



Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission 2009/10

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Electoral Boundaries Commission pleased with public input

Commission completes first round of public hearings

Edmonton – Alberta’s Electoral Boundaries Commission has completed its first round of public hearings, held from mid-September to early October in 14 locations across Alberta.

Judge Ernest Walter, Chair of the Electoral Boundaries Commission, sums up the hearings: “We invited Albertans to share their views and are very pleased with the advice, direction and proposals we received. This input has provided the commission with a better understanding of the issues people face in their communities which challenge the ability of all elected representatives to provide effective representation.”

The commission will now deliberate, reviewing all public input and the updated municipal census information that reflects the growth since the 2006 federal census. Walter notes, “We are paying close attention in capturing the most recent population data in order to make the most informed and up-to-date recommendations possible.” Based on this information the commission is using 40,583 as the average population of electoral divisions in Alberta. This may change as updated figures become available.

The commission will submit an interim report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in February 2010 that recommends the areas, boundaries and names of the 87 proposed electoral divisions. A second round of public hearings will then be held to receive input on the proposals. After consideration of the input the commission must submit a final report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by July 2010. The new electoral map, once approved by the Legislative Assembly will be used for the next provincial election.

All submissions received by the deadline, audio recordings and *Hansard* transcripts can be found on the Electoral Boundaries Commission website at www.altaebc.ab.ca.

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