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Attachments: Letter to the BC Redistribtion Commission [JW_Signed].pdf; Presentation to the BC Redistribution Commission [June27th].pdf

Good evening,

Please see the attached letter from the Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson PC MP. Please also see the attached presentation, provided previously to the Commission in person at the June 27th North Vancouver public consultation hearing, that is referenced in this letter.

Best,

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Jonathan Wilkinson, MP North Vancouver

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
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Dear Members of the Commission for British Columbia,

I want to thank you for undertaking the complex and difficult task of redistributing Canada's federal electoral boundaries. This work is an integral part of our democratic process, ensuring free, fair, and effective federal representation for Canadians.

I was keenly interested in the preliminary proposal that was released by the Commission earlier this year, especially with regard to my own riding of North Vancouver. In my review of this proposal, I was concerned that the new proposed North Vancouver boundary does not necessarily reflect important goals of the Commission.

While I am aware that members of my staff shared some of my concerns with you at the June 27th North Vancouver public hearing, I would like to further explain why I believe that the proposed changes to North Vancouver's electoral boundaries could limit effective representation of our unique and tightly knit community.

Community Identity and Interest

North Vancouver has a strong and distinct identity, informed by our shared history and the multiplicity of peoples reside here. While this identity may be intangible for those who have not lived here, within our neighbourhoods, North Vancouverites share a deep sense of place – we are proud and privileged to call North Vancouver home. After all, as a residential community with a diverse socioeconomic and demographic make up and a crucial regional economic driver along our working waterfront, we differ from other communities on the North Shore due to our unique and strongly held shared interests and perspectives.

Indeed, we see this most clearly in the case of the Commission's proposal to redistribute the Sentinel Hill and Ambleside areas to *North Vancouver*. These areas are dissimilar from North Vancouver, lacking a historical connection beyond geographic proximity. They are materially different – West Vancouver has a different identity, demographic make up, and business and commercial profile.

And similarly, the perspectives of West Vancouver - on housing, environmental issues, transportation, immigration, densification and more – are often different from that of this community in North Vancouver.

On these subjects and others, North Vancouverites have strong views and a clear identity. They deserve to have these represented in Ottawa as a whole.

Dilution of North Vancouver's Voice

By redistributing Lynn Valley to *Burnaby North-Seymour* and transferring the Sentinel Hill and Ambleside neighbourhoods to *North Vancouver*, we would see a further significant diffusion of North Vancouver voters

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across two ridings, lessening their relative weight on the national level. There would not be a single riding on the North Shore that represents any municipality in its entirety. And residents would no longer live within a riding whose MP is solely focused on their interests nor one where their representative serves their community as a singular whole.

While we have already seen this process of voter dilution unfold in the case of *Burnaby North – Seymour* during the last redistribution, the Commission's proposed changes would significantly exacerbate this situation and once again divide North Vancouver's population arbitrarily while simultaneously adding disparate fragments – in this case West Vancouver – to the constituency.

There would, effectively, no longer be a federal riding representing North Vancouver as there is today.

Geographic Consistency and Intergovernmental Affairs

And finally, it must also be said that the preliminary proposal is not always geographically consistent with the natural boundaries or the historical and extant political boundaries of North Vancouver. The proposed boundaries are not necessarily reflective of the traditional borders between communities that residents have come to recognize, understand, and work within.

Consider that, under the proposal, the future riding of North Vancouver would represent three municipalities, though none in their entirety, while also spanning three provincial constituencies and two school boards. This is compounded by the addition of numerous municipality specific stakeholders, such the respective Chambers of Commerce for North and West Van, and a variety of other community associations.

This somewhat haphazard collection of jurisdictions presents significant challenges to effective intergovernmental relations, policy coordination, constituent services, and, ultimately, political accountability, at every level of government. The Member of Parliament for North Vancouver would represent and be accountable to a multitude of communities, with a multitude of stakeholders, and would therefore need to coordinate with three municipal governments, in collaboration with other federal representatives with whom federal/municipal boundaries overlap.

A Community-Oriented Boundary Proposal

As the MP for North Vancouver, my goal is to ensure that the needs of the communities that I represent and that are affected by these changes are met. On the North Shore, our neighbourhoods have strong identities and deserve strong and effective representation. I want to make sure that, to the extent possible, this process enables communities to stay whole.

While I certainly recognize the difficult task that the Commission faces, especially in balancing increases in population growth with other interests, it is my view that while equal division of voters is important, fair democratic representation requires attending to the very real needs of individual communities, communities that deserve to have their interests represented as whole as possible.

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In their presentation to you on the 27th of June, my staff shared a counter proposal that, in our view, preserves North Vancouver's identity and representation, maintains a geographically efficient and historically consistent constituency, and ensures a reasonable distribution of responsibility for North Vancouver's MP. For reference, I have attached the presentation made in June to this note.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your determination and hard work throughout this process. While it is my sincere hope that you use the perspectives I have presented above to inform a subsequent proposal that is more faithful to our community's character, geography, and interests, I recognize that significant challenges that come with undertaking this task.

I am available to discuss this matter with the Commission further at your convenience.

All the best,

Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson PC MP

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Redistricting Proposal
Response by Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce
September 13, 2022

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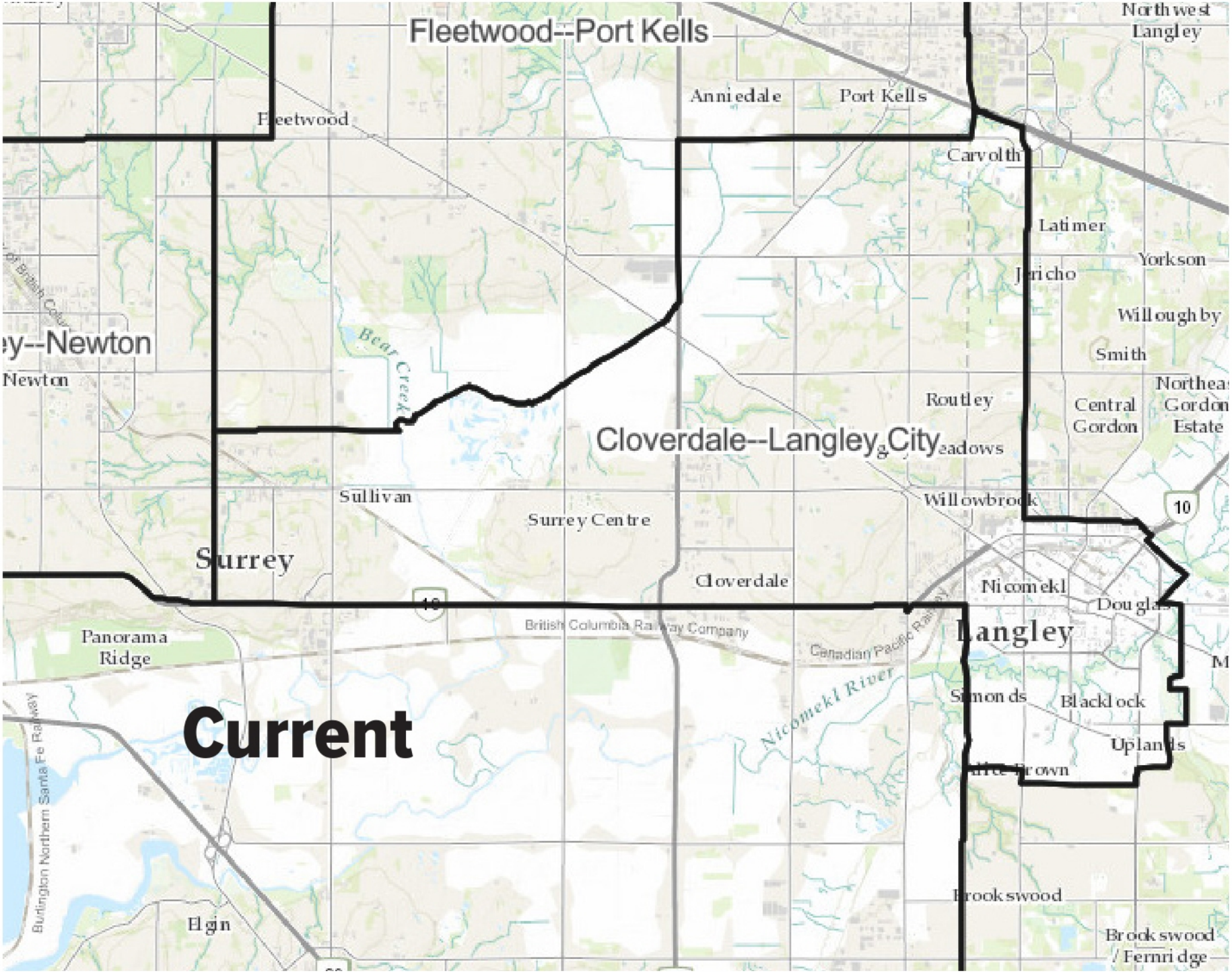

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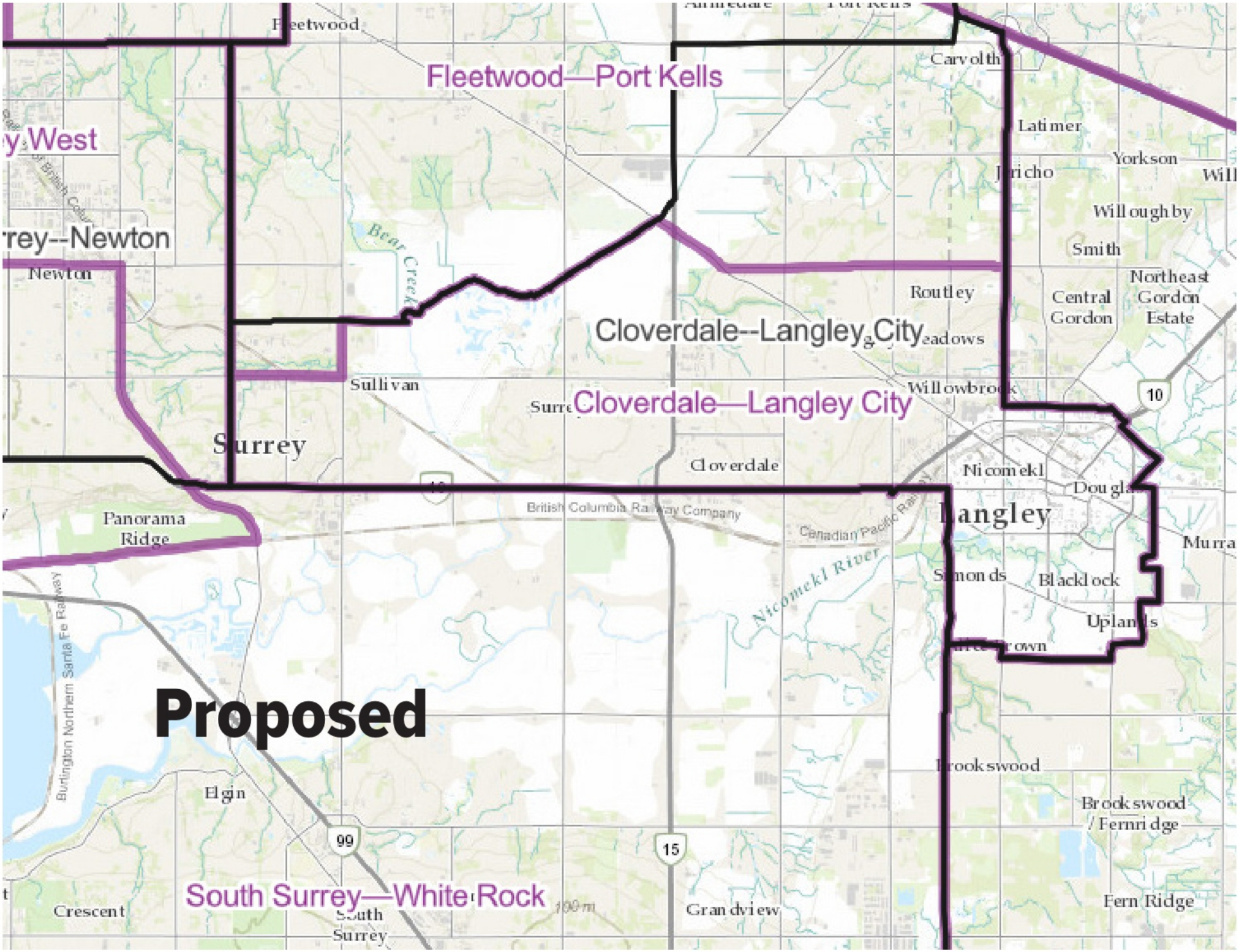

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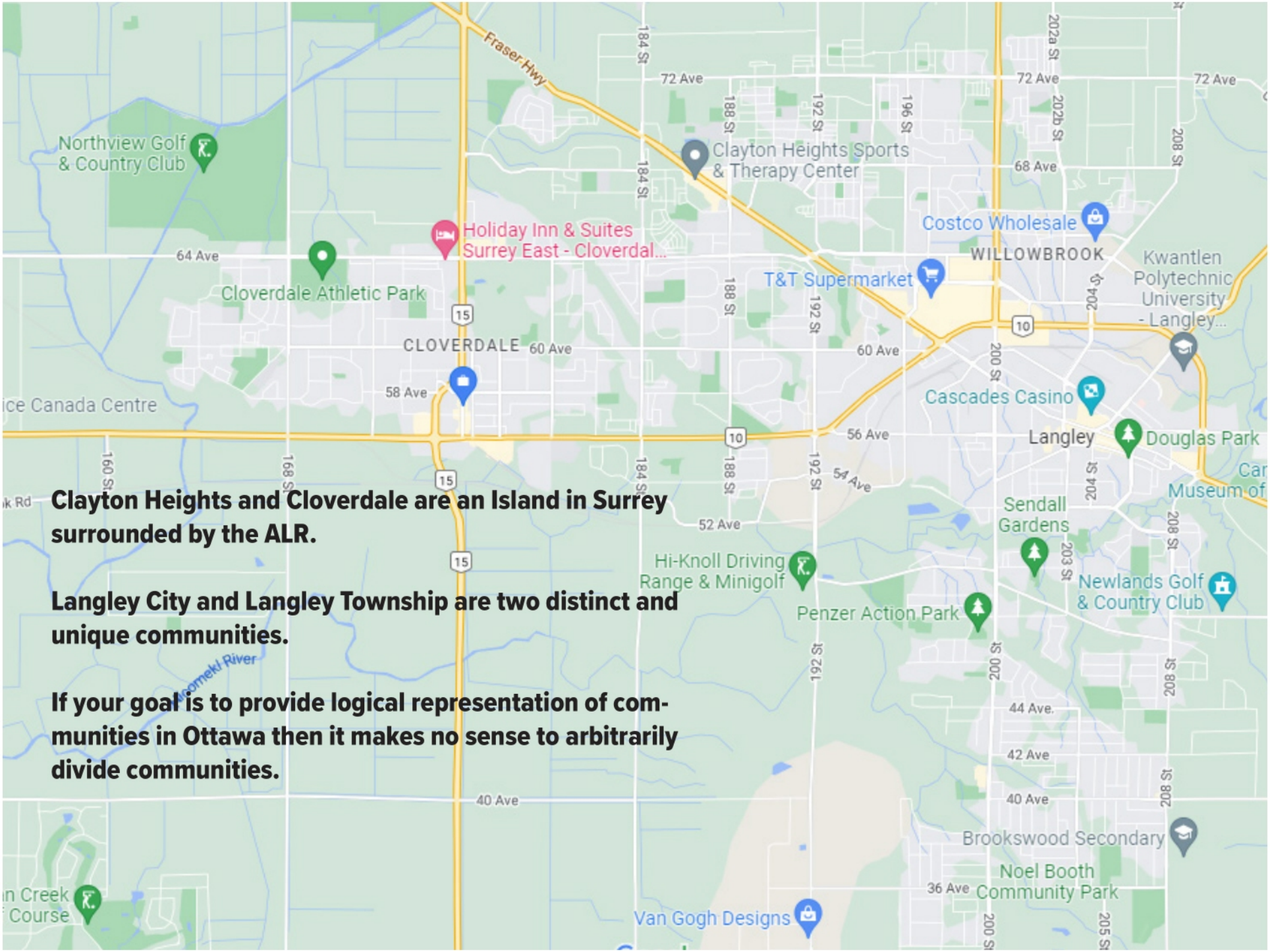

Clayton Heights and Cloverdale are an Island in Surrey surrounded by the ALR.

Langley City and Langley Township are two distinct and unique communities.

If your goal is to provide logical representation of communities in Ottawa then it makes no sense to arbitrarily divide communities.

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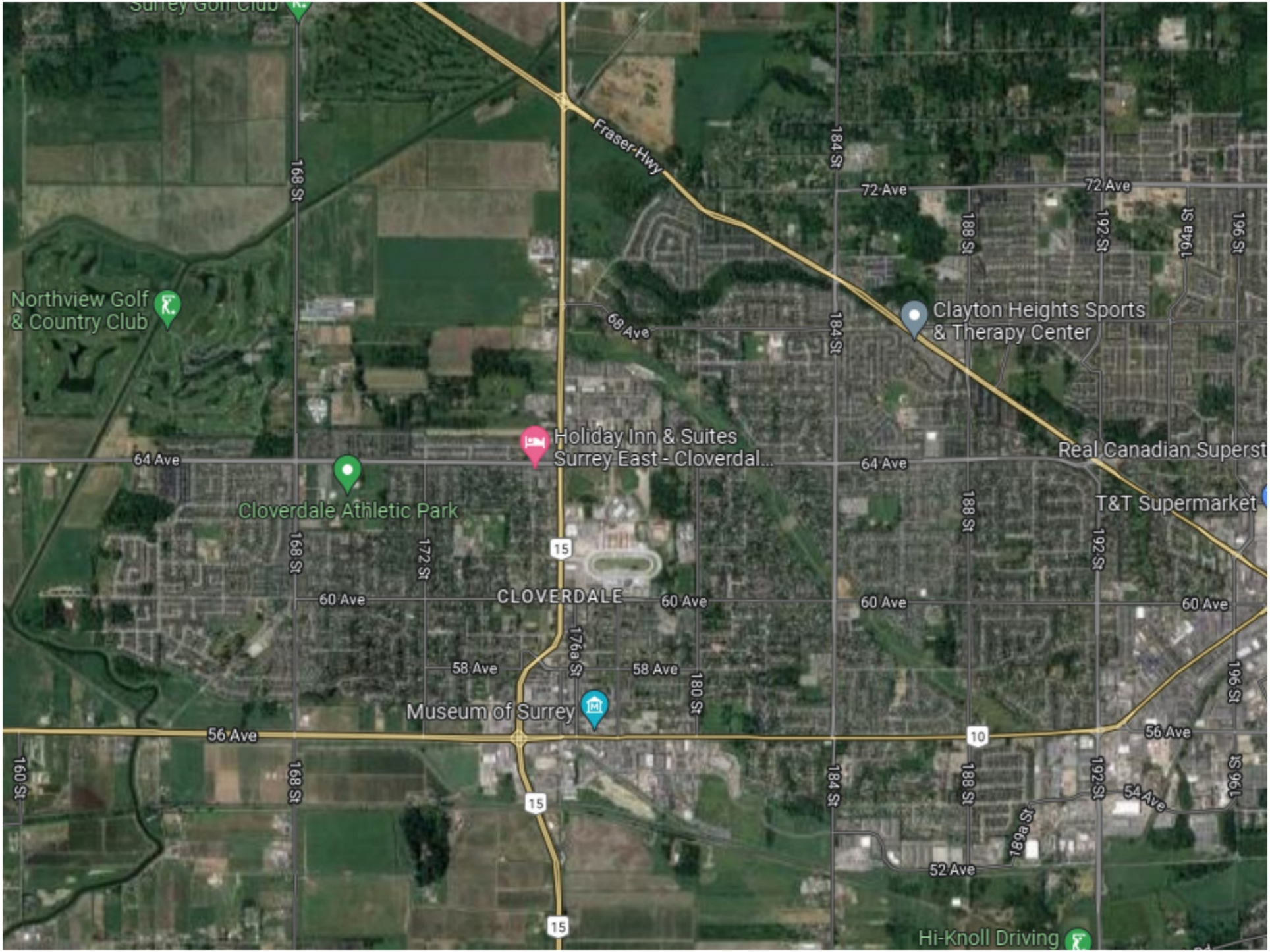

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Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to speak to the commission today on the proposed boundaries changes for Burnaby South. My name is 19(1) and I will be speaking 19(1) 19(1) I speak on behalf of the riding by saying that the time and commitment of the commission to ensure that people in our communities feel represented and the work this commission is undertaking is essential and appreciated.

Our opposition to the proposed changes is based on two fronts. One, that the partitioning of the eastern portion of the riding would be potentially harmful to the representation and cohesion of the community and splitting the western portion of Burnaby South into the two Vancouver ridings would take constituents out of Burnaby and into the city of Vancouver, which historically and practically, is not their community and would pose a barrier for constituents.

Western portion of riding joining Vancouver Kingsway and Vancouver South:

- The commission should not split the western portion of the riding into Vancouver Kingsway and Vancouver South.
- With the new boundary proposals, Burnaby is being divvied up from the current boundaries of Burnaby falling into three federal ridings to the proposed six federal ridings. The proposal also sees Burnaby being split and falling into long-established riding they have no community connection to.
- Those on the western side of Burnaby South have historically been separate from the city of Vancouver. This proposal sees historical attachment being ignored and, more practically, municipalities being divided.
- With the new proposal for the entire Burnaby region and surrounding ridings, Burnaby South would be the only riding that would remain fully within the city. Because of this, every effort should be taken by the commission to ensure the small portions of the west of Burnaby

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South not be taken from one riding to fall in three federal ridings, but to keep them all together in Burnaby South.

- The communities with the western portion of the riding have with strong linkages of community to Burnaby, family ties, transportation, services, employment, and items like banking, doctors, dentists, healthcare, hospital, school district, university, and governmental services. Where casework is a crucial part of the work of a Member of Parliament, it would be a disservice to those living in the western part of the riding to need to leave their community and face such an impediment when they need to access the help of their local MP.
- Population should not be the only deciding factor of the commission—keeping communities and municipalities intact to maintain access to public services and government representation should be paramount.

Partitioning of Burnaby Portion (East):

- As of right now, a quarter of Burnaby is a part of Burnaby-New Westminster. This federal boundary has been a long-standing part of that riding where they have built significant and meaningful connections with their MP, Peter Julian.
- It is integral that the Burnaby portions are not split as this can significantly impact long standing relationships between constituents and their existing MP, as well as impacting the Burnaby communities.
- Ultimately, it should be a goal of the commission to ensure the 4 Burnaby quadrants have a continuity of representation.

Case work in the Provincial offices could also be affected. 19(1)
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19(1) For example, helping to replace I.D. went it is lost of stolen. Constituents often reach out when they are already confused and desperate. Having potentially 6 different MP offices representing Burnaby can add to the confusion and delays.

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I want to end by thanking you again for all your work. We truly respect the work being done and the time it is taking to consider our communities positions. I hope the arguments I've laid out can be helpful to you in your work.

Thank you.

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ABBOTSFORD
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 20, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300-1055 West Hastings Street
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RE: Proposal of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of BC – Abbotsford Electoral District

Dear Commission,

On behalf of the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce, its members and local businesses please consider the following feedback regarding the proposed federal electoral boundaries readjustment for the electoral district of Abbotsford. The Chamber is deeply concerned with the current proposal, which if passed to change boundaries as outlined would result in the loss of critical communities of interest. Moreover, the result would be a loss of representation over entities that are integral to Abbotsford's identity, history, and key economic sectors. The communities of interest that we are strongly advocating must stay within our current electoral boundaries are:

1) Abbotsford International Airport
2) The University of the Fraser Valley Main Campus
3) Abbotsford Events and Entertainment Center
4) Sumas Boarder Crossing

The separation of Abbotsford International Airport and Sumas Boarder Crossing to Langley-Aldergrove and the separation of The University of the Fraser Valley's Main Campus to be included in the Chilliwack electoral districts are a massive loss for the political representation of Abbotsford's business community.

The importance of the Abbotsford Airport, our thriving aerospace sector with Cascade Aerospace (the largest employer in the City) and our famous Abbotsford International Airshow to what our community has built economically, for local jobs, tourism and the movement of people and goods cannot be understated. In 2019, our airport celebrated achieving the threshold of 1 million air passenger traffic. Our International Airshow Society puts on the annual Abbotsford International Airshow which is a global attraction deeply rooted in Abbotsford's community. The Chamber works closely with the Airport and Abbotsford International Airshow to promote tourism, trade, and to address related local business interests.

The University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) is home to the Agriculture and Food Institute, an agricultural center of research excellence, and is currently located in Abbotsford, the "Hub of the Fraser Valley." The City has been progressing the "U-District" near UFV and this area is developing into a vibrant community of students that live, learn and play in Abbotsford. The Abbotsford Chamber moreover, has a very strong relationship and partnership with UFV including its School of Business. We have partnered on many impactful initiatives most recently, with the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund in response to the flooding disaster of November 2021.

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The Chamber would also like to identify Abbotsford Events and Entertainment Centre as an important City asset that the current proposal would remove from Abbotsford's political representation. It has been a major investment from the City and currently is the home of the "Abbotsford Canucks" a popular junior hockey team bringing people and families together. It is clearly a very symbolic structure of Abbotsford integral to its economy and a result of local community building.

Abbotsford is also the leading Agricultural region in Canada, a fact that was reaffirmed in the Chamber's recently released (May 2022) study, "Canada's Agricultural Hub – An Economic Impact Analysis of Agriculture in Abbotsford" (sponsored by the City of Abbotsford, TD Bank, and guided by UFV and the University of British Columbia). The study found that Abbotsford is the top agricultural city and region in Canada for gross farm sales per hectare and generates $3.83 billion in economic activity. We are also a key transportation gateway for truck traffic coming from the Port of Metro Vancouver through our highway infrastructure leading to the Sumas Boarder.

The partitioning away of these communities of interest under the proposed boundary re-distribution entails including these entities in the outskirts of municipal jurisdictions that they are not part of, nor have historical roots within, nor natural community partnerships. Rather than be politically represented in territories as part of other municipal jurisdictions, it would be best for the City and its residents to keep these core entities to Abbotsford within its electoral boundaries and representation.

The Chamber proposes keeping the boundaries to the west of the current Abbotsford Electoral District bordering Langley-Aldergrove at Mount Lehman Road and that the boundary extends all the way south to the Sumas Boarder line to include both the Abbotsford Airport and Sumas Boarder crossing. We propose to keep the east boundary neighboring Chilliwack at Whatcom Road and that the boundary extends all the way to the south to the Sumas boarder to keep UFV's Main Campus and the U-District within the Abbotsford Electoral District.

To the north of the current boundaries in the Matsqui area and where the Canadian National Railway crosses near the Fraser River, the Chamber proposes keeping the current boundaries within the current Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon electoral district in order to balance out the enumeration areas and achieve the required population count. We note that there is some flexibility allowed of up to 20% plus or minus the 120,000-population mark for electoral districts.

In the future as Abbotsford grows, the Chamber recommends that the electoral district could be split in two halves with a north and south boundary within its current boundaries, while keeping communities of interest within the Abbotsford core geographical area. We recommend that any boundary re-distribution between different cities if any, be managed between the geographic areas of Abbotsford and Mission as they have the closest history, share key transportation and infrastructure linkages, and have in common the flow of people working and commuting between the two cities.

