

Grande Prairie, Alberta

March 10, 2010

Re: Electoral Boundry Changes in South Peace

Electoral Commissions
Suite 100 11510 Kingsway Ave
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Electoral Commission

In regards to the creating of a new urban constituency for the city of Grande Prairie. And the amalgamation of the two constituencies Grande Prairie/ Wapiti and Grande Prairie/ Smoky. We will deal with our objections to the creation of the new urban constituency first.

- 1- We feel that the interests of the citizens of Grande Prairie are better served in the current electoral divisions.
- 2- The current electoral division provides two M L A's for the city of Grande Prairie and area.
- 3- Under the proposed boundary changes Grande Prairie would have only one M L A.
- 4- Grande Praine is a city very much dependent on surrounding natural resources as a source of employment and revenue for it's citizens.
- 5- We feel the current electoral boundaries provide M L A's that are informed and serve both the urban center and it's surrounding economic base.
- 6- Under the proposed electoral boundary changes the new constituency of urban Grande Prairie's M L A would be isolated from the important surrounding economic base.

Now, to deal with the amalgamated constituencies of Grande Prairie/Wapiti and Grande Prairie/Smoky the so-called Beaverlodge-Valleyview constituency.

- 1- Beaverlodge-Valleyview constituency would encompass a sprawling rural area making it hard for a single M L A to represent such a large expanse property.
- 2- A twenty-eight day general election campaign may well prove to short in such a large constituency.
- 3- The size of the constituency could well be prohibitive to candidates running in the general election as independents or as candidates for one of the smaller parties.
- 4- The proposed boundary changes fail to accomplish their proposed purpose in that the area of Grande Prairie north of 116 Avenue including Crystal Ridge and Crystal Lake Estates areas would be part of the rural constituency, and not part of the urban riding.
- 5- In short we feel that this proposed constituency of Beaverlodge-Valleyview would become a vast under-represented wilderness.

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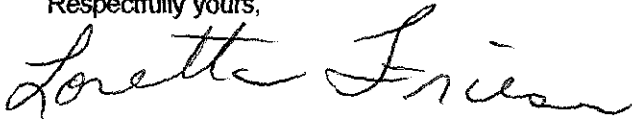
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- 6- The M L A for an area so vast would need not less than one constituency office in Grande Prairie, Valleyview and Beaverlodge. The cost of administration of this vast area would be enormous exceeding a M L A's current budget.

We feel that the proposed electoral boundary changes are not very well thought out and are certainly biased toward some members of Grande Prairie City Council. We, after an in-depth study of the proposed changes to the electoral boundary fail to find any positive outcome.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta Friesen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully yours,".

James and Loretta Friesen