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**Subject:** Notre Dame-Baie D'Espoir

I wish to make comments and provide feedback to the Commission, without attending a public hearing.

The proposed name for the vast electoral district where I live, "Notre Dame-Baie D'Espoir" reflects a coastal geography relatively distant from its main population centres in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor. It is also awkward in view of the fact that the district includes much of the interior of the island of Newfoundland. Most people commonly refer to the area as "**Central Newfoundland**" and I would suggest that would be a more fitting name and a more practical name for the Speaker of the House of Commons to use to refer to our elected Member of Parliament.

**As far as boundaries: the exclusion of Gambo, Hare Bay, and Dover from the district is a bizarre omission**, as Gander is the natural centre for health care, shopping, government services, etc., and as a result, there are very strong community connections. They are communities on the same "loop" of highway--routes 320 and 330--which connect to Gander and other neighbouring communities such as Carmanville, Musgrave Harbour, Greenspond, and New-Wes Valley.

Practically speaking, the Eastport peninsula should logically be in the same electoral district as well, as the Terra Nova National Park forms a bit of a barrier to that part of Newfoundland relatively accessible to St. John's.

Adjusting the western boundary, the Baie Verte peninsula has a closer geography by road to Deer Lake than to Grand Falls-Windsor, and it may make sense, if necessary to have relatively equally sized districts, to move some of those communities into the Long Range Mountains district so that at least Gambo, Hare Bay, and Dover are not cleaved off from their immediate neighbours and left relatively disenfranchised, otherwise being lopped in with Conception Bay North, Bonavista, and the Burin peninsula under the current proposal.

I make these comments on my own behalf and based on my own observations as an engaged citizen, and not on behalf of any interest or organization.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

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From: [REDACTED]  
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Subject: Comments on federal electoral boundary proposal

Some comments on the proposed changes to federal electoral districts in Newfoundland and Labrador.

#### **St. John's East**

I believe that names of electoral districts should only require change if there is a substantial realignment to be made. A constant district name provides a degree of continuity and avoids unnecessary confusion among the electorate. St. John's East is a name that has a long history and I am in favour of retaining that name.

Boundaries through dense urban areas are difficult to achieve without impacting neighbourhoods. The existing Kenmount - Freshwater - LeMarchant - Barters route is arguably the simplest and most straightforward path through the city.

For simplicity, I would suggest a minor deviation from the proposal at St. John's Harbour. Continue from Waldegrave Street directly to the harbour and move the boundary offshore and through the narrows. This would put Southside Road and Fort Amherst back in Cape Spear. Besides a small population along Southside Road, the affected areas at the west end of the harbour are mostly commercial.

I believe political boundaries should avoid dividing smaller communities, so would approve of the recommendation to place all of Paradise within a single electoral district.

#### **Cape Spear**

At the risk of contradicting myself regarding the desirability of constant district names, I also believe the trend towards long hyphenated names that strive to be geographically inclusive is awkward and problematic. Using a name of a prominent, and neutral, geographical feature of the district is a wise compromise.

St. John's South - Mount Pearl has not had the same name stability as St. John's East (St. John's West => St. John's South => St. John's South - Mount Pearl). Cape Spear is a solid and inspired choice of a district name.

#### **Avalon and Terra Nova - The Peninsulas**

The population shift towards the northeast Avalon makes the eastward expansion of these two districts inevitable. The shifting balance between rural and exurban areas in Avalon district is notable. As is the eastward shift of the population "centre of gravity" of "Terra Nova - The Peninsulas" towards the Avalon Peninsula.

By including parts of Conception Bay North, Bonavista - Burin - Trinity adopts a new bay to add to the list. The name change is therefore warranted, however I think "The Peninsulas" is an unspecific reference that is not established nomenclature for this area. It is also too large a district to have a single defining geographic feature to appropriate for this purpose. Perhaps just "Terra Nova", in its broader context as an old name for the island, would be better.

I note that the proposed boundary east of Whitbourne at Goose Pond seems to be very close to Amber Drive, such that it may cross property lines and some residents on the east side of the road may be in Avalon. The area is somewhat problematic since there seems to be some residential development in this area outside the Whitbourne municipal boundary.

Similarly, in Shearstown, there may be some residents at the end of Goose Pond Road straddling the electoral boundary.

#### **Notre Dame - Bay d'Espoir**

Even though the district is not changing very much, I won't argue with the name change. The "Coast of Bays" name was always more of a cumbersome marketing term than an established usage.

Extending the boundary to include the Bonavista north area is a reasonable expansion. A case could be made to include all of route 230, such as the Gambo area, as well, but the district is already on the high end of the population quota range.

#### **Long Range Mountains**

The small adjustment at the head of White Bay is a reasonable correction to a previous oversight.

#### **Labrador**

In the case of Labrador, I just wish to say that I concur with the "extraordinary circumstances" arguments about maintaining Labrador's electoral boundary integrity.

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# **Newfoundland and Labrador Electoral Boundary Commission – Feedback / Comments**

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Saturday, September 17, 2022



## PROPOSAL OUTLINE

- That the boundary of the riding of Bonavista-Burin-Trinity begin at Centreville-Wareham-Trinity and to include New-Wes-Valley as far as Lumsden on that shore (as it currently does) and to encompass the remaining portion of the Riding which takes in all communities to Bay de Verde along that Peninsula including the Bonavista and Burin Peninsula's.
- The suggestion of losing Centreville-Wareham-Trinity, New Wes Valley and Lumsden would impact that part of Trinity Bay North and the current level of collaboration and connection the communities have with the remaining towns in that surrounding region. Years of working together on regionalization and modernization along this shore has created a sense of togetherness and a sense of community. To include these towns in the adjacent Riding of Coast of Bays-Central-Notre Dame (proposed Notre Dame-Bay d'Espoir) does not make sense and goes against the good work that has taken place in the way of important historical and social ties. It would create an unnecessary divide.
- The Commission's proposal, while it will bring the population of the riding of Bonavista-Burin-Trinity closer to the commission's reference quota, will severely impact the MP's ability to represent all towns and residents by way of socialization. As the current Riding stands, it is a huge geographical area. The Riding as it currently stands presents a major concern – sizing! Adding towns and communities that are close in the way of geography, would make more sense but not in any way should the Commission add in more geographically distant regions to this already huge area.
- The Riding's proposed name, Terra Nova-The Peninsula's. This Riding has gone through so many changes in each of the last two redistributions that we do not believe such a drastic change to the name is necessary. Calling it Terra Nova does not justify its area representation and we believe the current name should stand or a better one that mirrors the entire Riding.

