. Goldbar is home to the Cité Francophone, le Campus St.Jean, le Centre de Santé St. Thomas, la Paroisse St. Thomas, the newspaper le Franco, Radio Cité, and numerous French language and immersion schools. With roughly 11-12% of the electorate being francophone, nearly 6% of Alberta francophones live in the riding. It's therefore a hub of cultural activities for the entire province, and hosts large scale cultural events such as the Festival Canoe Volant, which attracts tens of thousands of visitors per year to the area. The community is a cultural, educational, and economic engine. Elected MLAs of the Liberal, PC, and NDP parties have been sensitive to this for decades and have worked well with the community as it grew exponentially, became more culturally diverse, and needed added infrastructure and support. Francophones feel well represented in the Legislature in Goldbar. Because the minor modifications to the riding englobe areas that have high francophone populations and francophone and immersion schools, I feel that the changes are congenial to our community's interests. I'm particularly pleased that new francophone Albertans from diverse communities are in the added neighbourhoods. Merci.

I don't live in central Edmonton, but I do work throughout that area on outreach to the unhoused, and found the idea that demographic growth was slow in the area surprising. From the West End bus terminal to downtown, that is to say downtown ridings, the streets are full of distressed unhoused people. Homeward Trust's Point in Time count enumerated over 5000 completely unhoused people in Edmonton, and as you will be aware, most of these are in the ridings slated to be merged. Subject of course to review by colleagues at OSI and Statscan, I'd simply observe that for every street or shelter unhoused individual, there are approximately two to three insecurely housed individuals couch surfing or precariously housed. All colleagues, whether in health, social services, or shelters would agree that while this population is exceedingly hard to track, 'recenser' or enumerate, they are growing exponentially. I think it's likely that growth is occurring rapidly, but is difficult to count transient and newcomer populations.

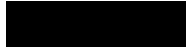
Having been on the beat for five years, I can attest that more people are couch surfing or unhoused and the demographic is, according to Homeward Trust, roughly 60% indigenous. The question I'd like to put to the Commission is: if we're rightly at pains to avoid indigenous underrepresentation in Northern Alberta, how could it be acceptable to disenfranchise these same people in the city? Thousands of people vacillate between lodging with family and friends, moving to and fro from reserve to city, and living rough. Aside from indigenous unhoused people, there are more and more immigrants simply priced out of the rental market, food insecure, some crowded in with family, some on the street. What has changed in five years is that the usual suspects, that is to say people suffering from mental health issues, substance use disorders, or concurrent disorders, or those recently released from incarceration, have been joined by thousands of economically distressed Albertans with no previous predisposing factors, beyond possibly PTSD in refugees. A shocking number of these people introduce themselves as Acadien, African, or Québécois who've arrived relatively recently when they hear our team speak French.

So I'd respectfully suggest that rather than slow growth, (vacancies are visibly low), the downtown has a far greater concentration of new growth influx, but among people who may not have driver's licenses, health cards, tax returns, paid rents, or any of the traits we use to count people in our systems. Homeward Trust does a great job of capturing the complexities in their Point in Time Reports, available online. While I wouldn't purport to know better than the Commission, as a professional with significant expertise, I would invite them to consider leaving Edmonton Rutherford intact. The impression of slow growth may be a methodological artefact, and while this population is less likely to vote for many obvious reasons, they're the last people any of us would want to disenfranchise or underrepresent, as they're very directly affected by election results and social policy decisions. While it is out of scope for the Commission, efforts could be made to encourage voting for unhoused people. I'd suggest contacting either Homeward Trust or the Edmonton Coalition for Housing and Homelessness for follow up, and would be well willing to present or be questioned by the Commission should you deem it useful.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bell

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## Interim Report Submission from Veronika Kordikowski

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**What is your current electoral division?**

72 - Lethbridge-West

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

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

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

- Naming of electoral boundaries

### Submission

Please leave the guidelines as they are in Lethbridge

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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?**

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns



- Projected growth

### Submission

My wife and I moved to Lethbridge West this past summer and note that this area is rapidly growing with new subdivisions currently being developed and density increasing around us here within current boundaries. We are surprised Elections Alberta is not taking this growth into consideration as boundaries are set for 10 years and will be over maximum targeted constituency populations in a very short time period. Our daughter and son-in-law live just outside city Lethbridge limits in Taber-Warner yet they are in the City daily; my son-in-law and his brother operate a business in Lethbridge. They should be in Lethbridge-East and/or in a new additional constituency based on the population growth. Lethbridge is a regional city centre and a key hub for farming services and businesses; constituency boundaries should not be limited to city boundaries. Elections Alberta should be redrawing Lethbridge and rural area boundaries to accommodate rapid city and adjacent rural growth, recognize regular, daily people circulation patterns and the interdependency of regional industry and business.

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**What is your current electoral division?**

13 - Calgary-Glenmore

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

15 - Calgary-Glenmore

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

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

## Submission

Dear Commission Members

Thank you for your hard work on the establishment of new electoral boundaries. I know this is never an easy task. I would like to offer some thoughts with respect to the Constituency of Calgary Glenmore.

This constituency, its history and its current needs are extremely familiar to me. Four generations of my family have lived in what is now Calgary Glenmore. I grew up in Lakeview and have lived in Cedarbrae for 33 years. In fact my home is a mere 3 blocks away from where my Grandfather's acreage once stood. My children grew up and went to school in the riding and one of my children now lives in Braeside. My other son managed to make his way out of Glenmore and got all the way across Fish Creek to the neighborhood of Evergreen. I have been an active community organizer throughout the years supporting the school communities and various sporting organizations. But perhaps the role that gives me the most insight into the boundaries of the constituency is that of former MLA. I was proud to serve Calgary Glenmore from 2019 to 2023.

While I understand that the commission has attempted to consider growth in its calculations, I believe that the proposed boundary changes may result in additional population that may not have been considered. Densification of neighborhoods in Calgary Glenmore has begun and is continuing at a fast pace. The neighborhoods experiencing densification are the neighborhoods that were first built (1960s)-Lakeview, Chinook Park/Kelvin Grove and Braeside. This includes multi-family homes (including apartment buildings), replacing older single family homes. There is also increased density occurring on the BRT route beginning with the development at the Oakridge Calgary Coop site. There is additional development and density expected along 90th avenue and potentially at some point the development at Glenmore Landing may proceed.

Alongside densification is the natural trend of neighborhood renewal. Calgary Glenmore has been characterized by an aging population for a number of years resulting in a vast number of 1 or 2 person households as people age at home after having raised their children in the neighborhood. Many of my aging former constituents have or will soon be moving on to other forms of housing with their homes transitioning to younger couples with children - once more increasing the population of the constituency.

Calgary Glenmore is also home to eight congregate settings for seniors including a quasi hospital setting, long term care, subsidized housing and assisted living facilities. The residents of these facilities face a variety of issues that they may rely on the MLA for assistance with. Communicating with these residents on regular basis requires personal visits to the sites at least yearly and residents or their families often call the constituency office for assistance.

I would submit that the addition of 6,000 residents to Calgary Glenmore with the

existing boundaries will happen naturally over the next eight years. The commission has proposed adding the neighborhood of Kingsland to the constituency adding approximately 6,000 additional residents to the previous census supported number of approximately 47,000 (2021). I would argue that the same densification issues that the existing Calgary Glenmore neighborhoods face will affect Kingsland as well. In fact, in the recent past a new seniors setting has been added to the neighborhood. Additionally there are currently numerous apartment buildings being erected along Macleod trail and on the old Kingsland School site adjacent to Glenmore Trail. This new development and redevelopment could easily enhance the population of Calgary Glenmore by thousands. I believe it is highly likely that by 2030, Calgary Glenmore's population could be as high as 65,000+ under the proposed boundaries. Now while that number may fall within legislative limits, I would argue that the complexity of the issues facing the increasing seniors population would be higher than the average of provincial constituencies.

I urge the commission to leave the current boundaries for Calgary Glenmore in place. Once again, thank you for your hard work and thank you in advance for consideration of my submission.

Yours Truly  
Hon. Whitney Issik

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**What is your current electoral division?**

70 - Lesser Slave Lake

**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

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation

### Submission

I strongly object to the removal of the Lesser Slave Lake riding and dividing it between Mackenzie and Westlock. This will create such a huge riding for Mackenzie that people will have no voice. The North, as it stands, only has 10 representatives, it is absolutely insane to further reduce this number.

Living in the North already has disadvantages, lack of medical care, poor roads and maintenance, cost of living, etc. and now you are proposing a loss of voice also. The biggest part of Alberta's income comes from the North with the smallest representation.

If the population of the Lesser Slave Lake riding isn't growing, then perhaps some should be taken from the Mackenzie riding and added to Slave Lake.

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Living in the North already has disadvantages, lack of medical care, poor roads and maintenance, cost of living, etc. and now you are proposing a loss of voice also. The biggest part of Alberta's income comes from the North with the smallest representation.

If the population of the Lesser Slave Lake riding isn't growing, then perhaps some should be taken from the Mackenzie riding and added to Slave Lake.

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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?**

- Southern Alberta concerns

### Submission

Division is not necessary.

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**What is your current electoral division?**

48 - Airdrie-East

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

51 - Airdrie-East

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

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Effective representation
- Projected growth

### Submission

I am concerned with the redistricting of the Airdrie electoral boundaries. The city of Airdrie has a population large enough to support 2 electoral districts without the inclusion of large rural areas surrounding it. This city is one of the fastest growing cities in Alberta, and the proposed boundaries for the Airdrie-East district may dilute the needs and voice of city residents compared to the surrounding rural area and small towns. This map is not in the best interest of the residents in Airdrie, who have different needs when compared to Irricana, or Beiseker.

The city of Airdrie is a diverse and multicultural city that deserves better proportional representation within its Municipal boundaries, rather than having the representation diluted by rural interests.

