

I would like to add my voice to the plans to redistribute ridings to  
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and to more closely reflect actual population numbers.

It seems to me that this is not actually an issue where opinions are  
as  
important as rights. Every voter has a right to have not only a say  
but  
an equal say in government. When some ridings have 60,000 and some  
have 25,000 that simply does not happen.

According to principle, ridings must be redistributed to reflect  
actual  
populations and variations must not exceed 25% from the average  
sought.

This redistribution will have some consequences that some will be  
concerned about. The cities are likely to get several more ridings  
and  
rural residents may feel urban concerns will now outweigh rural ones.

This however need not be the case because though urban dwellers live  
in  
the city, many are broader minded than selfish and do realize that  
the  
environment, the land, agriculture and small towns are also the  
lifblood of the province.

The redistribution may have some practical downsides if some northern  
ridings again become very big and hard to travel through easily for a  
representative. This used to be a disadvantage when meetings had to  
be  
in person but today with the Internet in homes, offices and at public  
libraries and community centres, distance is no longer the problem it  
was. I would not see the physical size of a riding being a downside  
any  
more.

I not only welcome but applaud any move to make riding distribution  
fairer.

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