### Conclusion

Centreville-Wareham-Trinity, New Wes Valley as far as Lumsden should remain within this Riding, add in the community of Long Harbour-Mt Arlington Heights, Markland and maybe Victoria if more must be added. These communities border areas already included in BBT and make sense from a logistical perspective. Do not add any new areas or Peninsula's to this already massive Riding that already presents a challenge for any MP in the way of driving distance / coverage. Consider keeping the name or using one that better represents the entire area – i.e. Trinity-Bonavista-Bay de Verde

Thank you in advance for all your consideration.

# Virtual Presentation to: NL Federal Electoral Boundaries Redistribution Commission

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Sept. 16, 2022

## The Representation Formula

Below is the formula for allocating seats in the House of Commons following each decennial (10-year) census. This Representation Formula is found in subsection 51(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1867*.

Provincial population ÷ electoral quotient = initial provincial seat allocation

Applying the Senatorial Clause and Grandfather Clause

Applying the Representation Rule

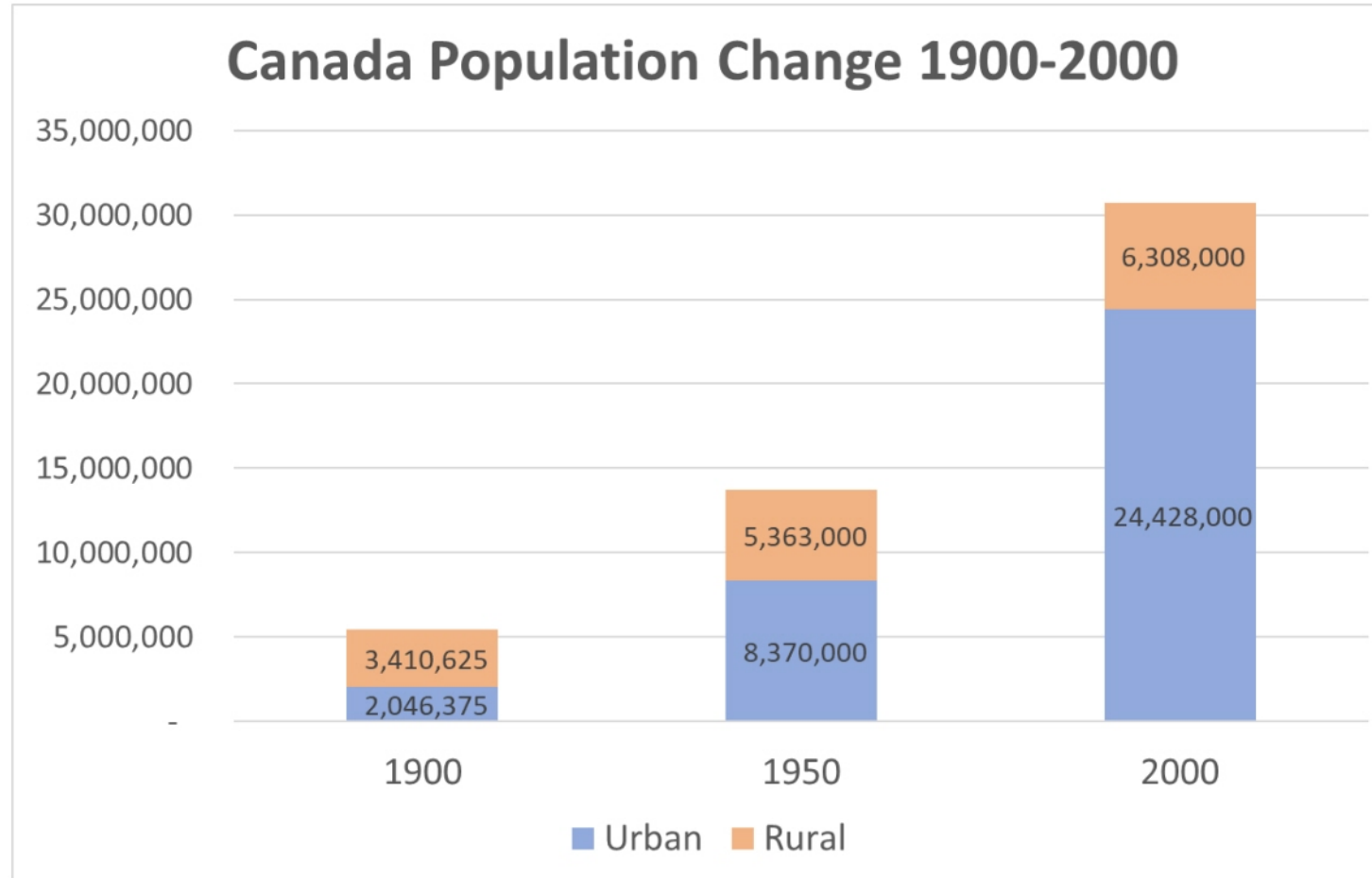
Total provincial seats + One seat per territory = Total number of seats

- Same as in 1867
- Population-based
- Updated every 10 years (decennial)

### 1 – Initial Allocation of Seats to the Provinces

The total population of each province is from Statistics Canada's quarterly population estimate of July 1, 2021. The electoral quotient is obtained by multiplying the quotient of the last decennial redistribution (111,166) by the average of the population growth rates of the 10 provinces (9.647%) in the last 10 years. The new electoral quotient thus calculated is 121,891. The number of seats initially allocated to each province is calculated by dividing the population number of each province by the electoral quotient. This figure is then rounded up to the next whole number.