The Chamber has common interests and deep partnerships with each of the communities of interest identified above. We urge the Commission to revise its current electoral boundaries redistribution proposal in order that Abbotsford, the Chamber and its community partners can deal with the same political representation moving forward on our common issues and aligned priorities.

Please see attached map with highlights indicating pictorially the Chamber's recommendation for consideration in this current redistribution.

Thank you for your time and do not hesitate to be in touch with any questions or further information.

Sincerely,

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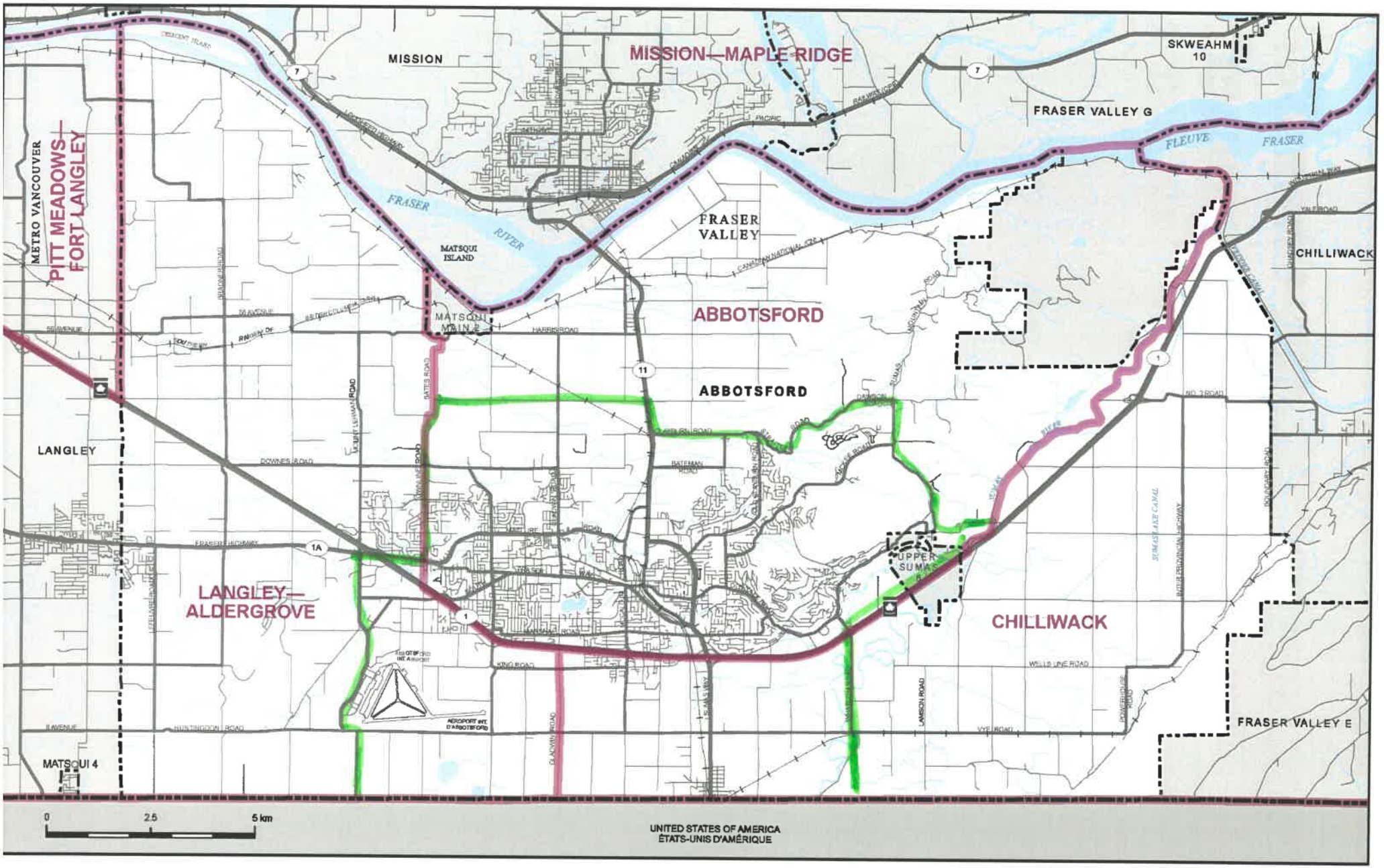

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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for B.C. BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Re: West Vancouver Sea To Sky Country August 15, 2022

19(1) would like to advise the Commissioners that we do not support the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries as they impact directly West Vancouver.

We do not wish to have the Ambleside area split into two and represented by two Members of Parliament who may be of different [political parties and the difficulties that can present to residents.

It is, in our opinion, an unreasonable situation for the residents of the Ambleside and Dundarave areas of West Vancouver to have all the difficulties of explaining our interests to two M.P.s with all the extra time and costs of doing so.

Having two MPs, possibly from different political parties, attending local events seems unnecessarily cumbersome. We do not want to have the residents of a portion of the Ambleside area east of 15th Street represented by an MP who will largely be elected by residents of North Vancouver who will have many different issues and concerns.

Thank you for considering our comments. We hope that the boundaries of the constituency will be revised accordingly.

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Replies to: 19(1)

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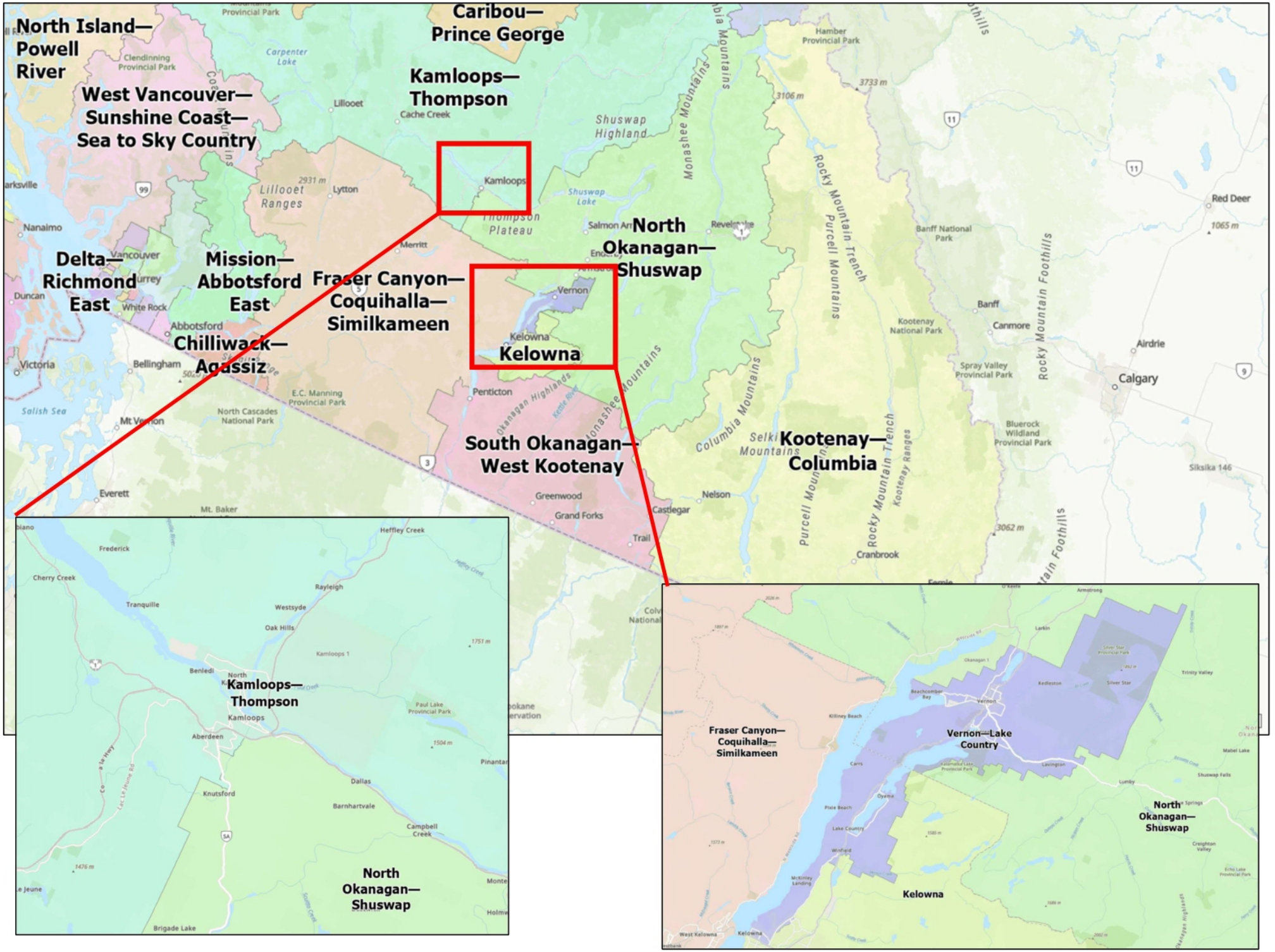

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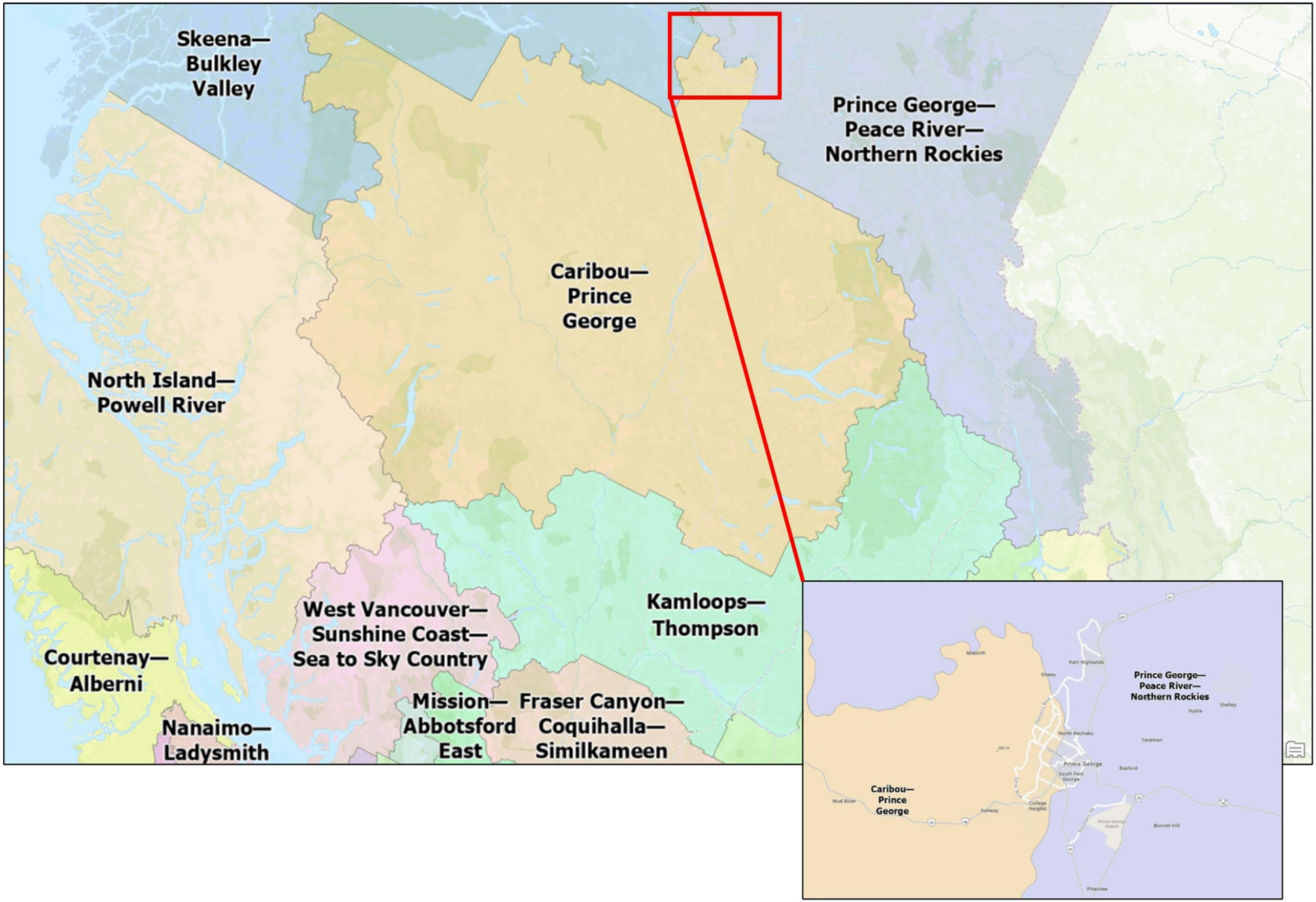

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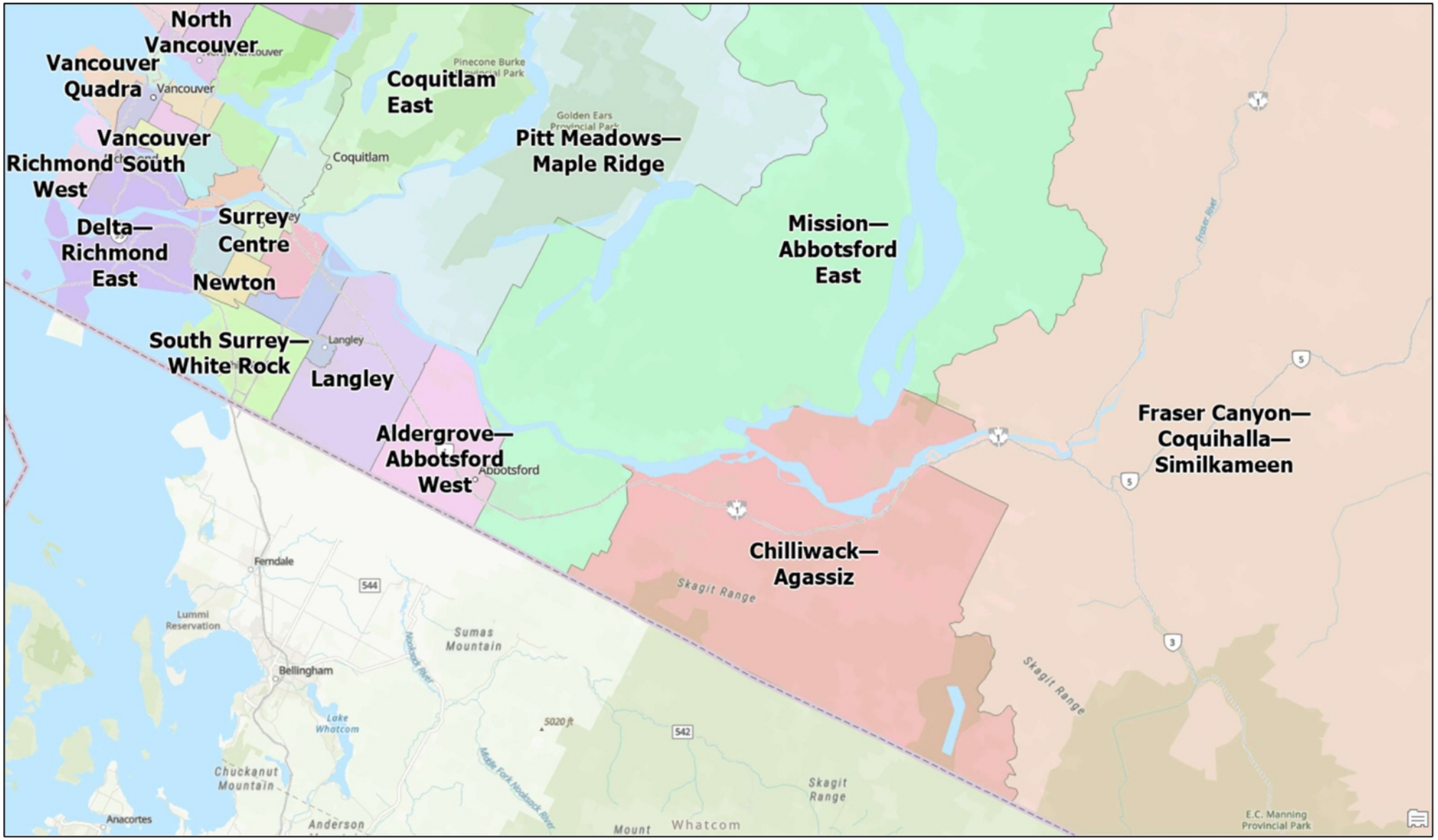

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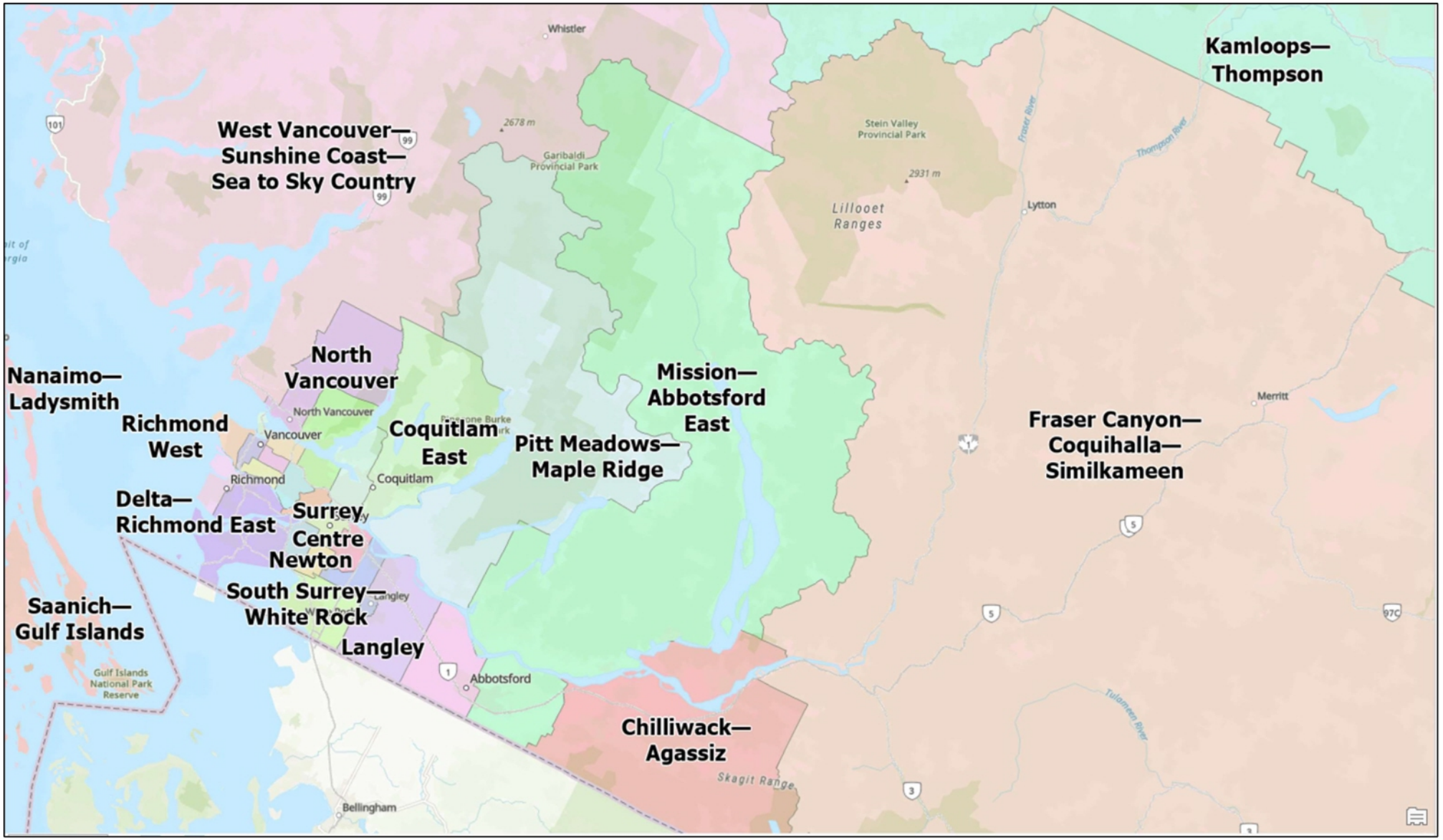

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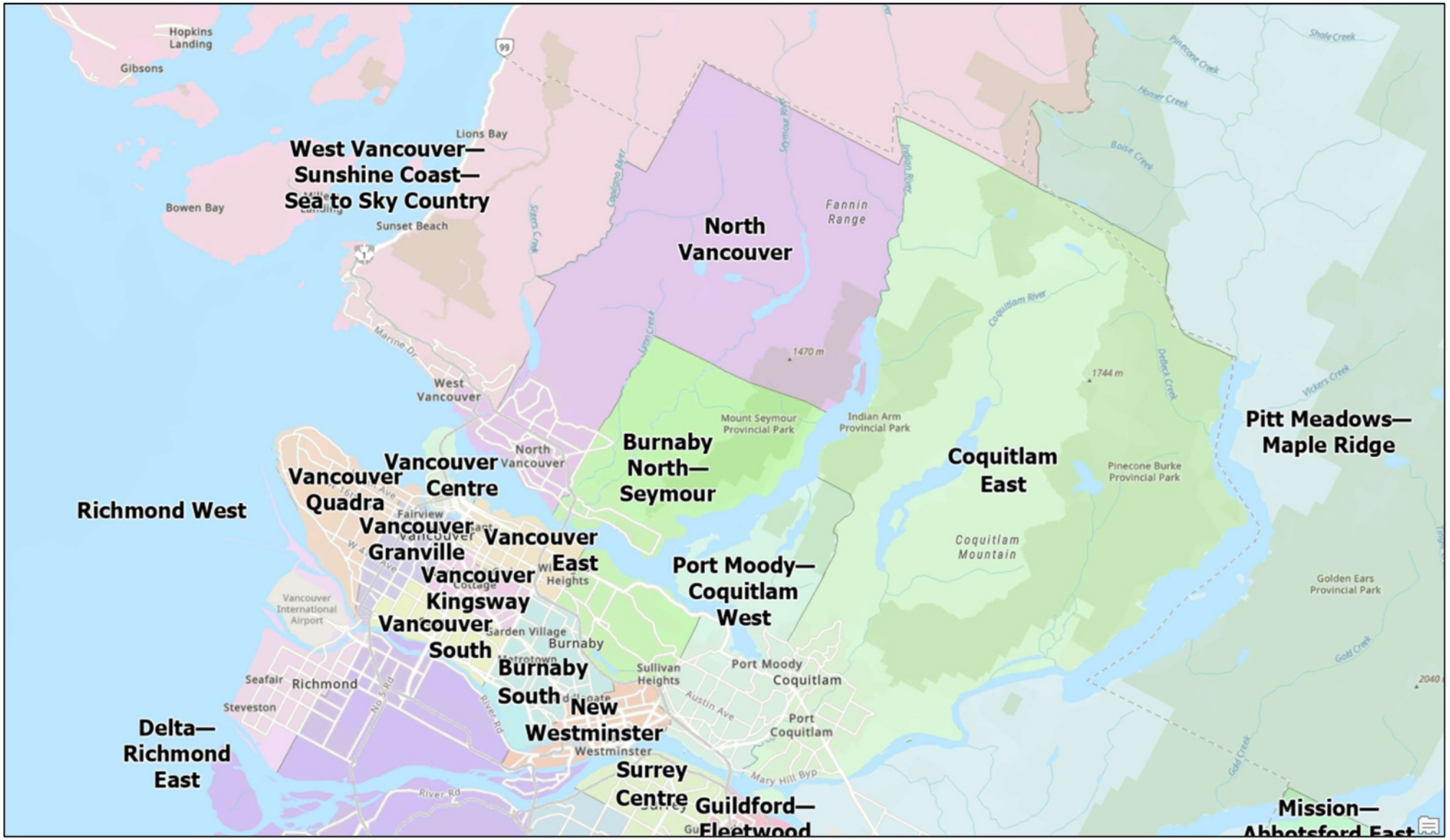

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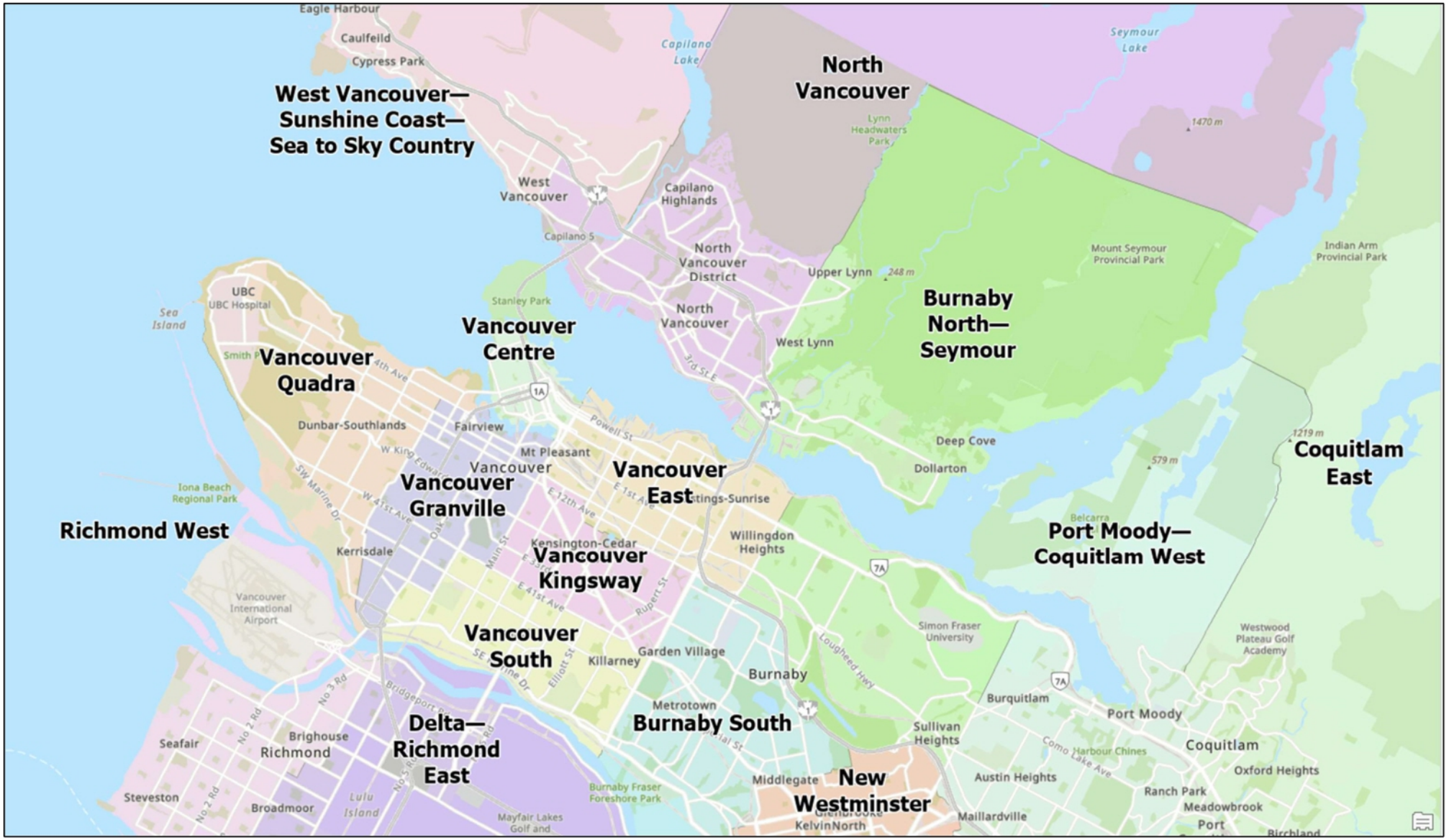