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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

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**What is your current electoral division?**

44 - Edmonton-Strathcona

**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
- Communities of interest

## Submission

The proposed hybrid electoral divisions in the outskirts of Edmonton (including Edmonton-South West) do not reflect communities of interest and therefore violate 14 (b) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act. The Commission's rationale for the creation of these divisions places undue importance on maintaining rural interests at the the cost of urban representation and communities of interest.

The Interim Report identifies two challenges to be addressed by the Commission: maintaining rural interests and the difficulty of representing rural ridings. However, it's recommendations over-correct for these challenges at the cost of urban representation and communities of interest. To address these two challenges the Commission proposes two solutions: "rural electoral divisions, in the main, having lower populations than larger urban centres" and "hybrid electoral divisions". The first sufficiently corrects for the challenges raised while the second overcorrects and ultimately violates 14 (b) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act. The Commission gives seven reasons for the introduction of hybrid electoral divisions. Listed below is each reason and why it is insufficient to violate the communities of interest requirement listed in 14 (b) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

1. Hybrid electoral divisions are the norm in most cities other than Calgary and Edmonton.

Calgary and Edmonton are large urban centres and contain communities of interest that are distinct from smaller urban centres. Hybrid ridings in smaller urban centres contain more homogeneous communities of interest. For instance, citizens throughout Fort McMurray is likely to receive services both in and outside the urban area whereas a citizen living on the edge of Edmonton may never receive services outside of the city.

2. MLAs can effectively represent urban and rural concerns

If the Commission believes that MLAs are unable to overcome the longstanding challenges of representing rural electoral divisions then surely they are also unable to overcome the less-tangible challenges of representing constituencies with urban and rural populations. If they cannot rise to old challenges then they cannot "rise to new challenges."

3. Viewing rural and urban Alberta in constant opposition to each other tends to increase polarization

Addressing increasing polarization is not within the Commission's purview. Even if it was, hybrid electoral divisions merely shift where polarization is addressed, with competing interests being voiced in public in the Legislature to competing interests being addressed behind closed doors in meetings with individual MLAs.

4. The particular hybrid electoral divisions being suggested are discrete ("we do not consider it likely that the urban and non-urban parts of these electoral divisions are likely to have particularly divergent interests")



No evidence was shared to validate this assumption and in the case of Edmonton, likely untrue. Edmonton is surrounded by a number of smaller urban centres, so people living in the rural parts of the hybrid electoral divisions are likely to receive services in these smaller urban centres and should be included in those electoral divisions rather than in electoral divisions that include parts of Edmonton.

5. The line between rural and urban is blurry

While there may be no scientific terms or even legal terms to differentiate the two, a common sense approach can be used. While the term rural may be blurry, the term urban is not. Urban areas are within the bounds of a urban municipality and contain homes not connected to or surrounded by farmland. Rural areas are not within the bounds of a urban municipality.

6. The distinct issues within hybrid electoral divisions are discrete

This is a disingenuous response to the concerns of those opposed to hybrid electoral divisions. There are many instances where rural and urban voters have conflicting interests as it relates to the same issue, not just distinct interests that do not conflict.

7. To avoid eliminating rural electoral divisions, thereby making them

unreasonably large, more hybrid electoral divisions must be considered

The Commission again attempts to solve two conflicting problems (maintaining rural interests and the difficulty of representing rural ridings) by creating additional problems - decreasing voter parity and violating the communities of interest requirement listed in 14 (b) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

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As a lifelong resident of this constituency, currently living only a short drive from Sherwood Park, I have previously been affected by boundary changes that reduced effective representation. At one point, our federal representation was largely ineffective, as decisions were made that did not reflect the interests of residents living near the Sherwood Park community.

The proposed change to have Beaumont represented out of Sherwood Park is a poor alignment for effective representation. Beaumont and Leduc County have significantly different needs and priorities compared to those of residents in and around the Sherwood Park area.

I strongly oppose the Commission's proposal to remove Heritage Hills from our constituency and to add Beaumont and parts of Leduc County. These changes do not reflect our community of interest, and I urge you to reconsider based on the following factors:

- **Heritage Hills Belongs Here:** Heritage Hills is an integral part of our community. Families there utilize Sherwood Park schools, recreation centres, and services. Removing this neighbourhood disrupts natural school catchments and splits a community that functions as one unit.
- **Beaumont is a Distinct Community:** While Beaumont is a vibrant community, its economic and social ties are to Leduc and Edmonton, not Sherwood Park. Furthermore, Strathcona County is a Specialized Municipality with a unique service delivery model that differs significantly from the City of Beaumont. Merging them forces one MLA to represent two incompatible municipal frameworks.
- **Population Targets Will Be Met Naturally:** Our constituency is currently sitting at approximately 51,000 residents, which is within the legal variance. With the rapid growth occurring in Ardrossan and Hillshire, we are projected to reach the provincial target of 55,000 naturally without requiring major boundary shifts.
- **Economic and Commuter Patterns:** Our riding is tied together by the Industrial Heartland and Refinery Row. In contrast, Beaumont's transportation corridors and commuter flows point toward Leduc and Edmonton.

**Recommendation:** Please abandon the proposal to attach Beaumont and remove Heritage Hills. If the Commission determines that adding population is strictly necessary, I submit that Tofield is a much more logical addition. Residents of Tofield already commute to Sherwood Park for work, shopping and services, creating a genuine community of interest that does not exist with Beaumont.

Please keep our boundaries stable and allow our natural growth to meet your targets.

Sincerely,

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**Interim Report Submission from Jonathan Denis**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

26 - Calgary-West

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

29 - Calgary-West-Elbow Valley

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

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

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

**Submission**

I am a 25 year resident of the Calgary area, currently residing in Calgary-West.

Every two terms boundaries are adjusted to consider numerous factors. One such factor I have noticed is the obvious significant increase in population in the Calgary area. As Alberta grows, issues are not so much urban vs. rural but regional in nature. As a resident of this community, I would support an extension of the current Calgary-West boundaries to include some polls west of the Calgary proper boundaries, perhaps including Springbank, Elbow Valley, and the Tsuut'ina first nation (basically, moving to "hybrid ridings"). This will ensure that whomever is elected has a more pan-Alberta perspective and reduce regional divisions.

Secondly, campaigning and representing vast rural areas can be time consuming and involve significant travel. Minimizing this will reduce costs and also ensure that those who are elected can efficiently manage their time.

This submission is solely on my own behalf.

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Sincerely,

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## Interim Report Submission from John Nibourg

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**What is your current electoral division?**

36 - Edmonton-McClung

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

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

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

- Effective representation

## Submission

The purpose of the Alberta Boundaries Commission is to set the boundaries of the Electoral Divisions that will be used by voters to determine their representative to the Alberta Legislature as per the Alberta Election Act, the Electoral Divisions Act and the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act as well as following the Canadian Charter of Right and Freedoms. This is important as even in the Commission's Interim Report notes:

Section 3 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states:

Every citizen of Canada has the right to vote in an election of members of the House of Commons or  
of a legislative assembly and to be qualified for membership therein.

In order to vote in a Provincial election in Alberta, a voter must be a Canadian Citizen at least 18 years of age.

Using the Commissions own words - Only one of six criteria in Section 14 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act mentions population.

Section 14 reads:

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 .....  
(f) any other factors the Commission considers appropriate.

Even though Section 12(1) states:

For the purpose of this Part, the population of Alberta is to be determined by the Commission in accordance with this section.

There is no specific mandate that population is the primary criteria for determining the boundaries and Section 14 indicates that voter numbers must be considered as well.

After reviewing the Act, the Commission must remain focused on the constitutional right of Canadian citizens in Alberta to vote and how that right has been interpreted by the Supreme Court of Canada and the Alberta Court of Appeal. The Act notes that there is duty in this regard which translates to ensuring "effective representation." Absolute parity may not be achievable but there is a need to balance Citizen (voter) rights in an attempt to close the gap between the population numbers and the number of eligible voters in order to try to achieve "effective representation".

Court decisions have stated that solely using voter numbers to determine the size of the Constituencies is not appropriate but not considering the number of voters skews the narrative and adversely affects the Citizen's Section 3 Charter Rights regarding voter parity that ensures relatively equal weight of each vote to allow for effective representation in the Legislature. A number of court ruling



state that Section 3 of the Charter includes:

- (a) the right to cast a ballot;
- (b) the right not to have the political force of one's vote unduly diluted;
- (c) the right to effective representation

Historically, the relative number of eligible voters as apposed to the actual population had not fluctuated much. With the current phenomenal population growth, especially in the large urban areas has created major disparities in "effective representation." In many of the high growth areas, the population increase can be attributed to an influx of Permanent Residents and non-permanent individuals. Using eligible voters as a criteria for determining electoral divisions has led to criticism that this may disenfranchise non-eligible voters. The Section 3 Charter right to vote includes the responsibility as a Citizen to participate in the democratic context which is a core principle of Section 3 of the Charter. The road to Citizenship by aforementioned groups are available by following standard documented procedures and processes. Some groups may not choose to obtain Citizenship or to participate in the electoral process for various reasons. The Hutterian Brethren choose not to vote for religious reasons, as it is their right. But many permanent residents do not wish to obtain Canadian Citizenship and gain voting rights as they do not want to potentially lose their passport and citizenship privileges from their former countries. But this should not be allowed to adversely affect the opportunity for effective representation by others and dilute the voting rights of citizens. This may even provide an incentive to actively pursue citizenship by some individuals and communities.

The electoral process is based on giving voters the opportunity to chose who they feel would best represent them in the Legislature. In reviewing the various legislation and excerpts from various court cases, by far, the narrative revolves around "Citizens" and "Voters". The Alberta Elections Act refers to elections, electors, electoral divisions and voting areas. The following excerpts from the Act show that voters (electors) are the basis of voting and determining electoral divisions (Constituencies).