# Much has changed since 1867!



## Problem!

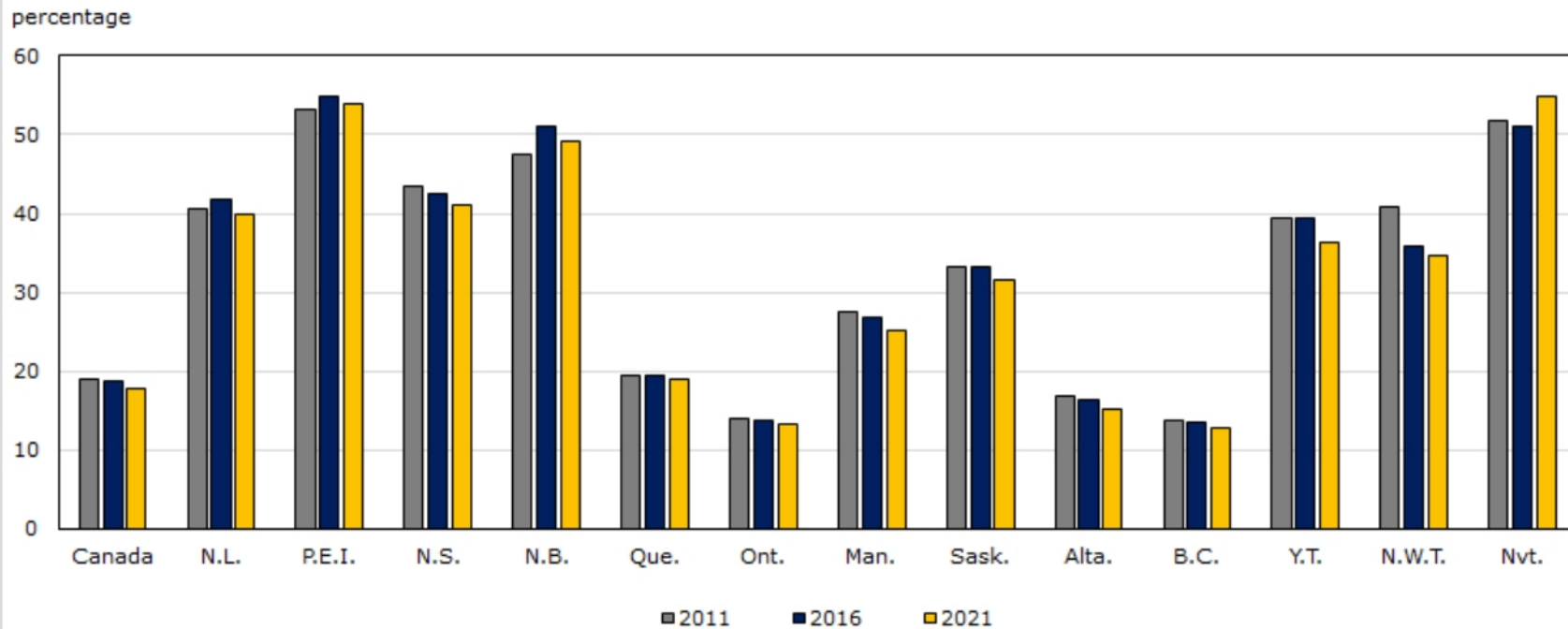
Significant differences in population growth rates between Urban and Rural/Remote areas since confederation results in **increased representation for large urban areas and decreased representation in rural, remote, and northern areas of Canada.**

Data Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/urbanization>

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**Chart 1**  
**Proportion of population living in rural areas 2011, 2016 and 2021**



Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population.

**Table 1**

Rural population and growth rate (2016 to 2021)

	Rural population in 2016	Rural population in 2021	Rural population growth, 2016 to 2021	Urban population growth, 2016 to 2021
	number		percentage	
Canada	6,575,373	6,601,982	0.4	6.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	217,988	204,086	-6.4	1.6

## Regional Disparities

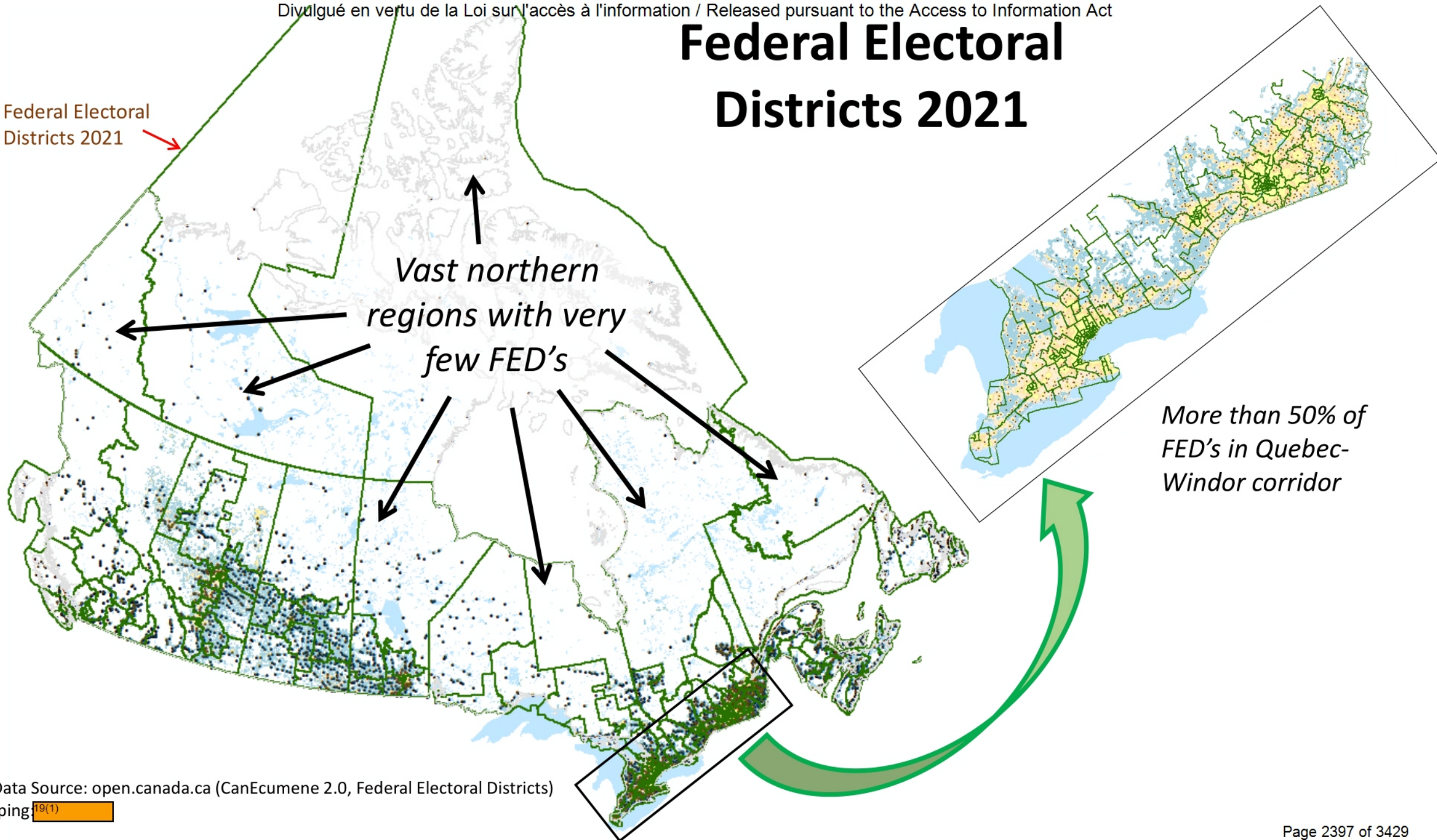
The rural-urban population shift resulted in some provinces gaining significantly higher proportions of Federal seats than other provinces.

