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Electoral Boundaries Commission
Province of Alberta
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Dear Commission Members:

Re: Electoral Boundaries

The Town of Castor wishes to provide the following comments to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

The Town of Castor is situated in the Battle River-Wainwright Constituency. This electoral division is quite large in geographical area with a population of 30,403 people which reside in small towns, villages and counties. Wainwright is the largest centre in the constituency.

The Town of Castor has been moved from one constituency to another in the past when boundaries were being redistributed. The Town of Castor does not wish this to happen anymore. Rural M.L.A.'s have a hard enough time providing proper representation to the existing residents without increasing their boundaries. With the large geographical areas involved travel time between communities is difficult and time consuming. For residents it is a large time commitment to travel to see the M.L.A. or for him to come and see us, especially if the legislature is sitting.

In evaluating the population deficit of the constituency it is still within the 25% of the provincial average. This will be an ongoing problem if rural populations continue to decrease, however in order to continue to serve this population it has to be based on practical boundaries and effective representation. The current boundaries for Battle River-Wainwright reflect this.

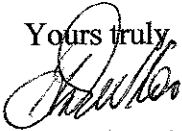
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The Town of Castor is requesting that no change to the Battle River – Wainwright Constituency boundary take place.

Yours truly,

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Garry DeVloo, Mayor
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