



CHESTERMERE

From the Office of the Mayor

September 15, 2009

Honourable Judge Ernest J.M. Walter
Chair of the Electoral Boundaries Commission
Ste 100 11510 Kingsway Ave.
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Honourable Judge Walter and Esteemed members:

The Town of Chestermere Council would like to request the opportunity to make a presentation at the public hearings to be held on September 24th and 25th in Calgary.

Our current constituency, Airdrie-Chestermere has had a long history of working together for the good of our residents. While our presentation will go into more detail as to the reasons we feel Chestermere should remain part of this constituency we would like to point out some of the highlights.

Both Airdrie and Chestermere have similar infrastructures in that we both have Provincial Highways that intersect our municipalities, we will both have the projected Calgary Ring Road touch our borders and we both rely on the City of Calgary to provide our municipalities with sewer and water. Storm water from both locations is also routed through the same Western Irrigation District canal system.

Both areas are serviced by the Rocky View School Division and share the same Home Care main office and we both fall under the same Alberta Health Board District. Airdrie and Chestermere are linked to fire service by Rocky View Fire Services and fall under "K" Division for our RCMP detachments as well as Marigold Library Services for both areas residents. These are only some of the similarities that make the members of our constituency sisters in governance.

While our Council understands the difficult job you have in making recommendations for electoral boundaries we ask you to consider Chestermere's autonomy for our future. Our residents need a Provincial voice that is not overpowered by a large urban centre. Calgary has its own unique representation in the Legislature and we implore you not to include our community in that representation as we would soon be overshadowed. Similarly we believe that a constituency that represents mostly a rural/agricultural base would not serve our community in the best manner on a Provincial level.

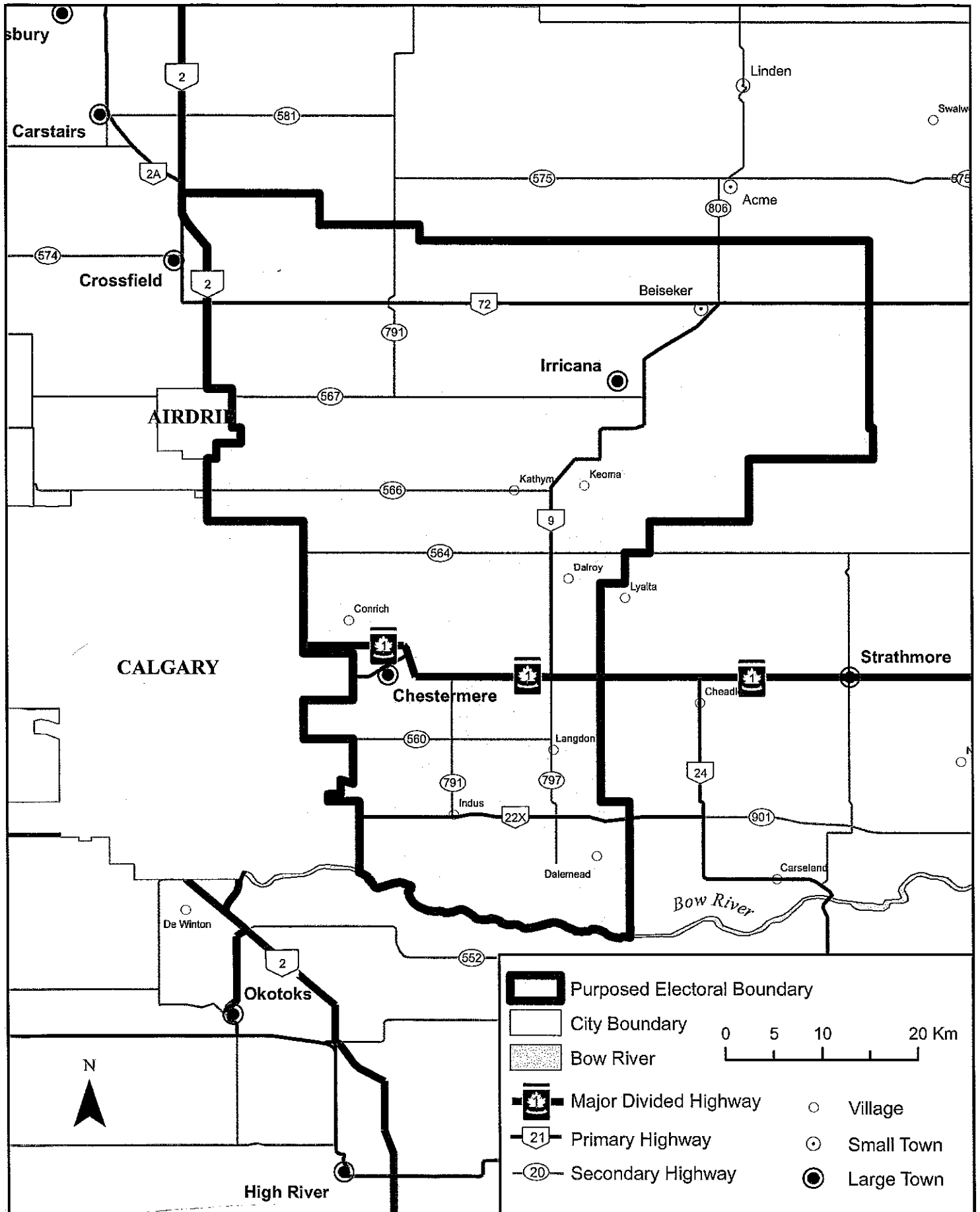
We look forward to speaking with you all at the hearings to be held at the end of September and answering any questions you may have.