Continued decline in the rural and remote regions exacerbates the problem. (e.g Newfoundland & Labrador)



# Federal Electoral Districts 2021

Federal Electoral Districts 2021



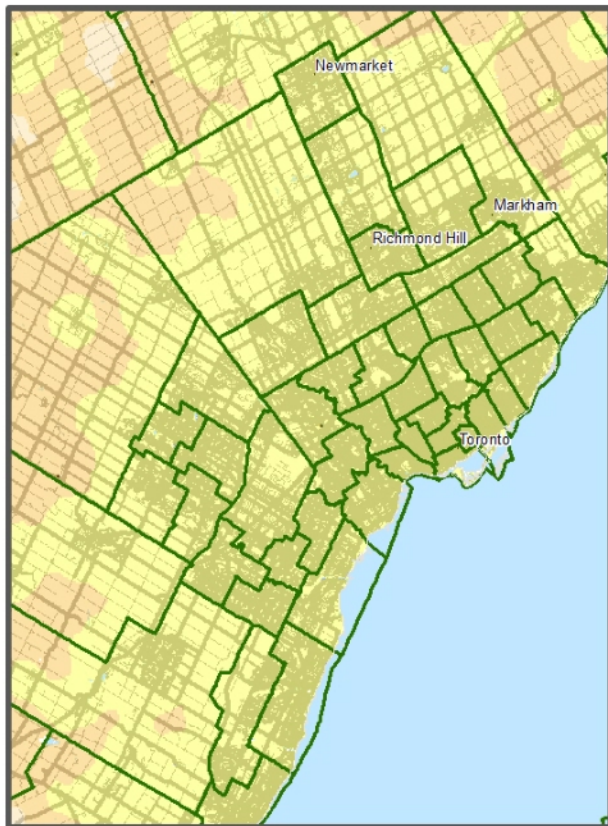
GIS Data Source: open.canada.ca (CanEcumene 2.0, Federal Electoral Districts)

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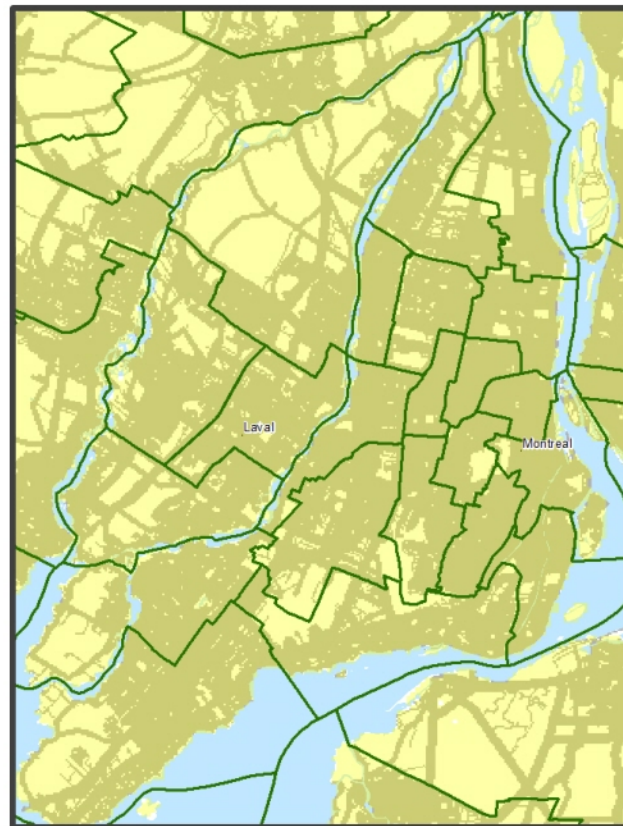