#### Section 1 - Interpretation

1(1)(h) "election" means an election of a person as a member of the Legislative Assembly conducted under this Act;

1(1)(j) "elector" means a person who on

- (i) election day, in the case of an election, or
- (ii) a date fixed by the Chief Electoral Officer, in the case of an enumeration, is a Canadian citizen, is 18 years of age or older and is ordinarily resident in Alberta;

1(1)(k) "electoral division" means an area in Alberta established as an electoral division under the Electoral Divisions Act;

1(1)(mm) "voting" means voting at an election or plebiscite;

(mm.1) "voting area" means a voting area referred to in section 14(b);

## Part 2 Election Lists

### Division 1 Register of Electors

#### Maintenance of Register

13(1) The Chief Electoral Officer shall maintain a register of electors from which lists of electors for voting areas for each electoral division may be compiled for use at general elections, by-elections or plebiscites under this Act, petitions, plebiscites or votes under the Citizen Initiative Act or the Recall Act or referendums or plebiscites under any other Act.

### Division 2 List of Electors

#### Review of voting areas

14 The Chief Electoral Officer shall, from time to time, in consultation with the returning officer for each electoral division,

- (a) review the boundary of and the number of electors in each voting area, and
- (b) subdivide the entire electoral division for which the returning officer was appointed into as many sequentially numbered areas as considered necessary for use as voting areas in any general election, by-election, petition, plebiscite, referendum or vote.

#### List of electors

15(1) Lists of electors for voting areas for each electoral division to be used for a general election, by-election, petition, plebiscite, referendum or vote are to be compiled from the register.

So, if the premise of using the number of eligible voters as a criteria for determining adjustments to Electoral Divisions (Constituencies), and using the 2024 data, the following is indicated:

Average number of Registered Voters for 87 Constituencies - 34,094

The largest number of Registered Voters per Constituency (top 3):

Airdrie-Cochrane - 46,417 (61.4% voters vs population; 36.1% deviation from average)

Edmonton-Southwest - 42,412 (55.5% voters vs population; 24.4% deviation from average)

Spruce Grove-Stony Plain - 41,840 (66.5% voters vs population; 22.7% deviation from average)

The smallest number Registered Voters per Constituency (bottom 3)

Peace River - 23,236 (53.1% voters vs population; -31.85% deviation from average)

Central Peace-Notley -19,393 (67.58% voters vs population; -43.1% deviation from average)

Lesser Slave Lake - 15,736 (57.3% voters vs population; -53.85% deviation from average)

Percentage of Registered Voters versus population (top 3)

Strathcona- Sherwood Park - 74.8% (population 51,023)

Sherwood Park - 74.5% (population 50,493)

Percentage of Registered Voters versus population (bottom 3)

Calgary North-East - 41.83% (population 85,188)

Edmonton-Ellerslie - 40.77% (population 82,432)

Calgary Bullar-McCall - 34.0% (population 70,633)

Even though the Constituencies with the fewer number of voters, it shows a much higher engagement of the residents. The Constituencies with a high population have a much lower voter base and subsequently dilutes the effectiveness of the individual vote in a more engaged Constituency. These numbers clearly show that under the current system of only using population as a basis of determining electoral boundaries, the concept of effective representation and voter parity and fairness is not evident. This is in direct contradiction the Section 3 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and is not consistent with various sections of the the Alberta Elections Act.

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## Interim Report Submission from Laurie Buma

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**What is your current electoral division?**

72 - Lethbridge-West

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

70 - Lethbridge-West

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

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns

- Southern Alberta concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Effective representation

### Submission

The proposed changes are minimal, primarily shifting central neighbourhoods between Lethbridge-West and Lethbridge-East. I believe this misses an opportunity to better reflect Lethbridge's population growth and the strong ties between the city and surrounding rural areas.

With a municipal population exceeding 111,000, Lethbridge is Alberta's fourth-largest city—larger than Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie, Airdrie, and St. Albert, all of which also have two ridings. Fair representation suggests Lethbridge would benefit from reconfigured boundaries, such as hybrid urban-rural ridings.

The region operates as an integrated agri-business hub: many residents commute between city and county for work, shopping, healthcare, and services. Agricultural corridors, economic development, and regional planning (e.g., transportation and water resources) span municipal boundaries and would be better served by MLAs representing these shared communities of interest.

I urge the Commission to consider hybrid urban-rural ridings for more effective representation.

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December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Electoral Boundaries Commission**

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**Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes – Strathcona-Sherwood Park**

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am reaching out to share my concerns about the proposed modifications to the Strathcona-Sherwood Park electoral division as outlined in the Interim Report. After careful consideration, I believe these changes would negatively impact our community's representation.

**Maintaining Neighbourhood Cohesion in Sherwood Park**

The proposal to transfer Heritage Hills—the area north of Foxhaven Park and south of Baseline Road—into the Sherwood Park riding troubles me deeply.

For more than ten years, the urban communities situated east of Clover Bar Road, west of Highway 21, south of Highway 16, and north of Wye Road have been served by the Strathcona-Sherwood Park MLA. These neighbourhoods have developed shared values, interconnected histories, and mutual concerns that bind them together.

Additionally, this boundary shift would fracture established school catchment boundaries. Families in this urban corridor send their children to Davidson Creek Elementary and Heritage Hills Elementary. An MLA should represent both the residential areas and the schools that serve them—splitting these creates unnecessary complications for advocacy and community engagement.

**Concerns About Merging Beaumont with Strathcona County**

I also take issue with the proposal to divide Beaumont and incorporate its eastern portion, along with parts of Leduc County, into this riding.

Beaumont and Strathcona County operate under separate municipal governments with distinct priorities and community identities. Forcing an MLA to navigate the differing needs of two unrelated municipalities dilutes their ability to advocate effectively for either.

Furthermore, there is minimal connection between Beaumont residents and Sherwood Park in terms of employment, shopping, or daily life. These areas simply do not function as a unified community of interest.

**My Recommendation**

I urge the Commission to retain the existing 2023 boundaries for Strathcona-Sherwood Park. The current population of roughly 51,000 falls comfortably within the 10% variance permitted under provincial guidelines. Moreover, ongoing development in Ardrossan and

the emerging Hillshire subdivision will organically bring the riding closer to the 55,000 target in the coming years—without the need for disruptive redistricting.  
Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Allen Young  
Strathcona County Rural Resident.



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**Interim Report Submission from Alan MacFadyen**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

50 - Banff-Kananaskis

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

53 - Banff-Jasper

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

- Effective representation



**Submission**

I fully support the proposed redistricting to create a riding which reflects the concerns of all the main Rocky Mountain communities and a significant First Nations population.

My only suggestion is to include Canmore in the riding name.

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**What is your current electoral division?**

87 - West Yellowhead

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

88 - West Yellowhead

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

- Rural concerns
- Central Alberta concerns

- Communities of interest
- Naming of electoral boundaries

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### Submission

I'm opposed to Jasper moving out of our electoral boundary

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**Interim Report Submission from Craig Hutchenreuther**

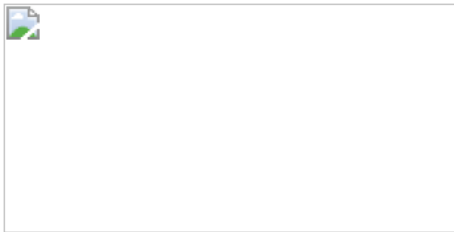
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**What is your current electoral division?**

08 - Calgary-Edgemont

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

10 - Calgary-Edgemont

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

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns
- Projected growth

**Submission**

I am writing to respond to the proposed new map of electoral boundaries.

I am content with the suggested boundaries for my own riding of Calgary-Edgemont, it looks to be cohesive in terms of transportation and educational issues.

My only concerns are for the ridings on the peripheries of Calgary. As examples, I would point to Calgary Foothills, Calgary North, and Calgary Nose Creek. Each of these are undergoing rapid expansion, and I fear the these and other boundaries will be obsolete in 2 or 3 years. I think there may be many other examples to be found around the province.

Overall, I think the new boundaries are well done. I know there were many constraints with this exercise, and that there are no perfect answers to be had. As it stands, this is a better solution than the idea of "hybrid ridings" that would combine rural and urban constituencies while serving neither group well. I thank the commission for a thoughtful and balanced job.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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## Interim Report Submission from Doreen Barrie

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**What is your current electoral division?**

21 - Calgary-North West

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

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

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

- Hybrid electoral divisions

**Submission**

December 19, 2025.

The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission  
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Re: Interim Report

Dear Commissioners,

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge that drawing and re-drawing electoral boundaries is an extremely complex and challenging exercise. This is especially difficult in a country like Canada where population distribution is skewed and where a few MLAs have constituencies larger than some countries. Given these challenges, the Boundaries Commission has done a fine job.

There is one area in your Interim Report which causes me concern i.e. the creation of more hybrid or “rurban” districts. The Alberta government eliminated the previous requirement that the Commission craft electoral districts to align with Calgary and Edmonton’s municipal boundaries. Consequently, additional hybrid districts have been recommended in the Interim Report.

Calgary and Edmonton, which comprise two-thirds of the provincial population, have not been fertile ground for the UCP - in fact, Edmonton is a UCP desert. Conservative provincial governments have long been interested in diluting the power of urban voters and, from their perspective, hybrid ridings are an elegant solution. Reversing the practice of keeping municipal boundaries of the two major cities intact, paves the way for the further mixing of rural and urban voters, weakening the power of the latter.

There are longstanding and widespread concerns among rural voters that their political voice is fading. These are addressed to a certain extent by allowing Boundary Commissions to deviate from absolute voter parity by +/- 25% in extraordinary circumstances. As a result, rural and northern ridings are overrepresented in relation to urban constituencies and the weight of these votes is much greater than those of urban votes. Admittedly, this is a necessary mechanism, designed to address the perception of political neglect of rural voters.

The rural/urban divide has become a pivotal factor in the political realm and many jurisdictions are facing the challenges posed by depopulation of rural areas. Rural communities are relatively homogenous in social and demographic terms and their interests do not coincide with the heterogeneous population in large cities. Although the term “communities of interest” is elastic and the boundaries of such groups can be hard to define, it would be fair to say that it is easier to identify commonalities in smaller communities. To graft slices of the rural population onto city districts makes for an uneasy mix.

