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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION
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Attn All M.L.A.'s.

Dear Sirs

Re upcoming ELECTORAL Boundary Review

Please reconsider the increase in constituencies; rather consider a decrease in the number by four.

Legislation is in place for each constitution to be + or - no more than 25% of 37,820 population. Also legislation is in place for the province not to run a deficit budget; yet under the current economic times one is in place. If that legislation can be reversed at this time, so can the 37,820 figure be adjusted to accommodate, say, 79 constituencies.

Consider this; Communication, in all forms, has greatly improved in the last few years. I'm not hinting that M.L.A.s are not busy, but just one letter, one radio broadcast, one town hall meeting can easily reach so many people. Even cars, by means of better and more roads, can reach more people, for the same effort and time spent. CELL phones, Blackberries, and other communicating devices have become very popular.

In other provinces it can be found both; more and less, number of people per constituency.

In the current economic times, when many business have had to down size, and yet carry on; with the greater efficiency of communications, let our provincial government be a leader.

In business I have found, having a large board, does not make for efficient operation. In parliament, seventy nine are plenty of members for a complete discussion, and representation, for all parties. Then CAUCUS, which is the final panel, has all the information to make the final decision.

Yours truly


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