# Three largest cities now have 88/340 seats (2021)

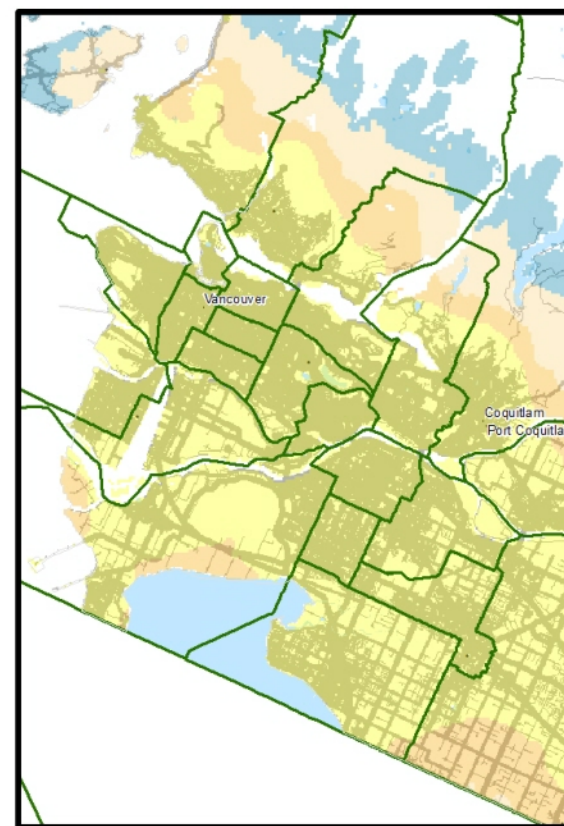
Greater Toronto – 46 Seats



Montreal(Island) – 22 Seats



Greater Vancouver – 20 Seats



## Compare with:

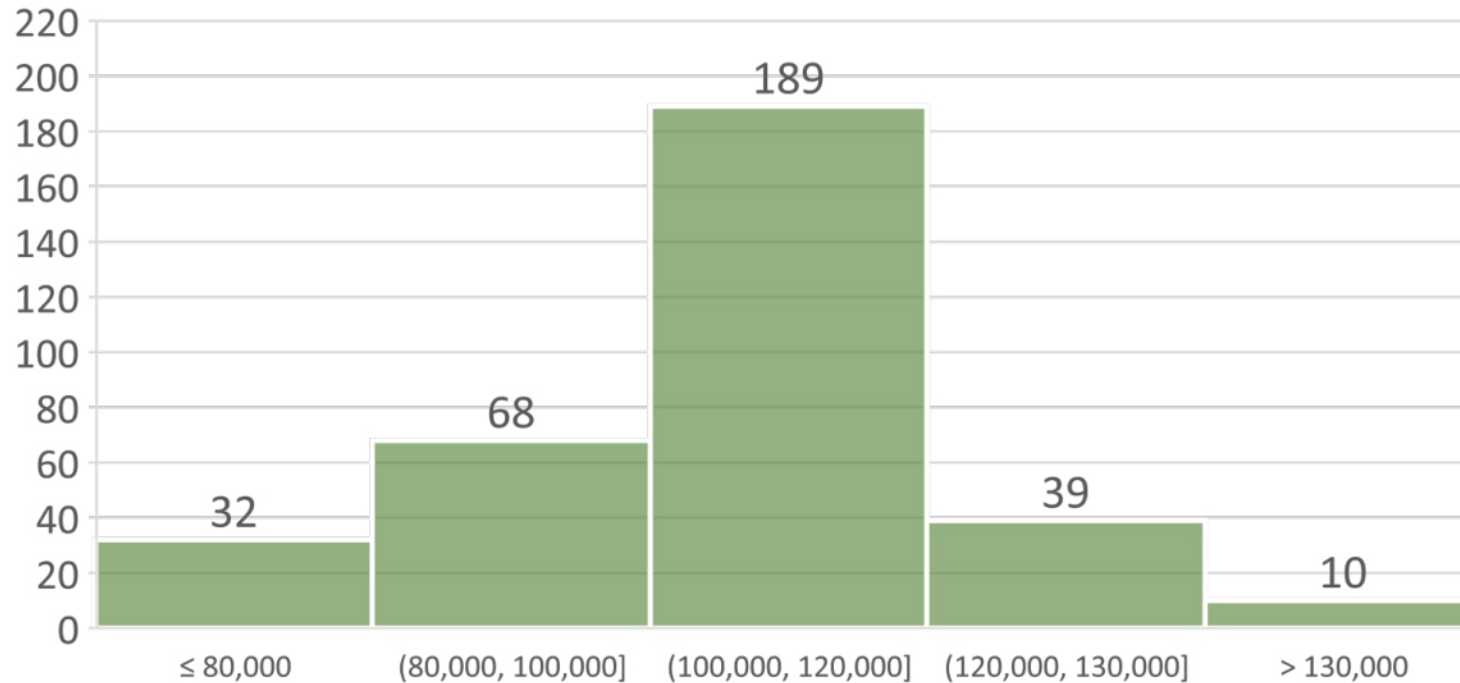
Region	Seats
3 Territories	3
Nfld/Lab	7
Maritimes	26
Man/Sask	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>

The electoral distribution formula of 1867 could not have anticipated the disparity in population changes in Urban and Rural/Remote areas that would occur during the 1900's.

**Most Urban Issues do not fall under Federal Jurisdiction!**

# Does the Electoral Distribution Formula Work?

Federal Electoral Districts 2016  
Distribution of Populations



Although there is an attempt to balance populations in electoral districts, in reality, **geographic factors** result in a wide range of population values.

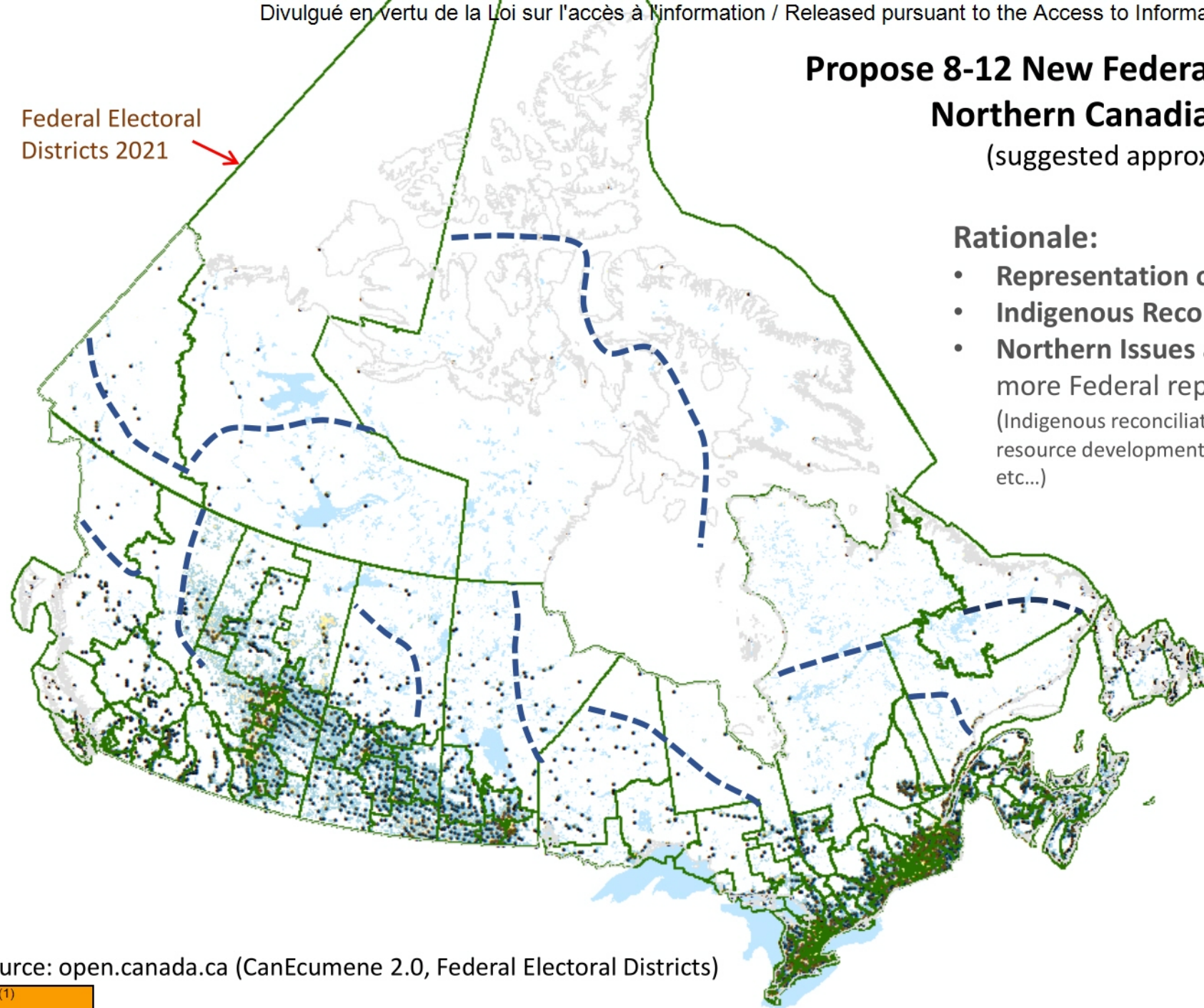
Ideally, there should be some correction factor made in the representation formula to **balance representation of rural and remote areas** with urban populations.