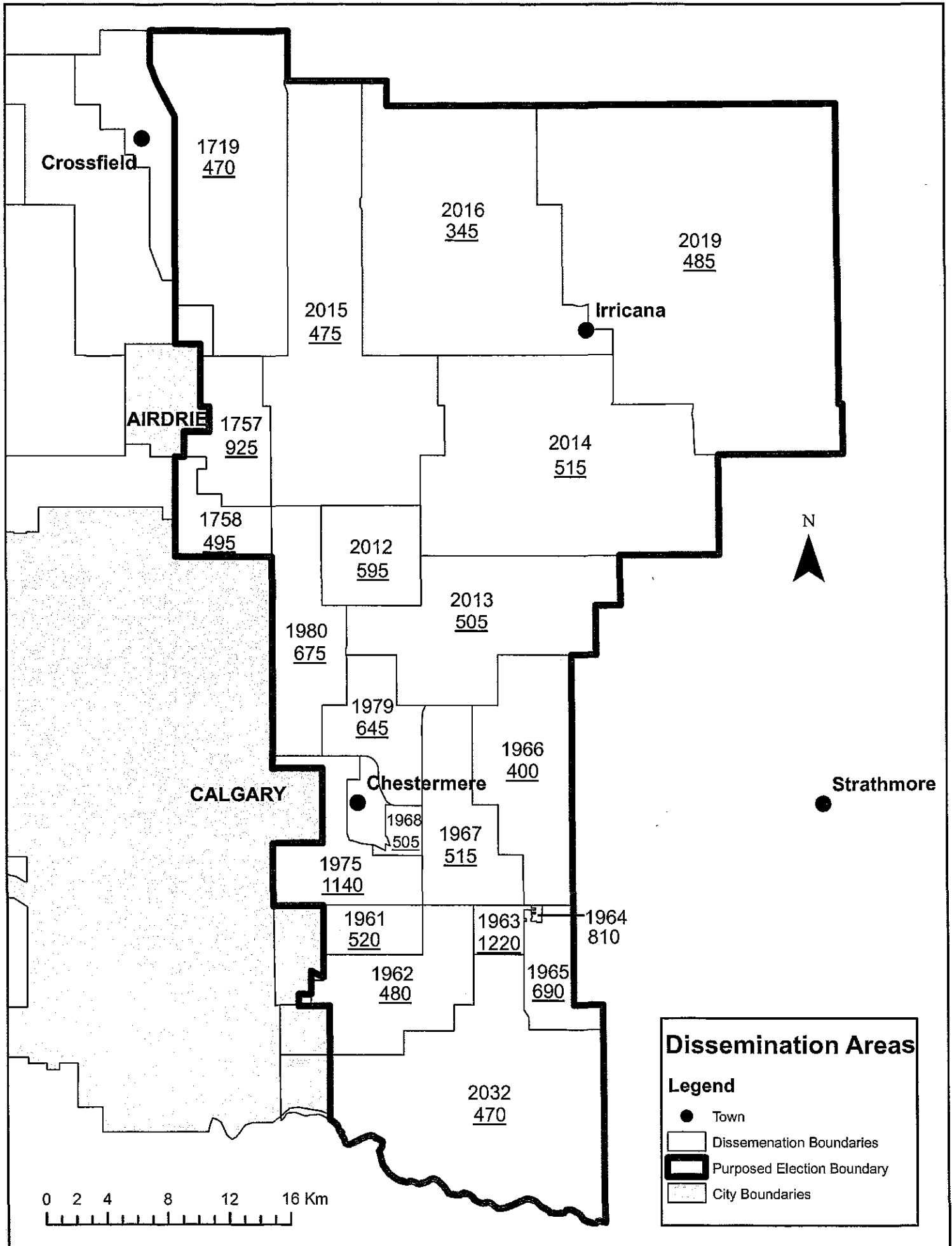
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