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Electoral Boundaries Commission
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As a retired Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) representing Grande Prairie-Wapiti I welcome this opportunity to provide input into the proposed changes to the boundaries of Grande Prairie-Wapiti and Grande Prairie-Smoky Constituencies.

In my opinion these changes serve no one and in fact will result in much less effective representation for the constituents in the two areas.

Current boundaries have a balanced urban/rural population and geographically are manageable for the MLA's involved.

The urban/rural makeup of these constituencies fosters co-operation between the City and its rural neighbors. A lot of this co-operation will be lost if the balance between urban and rural is disturbed too much.

Under the current alignment the City is pretty well assured two votes on issues in front of caucus and the Assembly. Those two votes can not be assured if one constituency is predominately rural and one is strictly urban.

When it is time for your final report I would encourage you to leave the two boundaries as they currently exist with the exception on minor changes to reflect current City limits.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback.



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