I appreciate that it is difficult to balance the competing needs and satisfy the conflicting demands that you are faced with. However, I would urge members of the Commission to reconsider their recommendations with regard to hybrid electoral districts.

The vast majority of the population resides in urban areas and the issues flowing from this density deserve attention. In the interests of democratic representation, it is essential to ensure that the voices of urban residents are not muted even further by mixing them with that of their rural counterparts.

As mentioned above, I understand what a difficult and thankless job the Commission has. I am familiar with the complexity of your task because I did research for the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and Party Financing. Albertans and Canadians can be proud that electoral boundaries across the country are determined by independent Commissions like yours, rather than the preposterous process that prevails in the United States.

Thank you for hard work to this point and good luck as you work towards your conclusions.

Yours truly,

Doreen Barrie, Ph.D.  
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## Interim Report Submission from Maureen Towns

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**What is your current electoral division?**

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

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

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

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

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

My name is Maureen Towns. I would like to thank the members of the Boundaries Commission for the work that has been done to date on redrawing the electoral maps. I appreciate that Strathcona County including Sherwood Park has for the most part been recognized as a cohesive municipal entity and has not been included in Edmonton ridings.

I have lived in Sherwood Park for more than forty years. Since 1989, I have lived in the Heritage Hills area, which is east of Clover Bar Road and west of Highway 21. My neighbourhood is currently part of Strathcona - Sherwood Park but is in the area east of Clover Bar Road that would be carved out of Strathcona – Sherwood Park and re-added to Sherwood Park. By removing Heritage Hills, a problem is created in having the appropriate level of population in Strathcona-Sherwood Park.

I am concerned that both interim proposals, in an apparent attempt to balance the population, would extend Strathcona – Sherwood Park considerably southward and include the eastern half of the City of Beaumont. The proposals ignore the growth in population that is currently occurring in other areas of Strathcona – Sherwood Park, notably south of Wye Road. Achieving the necessary population balance by including half of the City of Beaumont is an inefficient way of doing so and creates other problems. In addition, removing the Heritage Hills neighbourhood to be included in the Sherwood Park riding, which is also an attempt to balance population in the Sherwood Park riding, ignores the significant growth already occurring north of Highway 16 and east of Highway 21 in the riding.

There is no community of interest between the urban and rural areas in Strathcona – Sherwood Park with Beaumont, either historically or culturally. The well-established service areas and areas of community interest within Strathcona County would be disrupted with the proposed boundary changes. This configuration would create a significant loss in the ability of the MLA to address issues unique to these communities. My personal observation is that as rural Strathcona County has increased in population and development, the connections between urban and rural have strengthened and increased, and there are more common interests than previously. These connections do not exist between Sherwood Park, rural Strathcona County, and Beaumont.

As a former trustee and Board Chair of Elk Island Public Schools (2001 – 2004) I am aware of the efforts that have been made and continue to be made to create cohesion in the school and municipal jurisdictions. This is especially important when it comes to representation. A constituency with parts of urban Sherwood Park, rural Strathcona County, and part of Beaumont would create a disjointed electoral division that would be difficult for an MLA to represent effectively.

There is nothing obvious, other than population growth, that has changed since 2017, when the boundaries were last redrawn. The Strathcona – Sherwood Park riding has worked well during that time. I recommend that the boundaries for this riding remain as they currently exist.

Thank you for your attention to this submission. Your time and effort are appreciated.

Maureen Towns

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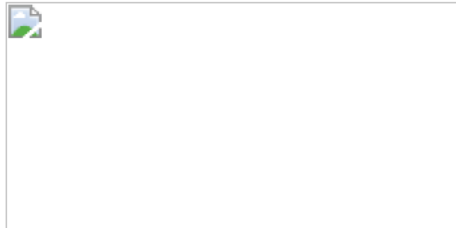
## Interim Report Submission from Jeff Bugar

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70 - Lesser Slave Lake

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

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

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

- Rural concerns
- Communities of interest

- Geographical features
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

### Submission Against Further Disruption of the Electoral Process

Current legislation regarding so-called equality of votes is stunningly flawed.

At the bottom of this massive mistake is the idea that so-called “Rep by Pop” is the only true “fair” path to equality of vote. Representation by population is, and always has been, a political slogan, strategy and even a gambit to appeal to emotions of voters. It does not equate to reality.

This is blazingly obvious in the American system of government. The Founding Fathers there realized and understood that, as history progressed, “one person one vote” would eventually mean the most populated states would completely control the United States government.

To hopefully prevent this, the Founding Fathers established two levels of government, the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House sends elected members from each state roughly based on population size. There are tweaks, since the number of Representatives is fixed but populations of states increase, but not proportionally. Some states even lose populations. The major counterbalance to unequal populations and growth is the Senate.

Here, each State no matter population, geographic or economic size, sends two members.

This means that tiny Rhode Island, or even large Alaska, neither of which have populations even close to California or New York State, send the same number of Senators as those much larger states.

Two largest population states:

California - 39,431,263 – 2 Senators

Texas – 31,290,831 - 2

Two smallest population states:

Vermont – 648,493 - 2

Wyoming – 587,618 2

Unlike the United States, Canada does not have an effective Senate. Neither does Alberta.

There is no counterbalance to the power of sheer numbers.

The non-existence at this point in time of counterbalance, all by itself, is enough reason to ignore, overturn, or dump in the trash, the entire concept that Rep by Pop is a legitimate governance model.

Rep by Pop is not legitimate.

Any argument that fails to address this simple, basic fact is nothing but political posturing. Any argument that stands on previous laws which have not addressed this fact are basing themselves in continuation of error.

Counterbalance is where equality and fairness must start. In less polite words, the Electoral Boundary Commission, under the rules by which it now operates, at its root is a farce. Juggling boundaries to accommodate so-called population pressures is a political machination.

The real conversation should not be over where to draw lines. It should be over how to create a system of government by which people in Crowsnest Pass in the south, or LaCrete in the north, have equal influence as any person, by clearly understood rules that consider all aspect of what is "equal," in Edmonton or Calgary. Not doing so is not a failure of boundary lines. It is a failure of government.

1) An argument the situation is too complicated to sort out should be recognized as political gamesmanship.

2) Representation by Population says that nobody really speaks for forests. For lakes and rivers. For cattle. For beavers and geese. For drilling rigs and mines. For grain fields. It implies says that somebody living in downtown Calgary can equally know what is better for moose than somebody in Fairview, Alberta. It also implies the wisdom of the Fairview-ite in northern Alberta is there to be wasted.

3) Where is the logical end to Rep by Pop? Edmonton and Calgary 80 votes each. Rural Alberta, 1?

4) Where is meaningful representation when voters in Edmonton can be at their MLA's office in ten minutes or less, often by walking? An average voter in Lesser Slave, or Peace River might have to drive 6 or 7 hours to meet with her MLA. Continuous boundary realignment means this will only get worse, not better.

5) In many ways, rural Albertans are already second-class citizens. Quality of life as measured by access to health care, technically equipped schools, and amenities city people take for granted are usually lesser.

In conclusion, changing electoral boundary lines in Alberta is simply hoping to make a problem go away, or kicking it down the road. The challenge is not how to draw the lines. The challenge is build a better system of checks and balances. Tweaking boundaries is not even close to a solution.

Until counterbalance to population happens, changing the status quo should not even be on the table. Any thinking otherwise is mis-guided. In error. Completely mistaken. Completely faulty at its core.

It is a disaster for 99 per cent of the land mass and every inhabitant, blade of grass, life form and drop of water in Alberta

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## Interim Report Submission from Janice Tye

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**What is your current electoral division?**

50 - Banff-Kananaskis

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

53 - Banff-Jasper

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

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation



**Submission**

I've been a full time resident in Canmore for the past 12 years and part time in the area for most of my life. I've reviewed the proposed boundary revisions to create Banff-Jasper from the existing Banff-Kananaskis.

I think you are 'right on' to include Canmore, Banff and Jasper within the same riding. These areas are focussed on bringing international tourism to Alberta, using the draw of the national parks, natural habitat, wildlife and experiences in this amazing natural environment. Preserving and maintaining the wilderness that draws tourists to Alberta is key to success. Albertans are best off to have one representative who is dedicated to represent this important tourism and ecological corridor instead of separating and diluting the corridor into two or more ridings, where we will lose strength in managing potential for Alberta.

At first I was surprised to see Nordegg included with the Banff-Jasper corridor. I now appreciate their focus on outdoor tourism and Nordegg's strategic location as a gateway to the Banff Jasper corridor, similar to Canmore. It makes good sense for Nordegg to be a part of this riding.

I appreciate your work in revising Banff-Kananaskis into Banff-Jasper to bring together communities with common interests.

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Raj Bains. I'm student at the University of Alberta and have lived in Edmonton-Riverview since 2012. I felt compelled to write after reading Rajah Maggay and Sam Goertz's op-ed in the Edmonton Journal, "Edmonton deserves fair representation in the legislature". I am writing to you to express a mixture of gratitude and disappointment.

I want to express thanks for adding a seat to Edmonton. Edmonton has been sorely underrepresented. By adding another seat, you are correcting for this wrong. I agree with the Chair that there are three options to creating an effective map: removing rural seats, creating hybrid ridings, and adding more seats. Given that the third option is not within the scope of the mandate, I think the Commission made exactly the right decision by removing two rural seats. In doing so, I believe that the Commission has given Alberta a truly fair and representative map for the first time in its history. That is not a small feat. I truly commend the Commission for that. I am also grateful that you chose not to create hybrid ridings. While they are an easy way to balance populations on paper, they set a dangerous precedent for partisan gerrymandering. I am glad that the Commission didn't succumb to that pressure.

However, I am disappointed that the Commission chose to remove a seat from the core of Edmonton. My neighborhood Windsor Park is in the riding of Edmonton-Riverview. When I was growing up, Windsor Park was a residential area primarily for those that worked at the University, or older couples who had lived in the area for decades. Windsor Park has changed drastically, at an increasing pace. As one of many examples, the West Windsor Development replaced a few single-family detached homes with a 172-unit apartment complex. The neighbourhood is growing and is now home to more young families.