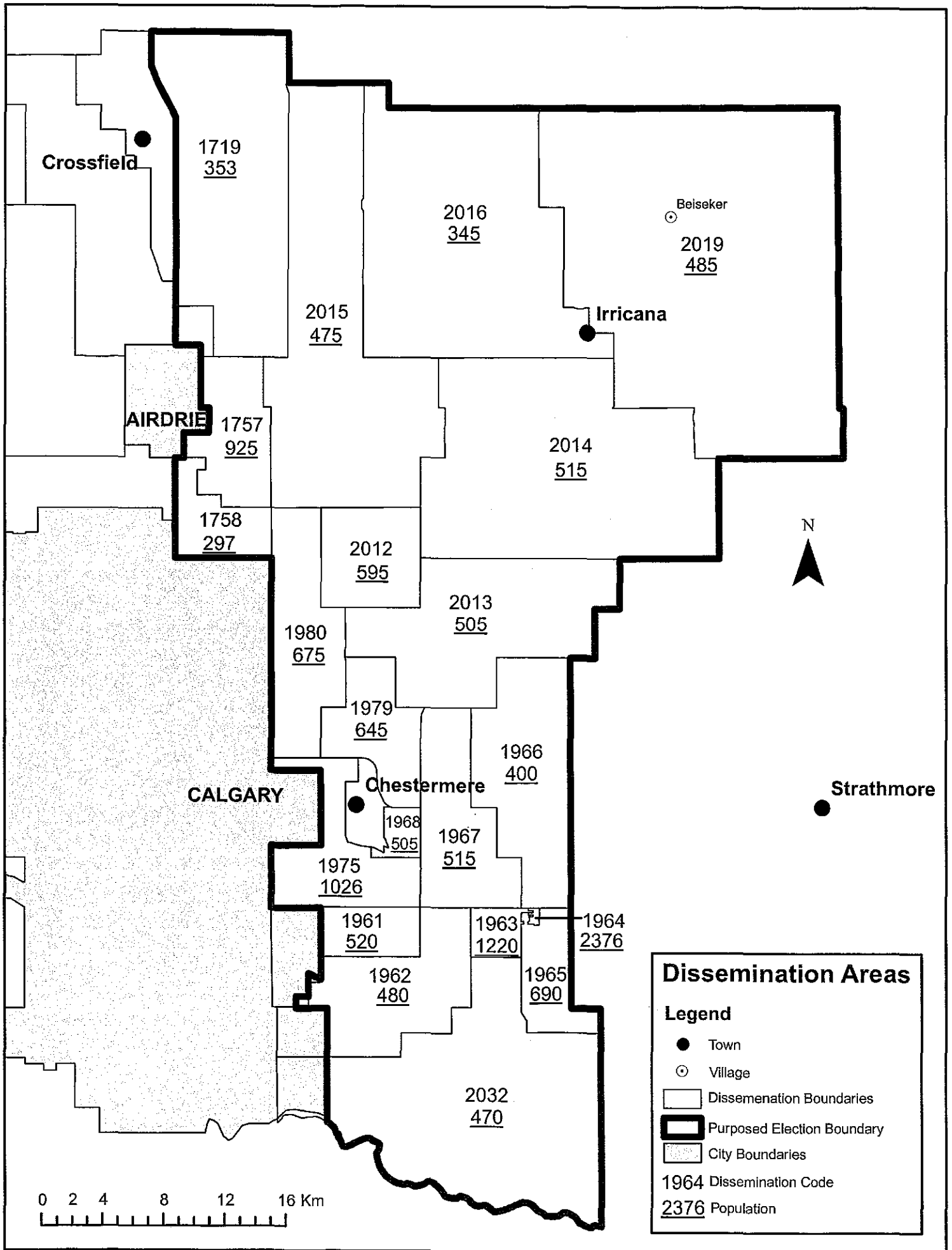
Patricia Matthews
Mayor, Town of Chestermere



