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**Subject: Electoral Division Boundary Changes**

We feel that the proposed changes to the Electoral Division for No. 56-Grande Prairie-Smoky and No 57-Grande Prairie Wapiti to No. 62-Grande Prairie and No 51-Beaverlodge-Valleyview Electoral Division are **NOT** required, and in deed a step backwards in providing legislative representation to the constituents of the ridings.

Reasons for our thinking:

- We have been residents of Grande Prairie for the past 38 years
- The City of Grande Prairie has been well represented in the past and continues to be represented well with two MLA`s and who have worked together both past and present for the development of the City and the rest of the electoral divisions.
- The City is not just an entity to itself and it is dependent on the surrounding area for its success and growth, the industrial impact of forestry, oil and gas and also the farming community.
- No. 51 Beaverlodge-Valleyview Electoral Division – this is too large an area for an MLA to physically and effectively cover. We may or may not have internet access, but we still need the opportunity to meet with our MLA and he needs to meet with us.

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Variance</b>
No. 56 Grande Prairie-Smoky	40, 690	7.6%
No. 57 Grande Prairie-Wapiti	41,532	9.8%

The population by electoral division are in the average range.

- Supreme Court of Canada decision 1991 ``The Supreme Court has said we are here to ensure all voters get effective representation, `` he says. ``Population is not the only factor.``

This is why it is a win, win situation to leave the Electoral Division of 56 and 57 as is, as it provides better representation for the City.

Please give careful consideration to our request.