Such change isn't isolated to Windsor Park but is taking place across Edmonton-Riverview. The adjacent neighbourhoods of Belgravia and McKernan have several new apartment buildings, with more being built. The city's concentrated efforts to promote infill have enabled young families to move in to the neighbourhood. Today, my block has children that go to elementary school. I urge the commission to reverse its decision to remove the riding of Edmonton-Riverview. If it doesn't, the growing population in the mature neighbourhoods of Edmonton will become underrepresented by the time that the next Commission is created.

Again, the Commission deserves thanks for their public service. As I said earlier, I believe that the Commission has given Alberta a truly fair and representative map for the first time in its history. In doing so, each Commissioner should know that they have served Alberta and played an indispensable role in maintaining fair representation.

Sincerely,

Raj Bains



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## Interim Report Submission from Karina Holmgren

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**What is your current electoral division?**

39 - Edmonton-North West

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

42 - Edmonton-North West

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

- Urban concerns
- Effective representation

**Submission**

I live in the Griesbach neighbourhood of Edmonton North-West.

Edmonton - North West currently abides by many of the geographic and natural boundaries in this sector of Edmonton. Having all communities North of the Yellowhead and West of 97 Street keeps the constituency logical for the major commuter routes and natural separations of this area. The Commission's interim boundary, which retains the majority of the previous Edmonton - North West boundary but includes the addition of the neighbourhood of Calder (127 Street Western boundary to 113a Street Eastern boundary, and from 127 Avenue Southern boundary and 132 Avenue Northern boundary), is logical and supports the five guiding principles of the Commission. This returns a neighbourhood that was previously represented by this constituency and will provide continuity for the constituents and organizations represented within Calder.

While there is a variance amongst the ages of neighbourhoods in Edmonton - North West, these communities are often using the same centres of commerce, faith centres, recreation facilities, and more. This fulfills the Commission's mandate of connecting "like communities." It also ensures that other neighbourhoods which are geographically separate from this quadrant of the city are not being connected with neighbourhoods without these commonalities. Additionally, there are relatively stable demographics in Edmonton - North West with many newcomer Canadian populations making their home here. Maintaining a constituency which respects these populations keeps them connected with their common communities and hubs of support which is essential to establishing effective representation. Edmonton - North West represents communities of common interest and doesn't deviate from the average population base by a factor large enough that it will compromise the ability to fairly and adequately represent it.

While Edmonton - North West is currently 2.5% below the mean population for a constituency there continues to be rapid growth and increased density, notably in the neighbourhoods of Albany and Griesbach. Adding multiple other neighbourhoods or areas would likely mean a significant upswing from the mean deviation.

Thank you

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**Interim Report Submission from Raj Khuttan**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

14 - Calgary-Hays

**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
- Southern Alberta concerns

- Hybrid electoral divisions
- Communities of interest
- Projected growth

## Submission

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission

I'm writing as a south Calgary resident to share my thoughts on Alberta's electoral boundary redistribution. I appreciate the balanced approach you've taken so far, recognizing that effective representation involves more than just raw population numbers.

A New Seat Should Go to South Calgary.

South Calgary is growing rapidly with new development and families moving in. While central Calgary may have higher density, it also has more non-voting residents—students, temporary residents, and others not on the voters list. South Calgary has more active voters per capita, which means greater demand on our MLAs.

Since the Act allows deviation from strict population parity, I believe a new Calgary seat makes more sense in the south, where growth will continue and representation needs are already high.

### Hybrid Ridings Work

I support your proposals for hybrid urban-rural ridings. This reflects how we actually live—many of us in the Calgary region work, shop, and access healthcare across municipal boundaries. If communities of interest justify population variances in northern Alberta, the same logic applies to metropolitan areas where daily life doesn't stop at city limits.

### Flexibility Matters

Please continue your flexible approach rather than rigidly applying population parity. The Act allows up to  $\pm 25\%$  variance for good reason. Compact downtown ridings can handle higher populations, while suburban, hybrid, and rural constituencies need room to grow and face more complex representation challenges.

I particularly support protecting rural and remote voices. Distance, weather, and service delivery challenges in these areas justify the population variances the Act allows.

Thank you for considering these views and for your work on behalf of all Albertans.

Yours faithfully,

Raj Khuttan

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## Interim Report Submission from Darlene Chouinard

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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?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries

**Submission**

The voting district for West Yellowhead is under review and one of the take-aways is to have Jasper removed from West Yellowhead and moved in with Banff.

Communities such as Hinton, Edson, Jasper, Robb, Cadomin, Grande Cache, and surrounding rural areas share common concerns around forest management, wildfire risk, transportation safety, backcountry access, cumulative land use effects, and the balance between industry, recreation, and conservation. These issues are shaped by the same landscape and infrastructure. Fragmenting this region would weaken effective advocacy on matters that do not respect artificial boundaries.

Industrial and transportation infrastructure also aligns Jasper with West Yellowhead. Rail, pipeline, forestry, and haul routes run through the Athabasca Valley toward Hinton and Edson. And of course our school divisions.

Please follow the link below to make a submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission.

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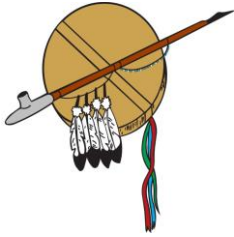
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# NORTH PEACE TRIBAL COUNCIL

BEAVER FIRST NATION – DENE THA' FIRST NATION  
LITTLE RED RIVER CREE NATION – TALLCREE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

December 19, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission  
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway  
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On behalf of the North Peace Tribal Council, I am writing to formally express our strong support for the proposed boundary changes that would establish and preserve the Mackenzie electoral division in northwestern Alberta.

The First Nations of North Peace Tribal Council are rights-holding governments whose territories span Northern Alberta. Our Nations have long raised concerns that existing electoral boundaries have failed to provide effective representation for our peoples in the North, resulting in systemic underrepresentation within the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. The proposed Mackenzie riding represents a meaningful and historic step toward addressing this longstanding inequity.

The Commission's interim proposal appropriately recognizes communities of interest, as required under section 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*. The Mackenzie riding would bring together northern First Nations that share geographic realities, governance structures, economic conditions, cultural ties, and service delivery challenges that are distinct from those of southern and urban Alberta. These First Nations are connected by land, history, Treaty relationships, and lived experience, and should be represented accordingly.

Available data demonstrates that the proposed Mackenzie riding would be comprised of a First Nation majority population encompassing numerous Treaty 8 First Nations. This demographic reality underscores the importance of maintaining a northern riding that provides aboriginal voters with a realistic opportunity to elect a representative who understands, reflects, and advocates for northern and First Nation priorities.

The Supreme Court of Canada has affirmed that the constitutional right to vote is not limited to parity of numbers, but rather to effective representation. For our peoples in northern Alberta, effective representation means having an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly who is accessible, understands the vast geography and infrastructure constraints of the North, and is attuned to Treaty obligations, aboriginal rights and cultural realities. The proposed Mackenzie riding aligns squarely with this principle.

Other provinces have long recognized the importance of northern and aboriginal focused electoral districts, including Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Alberta now has an opportunity to demonstrate leadership in reconciliation by ensuring that its electoral map reflects Indigenous presence, rights, and voices in a tangible and lasting way.

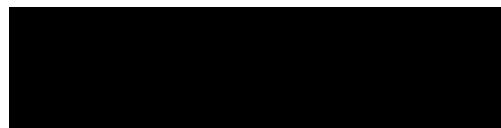
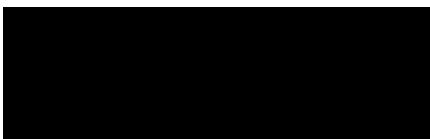
For these reasons, the North Peace Tribal Council strongly urges the Commission to retain and confirm the Mackenzie electoral division as proposed in the interim report, and to resist changes that would once again fragment northern First Nation communities across multiple ridings where their voices would be diluted.

We thank the Commission for its work and for the opportunity to provide input on this critical matter. North Peace Tribal Council remain available to engage further should additional information or clarification be helpful.

Thank you,



Lisa Clarke, Interim CEO  
North Peace Tribal Council





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## Interim Report Submission from Jacquie Steinwand

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**What is your current electoral division?**

84 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

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

85 - Strathcona-Sherwood Park

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

- Naming of electoral boundaries

**Submission**

To the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing as a resident of Strathcona-Sherwood Park to provide feedback on the proposed electoral boundary changes.

I strongly oppose the Commission's proposal to remove Heritage Hills from our constituency and to add Beaumont and parts of Leduc County. These changes do not reflect our community of interest, and I urge you to reconsider based on the following factors:

- **Heritage Hills Belongs Here:** Heritage Hills is an integral part of our community. Families there utilize Sherwood Park schools, recreation centres, and services. Removing this neighbourhood disrupts natural school catchments and splits a community that functions as one unit.
- **Beaumont is a Distinct Community:** While Beaumont is a vibrant community, its economic and social ties are to Leduc and Edmonton, not Sherwood Park. Furthermore, Strathcona County is a Specialized Municipality with a unique service delivery model that differs significantly from the City of Beaumont. Merging them forces one MLA to represent two incompatible municipal frameworks.
- **Population Targets Will Be Met Naturally:** Our constituency is currently sitting at approximately 51,000 residents, which is within the legal variance. With the rapid growth occurring in Ardrossan and Hillshire, we are projected to reach the provincial target of 55,000 naturally without requiring major boundary shifts.
- **Economic and Commuter Patterns:** Our riding is tied together by the Industrial Heartland and Refinery Row. In contrast, Beaumont's transportation corridors and commuter flows point toward Leduc and Edmonton.

**Recommendation:** Please abandon the proposal to attach Beaumont and remove Heritage Hills. If the Commission determines that adding population is strictly necessary, I submit that Tofield is a much more logical addition. Residents of Tofield already commute to Sherwood Park for work, shopping and services, creating a genuine community of interest that does not exist with Beaumont.