Purposed Chestermere/East Rocky View Provincial Electoral District







Crossfield

1719
353

2016
345

Beiseker

2019
485

2015
475

Irricana

AIRDRIE

1757
925

2014
515

N

2012
595

2013
505

1980
675

CALGARY

1979
645

1966
400

Chestermere

Strathmore

1968
505

1967
515

1975
1026

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PROPOSED CHESTERMERE / EAST ROCKY VIEW CONSTITUENCY

POPULATION CALCULATIONS

- The proposed new constituency will contain 3 urban settlements plus the area of Rocky View that is east of Highway #2. It represents basically wards 4,5&6 of the County of Rocky View.
- Most population figures are only available as of 2006 Federal Census however we indicate and include a more current population figure if available. We calculate the present population to be at least 29,882 as shown below.

Rocky View County Ward 4

Division 1961	520
Division 1962	480
Division 2032	470
Division 1963	1,220
Division 1964	2,376 – Hamlet of Langdon (2008 figure)
Division 1965	691

Rocky View County Ward 5

Division 1975	1026 – (based on 90% of 2006 total as some area was lost to City of Calgary annexation)
Division 1967	515
Division 1966	400
Division 2012	595
Division 1980	675
Division 1968	505
Division 1979	645

Rocky View County Ward 6

Division 2013	505
Division 2014	515
Division 2019	485
Division 2016	345
Division 2015	475
Division 1757	925
Division 1719	353 – (based on 75% as this is area of Division 1719 that lies east of Highway #2)
Division 1758	297 – (based on 60% as this is area of Division 1758 that lies east of Highway #2)

Village of Beiseker	804
Town of Irricana	1,400 – Town estimated population for 2008
Town of Chestermere	13,760 – Town Official Census as of 2009

TOTAL 29,882

Not included in these totals are any population increases that have occurred since 2006 in most areas (unless noted) and however if you were to visit the entire area it is obvious there have been substantial increases.

Some of the projected projects for this area in the near future (5 years) are and we expect the minimum population impact will be:

Kathryn (newspaper clipping attached)		
Phase #1 – 165 units @ average 3 residents		495
Langdon Meadows (newspaper clipping attached)		
Phase #1 – 317 units @ average 3 residents		951
Irricana – as advised by CAO of expected projects		2,000
Chestermere (known subdivisions proceeding)		
West Creek Developments	5,000	
Bayfield	1,500	
Kinniburg	2,000	
Truman Developments	3,000	
Melcor Developments	1,000	12,500
Conrich Area – Buffalo Hills		5,000

With this type of development it would push the new constituency population totals to close to 60,000 by the time any further realignment of constituencies is considered.

Rocky View council briefs: From Sept. 22 meeting

Langdon Meadows development approved

SHANNON WOODWARD
Rocky View Publishing

A new community is on its way to the Hamlet of Langdon thanks to approval from Rocky View County councillors to redesignate lands for the development of Langdon Meadows.

"I'm really glad to see something come out here," said division councillor Jim Rheubotton.

"I think this meets all our requirements for Langdon."

The 135-acre, predominantly residential development will accommodate 242 single-family units, 51 multi-family units and 24 mixed use sites for a total of 317 residential units.

Langdon Meadows will be located east of Centre Street and immediately north of Dead Horse Road.

Twenty-seven acres are set aside for light industrial use and all businesses are subject to strict architectural guidelines.

The community has also been allotted a school site, a storm water management site and plenty of parks and pathways.

317
+3

951

165
-3

495

County residents get a closer look at proposed 880-acre Kathryn development

SHANNON WOODWARD
Rocky View Publishing

The Hamlet of Kathryn is about to receive a major facelift.

West Creek Developments hosted an open house, Sept. 17, to present a conceptual scheme and answer questions of local residents.

(Phase one calls for 165 units) a new public school site and local commercial development.

"It is a logical place for development to occur within the MD at a suburban density," said director of planning for West Creek Developments, David Poppitt.

Recognized by Rocky View County council as one of five growth nodes in the MD, Kathryn is slated to accommodate a population of about 6,500 residents.

About 38 kilometres from Calgary, Kathryn is strategically located at the junction of highways 9 and 566.

Currently home to little more than a school and community centre, Rocky View County approved a conceptual scheme for the new community in Sept. 2007.

"The location on the two highways is really key, and the proximity to the Calgary-Airdrie corridor is remarkably close," said Poppitt.

The community and its facilities will serve both locals as well as the greater region, he added.

That's good news for the Rocky View School (RVS) division.

"We need this population to rebuild the school," said RVS trustee Jennifer Avery, who was impressed with West Creek's plan.

"It's a nice, small, hometown feel but yet closer to the amenities," she said.



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From the Office of the Mayor

October 9, 2009

Electoral Boundaries Commission Administrator
Ste 100- 11510 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5
Attn: Honourable Judge Ernest J.M. Walter, Chair

Dear Judge Walter and esteemed Board members:

Thank you for listening to the Town of Chestermere's presentation on September 24th, 2009 at the Blackfoot Inn in Calgary. As eluded to on that night, we believe that Chestermere should be considered for a new Electoral Division similar to the Airdrie-Chestermere constituency but with the City of Airdrie removed. We fully understand that the two areas are too large to continue in our current division, regardless of how well we mesh.

We also understand that many groups have come in front of the Board and may have presented different plans. We respectfully ask that you be aware that no other group or person was asked to represent or speak on behalf of the Council of the Town of Chestermere except those that presented that night.

As requested, we have included a map of the area we referenced in our discussion but with a more logical Eastern boundary, as well as the populations as we are aware of them presently. Please feel free to contact us if any of you have concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Patricia Matthews
Mayor, Town of Chestermere

Cc: Council, Town of Chestermere