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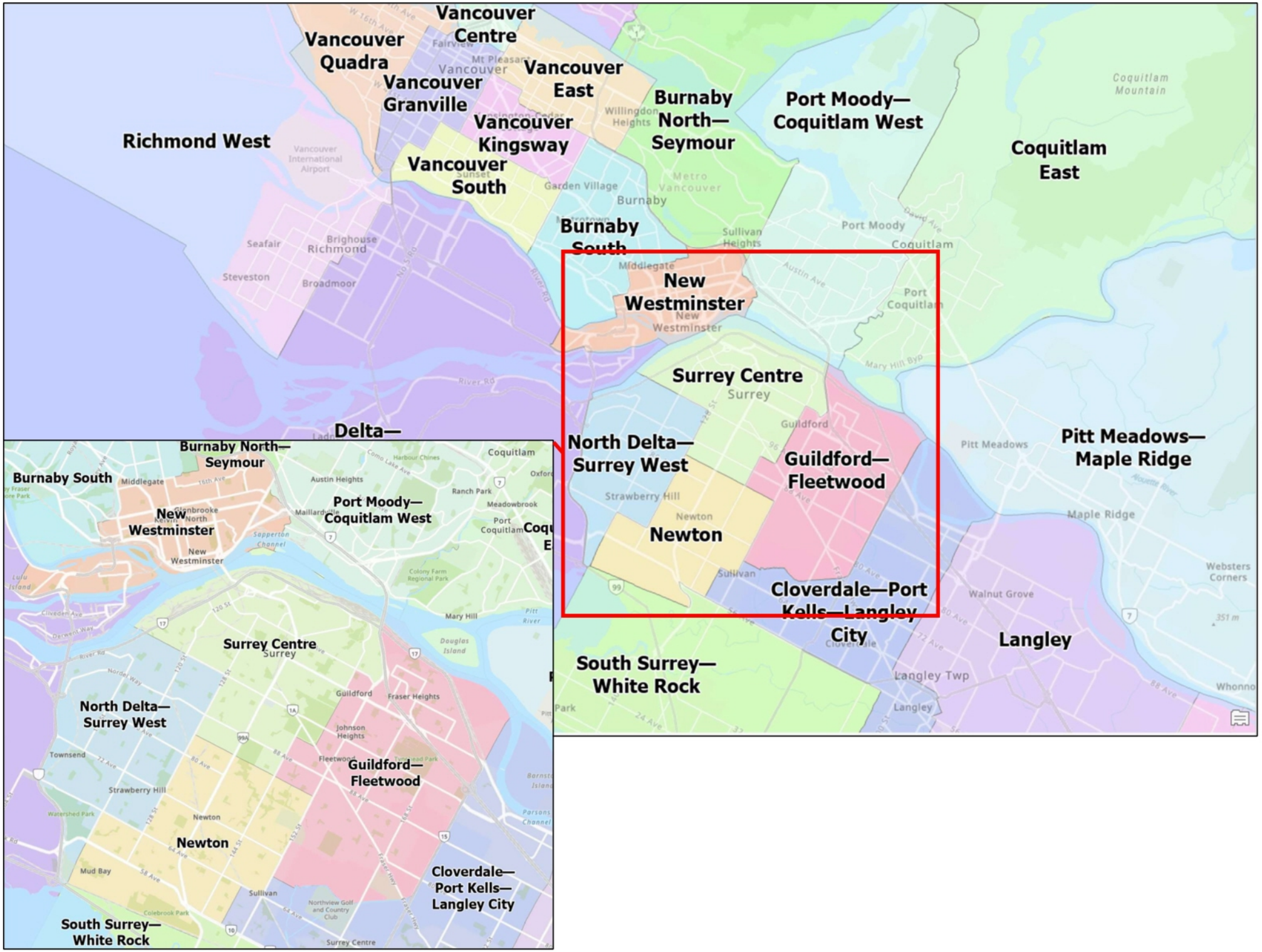

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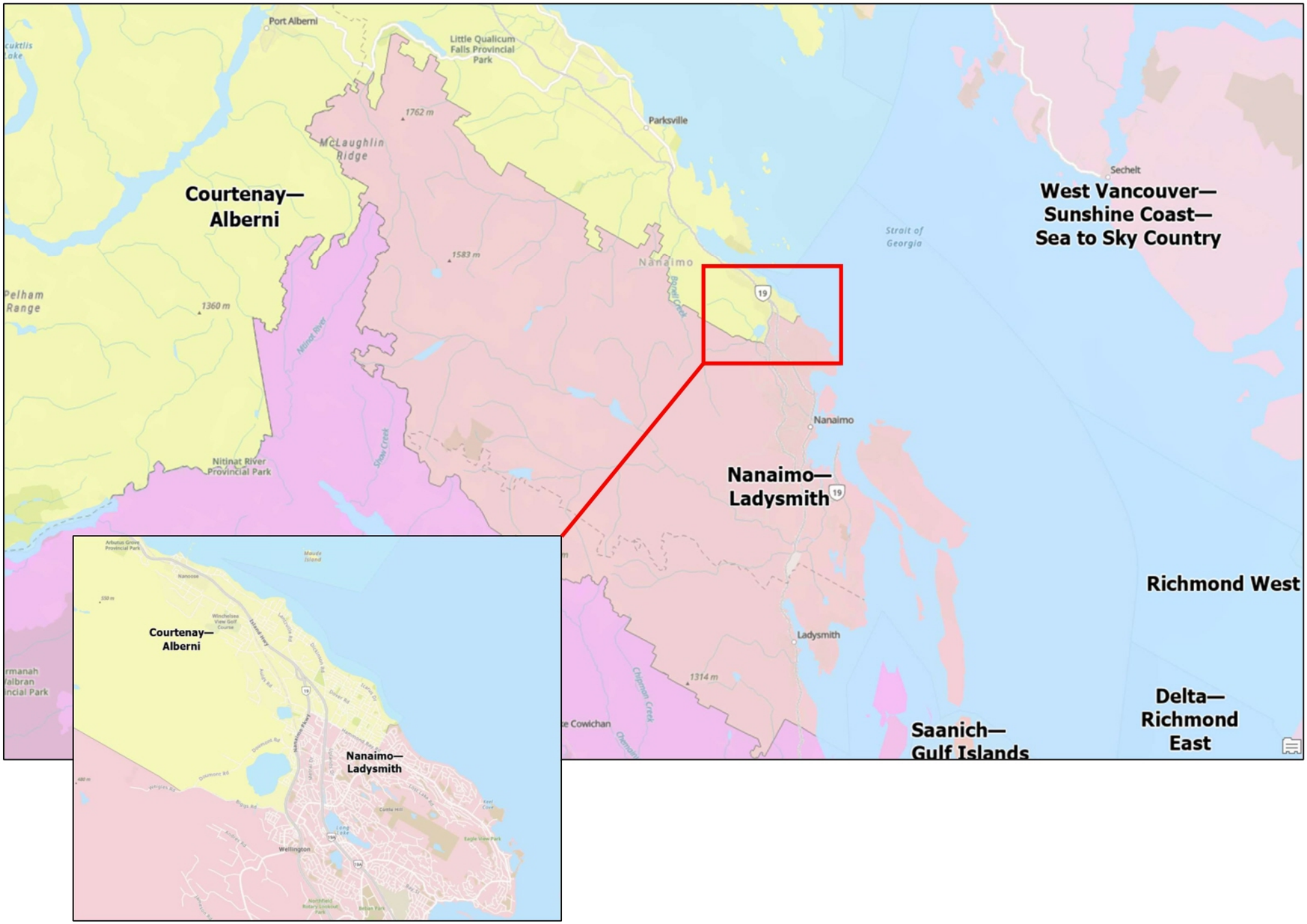

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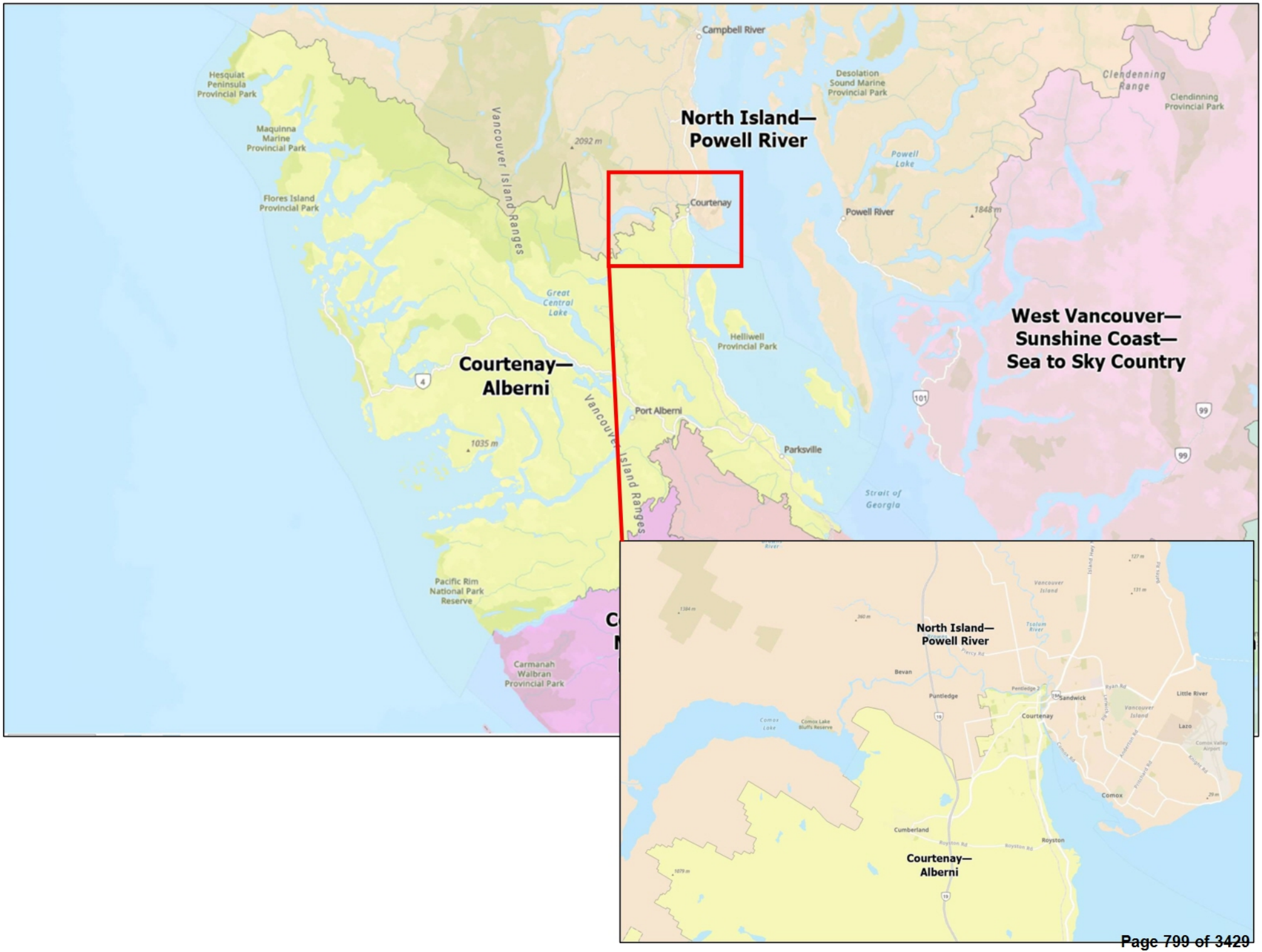

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Name	Population	Deviation%
Aldergrove—Abbotsford West	108892	-6.37%
Burnaby North—Seymour	117426	+0.97%
Burnaby South	115588	-0.61%
Caribou—Prince George	108958	-6.31%
Chilliwack—Agassiz	113819	-2.13%
Cloverdale—Port Kells—Langley City	113823	-2.13%
Coquitlam East	124636	+7.17%
Courtenay—Alberni	123993	+6.62%
Cowichan—Malahat—Langford	123679	+6.35%
Delta—Richmond East	127571	+9.69%
Esquimalt—Saanich—Sooke	120606	+3.70%
Fraser Canyon—Coquihalla—Similkameen	102424	-11.93%
Guildford—Fleetwood	113826	-2.13%
Kamloops—Thompson	110814	-4.72%
Kelowna	114002	-1.98%
Kootenay—Columbia	117881	+1.36%
Langley	117660	+1.17%
Mission—Abbotsford East	108042	-7.10%
Nanaimo—Ladysmith	121493	+4.47%
New Westminster	116005	-0.25%
Newton	116075	-0.19%
North Delta—Surrey West	110327	-5.14%
North Island—Powell River	125964	+8.31%
North Okanagan—Shuswap	103334	-11.15%
North Vancouver	120163	+3.32%
Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge	110416	-5.06%
Port Moody—Coquitlam West	122221	+5.09%
Prince George—Peace River—Northern Rockies	116962	+0.57%
Richmond West	127146	+9.33%
Saanich—Gulf Islands	122147	+5.03%
Skeena—Bulkley Valley	97891	-15.83%
South Okanagan—West Kootenay	114461	-1.58%
South Surrey—White Rock	115956	-0.30%
Surrey Centre	110168	-5.27%
Vancouver Centre	117447	+0.99%
Vancouver East	119181	+2.48%
Vancouver Granville	117888	+1.37%
Vancouver Kingsway	119828	+3.03%
Vancouver Quadra	115873	-0.37%
Vancouver South	117391	+0.94%
Vernon—Lake Country	116265	-0.03%
Victoria	123482	+6.18%
West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country	119155	+2.46%

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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows



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Sending our community's voice to Ottawa

- Members of Parliament are to be our voice in Ottawa – not Ottawa's representative to our community
- Current proposal splits Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows which would be a disservice to our interdependent communities
- Advocacy for projects for federal funding would pit Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows against each other to compete in funding applications



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Shared Services

- The sharing of services is an entrenched of our communities as Ridge Meadows.

- We share:
  - Ridge Meadows RCMP
  - Ridge Meadows Hospital
  - Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Community Services
  - Ridge Meadows Division of Family Practices
  - YPK Pitt Meadows Airport

- Until 2016 our communities shared jurisdiction of recreation centres.



Maple Ridge, BC

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Socially Connected

- Residents of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge have strong social bonds as they live, work and play in both municipalities.
- Sport teams, clubs, and non-profits blend communities.
- Our only source of local news is delivered across both municipalities.

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Economically Inter-dependent

- As residents fluidly live, work and play in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, the two communities' economies are inherently connected.
- The Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce serves as an advocate for businesses in both communities.
- Farms operating with land in both communities.



Pitt Meadows, BC

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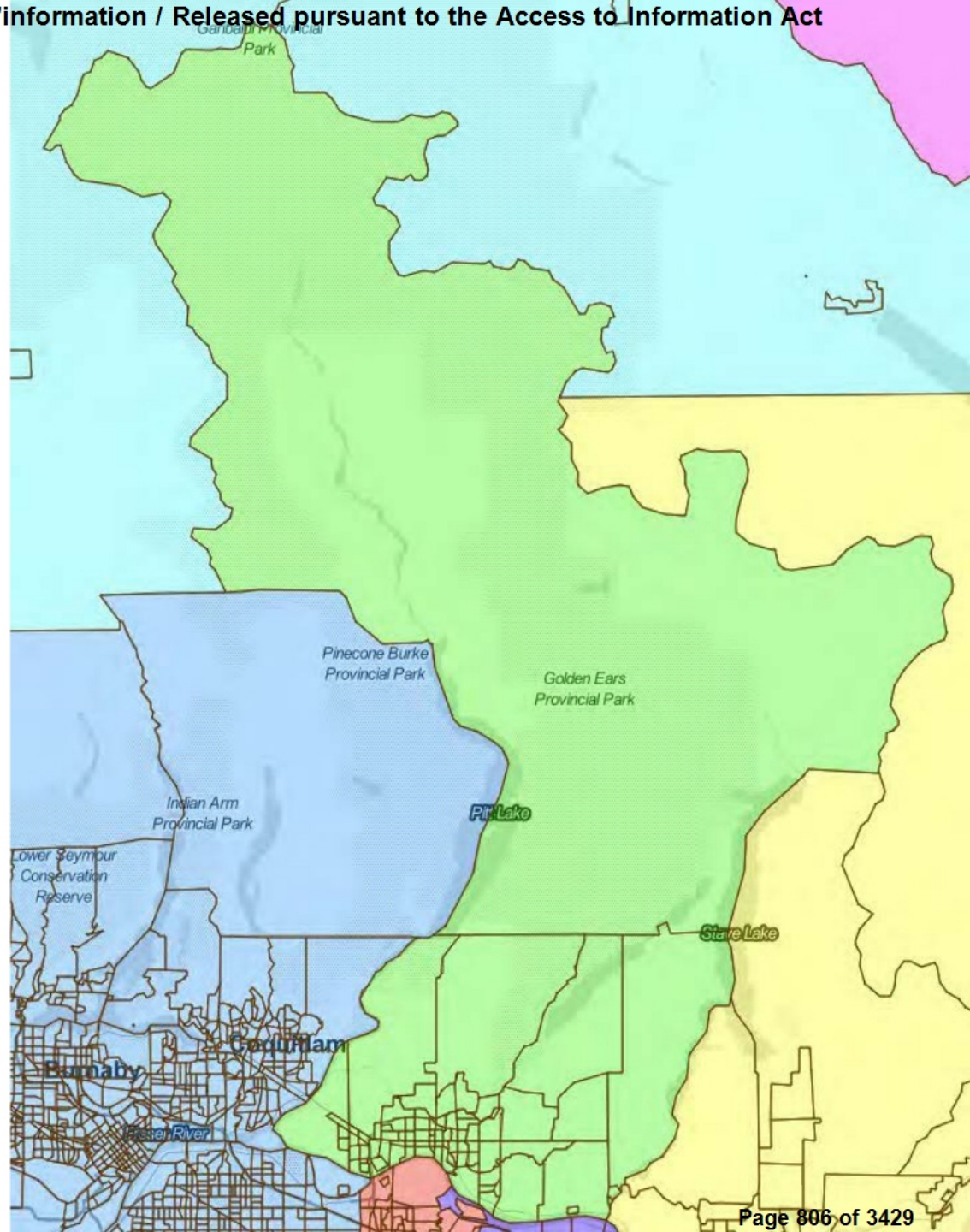
Pitt Meadows - Maple Ridge Riding

- Historically one municipality – Haney
- Provincially represented through the Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge, MLA
- Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge census data from StatsCan has 2021 population at 110,416 which is 5,900 under the deviation.



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Langley City
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September 22, 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Via Email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Input from City of Langley on Electoral Redistribution 2022

At its September 20, 2022 Special Council meeting, the Council for the City of Langley considered the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission's proposed Electoral redistribution and subsequently passed the following resolution:

> WHEREAS the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commissions in each province are established to revise the electoral district boundaries in their province once every 10 years, after the census is conducted, to reflect population shifts and growth;
>
> WHEREAS British Columbia will gain one seat in the House of Commons from 42 to 43;
>
> WHEREAS the commissions each work separately to propose a new electoral map for their province by considering such criteria as average population numbers, communities of identity and interest, historical patterns of an electoral district, and geographic size of electoral districts;
>
> WHEREAS the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia is holding public hearings to gather opinions on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names which provide an opportunity for citizens to participate in the process of redrawing the electoral map;
>
> WHEREAS the hearing in Langley is scheduled for Coast Langley City Hotel & Convention Centre on Thursday, Sept 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.;
>
> WHEREAS the new proposed boundaries would create a new Langley-Cloverdale riding, including (a) the City of Langley; (b) that part of the Corporation of the Township of Langley bounded as follows: commencing at the intersection of the westerly limit of said township with 72 Avenue; thence easterly along said avenue to 200 Street; thence southerly along said street to the northerly limit of the City of Langley at 62 Avenue; thence generally westerly along said city limit to the westerly limit of the Corporation of the Township of Langley; thence northerly along said limit to the point of commencement; and (c) that part of the City of Surrey described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of said city with 56

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Avenue; thence westerly and southwesterly along said avenue to 192 Street; thence northerly along said street to 56 Avenue; thence westerly along said avenue to 144 Street; thence northerly along said street to 64 Avenue; thence easterly along said avenue to 152 Street; thence northerly along said street to 68 Avenue; thence easterly along said avenue and its production to the Serpentine River; thence generally north-easterly along said river to the Fraser Highway; thence southeasterly along said highway to the intersection with the production of 72 Avenue; thence easterly along said production and avenue to the eastern limit of the City of Surrey; thence southerly along said city limit to the point of commencement.

WHEREAS the proposed election boundaries will reconfigure Langley and Cloverdale into new configurations, and change which Member of Parliament represents local residents;

WHEREAS the Langley riding was created a couple of decades ago that included just Langley City and Township;

WHEREAS the City of Langley and the Township of Langley should be one electoral boundary represented by one Member of Parliament given the historical context, the number of shared services, shared school district, shared RCMP detachment, and shared regional city centre designation between the two communities;

WHEREAS the proposed electoral reconfiguration will further split the riding into multiple electoral boundaries from the current electoral boundaries and create further challenges for the Member of Parliament that needs to represent three municipalities within the riding;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley objects to the proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries for the City of Langley;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley request the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia to consider reconfiguring the electoral boundaries to have one boundary for the City of Langley and the Township of Langley and be represented by one Member of Parliament;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Langley submit this motion to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia for their consideration.

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY

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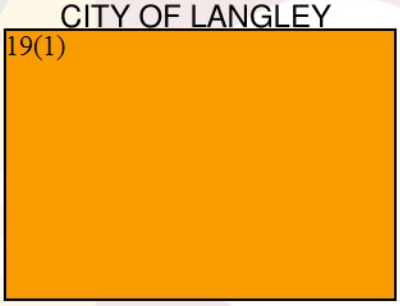

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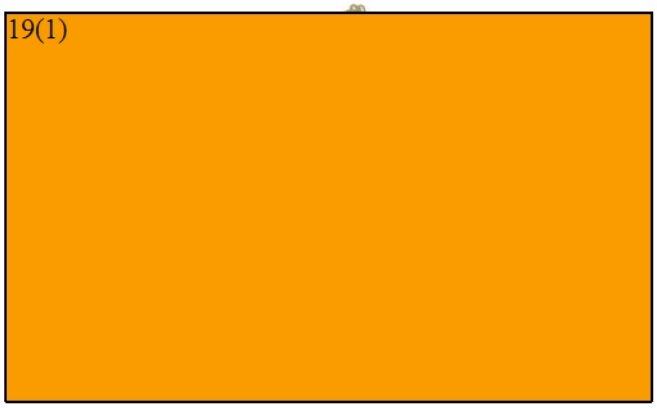

July 29, 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Via Email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Opposition to proposed redistribution of Federal electoral districts

At a meeting on June 13, 2022, New Westminster City Council received a report on the proposed changes by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC to adjust electoral boundaries to create two electoral districts in New Westminster: New Westminster-Bridgeview and Richmond East. Council discussed a number of concerns with the new boundaries. Council is not supportive of the proposed change and would like the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to keep to city in one electoral riding.

The division of the community into two riding and the inclusion of other municipalities will not serve New Westminster and will further divide Queensborough residents from the mainland. A separate electoral district division of the city already divided by the Fraser River. The cohesion of the city between the mainland and Queensborough is essential and a priority of City Council.

Along with the division, the second challenge is how difficult serving fragmented communities will be for the Member of Parliament (MP). The current MP works very hard to represent New Westminster. Having three separate urban municipalities represented in each electoral district may create complications and competing interests. The Richmond East riding is proposed to not only include Queensborough but also parts of Delta, which includes Annacis Island, Tilbury Island and the riverfront as well as part of North Delta. The New Westminster – Bridgeview electoral district still has parts of Burnaby represented but also the north part of Surrey (Bridgeview) as well. This is an almost impossible task to



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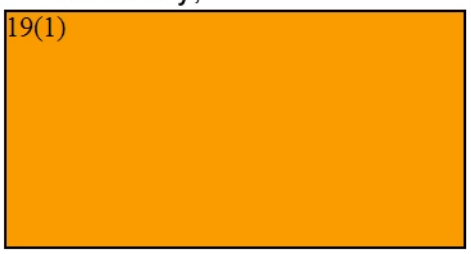
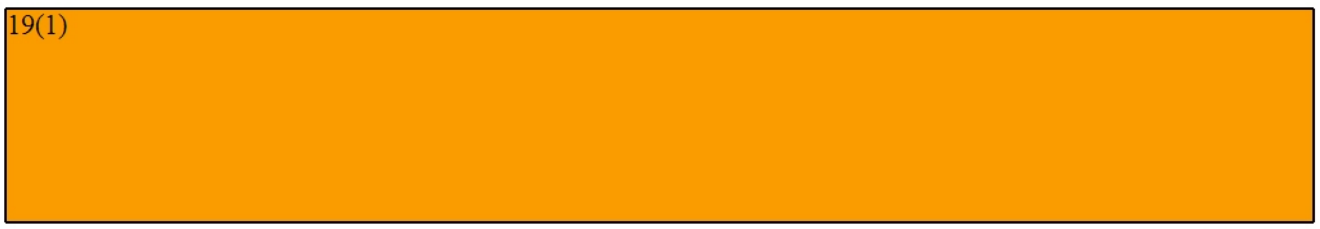
represent not only the number of issues and events but especially difficult for cities which have opposing ideological views. Some examples include differing community priorities, projects that may expand trade corridors or the use of agricultural land for industrial, commercial or residential use.

And finally, with three cities included in one electoral district, MPs may be challenged when representing competing cities for limited Federal funding. Funding opportunities are very competitive and local MPs often assist with advancing support for municipal projects. New Westminster may not be able to compete with the resources of significantly larger cities in the same electoral districts, to advance funding submissions and secure additional resources.

Based on the above challenges, we request you not proceed with the intended redistribution of electoral boundaries for the City of New Westminster.