## Propose 8-12 New Federal Electoral Districts for Northern Canadian Regions\*

(suggested approximations)

Federal Electoral Districts 2021



### Rationale:

- **Representation of LAND** (not just population)
- **Indigenous Reconciliation** (more Indigenous MPs)
- **Northern Issues are Federal Issues** - that need more Federal representation in Parliament:  
(Indigenous reconciliation, northern sovereignty, climate change, resource development, environmental protection, infrastructure, etc...)

### Options:

1. Create New Seats
2. Transfer seats from Urban Areas
3. Mixed approach  
(combine new and transfers)

Assign two (2) FED's  
to Labrador

2) FED's

environment and... more similar... between FEDs.

FED No	Name
10001	Greater St. John's
10002	Avalon
10003	Burin-Bonavista
10004	Burgeoning Notre Dame
10005	Long Range Mountains
10006	Coastal Labrador
10007	West-Central Labrador

Proposed Changes:

- (1) – Two previous FEDs combined into one for NE Avalon (Greater St. John's), and extended to include Conception Bay South region (to Hollyrood)
- (2) – Remainder of Avalon extended to include Conception Bay North communities and region
- (3) – Notre-Dame FED extended to include Burgeo on south coast
- (4) – Labrador given 2 FED's: 1) Coastal Labrador and 2) West-Central Labrador

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### Rationale:

The geography, economy, environment and social issues are generally more similar within each FED, and differ between FEDs.



# Thank You

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Subject: Boundary Redistribution

Good Day,

I'm writing this to express a few quick thoughts on the proposed boundary changes for Coast of Bays-Central-Notre Dame.

1. I think everything west of Terra Nova Park should be included. Perhaps even Eastport included. That is the functional region of Central. It doesn't make sense to me to exclude Gambo and Glovertown if you are including the rest of the Kittiwake Coast. If the proposed Terra Nova-The Peninsulas needs a higher population, take it from Avalon, since that riding will continue to grow (most likely at the expense of the rural ridings).
2. The west boundary typically cuts off at the Baie Verte Highway. Whatever is down the Baie Vert highway is Central, and anything past it is West Coast.
3. The name Bay d'Espoir-Notre Dame doesn't represent the riding. I'd prefer something simpler than Coat of Bays-Central-Notre Dame, but the proposed new name doesn't truly reflect it. Bay D'Espoir and Notre Dame doesn't reflect the mass geography that includes Exploits, Green Bay, White Bay, Gander Area, or Kittiwake Coast. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I don't even refer to the south coast as Bay d'Espoir - I call it the Coast of Bays or Connaigre Peninsula. I'm not sure if you can use Central Newfoundland, Central Island, Central Terra Nova (although that might be too close to Central Nova in NS), or something along those lines. Otherwise, I think the name of CoB-C-ND should be kept.
4. Other thoughts. I think if you are keeping St. John's East, I always thought there should be a St. John's West. Maybe St. John's West-Cape Spear? I feel if there is no other "St. John's" riding then there is no need to keep "East". But SJE is a historical riding and I'd hate to see it go. I don't know why the names have to change so frequently and drastically unless there is a major realignment like we saw when Bonavista-Gander-Grand Falls-Windsor, Random-Burin-St. George's, and Humber-St. Barbe-Baie Verte became Bonavista-Burin-Trinity, Coast of Bays-Central-Notre Dame, and Long Range Mountains. I do like the name Terra Nova-The Peninsulas, and I think that has staying power for quite a long time, like Avalon and St. John's East.

Cheers,

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**Importance:** High

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**Bay Roberts - Tuesday, September 13, 2022 My subject: The Commission's proposal concerning dividing the Conception Bay North boundary bringing the boundary from the north of the Town of Victoria down to border between the Town of Spaniard's Bay and the Town of Bay Roberts.**

## **Newfoundland and Labrador Electoral Boundary Commission - Public Consultation**

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## PROPOSAL OUTLINE

- That the northeastern boundary of the riding of Avalon begin at the boundary of the Town of Paradise (Topsail Road and Kenmont Road).
- The Northern boundary of the riding remain north of the Town of Victoria in Conception Bay North
- That the riding include all communities north/ northeast of the Trans-Canada Highway including the Veterans Memorial Highway, Avondale Access Road, Salmonier Line, and the Holyrood Access Road (Liam Hickey Drive).
- That all communities south of the Trans-Canada Highway from Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights to the intersection of the Trans-Canada Highway and Salmonier Line currently in the riding of Avalon be redistributed to the riding of Bonavista-Burin-Trinity (new proposed name Terra-Nova and the Peninsulas).
- The boundary would then follow the provincial electoral boundary between the districts of Placentia-St. Mary's and the Ferryland district which divides St. Mary's Bay and the Southern Shore through the Avalon wilderness reserve.
- The southernmost boundary of the riding of Avalon would begin at the community of St. Shotts and continue up the Southern Shore ending at the boundary between the community of Mobile and the Town of Witless Bay, which is the already existing boundary.

The reasoning for making this counter proposal is to ensure distinct regions of the Avalon Peninsula remain in one riding, and not divided. This proposal would ensure that the Conception Bay Centre region remains undivided, and to achieve the desired population target set out by the commission, it also keeps St. Mary's Bay, the Cape Shore, and the Southern Shore regions completely intact, following already existing boundaries like the Trans-Canada Highway and provincial electoral boundaries.

## THE URBANIZATION OF AVALON

An important factor that M.P. McDonald would like to bring to the commission's attention in his proposal is the Urban/ Rural split in demographics in Avalon.

The riding of Avalon has always struggled with the rapid urbanization of the North-Eastern part of the riding, while the Southern part of the riding becomes more, and more rural.

Towns like Paradise, Conception Bay South and Holyrood have seen and continue to see massive jumps in population over the past number of years, while communities in the southern part of the riding continue to see rapid decline in population.

Communities in the Conception Bay North region of the riding of Avalon sit on the cusp of the divide, not seeing the most rapid decline in population, but rather having a few communities like Bay Roberts and Carbonear seeing growth and further urbanization, unlike the majority of the communities on the southern part of the Avalon.