Please keep our boundaries stable and allow our natural growth to meet your targets.

Sincerely,

Jacquie Steinwand

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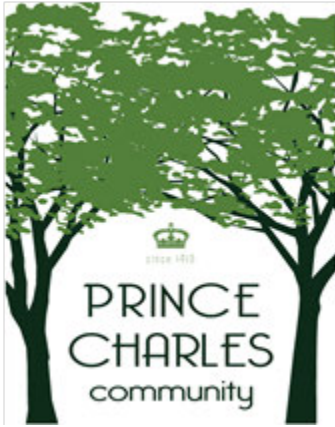
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December 18, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission  
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway NW  
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Commissioners:

My name is Ron Jacob. I am the president of the Prince Charles Community League, (hereafter expressed as PCC) , one of several communities located within the constituency of Edmonton-Glenora. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute my thoughts to your deliberations, particularly since familiarizing myself with your interim report.

PCC is what Edmontonians consider to be an inner city community or a so-called “mature” neighbourhood because the community has existed for over 100 years. This neighbourhood is about 4.7km away from Roger’s Place in downtown Edmonton. It is about 8.1km to the Alberta Legislature. In short, we are close to downtown Edmonton.

Its proximity to downtown is one of the prime reasons we bought our home in 2008. Its central location enables us to get to all points in Edmonton easily within ½ hour drive, 40 minutes drive to the airport. Many new homeowners in PCC chose PC because it is so close to their jobs in downtown.

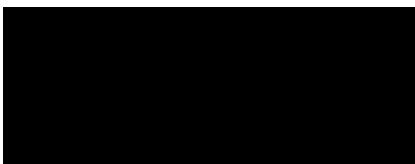
Until recently, Prince Charles community was dominated by single family homes, a small number of side-by-side duplexes and one condo apartment building of 28 units. There are several social service facilities within PCC such as hospices, group homes including the Yellowhead Youth Centre. We are home to one elementary school with an indigenous curriculum and the Edmonton Native Healing Centre and Metis Housing Corp. Businesses operate around the perimeter of the community adjacent to the CN line that dips south from the CN mainline on the rail alignment that used to extend south to the train station that once existed at the base of CN Tower. Businesses are also located along our southern boundary of 118 Avenue.

Many of the residential properties in PC are/were owned by the baby boomer generation or older. This generation is passing on in life, leaving their homes to their children who, frankly, have homes elsewhere and don't need or want the "ol' family home". As such, we are now witnessing the sale of many of these homes to builders who, because the structures are dated and need attention, can acquire real estate (generally 50x100') lots very inexpensively. The houses are generally demolished and replaced with 4 plexes, 6 plexes and 8 plexes on what used to be regarded as a single family lot. This is happening in many of Edmonton's inner city communities: Inglewood, Westmount, North Glenora, Sherbrooke and several others, largely encouraged by Edmonton City Council's recent Land Use Bylaw that aggressively reflects City Council's desire to "densify" the inner city instead of allowing the city to spread/sprawl out further. City Council wants this trend to happen and many of their policies over the past 10-15 years are designed to help facilitate it. Recommendations made by City Administration to City Council in recent years introduced new types of living spaces as well... garage suites, garden suites.. all in an effort to add "density" wherever it could occur.

PCC had the highest number of residential building permits in Edmonton – 35 over the past 18 months and while I don't have the exact numbers on types and scale, I can speculate the transitioning from single family development to anywhere from 4 – 8 plexes is going to materialize in to higher numbers living in PCC and thus, Edmonton-Glenora. The growth in population and density is accelerating at what I would consider to be an alarming rate. Services provided by the City of Edmonton and the Province are, frankly, not keeping pace.

If the boundaries are kept as recommended in the Commission's interim report, it will lead to the populations in PCC and other communities in the CURRENT constituency of Edmonton – Glenora to not being adequately represented. While I appreciate the work involved in evaluating new boundaries is challenging and time consuming, I would **urge you to reconsider your recommendation for Edmonton Glenora and resolve to leave its boundaries unchanged.**

With respect



Ron Jacob  
President







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**Interim Report Submission from C. C. Sandy Stevenson**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

25 - Calgary-Varsity

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

28 - Calgary-Varsity

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

- Urban concerns
- Hybrid electoral divisions

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation
- Projected growth

## Submission

December 18, 2025

Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission

Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Mr. Chairman,

In my initial comment to the Commission on May 23, 2025, I raised the very serious issue of the perception that the revision of the electoral boundaries was at risk of being an exercise in blatant gerrymandering across the province. The 1993 boundary revision history of the current party in Government gives enormous weight to the possibility of that outcome, and the further risk of undermining democracy in this Province, and entrenching rigid divisions of opinion on public policy here. Any boundary revision that is perceived by the 777,404 citizens who didn't vote for the current Government party, may result in those citizens refusing to accept the legitimacy of the result of the next election. That is a situation that must be avoided.

Fortunately, the actual October 28th interim report goes a long way toward allaying those concerns. It mostly respects municipal boundaries when setting riding boundaries in our two largest cities. Most of the riding boundaries reflect an attempt at fair, equal and effective representation. It goes half way to recognizing the rapid population growth in Calgary and Edmonton by adding another seat in each city.

Of course the purpose of interim reports and public feed back session is to solicit commentary on oversights, identify missing information that could change the final boundaries, and perceptions of potential misjudgments.

To that end, the addition of one seat to the City of Calgary is insufficient in my view to fully meet the standards of equal population distribution we expect. Therefore, a second seat should be added in Calgary, and actually to Edmonton as well.

Further, the proposed boundary change in my Riding of Calgary Varsity which calls for the inclusion of Montgomery district into our riding is not acceptable for the following reasons:

Whatever data sources the Commission may have consulted in an attempt to use objective information in estimating population distributions, the fact of the matter is that in the dynamic population shifts in Calgary and Calgary Varsity in particular, there is always going to be a lag in the accuracy of the data. It's understood that it is difficult for a Commission dealing with what is now 89 ridings to address that lag, but we residents can assist with that. There has been a veritable explosion in infill housing, putting two, four, six or eight residences on lots that previously held one or two detached houses. The Varsity, and west Capital Hill, along 24th Avenue NW and 19th Street neighbourhoods are prime examples of this. When combined with the extensive amount of apartments build on the University lands to the west of the campus, it is clear that adding Montgomery will result in a significant population imbalance in our riding, and should not be done for that reason alone.

Couple it with the fact that most of the Montgomery polls voted for the opposition party in the 2023 election, and it creates the suspicion of unfairness, and a Government party trying to save a seat for a cabinet minister. That doesn't meet the standard of fairness we expect.

Burdened as it is with negative perceptions rooted in Alberta's political history, the Commission must also consider that they will be watched closely to see if the interim report was only meant to lull urban voters into a sense of complacency, only to be rudely surprised by a final report which is anything but fair, equal and effective. For the good of the Province, I urge the Commission not to be swayed into going down that path.

Sincerely yours,

C. C. Sandy Stevenson (Mr.)

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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?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries

**Submission**

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing regarding the proposed removal of Jasper from the West Yellowhead electoral division. While I recognize the Commission's obligation to consider population parity, I believe this proposal unnecessarily weakens northern representation and fails to make full use of the population variance tools explicitly provided under Section 15 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

Keeping Jasper within West Yellowhead would bring the riding's population more closely in line with provincial averages, reducing the need for more disruptive boundary changes elsewhere. The Act permits population variances of up to  $\pm 25\%$  specifically to ensure effective representation in large, rural, and sparsely populated regions. The Commission has acknowledged the legitimacy of higher variances in northern Alberta, yet this proposal removes population from an already vast riding instead of using the legislative flexibility available.

Eliminating or weakening northern ridings in pursuit of strict numerical parity risks concentrating representation in urban centres at the expense of geography, accessibility, and economic contribution. Northern MLAs already represent an extraordinary share of Alberta's landmass, infrastructure, and resource economy. Section 15 exists to prevent precisely this erosion of representation, and its limited use in the current draft is concerning.

Rather than removing Jasper, the Commission should preserve existing northern ridings as much as possible and apply the variances allowed by law. This approach would better balance population considerations with the constitutional requirement for effective representation.

Respectfully,

A resident of West Yellowhead

Jurdica A.

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## Interim Report Submission from Grant Hunter

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**What is your current electoral division?**

85 - Taber-Warner

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

56 - Cardston-Taber-Warner

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

- Southern Alberta concerns

**Submission**

As the MLA for Taber Warner I feel it is important to write this submission. For the past 6 years I have been privileged to represent the constituents of Taber Warner. I have strongly advocated to develop out the agri-food corridor between Lethbridge and Medicine Hat. We are twinning Hwy 3 between Taber and Burdett to help facilitate this corridor growth. We are expanding the irrigation in the area by over 200,000 irrigated acres all to help this region grow. This has always been a regional approach. Even the recent ACP water/waste water studies were about the region which transcended the urban/rural divide.

I am in favour of the quad-Lethbridge riding boundaries.

Thank you,

Grant Hunter

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**Interim Report Submission from Gary Sawatzky**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

76 - Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

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

75 - Mountain View-Kneehill

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

- Rural concerns
- Effective representation



**Submission**

The Village of Acme has concerns about what is happening to rural representation with the new electoral boundaries. There already is an imbalance between the urban and rural voices the new boundaries by reducing the rural number of elected representatives and increasing the urban ones only continues to exacerbate this growing divide.

We encourage the commission to not reduce the number of rural seats to any less than it currently is.