Sincerely,





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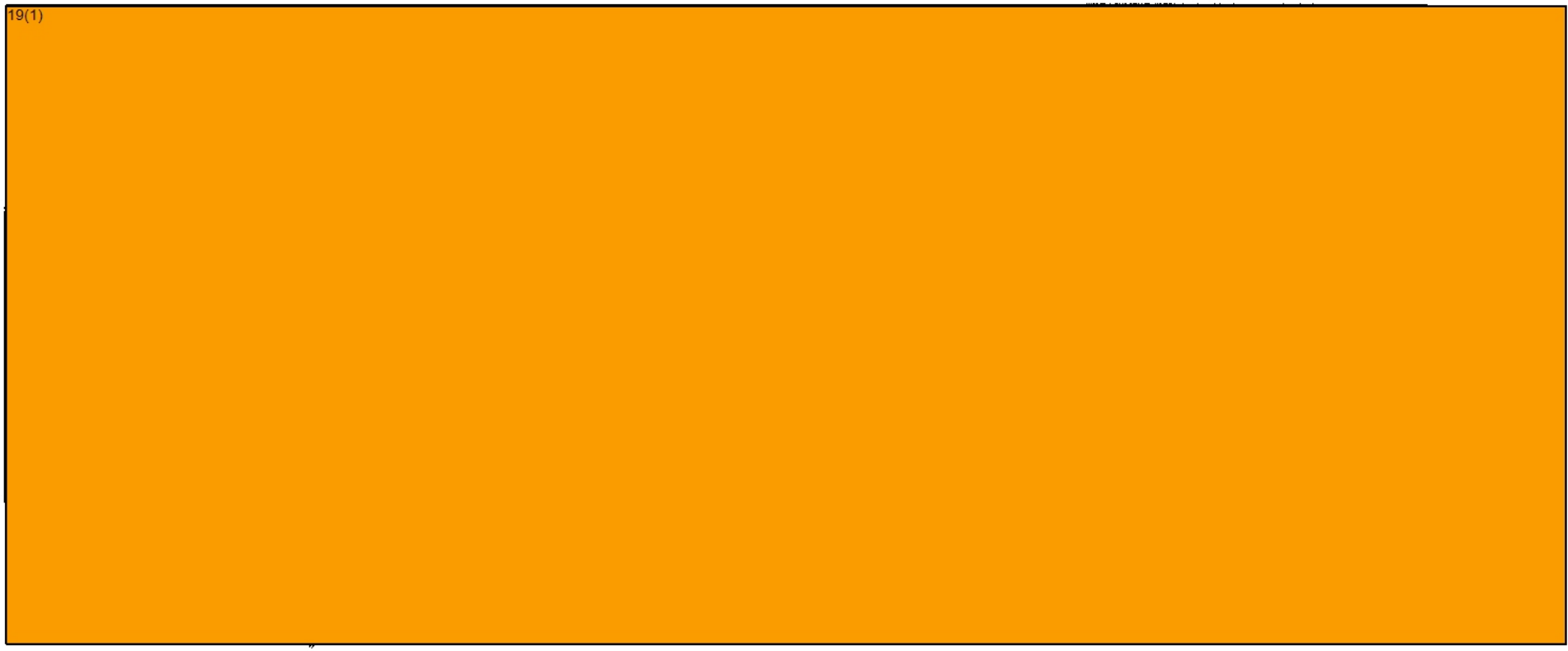

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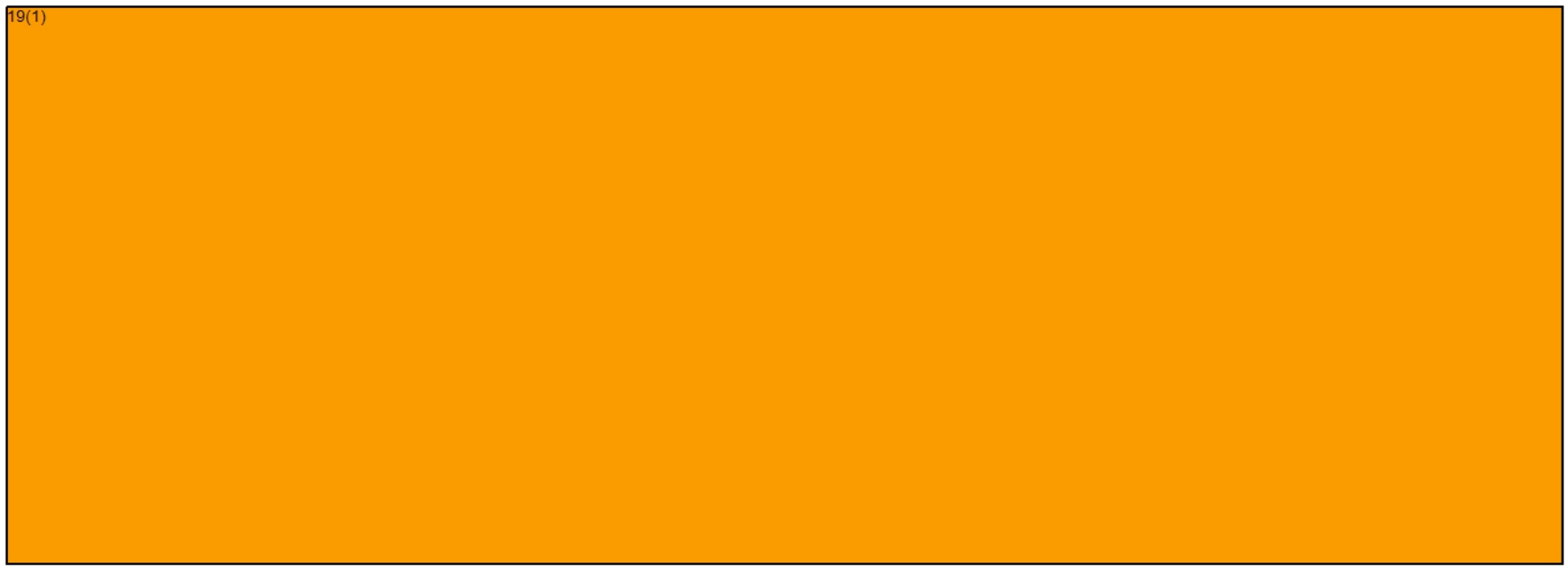

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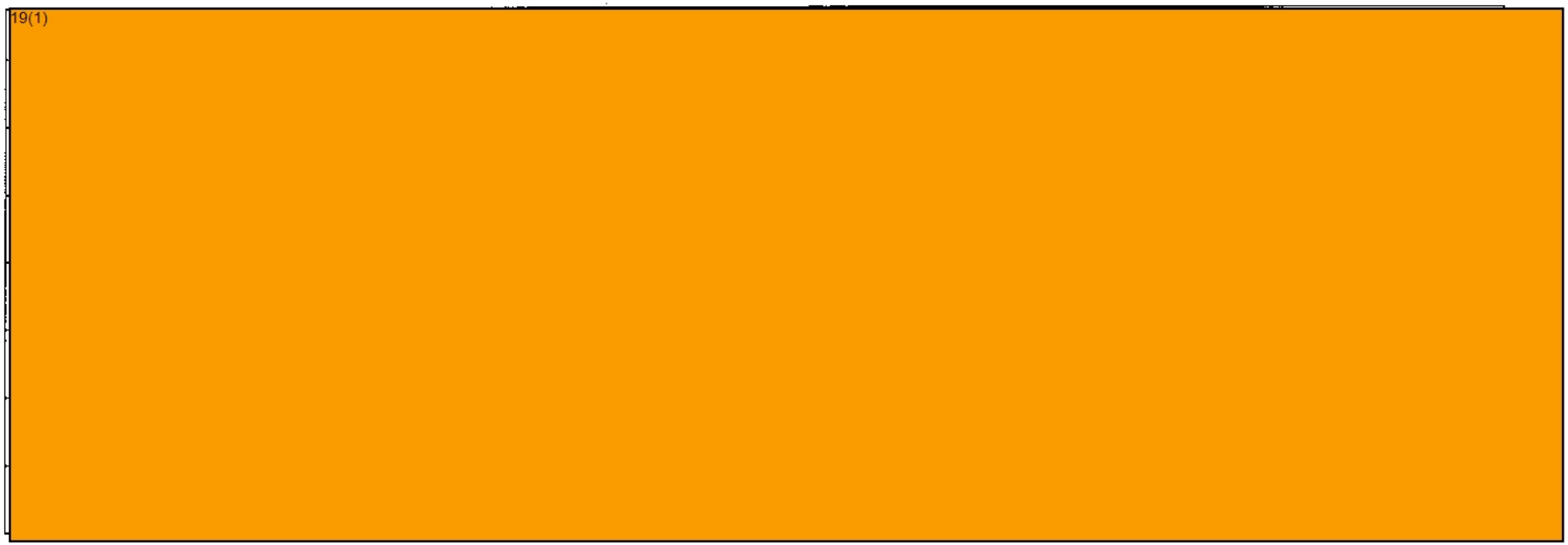

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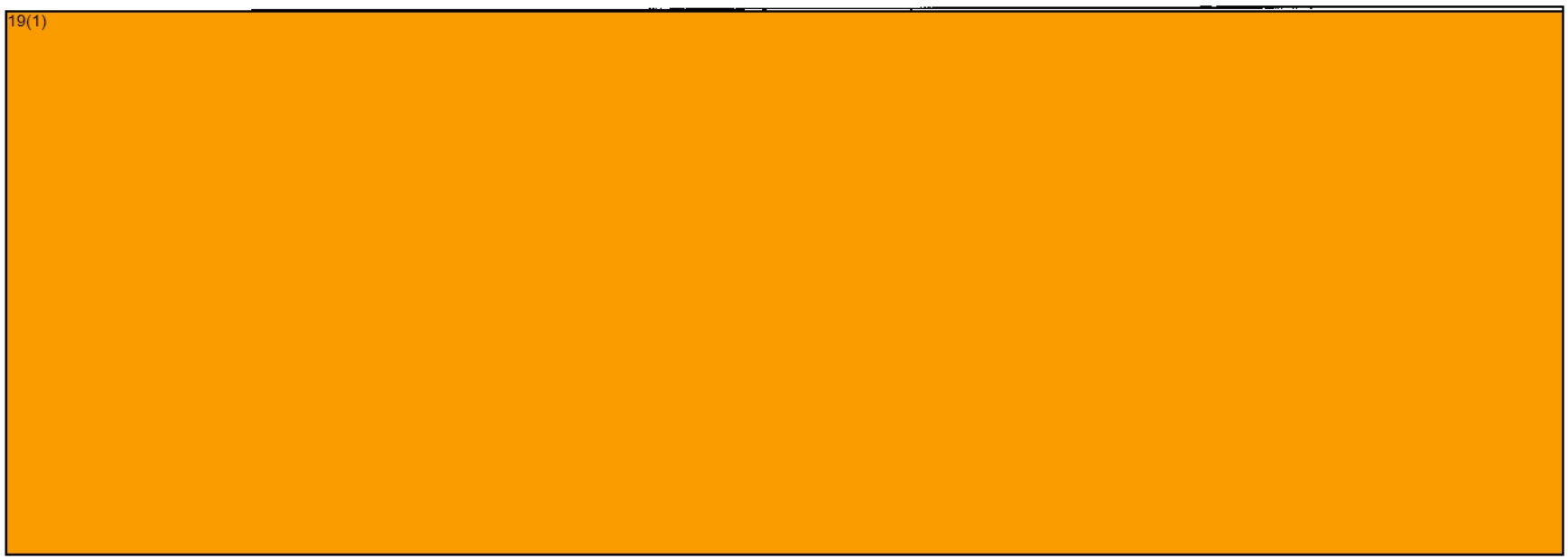

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Remarks:

Hello and good evening to the commission. I would like to thank the commission for holding a hearing in Burnaby and to have our voices heard on this very important matter. I'm sure all residents of Burnaby are appreciative of the work you do to ensure that our democracy works. 19(1) I have come to express my concerns, as an individual, with this proposed federal electoral map. While this map has many flaws province-wide, the issues with the Burnaby boundaries are especially pronounced. Let me get into why.

To start with, Burnaby will now be split into 6 electoral districts. For a city with approximately 250 000 residents, that is, simply, unheard of in this region. For comparison, neighbouring Vancouver, a city with approximately 675 000 residents, has 6 ridings. The splitting of Burnaby into 6 communities will divide established communities and their residents, causing a divide in an already-polarized federal political landscape. Understandably, this map kept in mind the idea of keeping populations even, especially in neighbouring ridings, but it would have been more favourable if five of the six Burnaby ridings were not drawn in such fashion. Burnaby South being the only riding that is wholly contained within the City of Burnaby, I would suggest the commission use more space from within Burnaby, and not group large swaths of our city with other non-Burnaby ridings. Thus, in the interest of everyone, the ridings would maintain uniformity with jurisdictional boundaries to keep residents on both sides happy.

Secondly, as I eluded to earlier, five of the six ridings in Burnaby are conjoined with other municipalities' ridings that share differing political views and interests. Those ridings are Vancouver South, Vancouver Kingsway, Burnaby North - Seymour, Port Moody - Coquitlam, and New Westminster-Bridgeview. A lot of these ridings hold differing political views than those of the residents of this city, and many residents, when compared to each other, have no geographical proximity. The most jarring of these examples is the riding of New Westminster-Bridgeview. Under the current map, the residents of southeast Burnaby would be mixed in with

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most of New Westminster. Under the new map, voters living in the southeast of the city would be mixed in with voters from Surrey and its Whalley neighbourhood, who hold vastly different political views and are separated by a river and large industrial area. Only connected by the Pattullo Bridge, there is little in common, both in political belief and geographically, for residents on both sides of the Fraser River. Another example is Vancouver South, where residents living in apartment complexes near Burnaby's Central Park and Patterson SkyTrain Station would be in the same riding as those who lived in single-family homes near Cambie Street in Vancouver. All of Burnaby's six new ridings, except Burnaby South, could also create political apathy, with residents feeling a sense of disconnect from their communities and the future Members of Parliament who serve them. So if Burnaby must be integrated into a Vancouver, North Vancouver, Port Moody, Coquitlam, or Surrey riding, consider combining the Burnaby Heights with Vancouver East, which shares similar interests, instead of the current proposal. I would also suggest the commission look through poll-by-poll results of past federal elections more thoroughly to generate better and fairer results for electors.

Finally, the voters of Burnaby would not appreciate the names provided to these proposed federal electoral districts, if these maps are kept as is. With so much of Burnaby being split into many ridings, the names only encompass most of the residents. For example, Port Moody-Coquitlam contains the Burnaby neighbourhood of Forest Grove, but the district name makes no mention of it. The same story repeats itself in Vancouver Kingsway and Vancouver South, where the Garden Village/Moscrop and Central Park neighbourhoods, respectively, would feel excluded. Voters living in these enclaves of the city could feel voter apathy and it could generate confusion among vulnerable populations, given that they don't live in the cities of Port Moody or Vancouver. An appropriate solution would be to take the neighbourhood names of both jurisdictions and couple them together. A perfect example of this is Burnaby North-Seymour, which includes the District of North Vancouver by using the term "Seymour." It is suggested that the same naming scheme be applied for Vancouver Kingsway or Vancouver

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South, potentially something like Kingsway-Garden Village, if these maps are adopted as is. To put it simply, the name of the riding is one of the first things people see, and to reduce confusion and create inclusion, it is important to consider all neighbourhoods in a proposed riding.

To conclude, while these maps are not perfect, some steps can be taken to adjust the appropriate boundaries to ensure fairness and equality when it comes to geography and political perspectives. I would, once again, like to thank the commission for designing these maps and taking our opinions into account. Thank you very much, and I yield back.

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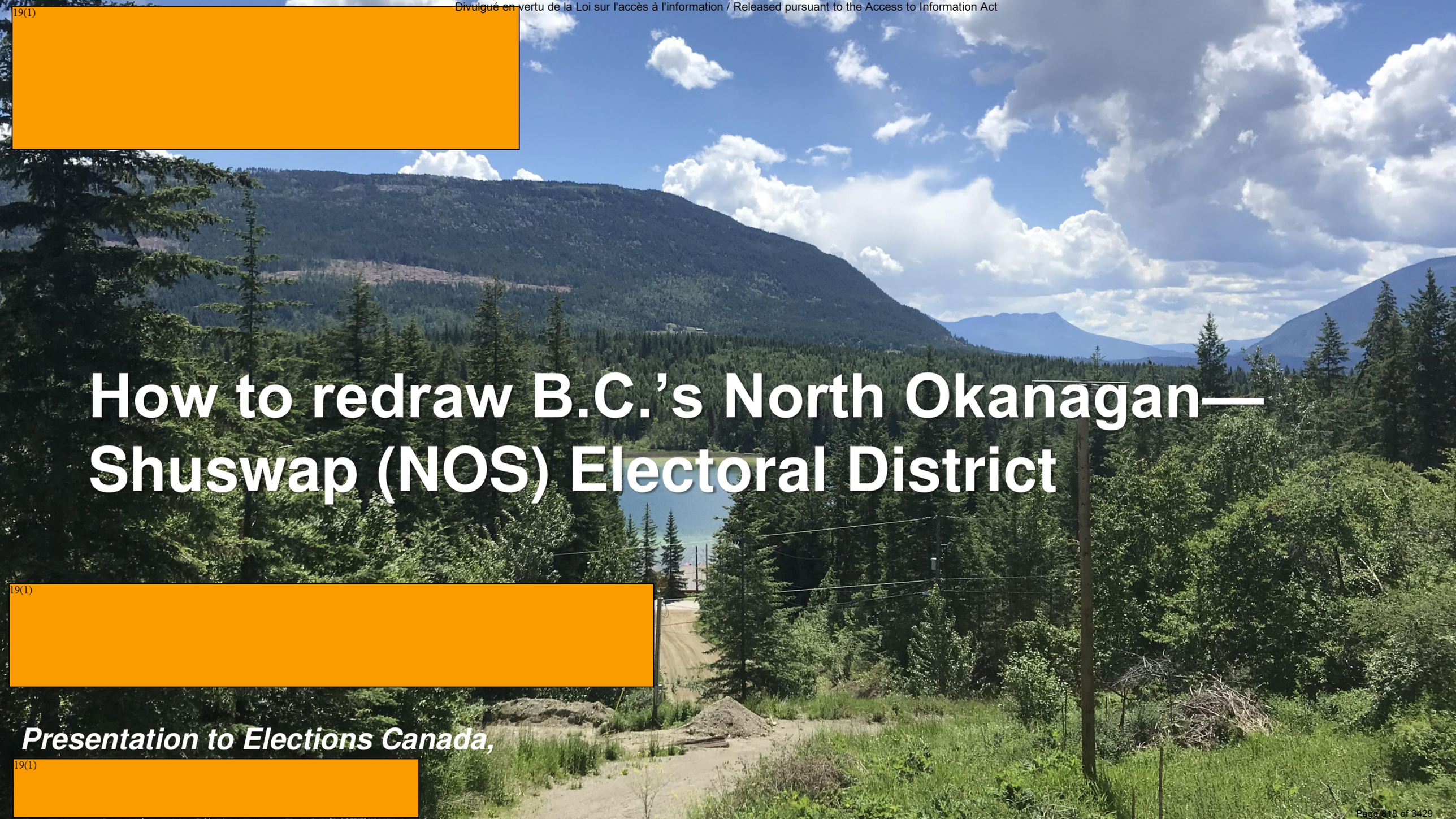

How to redraw B.C.’s North Okanagan—Shuswap (NOS) Electoral District

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Presentation to Elections Canada,

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BACKGROUND

- Since 1980, Canada's population has grown by more than 50%[1]
- B.C.'s population has nearly doubled[2]
  - Since 1976, the average representation per Federal MP has "increased" about 36%—from ~83,000 to ~113,000[1,3]!
- How to achieve fair representation for rural vs urban electors?
- In the B.C. Southern Interior, we recognize the need to adjust ED boundaries as the population grows:
  - It seems unavoidable that a new ED will require splitting Salmon Arm and Vernon electorally (first time since Confederation!)

Sources:

[1] https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/CAN/canada/population

[2] www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/statistics/people-population-community/population/population-estimates (uses Statistics Canada data).

[3] https://www.ourcommons.ca/procedure/procedure-and-practice-3/ch_04_1-e.html

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IMPROVING ON EC's PROPOSALS

- EC's redistricting seems to be based on linking census data with GIS to draw lines on the map—
  - This approach pays little heed to local community issues and human concerns
- Small rural communities will often feel disenfranchised when lumped in with "heavyweight" urban centres!
  - Hence: rural-dominated EDs are important for rural representation!
  - Also: Important to align ED boundaries with existing regional jurisdictions wherever practical.
- 19(1) [redacted]
- Splitting Vernon from Salmon Arm will require the creation of a large rural-dominated ED.

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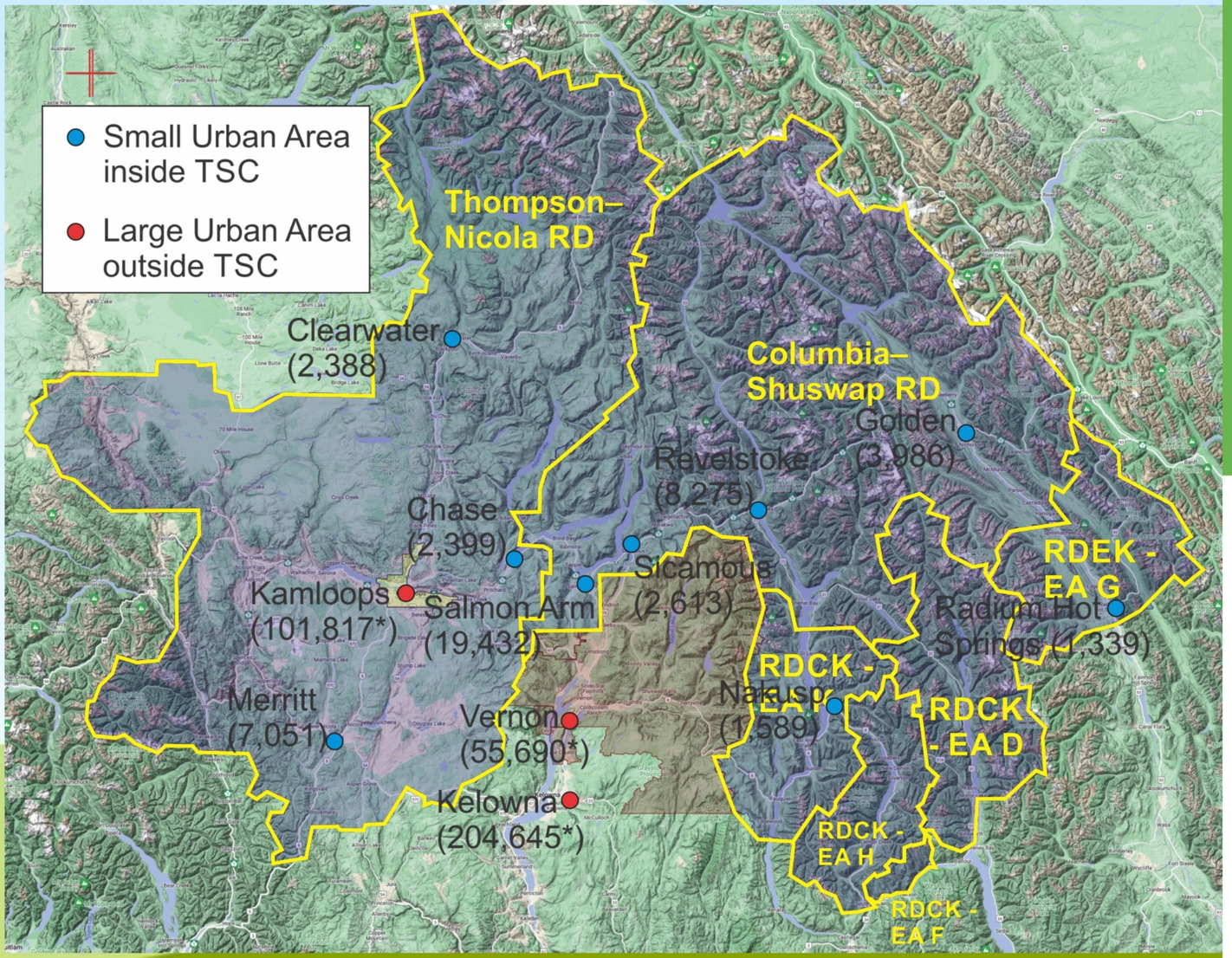
Thompson—Shuswap—Columbia ED



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Population	
Columbia-Shuswap RD	57,021
Less Falkland (to V-LC)	-900
Rural Thompson-Nicola RD	33,778
RD East Kootenay EA G	2,993
RD Central Kootenay EAs D, F, H, K	15,681
TOTAL POPULATION (2021)	**108,573**

Area (approximate)	km²
Columbia-Shuswap RD	28,929
Less Falkland area	-217
Thompson-Nicola RD	44,449
Less Kamloops Metro Area	-315
RD East Kootenay EA G	4,715
RD Central Kootenay EAs D, F, H, K	14,439
Less Protected Parks (most)	-12,110
TOTAL AREA (approx)	**79,890**

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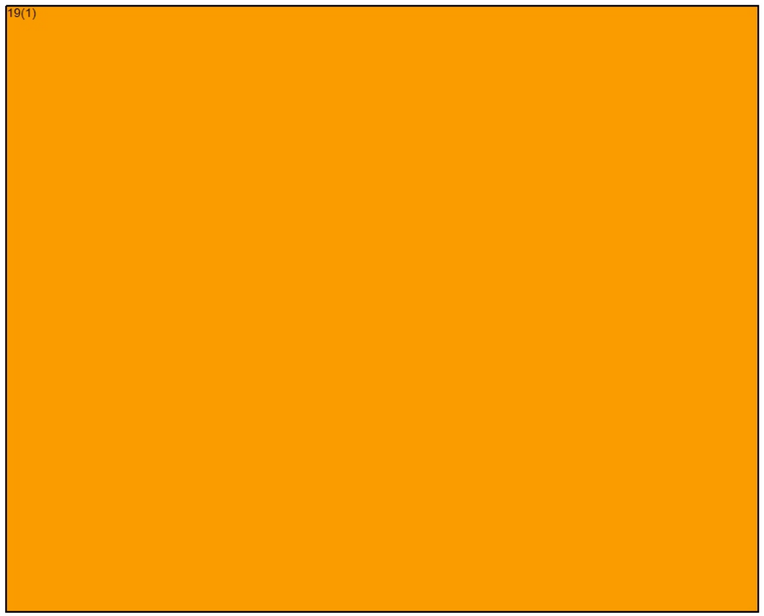
*"until we get Proportional Representation, I don't think **<u>any</u>** electoral distribution or redistribution will make much difference to outcomes or fairness."*



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THANK YOU!

Interactive map can be viewed online:
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Excel spreadsheet of population allocations available from:

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May 17, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC
V6E 2E9

Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries

Dear Commissioners,

19(1) wishes to express concerns and opposition to the proposed electoral boundary changes in the Similkameen Valley as part of the new South-Okanagan-West-Kootenay riding. We would like to see the Similkameen remain in one riding and not be separated.

As a region, we share the same history and act as one community including our two First Nation bands, the Lower and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. Many services are valley-wide under the umbrella of the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen. The Similkameen Valley Planning Society provides a platform for all the governments in the valley to promote the valley as a cohesive unit and encourage economic development and job creation on a regional level. We share the same watershed and with it the same stewardship and concerns. Health care, transportation, jobs, tourism and protective services are all working collaboratively in the region. The Provincial riding includes the entire Princeton area, whom we consider a close regional partner.

We respectfully request that the Similkameen Valley not be electorally divided.