With the addition of the remaining part of the Town of Paradise, Avalon becomes even more urban than before, swaying the priorities of the federal representative of this riding towards urban priorities.

19(1) [REDACTED] the regions of the Cape Shore and St. Mary's Bay, it added to the riding of Bonavista-Burin-Trinity (or the newly Terra Nova and the Peninsulas) would be represented by a riding that is already predominantly rural. The advantage here is knowing that the representative that is elected as the M.P. for this riding will be familiar with the needs of rural communities and is able to be an advocate for the needs of rural communities, like those on the Cape Shore and St. Mary's Bay, without having to balance the growing pressure from the growing urban communities like those in Conception Bay North, Conception Bay South and Paradise, whose needs are completely different from those in rural communities on the Avalon.

### **CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS OF COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY BOUNDARY CHANGE**

The Commission's proposal, while it will bring the population of the riding of Avalon closer to the commission's reference quota, will severely impact the communities in Conception Bay North as they have extremely close and important historical, economic, and social ties.

What the commission's proposal does not seem to take into account is the level of collaboration and connection the communities in the Conception Bay North region have with each other, and how dividing those communities would pose barriers to future development, expansion and regionalization.

There are many groups within the Conception Bay North area that have been working towards regionalization of the region. Neighboring communities in Conception Bay Centre just in the last year took a step towards regionalization when the communities of Colliers, Conception Harbour, Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview and Avondale agreed to share services and work together to access funding for municipal infrastructure under the guise of regionalization. The same forces are at work today in the Conception Bay North region, many working towards a similar structure that was achieved in CBC.

19(1) [REDACTED] the towns in Conception Bay North that any efforts towards regionalization will stop if the commission's proposal to divide this region is finalized. The belief is that coordinating multiple municipalities, 2 MHAs and 2 M.P.s to all advocate for the same priorities when it comes to infrastructure, funding and other local priorities will become impossible.



**St. Mary's Bay**

- Deer Park/ Salmonier (technically a part of the Town of Holyrood)
- St. Catherine's-Mount Carmel-Mitchells Brook
- Colinet (Harricott)
- New Bridge - Forestfield
- St. Joseph's
- O'Donnell's
- Admiral's Beach
- Riverhead (Mall Bay)
- St. Mary's
- Gaskiers-Point La Haye (Barachois)
- St. Vincent's-St. Stephen's-Peter's River

**COMMUNITIES ADDED UNDER**

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- Small portion of Paradise that wasn't already in Avalon

**POPULATION SHIFT**

- The current population in the riding of Avalon according to Statistics Canada is approx. **87,191**.
- The number that the commission settled on for the target population average for each riding on the island of Newfoundland is **80,649**.
- The proposal that was brought forward by the commission would bring the population of the riding down to **79,745**.
  - This is a deviation of **904 people or 1.12%** from the commissions reference quota, and a deviation of **7,713 people or 9.34%** from the province's set electoral quota by EC.
- Using the StatsCan available 2021 census data, it was calculated that the M.P.'s proposal will bring the population of Avalon down to roughly **80,830**.
  - This is a deviation of **181 people or 0.22%** from the commissions reference quota and a deviation of **7,894 or 10.8%** from the province's electoral quota by EC.
- The commission set a goal was to ensure that the variations from the reference quota would be less than 5 percent. This proposal is well within that percentage and closer to the commission's reference quota than the commission's own proposal, based on our calculations.







Good Day;

This presentation is not to strictly address the proposed boundary changes in the **Bonavista - Trinity - Conception and Avalon Districts** but to bring to the Commission's attention what I consider to be an anomaly in a section of the presently existing .boundary between these two districts.

First of all, as a result of the 2011 provincial census the commission at that time proposed that the Isthmus of Avalon up to and including

**Long Harbour, Whitbourne, Trinity South and the part of Conception Bay north of Salmon Cove** to be moved from Avalon to Bonavista-Trinity-Conception.

Through public meetings and further observations of the commission a subsequent change resulted in **The Town of Long Harbour remaining in Avalon District but not The Town of Whitbourne.**

leaving it the only community this side of the Isthmus after Southern Harbour on the south side of the Trans Canada Highway and located in Bonavista-Trinity-Conception.....and it appears to remain so in the proposed 2022 redistribution,

The issue I have with this set up is that the **Town of Markland**, which has a population of 223 residents and which is really only accessible by travelling through Whitbourne, is in another district ( Avalon )..... and it becomes a seemingly unnecessary administrative hiccup during an election event.

For the past 3 federal elections no buildings other than private residences have been suitable as a polling station in Markland and has resulted in the Whitbourne Lions Club been used as a polling site for both Whitbourne electors (Bonavista-Trinity-Conception District) **and**

Markland electors ( Avalon District).... which means 2 different sets of ballots being necessary, representatives from 2 different district offices delivering voting materials ( forms, posters, ballot boxes, etc ). and 2 District Returning Officers ensuring a smooth voting process, all in the same building, not to mention post election activities.

My request, therefore, is that the present commission consider one of the following scenarios;

a. Since there are no other towns other than Whitbourne that are in the Bonavista-Trinity-Conception District located on the South side of the Trans Canada Highway, reassign Whitbourne to Avalon District ...or