Gary Sawatzky, CAO on behalf of the Council of the Village of Acme

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## Interim Report Submission from Ethan Gailford

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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?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries

**Submission**

Dear Commissioners,

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Thank you for your consideration,

A resident of West Yellowhead

Ethan Gailford, Dec, 19, 2025

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**Interim Report Submission from John Van Hierden**

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**What is your current electoral division?**

85 - Taber-Warner

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

56 - Cardston-Taber-Warner

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

- Rural concerns

**Submission**

To whoever may concern

I'm a long time business owner in the Lethbridge Coaldale corridor Green Prairie International Green Prairie employees approximately 130 people. part of the agri food processing corridor. Moving the Coaldale Agri business out of Tabor Warner. Would be a huge mistake. We must see some continuity in the businesses that we have grown here in the past 30 years and Livingston McLeod really has no part of what we are doing in this corridor and no representation. Please reconsider keeping Coaldale and area in this Agri-food corridor. I am advocating for Lethbridge being broken into 4 ridings that have rural components. Lethbridge is an Agri-hub for the corridor and should be represented as such politically.

Thank you

John Van Hierden

President/CEO

Green Prairie International inc.

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**Interim Report Submission from Maureen Ebel**

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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
- Effective representation

**Submission**

I understand that my address [REDACTED] may be changed from Lethbridge West to Lethbridge East. I am in agreement with Lethbridge remaining two urban ridings with some boundary adjustments due to population shifts within the city. I wish to remain in an urban riding.

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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?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries



**Submission**

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I write as a resident of West Yellowhead to raise concerns about the broader implications of removing Jasper from the riding, particularly under Section 14(f) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, which allows consideration of “any other factors” relevant to effective representation.

Other provinces including Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Nova Scotia have long recognized the necessity of protecting northern and remote ridings through legislative carve-outs. These protections exist because geography, climate, and sparsity fundamentally alter what effective representation requires. Alberta’s north faces the same realities, even if defined more organically than statutorily. The absence of explicit northern carve-outs in Alberta’s legislation makes it even more important that the Commission exercise discretion thoughtfully rather than narrowly applying population arithmetic.

Removing Jasper from West Yellowhead contributes to a pattern of incremental erosion of northern representation. While any single change may appear modest, the cumulative effect over successive boundary reviews is to silence northern voices and create constituencies so large and disconnected that meaningful representation becomes impossible. This outcome is neither sustainable nor consistent with the intent of Section 14 as a whole.

Jasper’s residents identify socially, economically, and politically with communities in West Yellowhead. Maintaining this alignment respects history, geography, safety, and access, while preserving the integrity of northern representation within Alberta’s Legislature. I urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal in light of these broader considerations.

Respectfully

Taylor Reese G

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## Interim Report Submission from Tanya Dixon

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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?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries

**Submission**

Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing regarding the proposed removal of Jasper from the West Yellowhead electoral division. While I recognize the Commission's obligation to consider population parity, I believe this proposal unnecessarily weakens northern representation and fails to make full use of the population variance tools explicitly provided under Section 15 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

Keeping Jasper within West Yellowhead would bring the riding's population more closely in line with provincial averages, reducing the need for more disruptive boundary changes elsewhere. The Act permits population variances of up to  $\pm 25\%$  specifically to ensure effective representation in large, rural, and sparsely populated regions. The Commission has acknowledged the legitimacy of higher variances in northern Alberta, yet this proposal removes population from an already vast riding instead of using the legislative flexibility available.

Eliminating or weakening northern ridings in pursuit of strict numerical parity risks concentrating representation in urban centres at the expense of geography, accessibility, and economic contribution. Northern MLAs already represent an extraordinary share of Alberta's landmass, infrastructure, and resource economy. Section 15 exists to prevent precisely this erosion of representation, and its limited use in the current draft is concerning.

Rather than removing Jasper, the Commission should preserve existing northern ridings as much as possible and apply the variances allowed by law. This approach would better balance population considerations with the constitutional requirement for effective representation.

Respectfully,

A Concerned Resident of West Yellowhead

Tanya Dixon

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Dear Members of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission,

My name is Tyler Haydey and for the last 10 years I have lived in the Ambleside neighbourhood which is situated in the Edmonton-South West riding. Thank you to each member of the Commission for your hard work in the service of Albertans by producing the interim report. The time and effort you have expended into this important democratic process will ensure that every Albertan is provided fair, reasonable, and effective representation in future elections.

I am pleased to see that the Commission has recognized that Edmonton has grown by adding an additional seat in the Interim Report. As stated in the report, population growth in Edmonton and Calgary has significantly outpaced rural ridings and other urban ridings and it is expected to continue doing so. The Commission's task is not an easy one, but I believe a rational and considerate approach has been adopted to ensure the representational needs of rural, urban, northern, and southern citizens are all taken into account.

I am writing mainly in support of the changes that have been made to my riding and also to the changes made to the neighbouring riding of Edmonton-South. Realigning Edmonton-South West's boundaries with the North Saskatchewan River and the Anthony Henday Drive is practical and reflects how large and distinct this area of Edmonton has become. Retaining the southern boundary at Highway 19 for both ridings is also a decision I agree with due to the rapid southward expansion of the city. I have personally witnessed farmland slowly but surely cede to new development in one of the fastest growing areas of the city.

I have been accessing these rural areas of the riding more often in the last few years and I have noticed increased traffic as other residents have done the same. The farmland in this area will continue to be developed towards residential and commercial activities so I believe it is reasonable that one MLA should be responsible for this integrated area of the city to represent all interests of its residents rather than having to work on top of or against a different MLA.

The changes to the neighbouring riding of Edmonton-South by realigning the northern boundaries is also a change I support due to the distinct and unique structure of those communities.

My only suggestion to both of these ridings would be to keep the neighborhood of Chapelle Gardens within the boundaries of Edmonton-South which would result in Whitemud Creek forming a cohesive and definitive boundary. I understand that this proposed adjustment was made to balance populations between ridings, but I disagree with the Commission's findings that this community is standalone. It is far more integrated with the rest of the Chapelle neighbourhood rather than the neighbourhoods of Edmonton-South West. This is in part due to the strong natural barrier between the two ridings which also results in reduced means of accessing this neighborhood from Edmonton-South West.

There are only two intersections where Chapelle Gardens can be accessed from Edmonton-South West (170 St. and 41 Ave SW, and Ellerslie Road at 141 St.) The Ellerslie Road entrance is predominantly associated with the Chapelle neighborhood since it is the primary access point from the Anthony Henday Drive. This entrance requires you to drive through a significant portion of Edmonton-South's communities in order to reach Chapelle Gardens. While this distance would not be considered lengthy when compared to rural ridings, I believe it is a significant enough distance by urban standards that make it less practical for an MLA to engage and advocate for the members of the Chapelle Gardens neighborhood.

Chapelle Gardens and Chapelle are joined at several points by two long, looping boulevards. Both of these areas are just across the street from their nearby Edmonton-South communities and more interconnection with the communities closer to Highway 11 will occur as the land is further developed.

Chapelle Gardens has far more in common with the other residents of Edmonton-South due to the shared infrastructure and amenities and I believe it would be better served by an MLA from Edmonton-South who's advocacy towards improving the lives of other citizens who live and work in Edmonton-South would naturally overlap and have an impact on the residents of Chapelle Gardens. In my opinion, it makes more sense for one MLA to advocate for the entire area given how relatable they are to one another. As a resident of Edmonton-South West, I can attest that I have little in common with the residents of Chapelle Gardens.

Keeping Chapelle Gardens in Edmonton-South will increase the population without exceeding the average riding population by 25%. I believe this is necessary and justifiable to prevent disconnecting this neighborhood from the rest of the riding which could impact this community's voice. I also believe my riding of Edmonton-South West will see a larger population increase in the coming years and the electoral boundaries today need to reflect this anticipated growth to ensure there is reasonable representation not just for the next election but for any that occur within the decade before the next Electoral Boundary Commission is formed.

In support of this opinion, I have consulted the Southwest District Plan, the Rabbit Hill District Plan, and the subordinate Neighbourhood/Area Structure Plans as published by the City of Edmonton. Some of these development plans were published earlier this

year which means that the Commission may not have had access to this information at the time of deliberations.

Edmonton-South is further along in development in accordance with the Southwest Structure Plan when compared to Edmonton-South West. Most neighborhoods are nearly fully developed and others such as Hays Ridge, Paisley, and Desrochers are approximately halfway developed for residential use. The last major areas to begin substantive construction in Edmonton-South are Heritage Valley and Heritage Valley Town Centre, but the land in both of these new neighbourhoods will be primarily used for commercial rather than residential. These two new developments are anticipated to increase the population in the riding by approximately 14,000.

In April 2025, the City of Edmonton approved the Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP) for the Kendal area in Edmonton-South West and in August 2025 the land developer Qualico Communities received approval to begin construction. This neighbourhood is the final piece of the puzzle in the Southwest District Plan and it is expected to increase the population in Edmonton-South West by over 18,000 people. In addition, the Keswick neighbourhood is approximately half developed which, when fully developed, could result in the population increasing by another 8000. Finally, Ever Real Estate Developments recently acquired a large 60-acre segment of farmland at Rabbit Hill Road and Ellerslie Road. Their concept is predominately commercial usage but they have indicated they plan to build 250+ housing units on this land which could see up to 1000 new residents in this area.

It is difficult to compare what the anticipated population growth could be for neighbourhoods under active construction with the resources I have at my disposal but my intention behind sharing some of these statistics is to demonstrate that population of Edmonton-South would not be disproportionate when considering the significant population growth still anticipated in Edmonton-South West. I anticipate that by the next review of the electoral boundaries, both of these ridings will have similar populations to one another.

Thank you for considering my submission and thank you for your work thus far in producing an interim report that is fair and ensures every Albertan will have access to effective representation. I trust that the Commission will continue to uphold these democratic principles throughout the final stage of your work.