Regards,

19(1)

cc Dan Albas, MP
Roly Russell MLA
Mark Pendergraft, Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen Chair
Spencer Coyne, Princeton Mayor

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MISSION—MAPLE RIDGE

PITT MEADOWS—FORT LANGLEY

LANGLEY—ALDERGROVE

ABBOTSFORD

CHILLIWACK

MISSION

SKWEAHM 10

FRASER VALLEY G

FRASER VALLEY

FRASER RIVER

FLEUVE FRASER

MATSQUI ISLAND

MATSQUI MAIN 2

MATSQUI 4

LANGLEY

UPPER SUMAS 6

FRASER VALLEY E

CRESCENT ISLAND

LOUGHEED HIGHWAY

METRO VANCOUVER

BRADNER ROAD

58 AVENUE

BRITISH COLUMBIA (SRY) RAILWAY OF SOUTHERN

HARRIS ROAD

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY (CPR)

CANADIAN NATIONAL (CN)

MOUNTAIN ROAD

SUMAS

DAVISON ROAD

NO. 3 ROAD

INDUSTRIAL WAY

YALE ROAD

CHADSEY ROAD

FRASER CANAL

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MACLURE ROAD

OLD YALE ROAD

MARSHALL ROAD

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SUMAS WAY

SUMAS LAKE CANAL

INTER PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY

BOUNDARY ROAD

WHATCOM ROAD

LAMSON ROAD

WELLS LINE ROAD

POWERHOUSE ROAD

VYE ROAD

FRASER HIGHWAY

LEFEUVRE ROAD

8 AVENUE

HUNTINGDON ROAD

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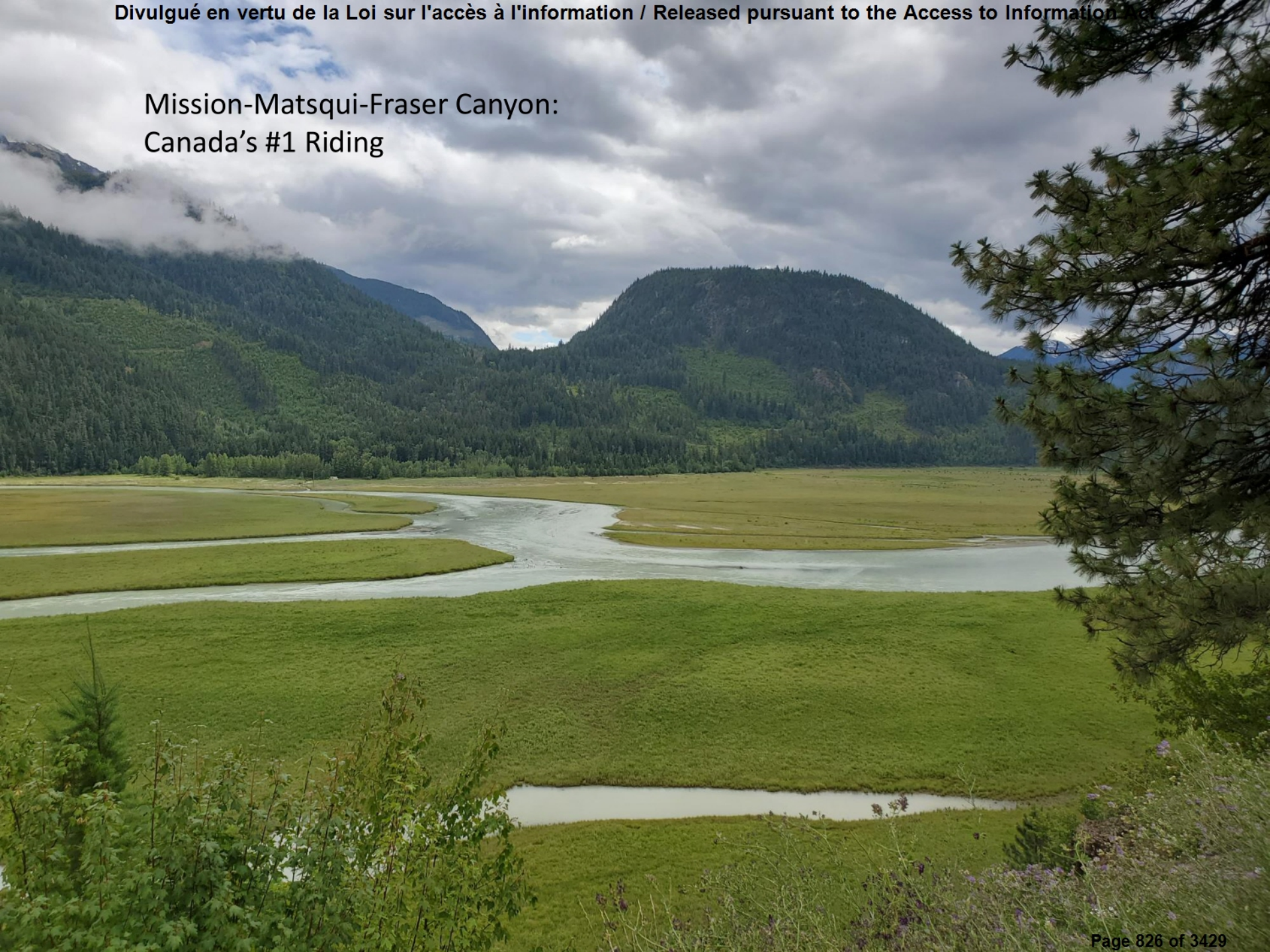

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Born out of compromise

- MMFC is wonderfully complex:
- 31 First Nation Bands within:
- Sto:Lo, St'at'imc, Scw'exmx, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc,
- Squamish Lillooet Regional District
- Thompson Nicola Regional District
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Population Centers in Abbotsford, Mission, Hatzic Valley, Nicomen Island, Kent, Harrison Hot Springs, Lillooet, Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Boston Bar, Lytton, and many other smal; &rural communities
- Spans ecological & climate zones



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Lytton, BC

Rife with challenges

- Forest fires
- Flooding
- Mudslides
- Accessibility / Transportation
- Connectivity

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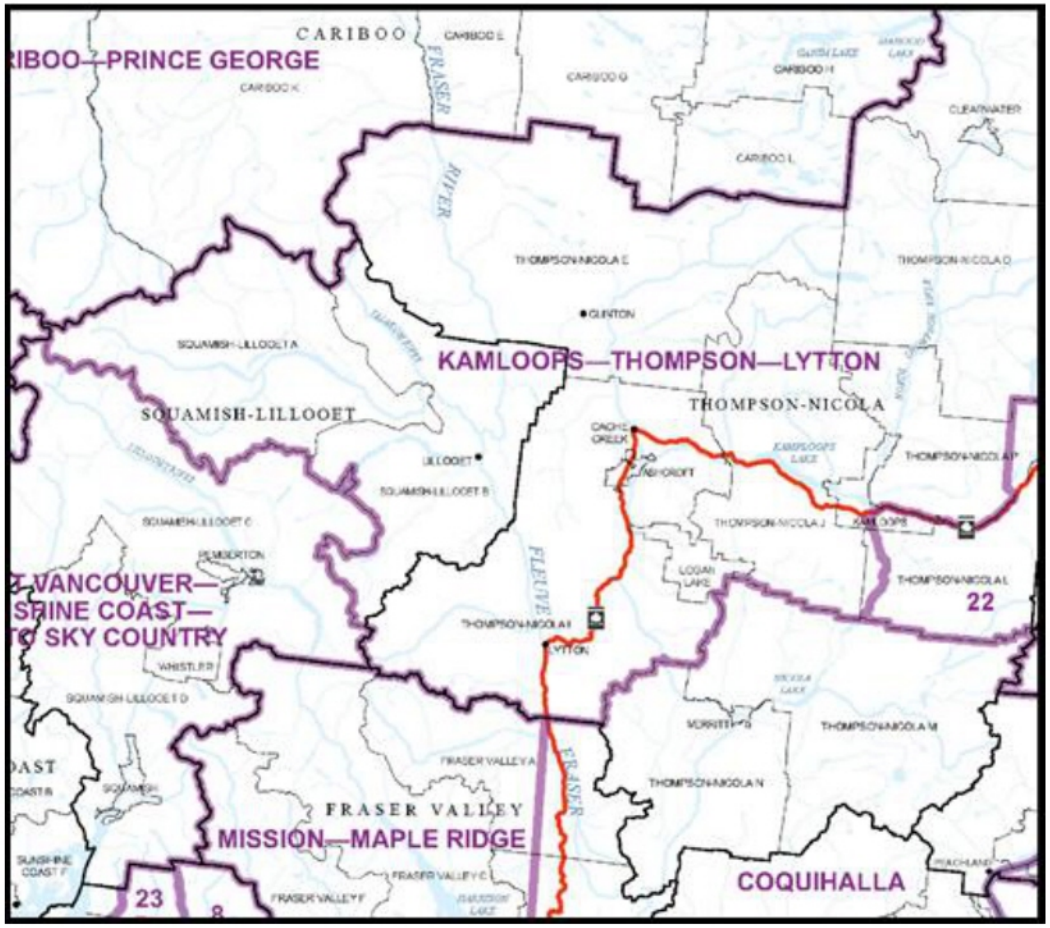
Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton/ Coquihalla

- Residents of Yale, Boston Bar, North Bend and Hope would have no to little access to their MP
- Residents of Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Lillooet, St'at'imc & Nlaka'pamux bands would be closer to an MP in Kamloops



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Mission-Maple Ridge/ Abbotsford

- Every municipality in the proposed Mission-Maple Ridge riding has officially expressed opposition to the proposed boundary



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What is best for the constituents of MMFC?

- Option #1 – continue to use MMFC as a buffer between the Fraser Valley and the interior



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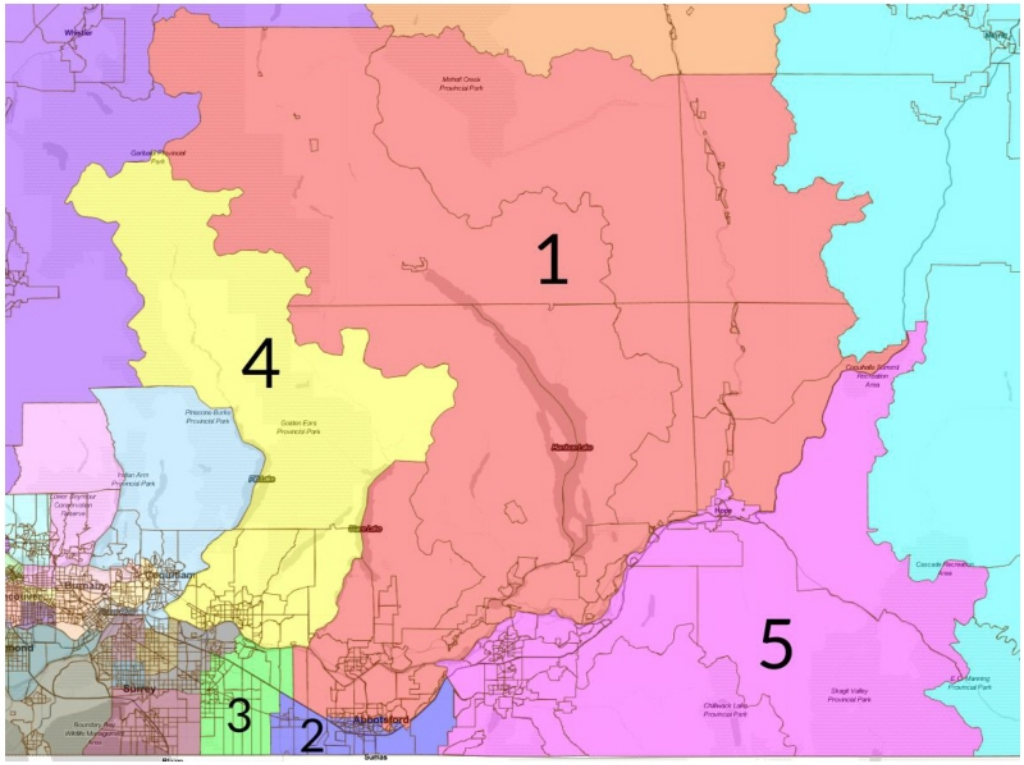
What is best for the constituents of MMFC?

- Option #2 – divide the riding according to regional districts

1. Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon: 112,214
2. Abbotsford—Aldergrove: 113,692
3. Langley: 115,361
4. Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge: 112,258
5. Chilliwack—Hope: 112,069



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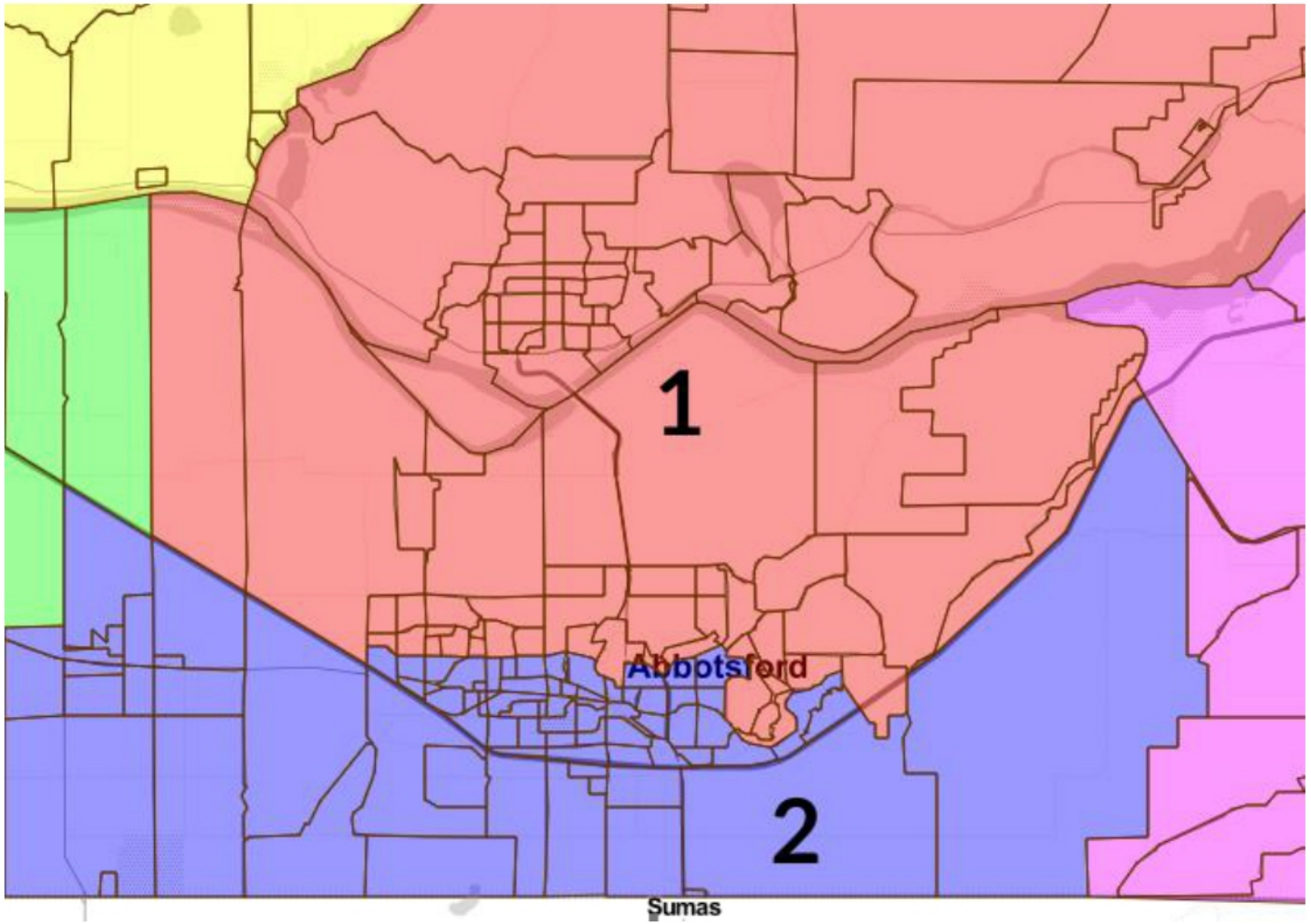
What is best for the constituents of MMFC?



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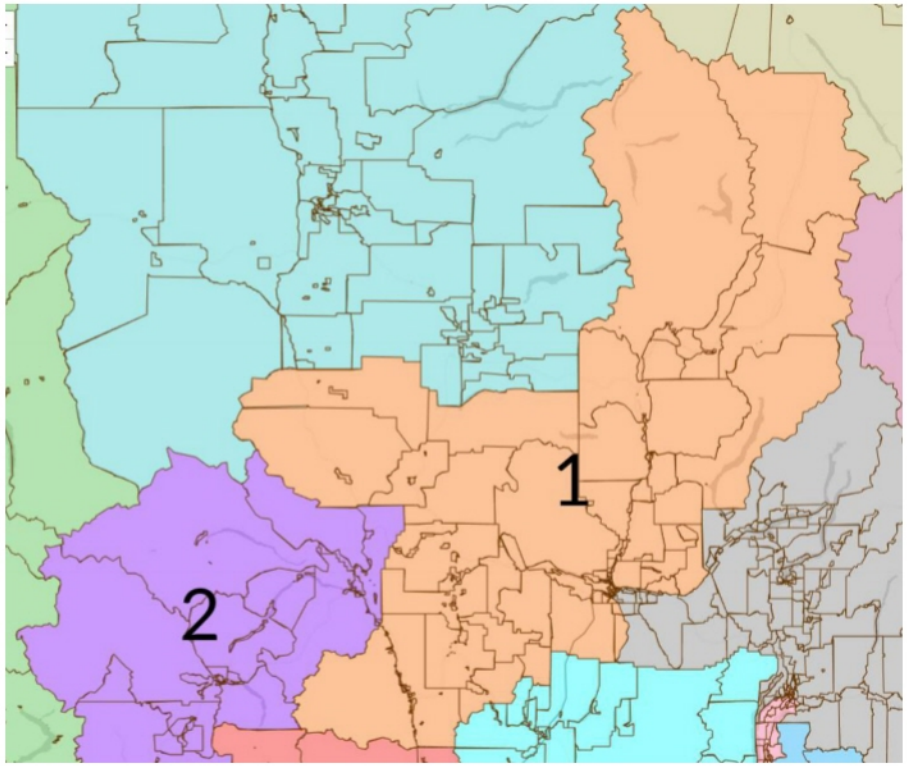
What is best for the constituents of MMFC?

- Option #2 continued

1. Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton: 111,096
2. West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea-to-Sky Country: 113,613



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Think of rural Canada

- Rural ridings end up large and create geographic challenges that impede constituents' ability to access their MP.
- The law allows for a 25% variance from the average. This can be used to minimize geographic challenges in rural ridings.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)

Sent: September 7, 2022 4:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)

Subject: Input on the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022 - 19(1)
Attachments: Input on the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022 - Sept 7 2022.pdf

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to express our concern over the British Columbia Redistribution Commission's proposal to divide the electoral district encompassing Granville Island into two separate electoral districts and to remove it from its natural community of interest, the electoral district of Vancouver Centre. For the reasons we outline below, we request the following two changes to the current Commission redistribution proposal:

1. Keep Granville Island and its community of artists and 300 businesses undivided as part of a single, federal electoral district; &
2. Keep Granville Island as a part of its natural arts & culture and tourism community of interest, the electoral district of Vancouver Centre.

Keeping Granville Island United

The businesses and workers of Granville Island form a unique community of interest as constituents of a relatively small, mixed-use area shared by industry, small businesses and artisans that is owned by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. It is safe to say that this unique characteristic of Granville Island is limited to Granville Island itself. Since its inception, Granville Island has benefited from having a single Member of Parliament dedicated to representing the interests of this unique community.

Any proposal to divide Granville Island into two separate electoral districts should be rejected as it would only add confusion and complexity for the businesses and workers of Granville Island. Constituents of Granville Island should not be forced to have to debate which Member of Parliament is responsible for a particular problem or forced to communicate with two elected officials, and their staff, to solve problems. For these reasons, Granville Island should remain united as a part of the same electoral district.

Historical Connection to Vancouver Centre as a Centre for Arts & Culture and Tourism

Political Leadership

Since its transformation into a "people place" in the 1970s, Granville Island has been intimately connected to the electoral district of Vancouver Centre. 19(1) 19(1) 19(1) a redevelopment plan was approved by City Hall in 1977 and the public market was opened by 1978. Today, Granville Island is recognised as being physically at the heart of Vancouver, along with the downtown city core, and Vancouver Centre Members of Parliament continue to be the political leaders for the Granville Island community of interest.

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Arts & Culture Connection to Downtown Vancouver

Granville Island's connection to Vancouver's arts and culture community has existed since its inception. In the City of Vancouver's 1978 Reference Document for Granville Island False Creek, 175,000 square feet was reserved for arts and crafts and the performing arts. Today, many of Canada's best artists and designers can be found on Granville Island. Granville Island is also home to many cultural venues and hosts numerous performing arts and cultural festivals year round.

Granville Island has in fact become a key component of Vancouver's arts and culture community of interest, the majority of which being centered in and around downtown Vancouver. Downtown live performance venues, such as the Orpheum, the Queen Elizabeth Theatre and the Dance Centre, are part of the same community of interest as the Granville Island Theatre District. With convenient water taxis providing connections to Granville Island from four separate downtown Vancouver locations, Vancouverites and visitors naturally include live performances on Granville Island on the list of downtown entertainment options. Likewise, the downtown Vancouver art studio scene includes a strong extension onto Granville Island. Given this connection to the large downtown arts community, Granville Island's arts and culture community is much more of a part of the Vancouver Centre community of interest than it would be as part of Vancouver Granville or Vancouver Quadra.

Tourism Connection to Downtown Vancouver

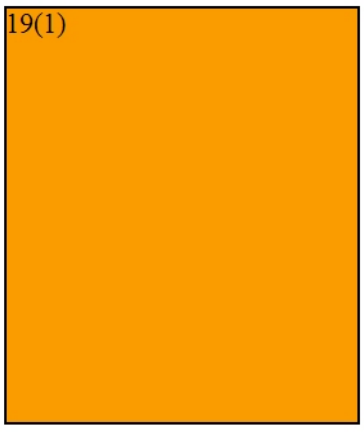
Similar to its connection to the downtown arts and culture community, Granville Island is also closely connected to the downtown tourism sector. Many of the over 12 million visitors to Granville Island each year are tourists who are also visiting downtown Vancouver. Visitors staying downtown or visiting via cruise ships travel to Granville Island by bus, water taxi, car, foot or bike. For this reason, downtown Vancouver and Granville Island are part of the same tourism industry community of interest. The elected official responsible for advancing the interests of the tourism industry based in downtown Vancouver is the best placed elected official to also represent the tourism industry on Granville Island.

Population Changes and Keeping Granville Island United and in Vancouver Centre

While recognizing the need to keep Granville Island as a part of Vancouver Centre, we also understand the Redistribution Commission has a mandate to adjust electoral districts to accommodate changes in population. Apart from water taxis and the seawall, the natural flow of traffic to Granville Island takes place from Burrard Street bridge to West 1 Avenue east of Granville Island and then along West 4 and West 6 avenues south of Granville Island.

If the Commission must adjust the current boundaries of Vancouver Centre, the communities on either side of the Cambie Street Bridge, including Creekside Community Centre, are more naturally part of the Mount Pleasant and Cambie Street Corridor community of interest than they are of Granville Island. We recommend adjusting the electoral boundaries in this area to meet population requirements while ensuring Granville Island remains part of Vancouver Centre.

Sincerely,



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 31, 2022 2:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: 19(1) - Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries
Attachments: 19(1) letter - Federal Boundaries Commission.pdf

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for B.C.

Please find a letter attached from 19(1) regarding proposed redistribution of federal electoral boundaries in the North Okanagan of B.C.'s Interior region. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

19(1)

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May 31, 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Re: Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries

To whom it may concern;

19(1) writes regarding the current Federal Electoral Boundaries Redistribution and specifically the impact on the North Okanagan in B.C.'s Interior.

Specifically, 19(1) has significant concerns about the proposal to divide the City of Vernon, District of Coldstream and Electoral Areas B and C of the Regional District of North Okanagan between two separate electoral districts – North Okanagan-Shuswap and Vernon-Lake Country. Our concerns revolve around the following factors:

- Vernon, Coldstream and Areas B and C form what is known as Greater Vernon at the Regional District of North Okanagan. These jurisdictions share common services such as the water utility, trails and cultural services;
- Greater Vernon is a single economic and social unit, with businesses in each jurisdiction supporting consumers in each jurisdiction, and creating employment for residents of all jurisdictions;
- Organizations such as the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce, as well as vital social service agencies, serve all residents and businesses of Greater Vernon.

We appreciate that the Commission is responding to population growth in B.C. by redistributing boundaries, but 19(1) believes it makes sense for Greater Vernon to have a single common representative at the federal level for the following reasons:

- A single representative will simplify the process for local government to pursue senior government support for joint projects and local services;
- Residents and Businesses Owners will better understand the roles and responsibilities of their representatives within the region known as Greater Vernon when there is one electoral district;

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- Organizations 19(1) can direct limited resources to a single elected representative when advocating on behalf of their membership and community;
- A single Member of Parliament will be able to provide effective representation for a multi-jurisdictional region such as Greater Vernon.

19(1) we urge the Commission to consider not dividing Greater Vernon into two separate electoral districts.