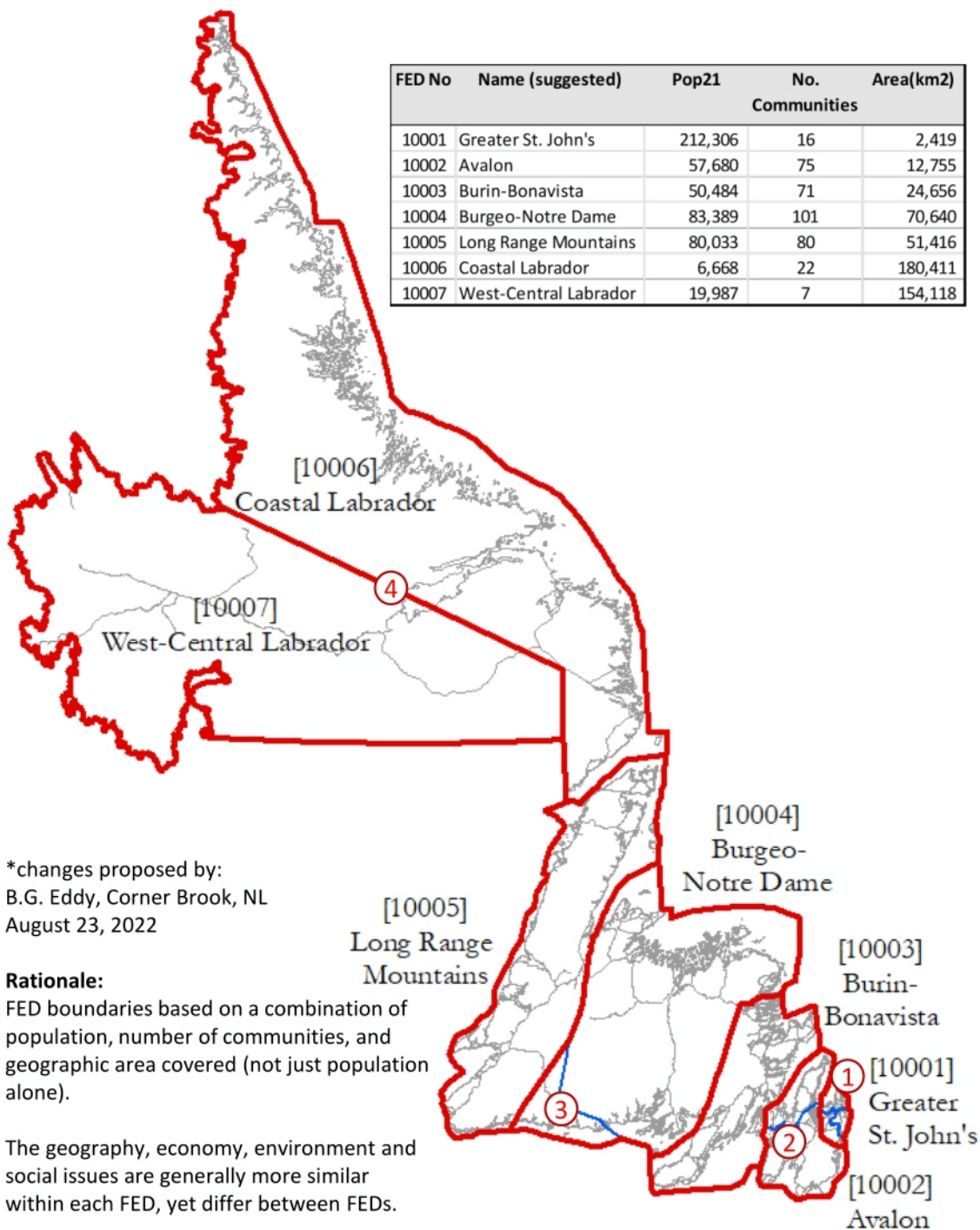
b. If Whitbourne is to remain in Bonavista-Trinity-Conception District, and, since the only feasible route to get to Markland is to drive through Whitbourne, reassign Markland to Bonavista-Trinity-Conception District.

I have attached a map of the proposed new boundaries for 2022 with an "x" indicating the location of Markland in reference to Whitbourne.

Regards,

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## Notable Changes:

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**Subject:** Map for Terra Nova–The Peninsulas changes

Good Day, I was reading the written description for the proposed changes to the district and noticed that within the description shouldn't it say or reference the last community the Town of Dover and not the Town of Hare Bay way points. Just pointing this out because it seems somewhat confusing.

“thence easterly along the limit of said town to the westerly limit of the Town of Hare Bay; thence northerly and northeasterly along the limit of said town to the northeasternmost point of the limit of the Town of Hare Bay; thence easterly in a straight line to a point in Lockers Bay at latitude 48°54'25"N and longitude 53°56'12"W; thence generally easterly along Lockers Bay and Bonavista Bay passing north of Lockers Flat Island”

Many thanks

Tony

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Notre Dame and Bay D'Espoir are two important regions of the riding, but the all-encompassing name for this region is Central. Admittedly, this name on its own is very non-specific, so adding "Central" to the proposed name would be more appropriate given the majority of the people in this riding identify with the term "Central" rather than the limited scope of Notre Dame and Bay D'Espoir.

He proposes a new name of "Notre Dame--Bay d'Espoir--Central."

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Hello,

I wish to submit a revised alternative federal riding map for the Commission to consider.

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The boundaries are identical to the Commission's proposal for five of the seven ridings. The one difference is that I propose creating a **Conception Bay South** seat that would extend around Conception Bay from Carbonear to Paradise. The remainder of the current Avalon riding would be added to similar areas in Bonavista--Burin--Trinity, and renamed **Bonavista--Burin--Avalon**.

I agree with changing the riding name from Coast of Bays--Central--Notre Dame to Notre Dame--Bay d'Espoir. However, I would keep the current names for the two St. John's districts. One suggestion would be to remove East and South, and rename them St. John's--Cape St. Francis and St. John's--Cape Spear.

Please feel free to share this with whomever you wish.

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I write to provide my feedback about what I have heard about the potential boundary changes to the Coast of Bays federal riding.

Making this riding larger will make the onerous task of serving constituents even more difficult. A study should be conducted to determine how many kilometers the MP would have to drive to cover all of the communities in the riding. The sheer size of the district and the number of communities makes contact between the MP and voters near impossible. As a comparison, any MP with a large city riding can be accessible to any member of the public who wants to see them any time they are in the riding.

In summary, I am against these proposed changes and want to express my opposition to making the ridings larger.



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Notre Dame and Bay D'Espoir are two important regions of the riding, but the all-encompassing name for this region is Central. Admittedly, this name on its own is very non-specific, so adding "Central" to the proposed name would be more appropriate given the majority of the people in this riding identify with the term "Central" rather than the limited scope of Notre Dame and Bay D'Espoir.

He proposes a new name of "Notre Dame--Bay d'Espoir--Central."

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It is my understanding that the proposed changes will place the new boundary between the communities of Dover and Centerville-Wareham-Trinity, leaving Gambo, Hare Bay and Dover in BBT.

assume he means Bonavista--Burin--Trinity.

These three communities have a combined population of less than 3500 residents and like the rest of the Bonavista North region, the service center for these communities is Gander. I believe that our communities will be better served by joining the riding of Coast of Bays-Central-Notre Dame and drawing the revised boundary between Gambo and Glovertown.

The current name "Coast of Bays - Central - Notre Dame" represents the entire district from the Coast of Bays Region, Central, and the Notre Dame Peninsula. Renaming the riding "Notre Dame-Bay D'Espoir" will exclude the people of Central Newfoundland who live in the ridings 2 major population centers, Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor along with the surrounding area.

He proposes a new name: "Coast of Bays - Central - Notre Dame."