

March 5, 2010

Honorable Judge Ernest J. M. Walter
Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue
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Dear Honorable Judge Ernest J. M. Walter:

RE: Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission 2009/10

As the past Returning Officer for #44 Athabasca-Redwater, and upon reviewing the proposed boundaries changes, I have noticed an item that needs to be corrected:

The boundary going North on the West side of Range 24 at the top of Township 68 should go West to the West side of Range 25, then on the top of Township 69 East, all the way to the Athabasca River. Then follow the river as a boundary northerly to the bottom of Township 72 between Range 24 and 23 and continue as proposed.

As it now stands with the new proposed change, the Lesser Slave Lake electoral division would have no access to the portion on the East side of Township 69, East of the Athabasca river. And likewise the Athabasca-Redwater would not have access to 70-23, west of the river. As a note, the residents of the Lawrence Lake area all use Athabasca as their shopping/recreation area, and the areas North and West of there is very sparse.

The changes that I feel should have been made to the #44 Athabasca-Redwater constituency should have been made in the southern part of #44, as this is an urban area, whereas the balance of the constituency is rural.

In these economic times does the extra cost associated with the name change from Athabasca-Redwater #44 to the Athabasca-Sturgeon #48 not have any impact on the financially strapped Alberta?

Please consider this request.



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