If there is any further information that we can provide, please contact us. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Cc. Mel Arnold, North Okanagan-Shuswap MP
Okanagan Indian Band Chief & Council
City of Vernon Mayor & Council
District of Coldstream Mayor & Council
Regional District of North Okanagan Board of Directors
Okanagan-Shuswap Chambers of Commerce

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Federal Electoral District Redistribution

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- Speak in opposition to the proposed federal electoral boundaries
  - Queensborough as part of *Richmond East*
  - Offer Community-perspective

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Current Electoral District

New Westminster-Burnaby

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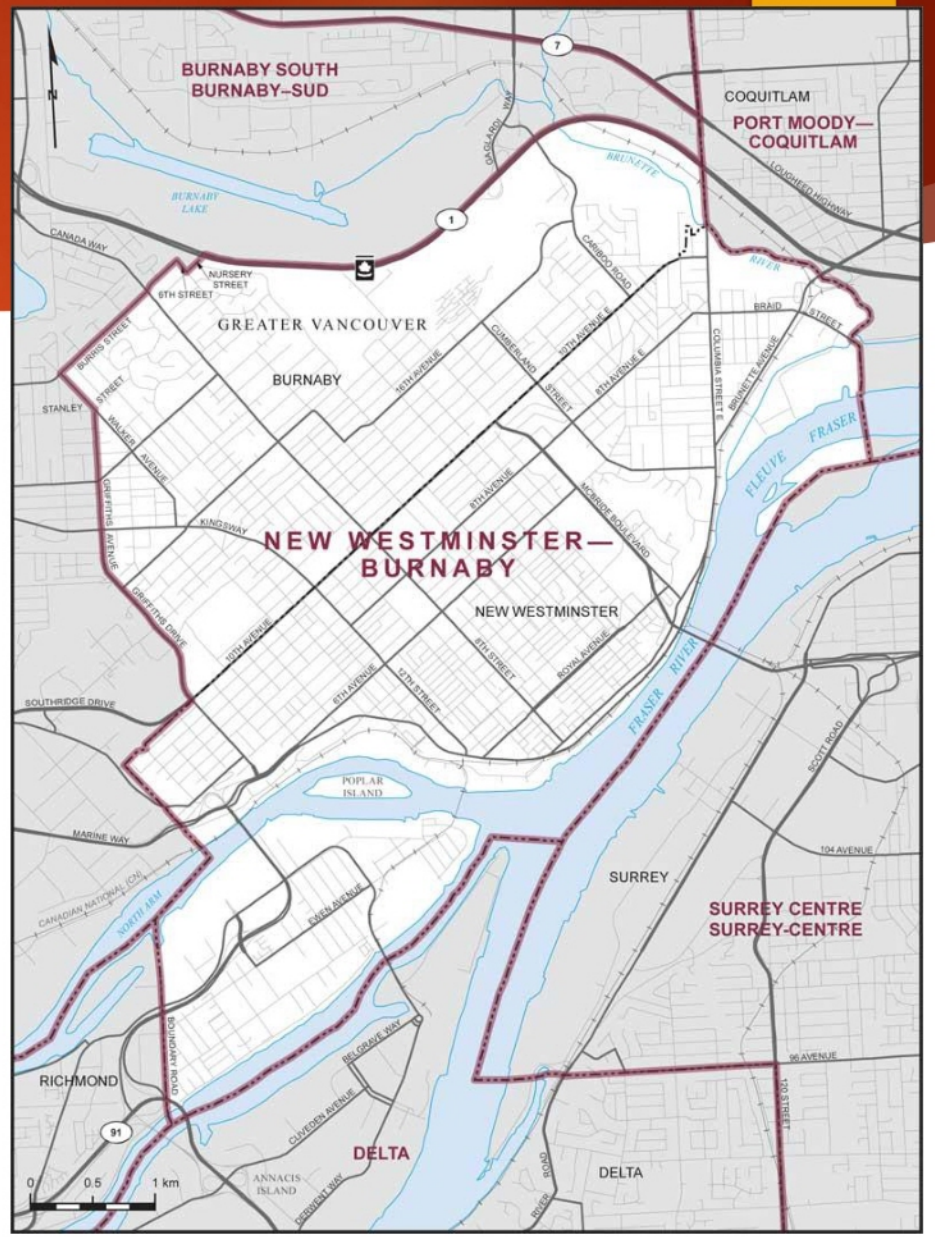

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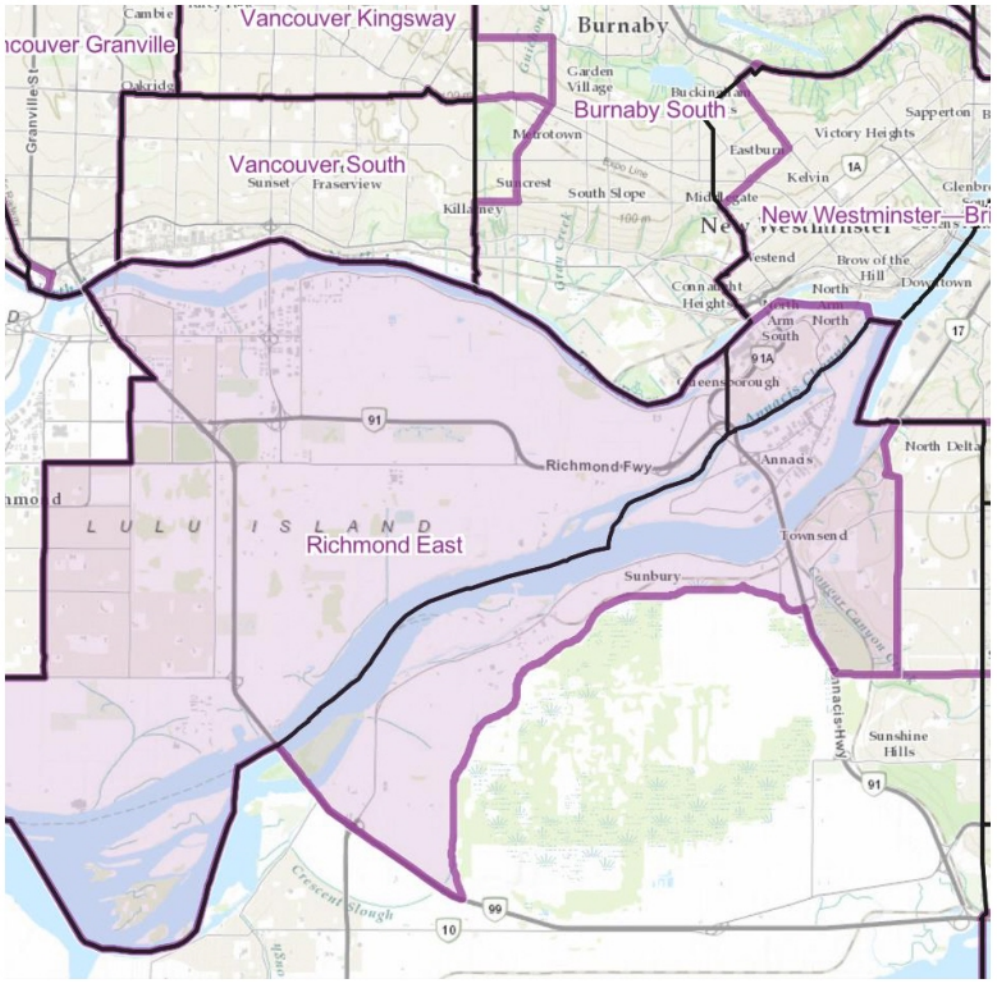

Proposed Electoral District

Richmond East

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Neighbourhood: Queensborough

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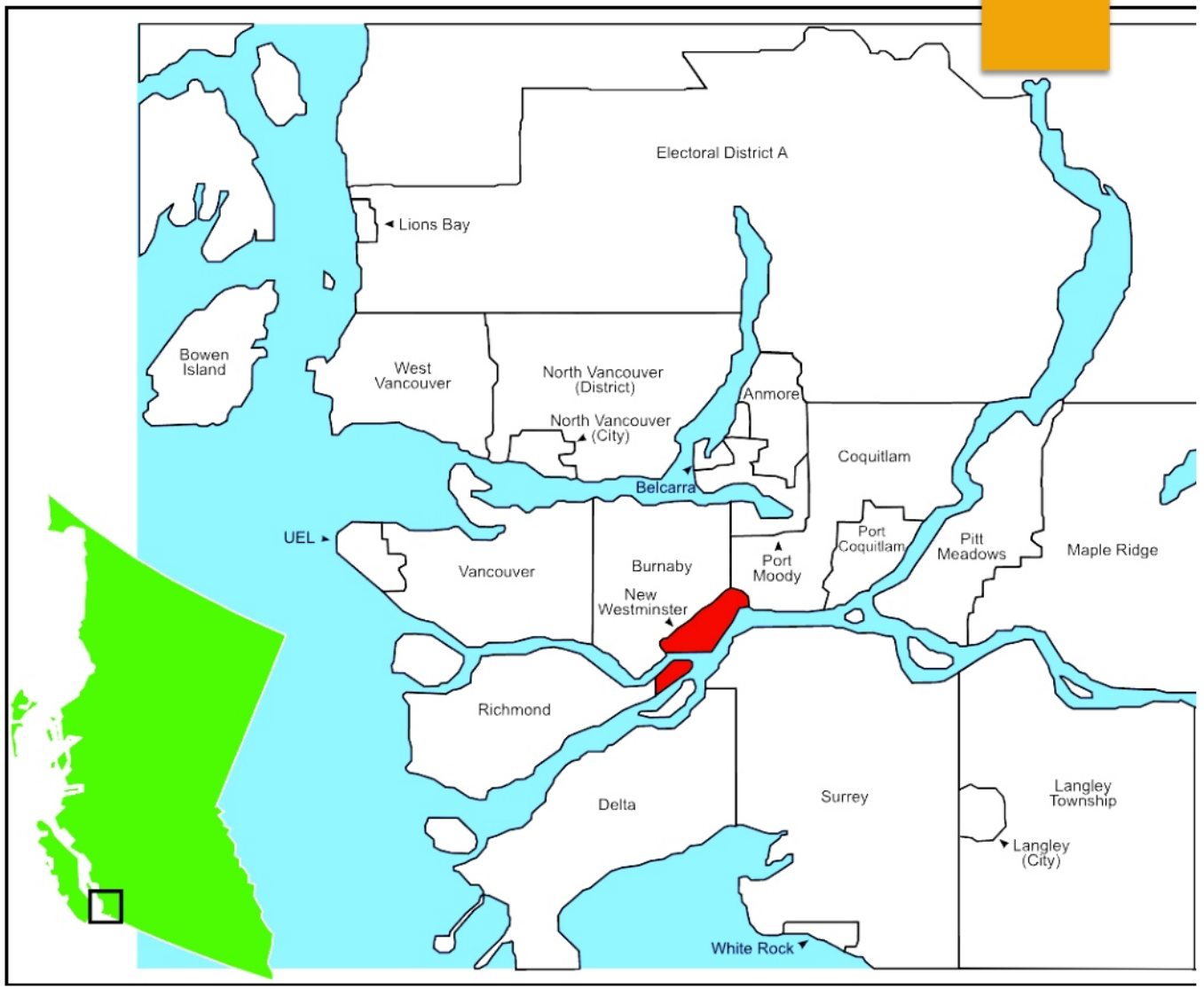

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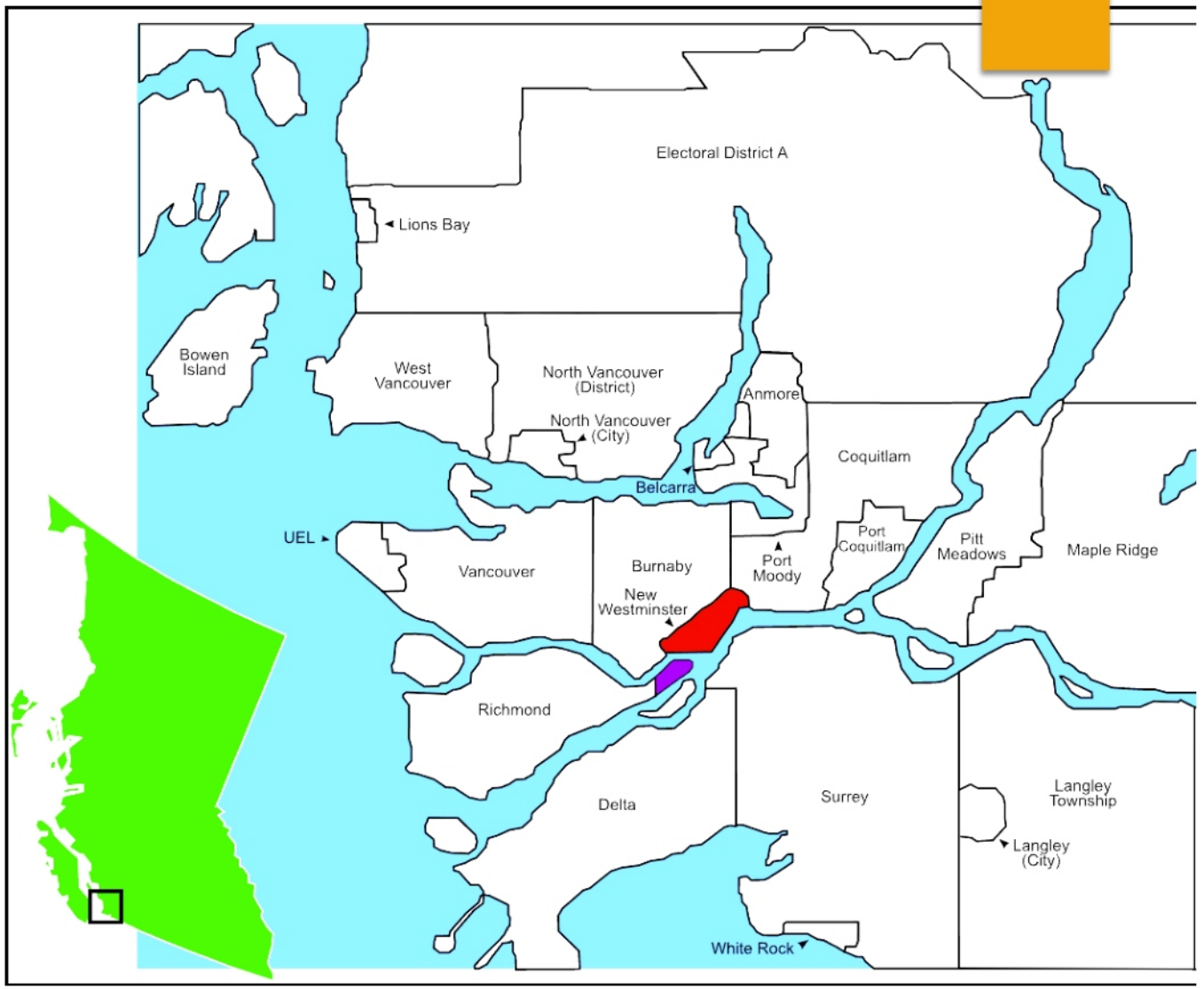

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Neighbourhood: Queensborough

- Credit: Open Street Maps



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Queensborough: History

- Designated as a military reserve for the defense of New Westminster 1860s
- Annexed by New Westminster in 1889
- Family farms & lumber mills (1900s)
- With a number of immigrant families – Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Italians and more – Queensborough had a unique multicultural composition
- Today: A growing suburban neighbourhood as young families taking advantage of various housing stock (condos, row homes, SFH)

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Outline

- Understanding Queensborough
  - 1. Demographics
  - 2. Voting history
  - 3. Elector Engagement
  - 4. Accessibility to Riding Offices
  - 5. Unceded territorial claims

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1. Queensborough: Demographics

- 2016 Census Data
  - Population 8,727
  - Ethnic Groups

Ethnic groups in Queensborough (2016) Source: [1]		Population	%
Ethnic group	European	2,840	32.7%
	South Asian	2,370	27.3%
	East Asian	1,620	18.6%
	Southeast Asian	1,470	16.9%
	Aboriginal	225	2.6%
	Black	155	1.8%
	Latin American	120	1.4%
	Middle Eastern	75	0.9%
	Other	160	1.8%
Total population		8,727	100%

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1. Queensborough: Demographics

- 2016 Census Data
  - Top 3 Ethnic groups

Steveston-Richmond East	Queensborough	New Westminster
East Asian 47%	European 33%	European 49%
European 27%	South Asian 27%	East Asian 31%
South Asian 10%	East Asian 18%	South Asian 10%

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1. Queensborough: Demographics

Age

Age (years old)	Average Age	Median Age
Queensborough	36.4	36.8
Steveston-Richmond East	41.8	42.9

- Queensborough's population is significantly younger than Steveston-Richmond East,
  - Changes the demand upon community facilities, infrastructure needs;
  - How we communicate with our elected officials

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Age Structure

	0-14	15-64	65+
Queensborough	18.9%	72.5%	8.7%
Steveston-Richmond East	14.3%	69.6%	16.2%
New Westminster	12.4%	72.3%	15.2%

- Queensborough has a higher percentage of children in its demographic
  - New Westminster school district – coordination between levels of government
- Queensborough's portion of working age residents closely matches that of New Westminster

1. Queensborough: Demographics

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2. Electoral Data (2021 data)

District	Party A	Party B	Party C	Party D	Party E	Rejected
polling stations in Queensborough	2.4%	31.1%	**44.7%**	2.7%	18.4%	0.7%
New Westminster-Burnaby	3.7%	23.7%	**48.8%**	4.1%	19.7%	0.9%
Steveston-Richmond East	2.4%	**42.4%**	19.3%	2.2%	33.5%	0.9%

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3. Elector Engagement

- 19(1) aims to mobilize its residents
  - Understand the issues affecting community
  - Develop a plan
  - Educate residents
  - Gather their input
  - Bring them to action

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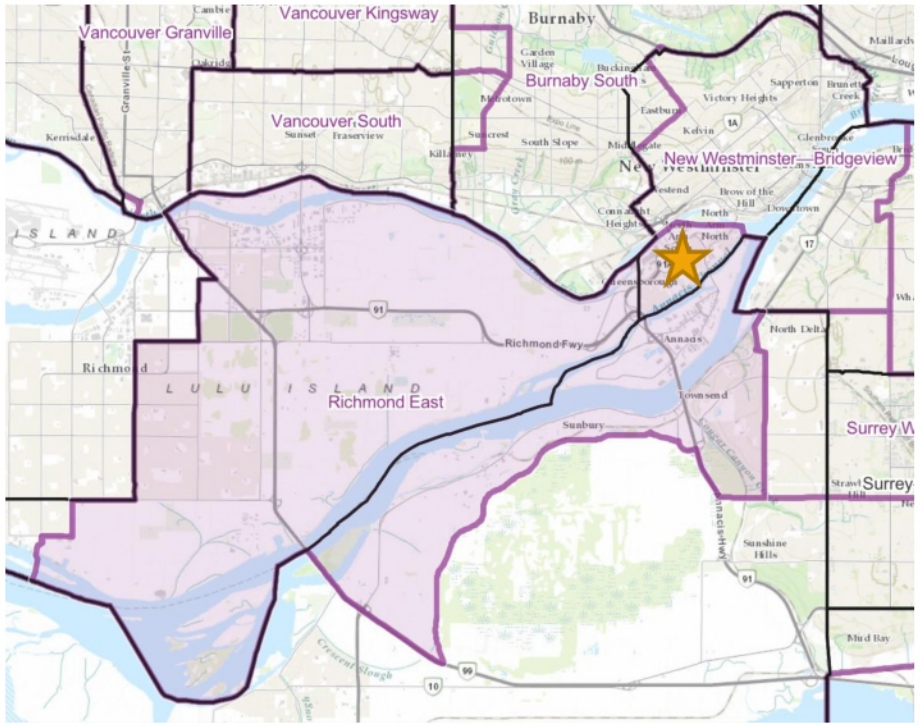
3. Elector Engagement



- Confusion
  - Part of New Westminster?
    - Paying taxes, collecting garbage, school
  - Part of Richmond?
    - Transportation, voting

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3. Elector Engagement

- Confusion causes disengagement
  - People don't have the time to learn on their own
  - *"Why is my riding called Richmond East?"*
  - 19(1) must explain why our electoral district doesn't match our municipal borders
- Without understanding, they don't feel there is transparency
  - *"Who made us part of Richmond? I live in New Westminster."*
- Lack of transparency means people feel powerless
  - *"This decision doesn't take my concerns into account. I can't effect change"*

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3. Queensborough: What our residents are saying

- *"... it's really irritating that Queensborough has been lumped in with East Richmond instead of remaining part of New Westminster."*
- *"I hope we get included into New Westminster and not linked with richmond when voting. ... (I can't even remember if that was provincial or federal).... but why are we linked with Richmond electorally?"*
- *"It's just so confusing. We vote for someone in Richmond yet New Westminster decides what happens with queensborough!? I'm so confused."*
- *"Still confused as to why [our] neighbourhood isn't in the New Westminster electoral district. Oh well."*
  - Another resident replies: "*I'm not confused by it, just annoyed by it*"

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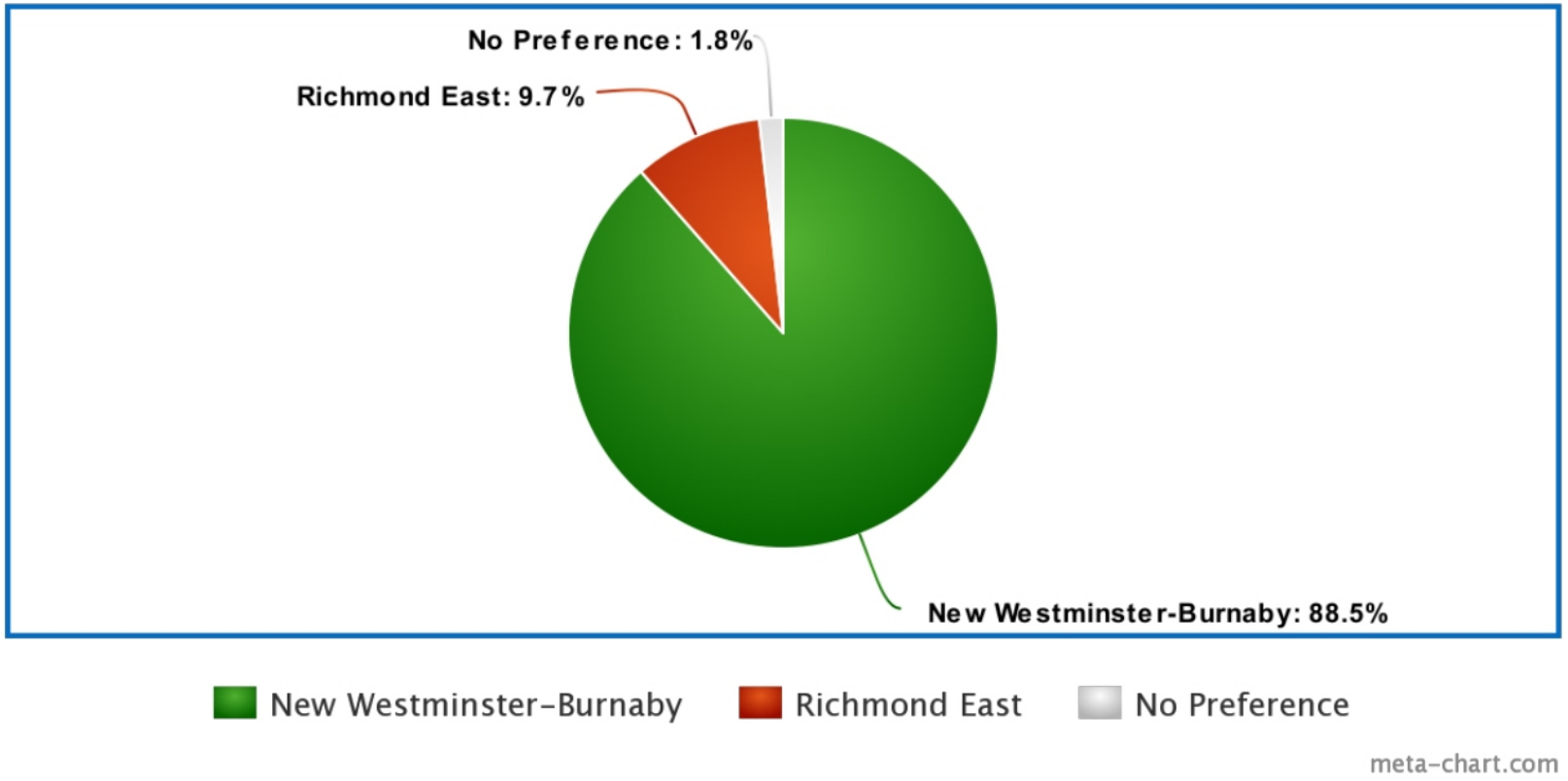
Do you agree with new proposed boundaries that place the neighbourhood of Queensborough in Richmond East?



Queensborough: Survey

POLL TAKEN SEP 7 TO SEP 12, OUT OF 111 RESPONDENTS

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4. Accessibility to Riding Offices

- Peter Julian's office (MP – New Westminster-Burnaby)
  - 5.2km from Queensborough
    - Driving: 7min
    - Transit: 20min
    - Q2Q Ferry: ~10min
- Aman Singh's office (MLA – Richmond-Queensborough)
  - 15km from Queensborough
    - Driving: 20min
    - Transit: 40min

- Elected officials' primary place of work within their constituency is their riding office
  - Logically: place riding office near the geographic centre or population centre of the riding
  - Queensborough is not near the geographic nor population centre of Richmond East

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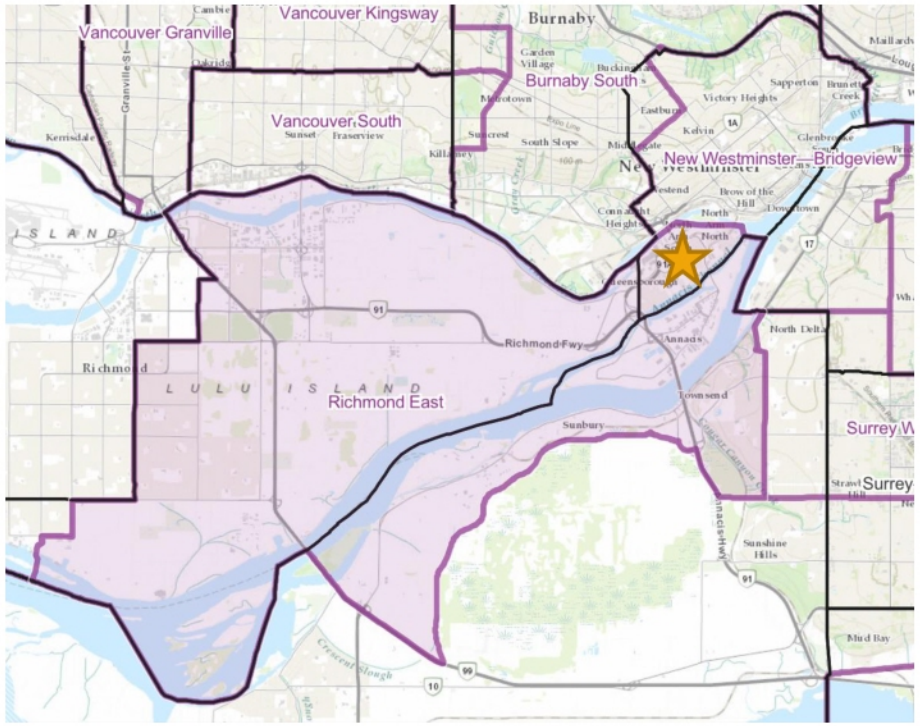
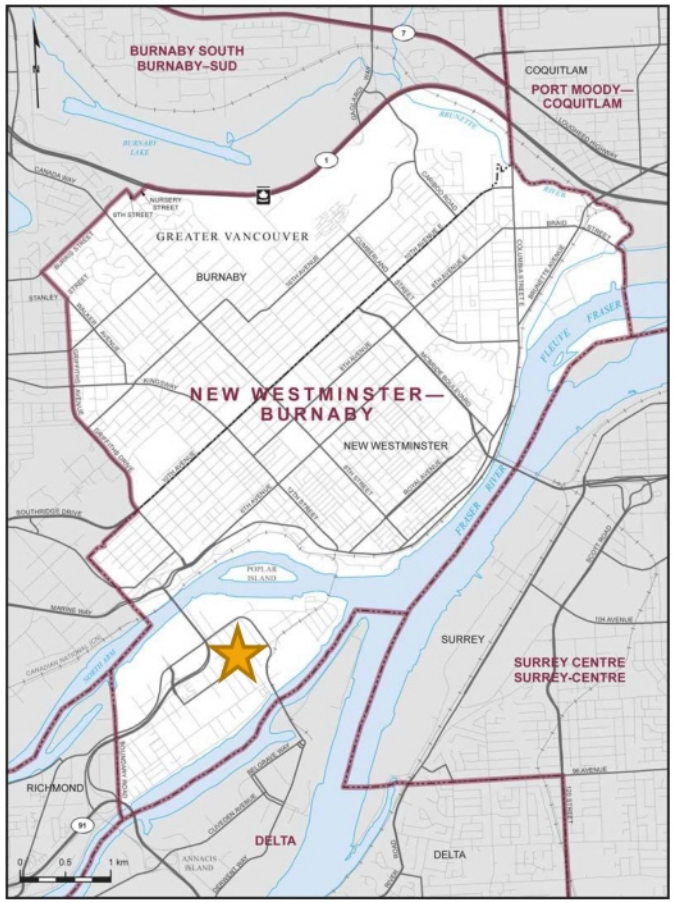
4. Accessibility to Riding Offices





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5. Reconciliation

- New Westminster and much of Queensborough sits on the traditional, unceded, ancestral and stolen lands of the Qayqayt First Nation
- The Qayqayt territory does not span in Richmond
- Recognizing and respecting First Nations territorial claims (TRC – call to action #45)

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Conclusions

Arguments against proposed redistribution

- 1. Demographics
- 2. Voting history
- 3. Elector Engagement
- 4. Accessibility to Riding Offices
- 5. Unceded territorial claims

Recommendation

- Any riding redistribution proposal should keep Queensborough as part of New Westminster

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Thank you

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 20, 2022 1:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Redistribution on Vancouver's North Shore Electoral Boundaries

To whom it may concern,

19(1) I wanted to share some brief feedback regarding the proposed federal electoral boundaries for the North Shore.

The North Shore contains five local governments, the District of West Van, the City of North Van, the District of North Van, the Squamish Nation, and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. While we share a lot of common geography and connections to our physical environment, the demographics across these local governments, and at a smaller scale across neighbourhood communities, are very different.