Sincerely,  
Tyler Haydey



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## Interim Report Submission from Nick Bergsma

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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?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries



**Submission**

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing as a long-time business owner and resident of the West Yellowhead electoral division to express my concern regarding the proposal to remove the Municipality of Jasper from West Yellowhead and include it within the proposed Banff–Jasper constituency. From a business and economic standpoint, I respectfully submit that this change does not reflect how the regional economy actually functions and would weaken effective representation as contemplated under Sections 14 and 15 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

The permanent business economy of Jasper is closely integrated with the rest of West Yellowhead. While Jasper and Banff are often linked from a tourism marketing perspective, day-to-day business operations in Jasper rely overwhelmingly on the Highway 16 corridor. Contractors, trades, transportation providers, wholesalers, professional services, and suppliers serving Jasper are largely based in Hinton, Edson, and surrounding communities within West Yellowhead. These east-west relationships are essential to keeping local businesses operating year-round and are not replicated through Banff.

Transportation realities are a critical factor for business continuity. Highway 16 is a reliable, year-round commercial route for goods movement and workforce commuting. In contrast, Highway 93 between Jasper and Banff is frequently unsafe or impassable during winter months and cannot be considered a dependable business corridor. Political boundaries should align with functional economic corridors to ensure that elected representatives can effectively advocate for infrastructure, transportation, and economic policy that reflects real-world usage.

From an economic development perspective, Jasper is also firmly connected to Community Futures West Yellowhead, which provides financing, advisory services, and entrepreneurship support across the region. Many businesses in and around Jasper depend on these programs for start-up capital, expansion financing, and succession planning. This structure recognizes West Yellowhead as a unified economic region. Removing Jasper from the riding that aligns with this framework would create unnecessary fragmentation between political representation and the economic systems businesses rely on.

Housing constraints within Jasper further tie the local economy to neighbouring West Yellowhead communities. A significant portion of the workforce employed in Jasper lives in Hinton, Edson, and nearby areas due to limited housing availability within the park boundary. This shared labour market underscores the economic interdependence of Jasper and West Yellowhead and distinguishes it from Banff, which operates within a different regional context.

Finally, retaining Jasper within West Yellowhead would move the riding closer to provincial population averages while preserving established economic relationships. Section 15 of the Act exists to allow for population variance in precisely these circumstances, ensuring that effective representation is not sacrificed in rural and geographically large regions. From a business perspective, stability and continuity in representation matter, particularly when advocating for long-term infrastructure investment and economic resilience. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundary change and retain the Municipality of Jasper within the West

Yellowhead electoral division. Doing so would better reflect economic reality, protect regional integration, and support effective representation for the businesses and residents who live and work in this part of Alberta.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted

Business Owner and Resident

Nick Bergsman - West Yellowhead Constituent

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## Interim Report Submission from Nolan Dyck

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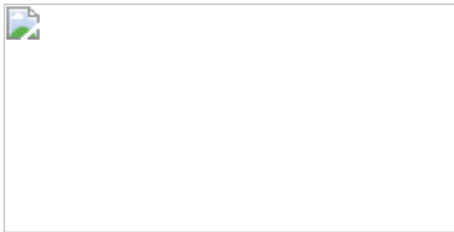
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**What is your current electoral division?**

63 - Grande Prairie

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

63 - Grande Prairie

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

- Rural concerns
- Urban concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns
- Geographical features
- Other concerns

**Submission**

Thank you for taking the time to engage in riding submissions.

I am suggesting 2 minor tweaks to the riding.

On the Southwest side of the current map, the electoral district follows the highway, not the city limits. The city limits are slightly south of the current electoral boundary, and the difference between them only contains some commercial and industrial areas. For ease of communication, using the currently proposed edit would be beneficial.

The red dotted line in the uploaded map represents the current electoral boundary.

In the Southeast corner of the riding map, represented by the blue line in the map, continue riding along railway tracks and then cut across to the edge of the riding map. This will remove confusion in explaining to businesses what riding they are in. Should not change population as no residential is in this area. The blue line in the uploaded map represents the railway line.

Thank you for your consideration.

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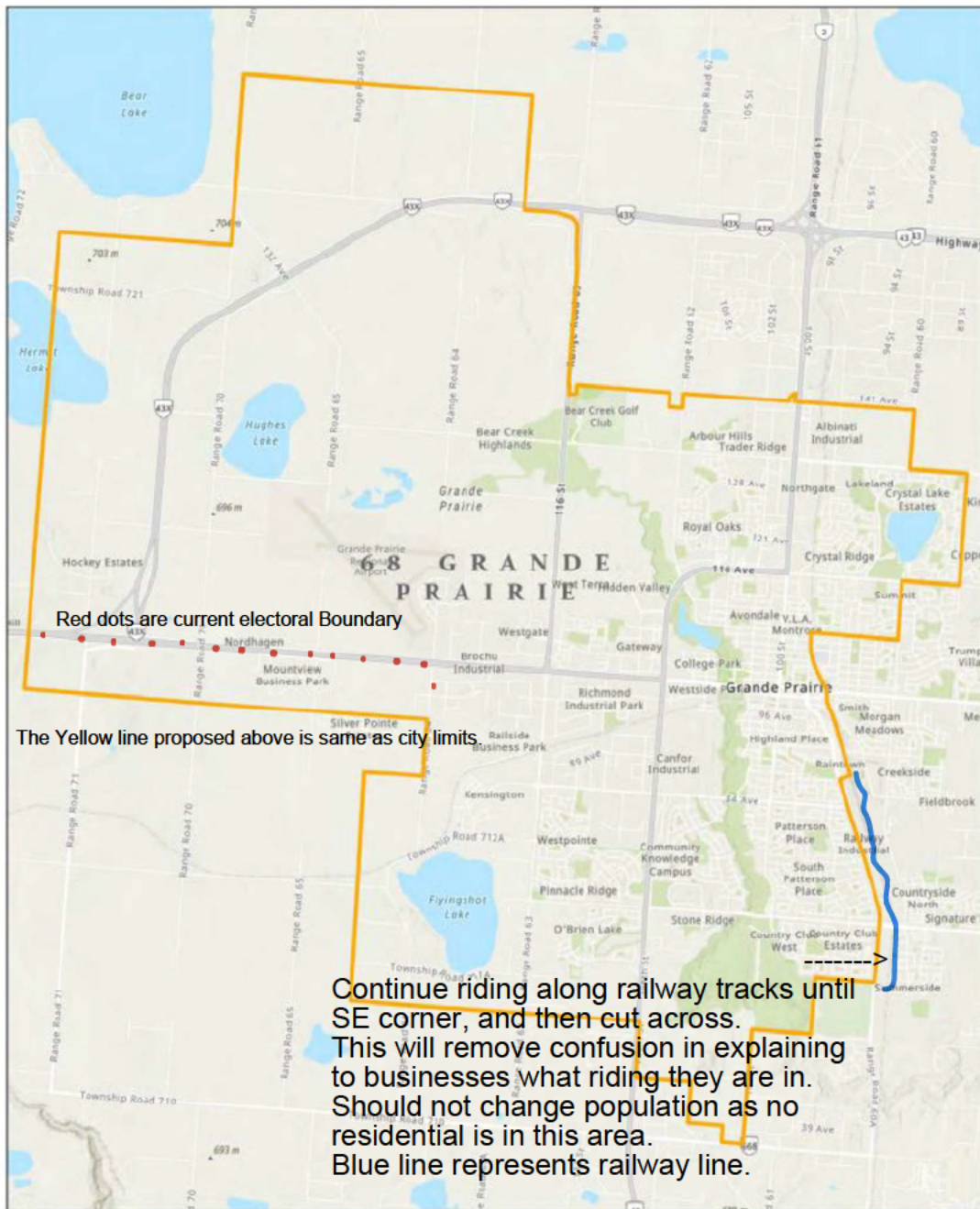
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Old Provincial Electoral District: 63



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Forecast Population: 49,741



## NEW: 68 GRANDE PRAIRIE

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## Interim Report Submission from Blain Cellars

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**What is your current electoral division?**

18 - Calgary-Mountain View

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

Proposed electoral boundaries as a whole

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

- Rural concerns
- Northern Alberta concerns

- Geographical features
- Other concerns

## Submission

My main point is that changes should be minimized, and it's okay for rural ridings to have a lower population. (I suspect that the percentage of VOTERS in the rural ridings is higher than urban, so the DESIRED balance is probably higher than the population variance percentages show.)

I suspect that much of the consternation stems from partisan political interests.

In the last election, the seat split was 49 UCP/38 NDP, which was reasonably close to the popular vote (52.63%/44.05%). I estimate a 47/40 split would be a match.

The table on page 108 of the report shows the Calgary average as being +1.4% variance from provincial average, after the proposed changes. If Calgary ends up with 27 ridings instead of 28, the variance will be about +5%. That's totally fine. (Federally, we're used to FAR worse!)

Calgary does NOT need to get 2 more ridings. Let the rural ridings keep all the ones they have.

I was thinking that it doesn't make sense for Airdrie and Medicine Hat to be split into 2 hybrid ridings, but I see that their populations are too high to be a single riding. (Airdrie is getting close.)

Surely you can adjust the ridings around Cochrane and Airdrie and NW Calgary such that they don't need to force the elimination of an existing rural riding.

I just remembered Fort McMurray, and I see that it's very much like Medicine Hat.

Lesser Slave Lake has a low population, but I'm not concerned about that, and most Albertans probably aren't. Adjust the south boundary a bit, to keep the variance above -50% if you want, but don't be overly concerned. 4 exceptions are permitted, and there are currently only 2. We don't need to eliminate a rural riding.

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## Interim Report Submission from Alberta Leudy

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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?**

- Naming of electoral boundaries

**Submission**

Dear Commissioners,

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Thank you for your consideration,

A resident of West Yellowhead

Mr. Albert Leudy

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**Interim Report Submission from Ian Aumack**

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87 - West Yellowhead

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

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

- Naming of electoral boundaries

**Submission**

Dear Members of the Commission,

Effective representation must account for geography and transportation. Winter driving conditions on Highway 93 regularly make travel between Jasper and Banff dangerous or impossible, while Jasper remains reliably connected to the rest of West Yellowhead via Highway 16. Moving Jasper south would make it harder—not easier—for residents to meet their MLA or access constituency services, undermining the goal of effective representation.

Sincerely,

Ian Aumack of Whitecourt

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