I feel that it is important to maintain the City as a whole, within one riding, ensuring consistency in representation and ease for collaboration across the levels of government. The historic boundary also respects the natural divisions between areas of the North Shore and helps ensure policy decisions are made effectively between all stakeholders.

Our common goal across levels of government is to serve our community members in the best way possible, and I hope that consideration is given to the points raised in order to achieve our common goals.

Best,

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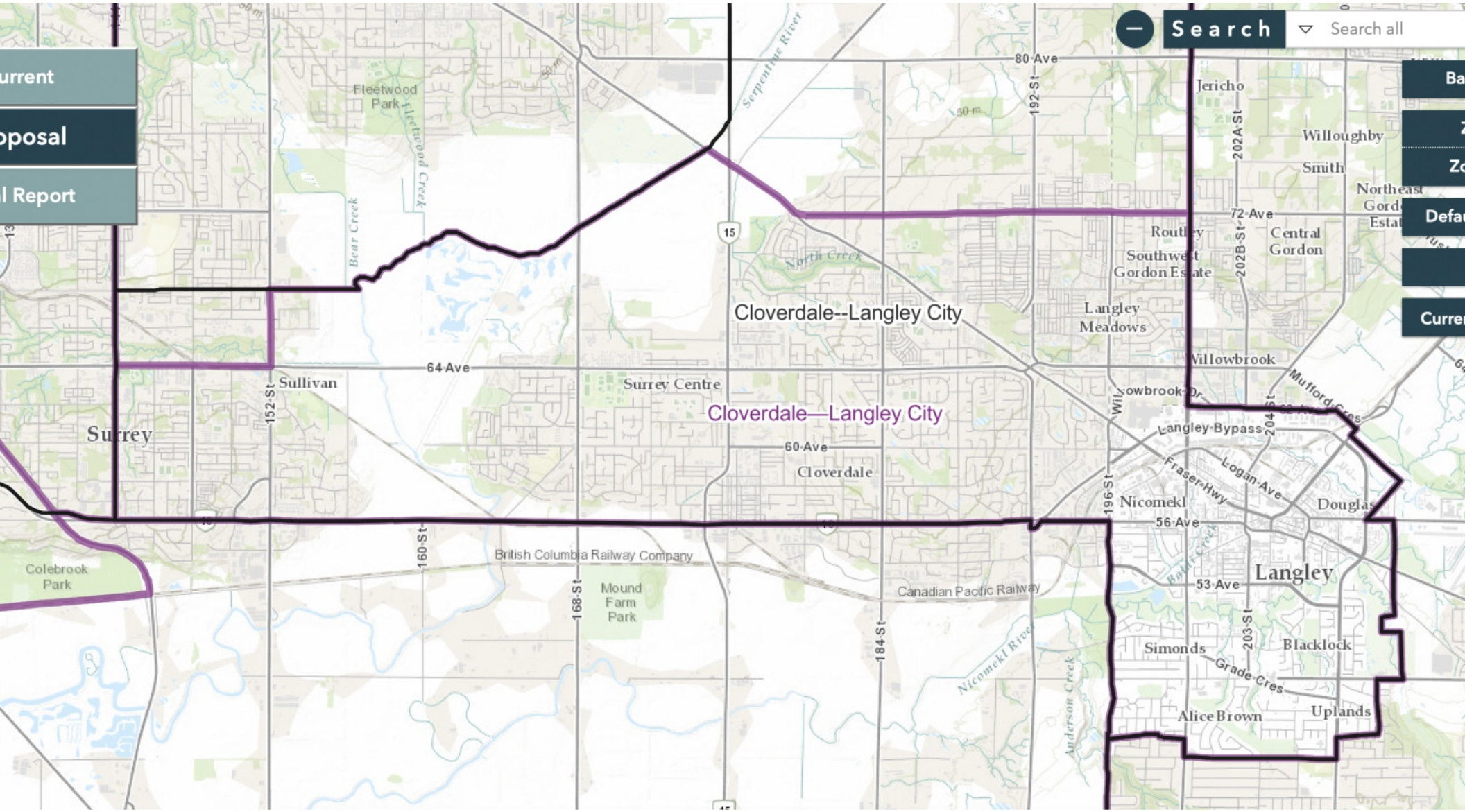

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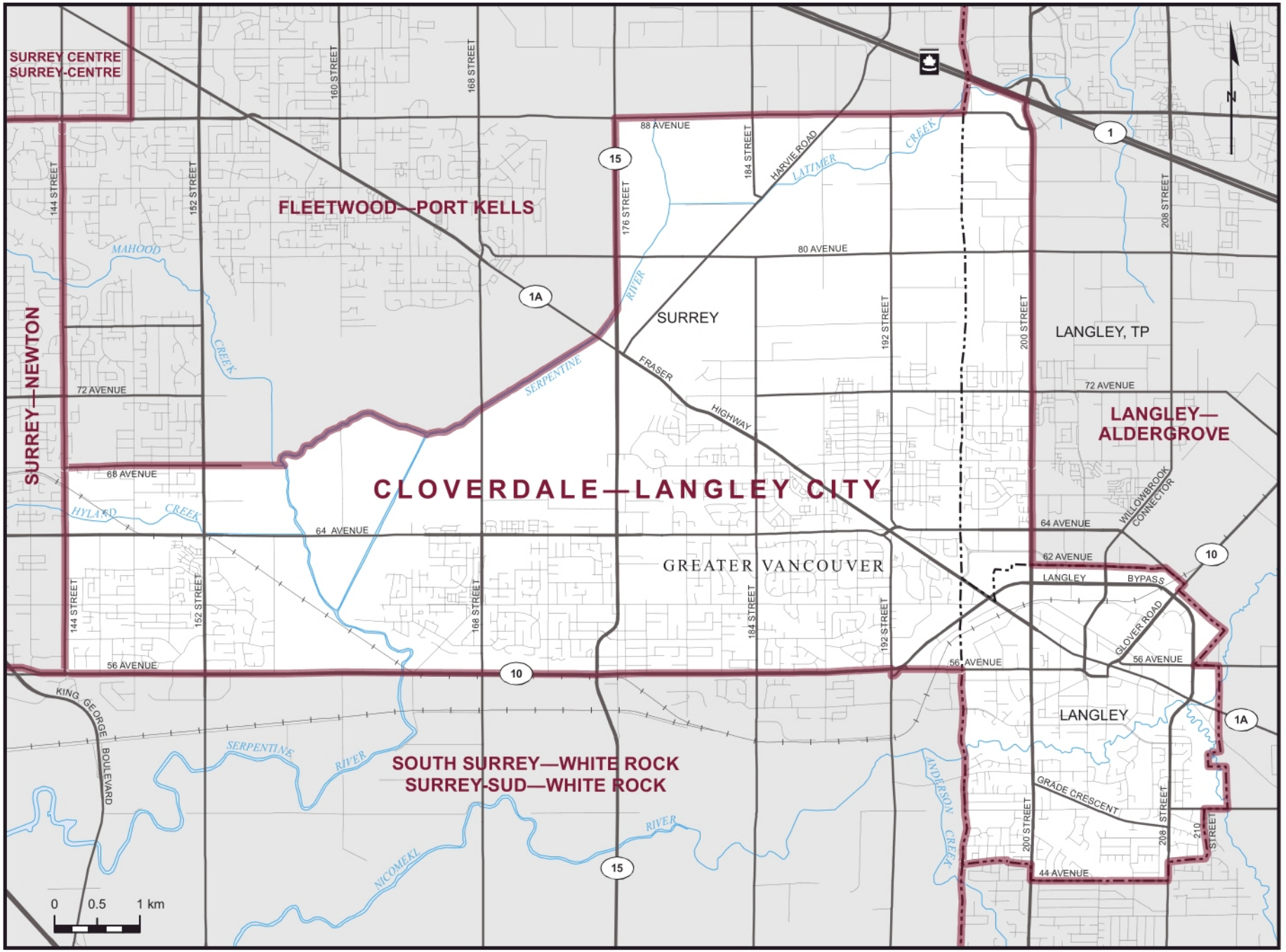

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May 26, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries

Dear Commissioners,

19(1) I would like to express concerns and opposition to the proposed electoral boundary changes in the Similkameen Valley as part of the new South Okanagan-West-Kootenay riding. 19(1) would like to see the Similkameen remain in one riding and not be separated.

As a region, the Similkameen shares the same history and acts as one community including their two First Nation bands, the Lower and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. 19(1) va 19(1) The Similkameen Valley Planning Society provides a platform for all the governments in the valley to promote the valley as a cohesive unit and encourage economic development and job creation on a regional level. The region shares the same watershed and with it the same stewardship and concerns. Health care, transportation, jobs, tourism and protective services are all working collaboratively in the region. The Provincial riding includes the entire Princeton area, who is considered a close regional partner.

19(1) respectfully request that the Similkameen Valley not be electorally divided.

Regards,

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cc Dan Albas, MP
Roly Russell, MLA
Spencer Coyne, Princeton Mayor
Manfred Bauer, Keremeos Mayor

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July 26, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries
Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Proposed New Federal Electoral District Boundaries – Richmond

This is to advise that Richmond City Council at its Regular Council meeting held on July 25, 2022, considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution:

(1) That a letter, with copies to Delta, New Westminster, Members of Parliament for Delta, New Westminster and Local Members of Parliament, be sent to the 2022 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of British Columbia to express Richmond's opposition to the proposed changes to Richmond's electoral boundaries for Richmond East and Richmond West;

(2) That the City of Richmond be represented if possible at the Public Hearing on September 12, 2022 in Richmond and speak in opposition to the proposed changes.

For the past three federal elections (2015, 2019, and 2021), Richmond has been divided into two electoral districts: Richmond Centre and Steveston-Richmond East. As a city with two electoral boundaries encompassing Richmond only, Council has worked hard with Richmond Members of Parliament (MP) to maintain Richmond's unity while, at the same time, promoting the unique aspects of our community. Prior to that, a portion of Delta was included with Richmond East – this involved factors unique to Delta which were not in accord with the residents of Richmond.

With the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries, the area of Steveston would be added to Richmond Centre to form Richmond West, and areas of Delta and New Westminster would be added to Richmond East. In particular, constituent voices of Richmond East may become diluted by the residents of neighbouring municipalities that have their own issues, priorities and very different demographics. This makes it difficult to be served by the same MP.

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The proposed changes to electoral boundaries are intended to ensure that the population of each electoral district approximates the B.C. electoral quota of 116,300. Given the 2021 Census of Population for Richmond does not account for undercoverage and there is expected growth in Richmond prior to the next election, the expected population should well exceed 232,000 people by 2025. By keeping Richmond Centre as an electoral district and adding a small population of the West Cambie area to Steveston-Richmond East as set out in the attachments, both Richmond electoral districts will meet the electoral quota without adding neighbouring municipalities.

Richmond City Council strongly opposes the proposed changes to Richmond's electoral district boundaries for Richmond East and Richmond West and strongly supports the importance of not dividing within and between cities.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Kita, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Corporate and Strategic Planning at 604-276-4091.

Yours truly,

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Mayor

pc: City of Delta, Council
City of New Westminster, Council
Parm Bains, MP, Steveston - Richmond East
Wilson Miao, MP, Richmond Centre
Hon. Carla Qualtrough, MP, Delta
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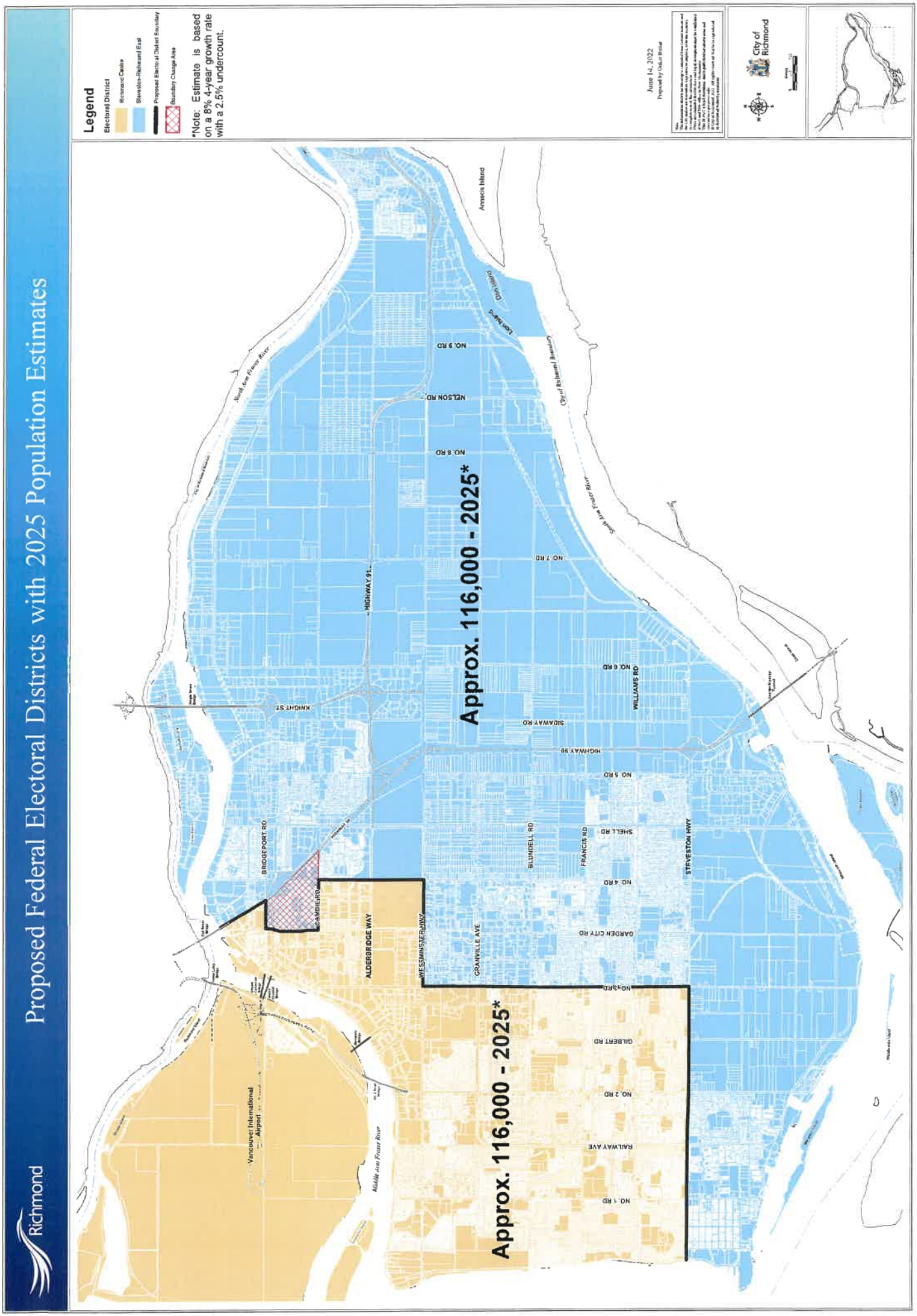

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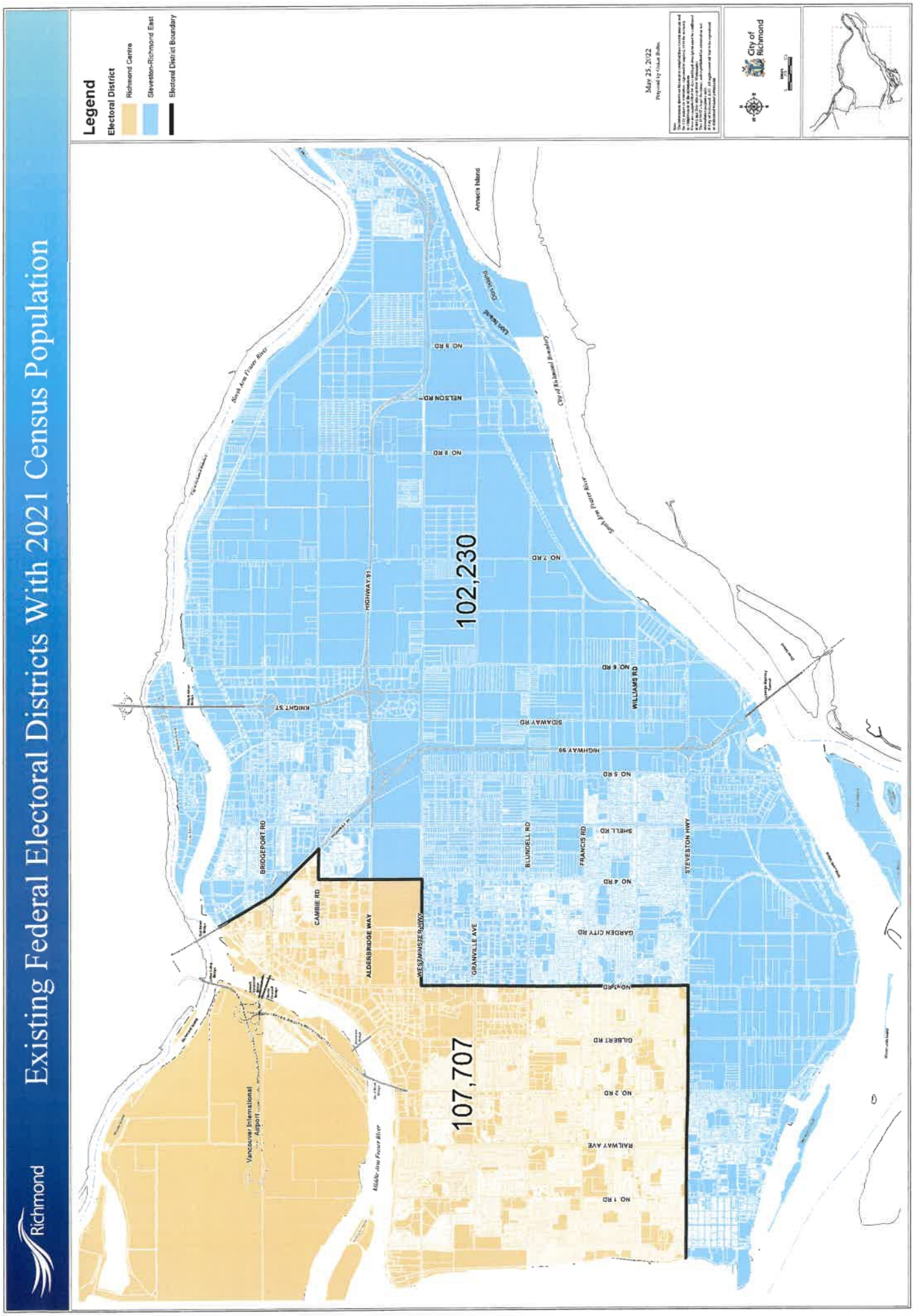

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THE CORPORATION OF THE

DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 6, 2022 File:

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
#300, 1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Via email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

RE: Elections Canada Electoral boundary change for West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country

Dear Commission Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the District of West Vancouver council regarding the proposed electoral boundary change that would shift the western boundary of the North Vancouver riding from Capilano Road to 15th Street in the District of West Vancouver. This will affect over 10,000 constituents who traditionally have voted in the West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country riding.

At the public hearing meeting on June 23, 2022 at the West Vancouver Memorial Library, all of the speakers from West Vancouver opposed the change.

At the June 27, 2022 council meeting, the following motion was passed:

> *THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, send a letter to the BC Electoral Boundary Commission expressing the community's significant opposition to the proposed redistribution of West Vancouver across multiple federal electoral districts.*

As stated, your Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act recognizes that "historical patterns and communities of interest and identity must be given great weight", while trying to address serious over – and under – representation, with *quality of representation being of great importance.*

Our community has a strong and distinct identity: culturally, historically, and politically, with a significant amount of our population living in the area from 15th Street eastwards to the Capilano River. The residents in this neighbourhood identify themselves as being part of West Vancouver, paying taxes, using community services, raising their children, and sending their children to school within School District 45. It is no surprise then that many residents of

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Ambleside view themselves as distinctly part of West Vancouver (and not North Vancouver) since the community was established over 100 years ago.

The West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country riding currently represents many local governments, with the District of West Vancouver being the largest. We believe that by keeping our District within one Federal electoral boundary, our Member of Parliament will be better able to understand and represent our needs, based on a host of demographic, mobility, educational, health, and other areas of reference.

When municipal districts bestride more than one Federal electoral riding, expectations arise which are difficult to manage. Sometimes, both MPs strive to represent the same person, group, or interest, which leads to overlap, confusion, and unnecessary potential conflict. Sometimes, each MP who represents the area may think the other is taking charge, resulting in a vacuum of representation. Local government areas are key "communities of interest" which factor heavily in an MP's ability to effectively represent their constituents.

Much of an MP's work involves interfacing with local government: indeed, local governments often drive the priorities in infrastructure funding and other issues. When covering distances between Ottawa and the West Coast and large, differentiated communities, an MP benefits in representing constituents from information provided by local government representatives.

With our history and identity, and being distinct from North Vancouver since 1912, this feels like a big step backwards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mary-Ann Booth

cc: District of West Vancouver Council
Patrick Weiler, M.P., West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, M.P., North Vancouver
Robert Bartlett, CAO, District of West Vancouver
Mark Panneton, Director of Legislative Services, District of West Vancouver

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September 2, 2022

To: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Surrey - Submission

Surrey is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada 19(1)
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19(1) Surrey City Centre is designated as the second Metropolitan Centre in Metro Vancouver. Within the next few years, Surrey will be the largest City in British Columbia.

Our Statement of Purpose is to facilitate business improvement, community economic development, business revitalization and enhancement for the Downtown of the City of Surrey. We build partnerships for a dynamic and sustainable Metropolitan Centre that is THE place to invest, work, learn, live and play.

19(1) we would like to address our concerns regarding the proposed boundaries for Surrey Centre. Specifically, the area west of 128 St and the area south of 96 Ave.

Ass it currently stands, the area west of 128 St is being eliminated from Surrey Centre and is reallocated to the newly proposed riding of New Westminster-Bridgeview. It is important to note there is no relationship between the residents and businesses living in the Bridgeview area and industrial flats in Surrey and with the City of New Westminster. In reviewing the proposed changes, it will result in Members of Parliament having to represent two Cities, the City of Surrey, and the City of New Westminster. Overall, this will affect representation as constituents living in the fore mentioned Cities will have different concerns. 19(1) strongly recommends having this area remain within Surrey Centre, as one riding, and it will be in Surrey.

Moreover, the area south of 96 Ave is also being taken away from Surrey Centre and is being allocated to the newly proposed riding of Surrey West (under existing boundaries this is Surrey Newton and Delta). Again, this will result in Members of Parliament having to represent two Cities, the City of Surrey, and the City of Delta, which, yet again, will affect representation as constituents living in these areas will have different concerns.

In addition to the above, we have included the projections for the area's growth for your reference.

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Population Projections – City

2021	Whalley incl. City Centre	124,540	City centre component	45,530
2026		140.652		57,570

Active Construction	# Units 6,617
Developments in progress	# Units 14,265
Pending -under review	# Units 10,363
	Total # Units 31,245

19(1) would appreciate a through, thoughtful review of the details outlined in our submission and kindly request the adjustments be made according to our recommendations. Thank you in advance and if you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Submission Regarding the Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton Proposal

September 15, 2022

Dear Redistribution Commissioners:

Thank you for providing an opportunity to share our thoughts on the federal electoral boundaries proposal for Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton. 19(1)

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19(1) Please consider the following modifications to your proposal that we are suggesting.

(Please note: the population numbers we have used come from Statistics Canada)

1. I would ask that you keep the City of Kamloops whole:

    - Please do not take the eastern portion from where the Highway 5 overpass meets with the eastern portion of the TransCanada highway, starting at Rose Hills, then down and east through Valleyview, Barnhartvale, Juniper Ridge, Rose Hill, and Dallas, and move it to the North Okanagan-Shuswap. That area is clearly as much a part of the city of Kamloops as any other area of Kamloops. It uses the same businesses, schools, federal and provincial services, and agencies that the rest of the city uses. Many of those residents, live, work and play in Kamloops.

    - Kamloops should be considered a whole and not divided north, south, east, west or any other way. Everyone in the city shares the same businesses, schools, federal and provincial services, and agencies that the rest of the city uses.

    - The city has a unique makeup of diverse populations including Indigenous people (11% of the city's population) as well as large numbers of South Asian, Asian, Filipino, and African peoples. The social and cultural makeup of the city is very different from the outlying rural areas. Many of the rural areas are less diverse and more homogeneous in populations largely of European descent.

    - The population of the city is also growing rapidly at a rate of more than 8%

Along with the city of Kamloops please also include the following areas:

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- Kamloops Reserve 1, Tk ‘emlups te Secwepemc, should be Included within the riding. It is a big part of the city geographically, commercially, and socially as well. It borders the Yellowhead 5 highway and the residents use the same Kamloops businesses, schools, federal and provincial services that the rest of the city uses.

- The North Thompson area including Thompson- Nicola P, Sun Peaks, Thompson-Nicola A and Thompson- Nicola B. Thompson- Nicola O. Clearwater and Barriere should also be included in the riding with Kamloops. Geographically and historically these areas along the North Thompson River are closely linked to Kamloops, and depend on the Yellowhead 5 highway, the railroads and access to services located in Kamloops. Normal commerce, business, and access to government services for these folk is in Kamloops. Federal and provincial services have also for many years drawn these populations to the city of Kamloops. They are not linked to the Cariboo region.

- In addition, please include the area west of Kamloops, that is, Thompson Nicola J and the Skeetcheston Reserve. These communities are also closely tied to Kamloops as the center for much of their business, industry, transportation, and federal, public and provincial services and not tied closely to other areas. They really have nowhere else to go.

Altogether, the whole City of Kamloops, Kamloops Reserve 1, all the other communities stretching up the North Thompson River and those communities west of Kamloops out to the Skeetchestn Reserve include a population of about 117,000 people. This meets the commission's target number of people in each riding. It also respects communities of interest and a diverse community of people with strong geographic ties who share business, commercial, federal, and provincial interests, services and agencies.

2. I would also suggest that many of the rural areas that you have included in your proposal should be included in other ridings. They should not be included in the greater Kamloops riding because their inclusion with our proposal would increase the population numbers to far in excess of 116,300. Also, many of their issues are very different from the larger, urban centre of Kamloops and they often have more in common with other rural communities. In addition, given that you may find it would be desirable to change the boundaries of some of the other ridings in the BC Interior, the changes below may help you achieve the desired population targets in some of those other Interior ridings.

   We would suggest that some of the rural areas in your proposal might be included with the following ridings:

- The Coquihalla Riding could include Logan Lake, Lytton, Spences Bridge and Ashcroft. This would mean adding about 4 thousand people to that area. These communities are all rural, closely linked by highways, commerce, communities of interest and history.

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With improvements in communications, like Zoom and Webex, and better roads, these communities are much less isolated than they used to be.

- The Cariboo-Prince George Riding could include Lillooet and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts A and B, Pavilion, Fountain, Marble Canyon, Hat Creek, Bonaparte,

Cache Creek, Clinton and 70 Mile House. This would increase the population of the riding by about 6.5 thousand people.

3. Please consider changing the name of the new riding to Kamloops-North Thompson.

Thank you very much for considering our modifications to your proposal. We hope you find them helpful, constructive, and that they meet with your criteria, and better serve the people of our area.

Again, thank you for all your hard work on this very demanding task.

Sincerely

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September 7, 2022

Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution, BC Commission

The Honourable Justice Mary Saunders (Chair)

Mr. R. Kenneth Carty

Mr. Stewart Ladyman

Via Email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear BC Commission:

Re: Splitting of Marpole Neighbourhood (Electoral District of Vancouver Granville)

It has come to my attention that under the proposed redistribution of the electoral riding known as Vancouver Granville, an arbitrary portion (Fraser River Trail Park) of the neighbourhood of Marpole will be removed and given to another Member of Parliament.

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We believe that our Neighbourhood should be kept together as part of Vancouver Granville. The historic Marpole Neighborhood is indeed defined by its mix of residential housing, including low-rise apartments, and several major commercial streets, including shopping along Granville Street.

By way of this letter, we are advocating to keep the entirety of the Marpole Neighborhood together and as a part of Vancouver Granville.

Sincerely,

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May 19, 2022 File: 01-0400-40/22

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300 - 1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Sent via email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Commission Members:

Subject: Proposed Changes to Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1) [redacted] I am writing to vehemently oppose the proposed changes to the federal electoral districts in BC, specifically the proposed Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley and Mission-Maple Ridge electoral districts.

19(1) [redacted] we are surprised to hear that you have proposed dividing Pitt Meadows into two separate electoral districts. We are a small community of less than 20,000 citizens with a very strong identity that is easily conveyed through our City's Vision Statement: Pitt Meadows Proud™. From our perspective, and from the residents we've heard from thus far, it doesn't make sense to divide our City's voice in Parliament and mix it with the needs and priorities of several other communities that do not necessarily share the same challenges, priorities, strategic directions, and goals that we have.

We do, however, share much in common with the City of Maple Ridge. We are often referred to as the Ridge Meadows area; we share the Ridge Meadows Hospital; we are co-owners of the Pitt Meadows Airport; we share multiple sports teams whose names

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19(1) [redacted]

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begin with 'Ridge Meadows'; we share a school district (SD42), ; our economic development is inter-connected through the Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce; our newspaper is the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News; our citizens are jointly supported through Ridge Meadows Community Services and the Ridge Meadows Division of Family practice; and the list goes on.

As well from a "regional perspective", at TransLink we are part of the North East Sector sub-region (e.g. Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge), a geographical area separated by the Fraser River.

The current Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge electoral district has served us very well over the past many years. Combined, our population is approaching 120,000 and over the next 20 years, is anticipated to grow another 40,000.

We urgently ask that you reconsider your proposed amendments and find a solution that, at the very minimum, allows Pitt Meadows' voice to be heard as one community in Parliament and, more ideally, allows us to continue our close alliance and liaison work with Maple Ridge at a federal level.

Yours Truly,

19(1)

cc: Pitt Meadows Council
Maple Ridge Council
Port Coquitlam Council
MP Marc Dalton and MP Ron McKinnon
CAO Mark Roberts

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HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Naturally Refreshed

File: 0530-01
RC-2022-06-06

August 29, 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to inform you that the Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs is opposed to the proposed boundary adjustment for the ridings of Chilliwack and Mission-Maple Ridge. Our Council passed a formal motion on this matter at their Regular Meeting of June 6, 2022.

19(1) [redacted]

cc MP Brad Vis

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CITY OF MISSION ON THE FRASER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FILE: 01-0430-20

July 8, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
c/o BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Commission Members:

Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission – Input by the City of Mission Mayor and Council

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our input on the consideration of realignment of federal riding boundaries in our area.

On June 6, 2022, City of Mission Council considered our preferences when it comes to the proposed realignment of the current federal boundaries. The following resolution was approved unanimously:

> "That a letter be sent to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC expressing Council's views on the proposed realignment of Mission's boundary, such as sharing key water and sewer infrastructure with Abbotsford, having mutually aligned priorities with Abbotsford (e.g. flood protection, waste management, transit and transportation, reconciliation with First Nations), and membership in the same Regional District with Abbotsford."

In short, our Council expressed concerns about any federal realignment that would have us share a riding with Maple Ridge. The reason for that concern has to do with the fact that Maple Ridge is a member of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, while Mission is a member of the Fraser Valley Regional District.

As part of the Abbotsford-Mission CMA, we share a considerable number of resources with our neighbour to the south, including sewer, water, recycling, and transit services. As our region experiences growth, we expect that our need for regional partnerships will grow.

While Mission maintains a collegial and positive relationship with the City of Maple Ridge, we simply do not work together to the same extent. If an MP was assigned to an area that included both cities, they would find their attention significantly divided. In some cases, they might be asked to advocate for competing interests.

As a final note, we recognize that the alignment of our riding as it exists currently requires that it covers a large geographic area extending into the Fraser Canyon. As residents of the North Fraser, we work frequently with communities in most of that area. Indeed, the electoral areas to our east are essentially considered by most to be part of our community. These electoral areas include F, G, and C. Additionally, we frequently work with First Nations who occupy the North Shore in this area. We are actively working together on interests such as watershed management, salmon enhancement, transportation infrastructure, and reconciliation work.

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In the opinion of Mission Council, as much as possible, we would like to see our electoral boundaries reflect the social realities of our community, meaning that it should include Abbotsford and the electoral areas to our immediate east, rather than Maple Ridge.

Sincerely,

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PAUL HORN
MAYOR

Cc. Leq'á:mel First Nation
Skew:lets First Nation
Fraser Valley Regional District
City of Abbotsford
Member of Parliament, Brad Vis
City of Mission Council

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September 15, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC
V6E 2E9

SENT VIA EMAIL: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Members of the Commission:

Re: Federal Redistribution on Vancouver's North Shore Electoral Boundaries

19(1) I would like to thank the Commission for your service to British Columbians as you have worked diligently on the redistribution of electoral boundaries at the federal level. Indeed this is no easy task and people across the province are grateful for your contributions.

However, upon reviewing the proposed changes for the ridings on the North Shore, I have several concerns I feel should be conveyed to the Commission. It is my hope that the proposal, as it stands, can be adjusted so that the people who live on the North Shore will have the best possible representation.

The North Shore is comprised of several municipalities, all situated on the traditional lands of three different First Nations who have reservation land across the Shore as well. Within each neighbourhood and jurisdiction, you will find unique communities with considerable differences in history, demographics, and identity.

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19(1) Current boundaries, honour the make up of my community and allows people of all ages, abilities, races, and more, to be well represented in Ottawa.

It would be easy to lump all the communities on the North Shore into one melting pot but that approach would not honour the lived experiences and reality of the people who make up the City of North Vancouver. I do fear carving up the City into other ridings would deteriorate our representation by an elected Member of Parliament.

Further, there are significant differences in policy preferences between different communities on the North Shore. Be it housing, child care, transportation, climate, or another defining key issue of our time, you will find dramatic differences in policy solutions and ideology. If a Member of Parliament is to represent a contiguous, whole, community accounting for the values and priorities of each community, reinforcing the already existing communities within electoral boarders would go a long way in setting an elected person up for success. The proposed new boundaries would indeed create a fragmented riding and negatively affect a persons' ability to represent their constituents well.

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The proposal as it stands is inconsistent with both previous electoral boundaries, as well as boundaries at the municipal, provincial levels. This makes the role of the MP more difficult to execute due to overlapping authority and jurisdiction, as well as the need to represent a multitude of communities with a multitude of local and provincial representatives.

Siphoning off parts of the City of North Vancouver into different ridings will make it more difficult to ensure smooth intergovernmental relations with municipalities and First Nations governments. 19(1)

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I believe we share the same priority in this matter. Communities must be well served and represented at the federal level. While I appreciate that there is a numbers game to be played, the fact of the matter is that dividing communities does not bring us any closer to our shared goal.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you wish to discuss this matter further. You can always connect with me via 19(1)

Sincerely,

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c.c. City of North Vancouver Council
Hon. Johnathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources and MP for North Vancouver
Terry Beech, MP for Burnaby North-Seymour
Patrick Weiler, MP for West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

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19(1)

June 14, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings St. Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commission Members;

RE: Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton Electoral Boundaries

We can appreciate that it is not an easy task to divide British Columbia up by electoral populations given the topography and the restricted and sometimes limited connecting routes throughout the province. In looking at the proposed redistribution, we understand that the boundaries proposed consider historical patterns, geographic size and communities of interest or identity. In our opinion, the commission must also consider as its primary goal, the ease of public access to their member of parliament.

With this latter focus in mind, we note that the proposed electoral boundaries for Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton riding do not reflect typical day to day traffic patterns based on trading and supply routes for the region. The Kamloops trading area reaches a population of approximately 215,000 residents. Residents from the southern Cariboo as well as the western Shuswap region would generally travel to Kamloops for regional services and major shopping and supplies.
If normal travel and supply routes were considered, it would make sense to divide the Kamloops trading area into two ridings, one riding would include half of Kamloops with the southern Cariboo and Similkameen Nicola area and a second riding that would include half of Kamloops with the western and northern portions of the Shuswap area. Our understanding is that the western side would have a population of approximately 110,000 people and the eastern side would have a population of about the same number.

The present boundary proposal whereby a finger of the Southern Thompson River Kamloops residents would become part of the North Okanagan Shuswap riding seems somewhat bizarre. Residents who live within a few minutes from the Kamloops Thompson Lytton MP's office would travel about one hour to visit their new MP's office. Is this logical or practical?

The major large retail outlets have figured out where people in this region travel for major purchases and supplies. Please consider the trading area populations and the travel routes before the Kamloops boundaries are finalized.

Yours sincerely,

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June 13, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Via email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Re: Proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries for the City of Penticton

Dear Commissioners:

While 19(1) understands and is supportive of the increase of seats to better reflect population change across the Province, 19(1) is opposed to the fragmentation of our community.

The proposed changes undermine the tightly knit nature of our community and will erode local representation in Parliament. 19(1)

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The division line is Main Street, which is a simple dividing line for cartographer but immensely confusing for Penticton residents and makes little practical sense. Dividing Penticton in two – putting them into such a large geographic region to be covered – will result in local residents being poorly served.

We ask that Penticton's history, interests and identity be re-considered and our opposition to these proposed changes be heard favourably.

Yours truly,

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May 30, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300-1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

SENT VIA EMAIL: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Commission Members:

Subject: Proposed Changes to Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1) I am writing to furiously oppose the proposed changes to the federal electoral districts in BC, specifically the proposed Pitt Meadows–Fort Langley and Mission – Maple Ridge electoral districts.

19(1) are bewildered to hear that you have proposed that Port Coquitlam be severed into two constituencies, with Port Coquitlam south of Lougheed Highway belonging to a new constituency of Pitt Meadows – Fort Langley. It makes no sense to sever Port Coquitlam in half and include the southern part with Pitt Meadows and Fort Langley.

Severing Port Coquitlam along the highway could lead to a feeling of separation, whereas the city has spent years trying to overcome a sense of divide. We are concerned that this boundary would heighten that sense of division. This proposal would divide our city, dilute our residents voice and potentially require people to drive to Langley to get federal services from their Member of Parliament.

Furthermore, from a "regional perspective" at TransLink we are part of the North East Sector sub-region (e.g. Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge) a geographical area separated by the Fraser River.

We urgently ask that you reconsider your proposed amendments and find a solution that, at the very minimum, that allows Port Coquitlam's voice to be heard as one community in Parliament, and more ideally, allows us to continue our close alliance and liaison work with Coquitlam at a federal level which has served us well over the past number of years.

Sincerely,

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Cc: MP Ron McKinnon, MLA Mike Farnworth

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September 19, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission c/o
BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Commission Members:

Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission – Input by 19(1)
19(1)

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our input on the consideration of the realignment of federal riding boundaries in our area.

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19(1) expressed concerns about any federal realignment that would have our community share a riding with Maple Ridge. The City of Mission is part of the Fraser Valley Regional District, and Maple Ridge is part of the Metro Vancouver Regional District – that is a very big difference between the two communities that should not be grouped under the same riding boundary.

19(1) we share a considerable number of resources with our neighbor to the south, including sewer, water, recycling, and transit services. As our region experiences growth, we expect that our need for regional partnerships will grow. 19(1)
19(1) the divide is made by CMHC for housing research which is a better delineation than the potential proposed change to Mission/Maple Ridge for the Federal riding.

19(1) and the City of Mission work closely with all surrounding municipalities. We do believe that an MP that is assigned to the new proposed riding boundary would have their attention divided and, in some cases, they might be asked to advocate for competing interests.

As a final note, we recognize that the alignment of our riding as it exists currently requires that it covers a large geographical area extending into the Fraser Canyon. 19(1)

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Fraser, we work frequently with communities in most of that area. Indeed, the electoral areas to our east are essentially considered by most to be part of our community. These electoral areas include F, G, and C. Additionally, we frequently work with First Nations and the associated businesses and interests in those areas. 19(1)

19(1) as much as possible, we would like to see our electoral boundaries reflect the social realities of our community, meaning that it should include Abbotsford and the electoral areas to our immediate east, rather than Maple Ridge.

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Cc.

Leq'á:mel First Nation
Sq'éwlets First Nation
Fraser Valley Regional District
City of Abbotsford
Member of Parliament, Brad Vis
City of Mission Council

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19(1)

October 3, 2022

Dear Commission Secretary,

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries of the Electoral District of West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country 19(1) 19(1) I submit that the boundaries of the electoral district should stay as they are now, as the population fits well within the deviation of the electoral quotient and to change it would sever an important community of interest.

19(1) have expressed concern and opposition to the proposed changes that would affect over 10,000 residents of West Vancouver that would be separated from the West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country electoral district and added to the North Vancouver electoral district. 19(1) living in the area that is proposed to be moved is unanimously opposed to the proposed changes. This is supported by the collection of signatures that is included with this submission.

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The reasons why constituents are opposed to the changes can be summed up in the following ways.

- It would complicate outreach, advocacy and engagement:
    - Resulting in the added time and cost of West Vancouver constituents and community groups, Chamber of Commerce, business improvement areas, Council and other organizations explaining their interests and concerns to two different MPs. Likewise, it would double the type of groups that the North Vancouver MP would have to engage with.
    - Adding a small part of the West Vancouver community to the North Vancouver community with a much larger population will make it unlikely for the MP for North Vancouver to attend community events in West Vancouver when a corresponding event

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is taking place in North Vancouver, given that the West Vancouver portion of the electoral district will only represent about 10% of the constituency.

- It would cause confusion for constituents:
    - Having multiple MPs for the same community can lead to confusion amongst the populace regarding who is the appropriate representative. It can lead to overlap in representation when both MPs are working to solve the same problem or issue in the community. It can also lead one MP to think the other is taking charge of a situation, project of constituent concern, resulting in a vacuum of representation.
    - We have seen the effect of this in practice as a result of the changes made to the provincial electoral boundaries with West Vancouver – Sea to Sky and West Vancouver – Capilano as expressed at 19(1) 19(1)
- It would cause the separation of a community of interest:
    - West Vancouver has a strong and distinct identity from our neighbouring riding: culturally, historically and politically, with a significant part of the population of West Vancouver living east of 15th street.
    - The folks living in this area identify as West Vancouverites, paying taxes, using community services, participating in recreational activities, and raising and sending their children to school within School District 45.

I understand that the Commission has a difficult task in aiming for the electoral districts to consist of populations that approximate the electoral quotient of 116,300 residents. It is particularly difficult in the case of West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country given the geographical constraints of the mountains, coast, and a population for the three contiguous Sea to Sky communities that are remote or logistically inaccessible from alternative neighbouring communities to the north. The proposed changes will however result in the severing of the important community of interest of West Vancouver.

It is for these reasons that the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act allows for a deviation of up to 25% from the electoral quotient (s. 15(2)). Given the current population of West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country is 131,206, it is only 12.8% larger than the electoral quotient, and much lower than the maximum population allowed of 145,375. Members of Parliament are given additional money in their budget to represent ridings that are larger than average by population or geographic area. This is more than sufficient to ensure that such districts are well served by the MP and their office.

Having the population of an electoral district be as close as reasonably possible to the electoral quotient is done in furtherance of achieving effective representation by having relative parity in voting power. This is undoubtedly important.

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However, it has been demonstrated that maintaining communities of interest is important to enhance citizen engagement in politics. It has been shown that turnout is negatively affected when boundaries are drawn in a way where voters are placed in ridings where they have less in common. I submit that severing the community of West Vancouver would result in such a situation. Likewise, severing the community of West Vancouver into two electoral districts would dilute the voice of the community, and lead to the needs of affected West Vancouver residents being swallowed up in the larger district to the east.

As a result, the strict reliance on the electoral quotient alone in line with the proposed changes to the boundaries, while more closely reaching the spirit of “one person, one vote”, would lead to much less effective representation. The community would be much better served by keeping the electoral boundaries as they are now, which coincide neatly with regional and municipal boundaries, are familiar with the community, and which are well within the accepted deviation from the electoral quotient. The clear consensus amongst constituents, elected officials and community organizations regarding this proposal demonstrates the imperative to maintain the electoral boundaries as they are currently drawn.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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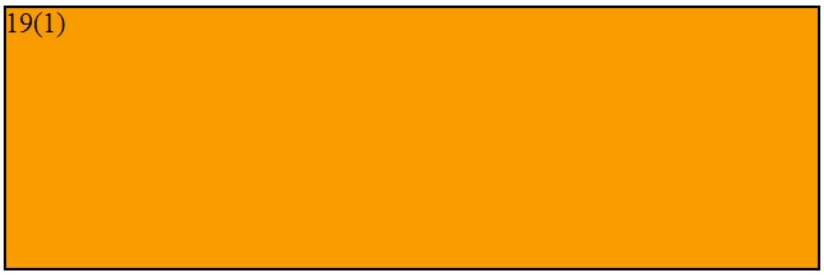

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September 21, 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Sent via email to BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Members of the Commission:

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19(1) It is from this perspective that I am pleased to participate in the review of electoral boundaries. I anticipate that our riding remains within the permit table 25% variance of the Provincial population. With this understanding, I do not believe there is a need for any change to the boundaries. 19(1)

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There are many reasons why I suggest the boundaries should not change:

1. Currently there is a proposed change to add a small section of Courtenay to the riding. This would only provide more confusion for the region. Comox and Courtenay are very close neighbours. When the change of boundaries happened, it took a while but now people are clearer on who their MP is. It is also now well-defined for municipal leaders to have a clear perspective on who to contact with federal concerns. By changing the boundaries as suggested, it would mean that municipal leaders would have to speak to more than one MP, which in such a small area simply creates difficulty.

2. Powell River must remain in the boundaries of this riding. Comox is a significant service community to Powell River. In fact, the use of BC Ferries for health purposes between Powell River and Comox is one of the highest in British Columbia. (On page 24 of this report the information is on use of social program fees -https://www.bcferries.com/web_image/hd8/hec/8898175860766.pdf).

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3. Honouring relationships of Indigenous communities: Tla'amin, Komox, Homalco and Klahoose Nations are sister Nations. Tla'amin is located on the mainland and is next to the city of Powell River. Homalco's main community is in Campbell River, Komox is near Comox and Klahoose is located on Cortes Island. These communities are closely related and having one MP represent the area simply makes sense.

4. North Island Powell River is geographically the third largest riding of the province. An MP has several ferries, communities only accessible by boat or sea plane and a significant amount of travel to get to the many communities in the riding. The current boundaries reflect the relationship between the qathet Regional District and North Vancouver Island. This is important and provides a manageable area for an MP to travel.

I hope that these points are well taken during this serious time of deliberation.

If you have any questions or need for clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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September 20, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300-1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver BC, V6E 2E9

RE: Proposal of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of BC – Abbotsford Electoral District

Dear Commission,

19(1) and local businesses please consider the following feedback regarding the proposed federal electoral boundaries readjustment for the electoral district of Abbotsford. 19(1) 19(1) s deeply concerned with the current proposal, which if passed to change boundaries as outlined would result in the loss of critical communities of interest. Moreover, the result would be a loss of representation over entities that are integral to Abbotsford's identity, history, and key economic sectors. The communities of interest that we are strongly advocating must stay within our current electoral boundaries are:

1) Abbotsford International Airport
2) The University of the Fraser Valley Main Campus
3) Abbotsford Events and Entertainment Center
4) Sumas Boarder Crossing

The separation of Abbotsford International Airport and Sumas Boarder Crossing to Langley-Aldergrove and the separation of The University of the Fraser Valley's Main Campus to be included in the Chilliwack electoral districts are a massive loss for the political representation of Abbotsford's business community.

The importance of the Abbotsford Airport, our thriving aerospace sector with Cascade Aerospace (the largest employer in the City) and our famous Abbotsford International Airshow to what our community has built economically, for local jobs, tourism and the movement of people and goods cannot be understated. In 2019, our airport celebrated achieving the threshold of 1 million air passenger traffic. Our International Airshow Society puts on the annual Abbotsford International Airshow which is a global attraction deeply rooted in Abbotsford's community. 19(1)
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The University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) is home to the Agriculture and Food Institute, an agricultural center of research excellence, and is currently located in Abbotsford, the "Hub of the Fraser Valley." The City has been progressing the "U-District" near UFV and this area is developing into a vibrant community of students that live, learn and play in Abbotsford. 19(1)
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19(1) would also like to identify Abbotsford Events and Entertainment Centre as an important City asset that the current proposal would remove from Abbotsford's political representation. It has been a major investment from the City and currently is the home of the "Abbotsford Canucks" a popular junior hockey team bringing people and families together. It is clearly a very symbolic structure of Abbotsford integral to its economy and a result of local community building.

Abbotsford is also the leading Agricultural region in Canada, 19(1)
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19(1) We are also a key transportation gateway for truck traffic coming from the Port of Metro Vancouver through our highway infrastructure leading to the Sumas Boarder.

The partitioning away of these communities of interest under the proposed boundary re-distribution entails including these entities in the outskirts of municipal jurisdictions that they are not part of, nor have historical roots within, nor natural community partnerships. Rather than be politically represented in territories as part of other municipal jurisdictions, it would be best for the City and its residents to keep these core entities to Abbotsford within its electoral boundaries and representation.

19(1) proposes keeping the boundaries to the west of the current Abbotsford Electoral District bordering Langley-Aldergrove at Mount Lehman Road and that the boundary extends all the way south to the Sumas Boarder line to include both the Abbotsford Airport and Sumas Boarder crossing. We propose to keep the east boundary neighboring Chilliwack at Whatcom Road and that the boundary extends all the way to the south to the Sumas boarder to keep UFV's Main Campus and the U-District within the Abbotsford Electoral District.

To the north of the current boundaries in the Matsqui area and where the Canadian National Railway crosses near the Fraser River, 19(1) proposes keeping the current boundaries within the current Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon electoral district in order to balance out the enumeration areas and achieve the required population count. We note that there is some flexibility allowed of up to 20% plus or minus the 120,000-population mark for electoral districts.

In the future as Abbotsford grows, 19(1) recommends that the electoral district could be split in two halves with a north and south boundary within its current boundaries, while keeping communities of interest within the Abbotsford core geographical area. We recommend that any boundary re-distribution between different cities if any, be managed between the geographic areas of Abbotsford and Mission as they have the closest history, share key transportation and infrastructure linkages, and have in common the flow of people working and commuting between the two cities.

19(1)
We urge the Commission to revise its current electoral boundaries redistribution proposal in order that Abbotsford, 19(1) 19(1) and its community partners can deal with the same political representation moving forward on our common issues and aligned priorities.

Please see attached map with highlights indicating pictorially 19(1) recommendation for consideration in this current redistribution.

Thank you for your time and do not hesitate to be in touch with any questions or further information.

Sincerely,

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September 29, 2022

File: 0530-003

Via email: *BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca*

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commission Secretary:

Re: Realignment of federal riding boundaries in Abbotsford

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our input on the consideration of realignment of federal riding boundaries in our area, which I write to provide 19(1)

While recognizing that the statutory framework requires that the population of each electoral district should correspond to the electoral quota of about 116,300 "as closely as reasonably possible", we wish to draw to the Commission's attention the following aspects of the proposed reconfiguration that, in our respectful view, detract from the Commission's requirement to consider "the community of interest or community of identity in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province".

The proposed reconfiguration places the Abbotsford International Airport, Abbotsford Centre, and University of Fraser Valley (Abbotsford Campus) within the Langley-Aldergrove electoral district. These areas strongly share a community of interest and identity with the Abbotsford electoral district. Moreover, with two competing airports in Langley, placement of the Abbotsford International Airport within the Langley-Aldergrove electoral district may place the Member of Parliament for the district in a conflicted position.

Second, as the Vye Road Improvement Project illustrates, the north-south transportation corridor along Highway 11 on both sides of Highway 1 is central to Abbotsford's community of interest and its role as the Hub of the Fraser Valley. The corridor links Mission (and other communities north of the Fraser River), Abbotsford, Langley, Chilliwack and the United States.

Finally, to the extent that any portion of the Sumas Prairie lies within the reconfigured Chilliwack electoral district, we respectfully recommend reconsidering the electoral district name to include "Abbotsford" or "Sumas Prairie" to avoid confusion among Abbotsford residents located within the "Chilliwack" electoral district.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input.

Yours truly,

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c. Honourable Ed Fast, MP, Abbotsford
Brad Vis, MP, Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon
Tako Van Popta, MP, Langley-Aldergrove
Council members

19(1) [redacted]

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19(1)

June 8th, 2022

Sent via email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Federal Election Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300-1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commission Members,

19(1) to oppose the proposed changes to the federal electoral districts in BC, specifically the proposed Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon electoral district.

19(1) residents and services are all aligned with communities in the Fraser Valley, including Abbotsford, Mission, Hope, Kent, and Chilliwack. 19(1) limited connection to communities in the Coquihalla and from our residents' perspective, it doesn't make sense to divide our voice in Parliament and link it to the needs and challenges with communities that are not similar to our own. Our geographic and economic challenges are not the same as those in the Okanagan.

19(1) often struggles to be heard, even within the existing electoral boundaries. Please do not further extinguish our voice and make us a disconnected afterthought in the Coquihalla riding. Our recommendation would be to keep the Fraser Canyon with the Matsqui-Mission electoral district where our shared services and interests allow us to feel represented in Parliament.

Sincerely,

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19(1) [redacted]

May 17, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC
V6E 2E9

Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries

Dear Commissioners,

19(1) [redacted] wishes to express concerns and opposition to the proposed electoral boundary changes in the Similkameen Valley as part of the new South-Okanagan-West-Kootenay riding. We would like to see the Similkameen remain in one riding and not be separated.

As a region, we share the same history and act as one community including our two First Nation bands, the Lower and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. Many services are valley-wide under the umbrella of the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen. The Similkameen Valley Planning Society provides a platform for all the governments in the valley to promote the valley as a cohesive unit and encourage economic development and job creation on a regional level. We share the same watershed and with it the same stewardship and concerns. Health care, transportation, jobs, tourism and protective services are all working collaboratively in the region. The Provincial riding includes the entire Princeton area, whom we consider a close regional partner.

We respectfully request that the Similkameen Valley not be electorally divided.

19(1) [redacted]

cc Dan Albas, MP
Roly Russell MLA
Mark Pendergraft, Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen Chair
Spencer Coyne, Princeton Mayor

19(1) [redacted]

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May 19, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundary Commission
for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commissioners,

Re: Proposed Federal Electoral Boundary Changes

19(1) wishes to express concerns and opposition to the proposed electoral boundary changes in the Similkameen Valley as part of the new South-Okanagan-West-Kootenay riding. We would like to see the Similkameen remain in one riding and not be separated.

As a region, we share the same history and act as one community including our two First Nation bands, the Lower and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. Many services are valley-wide under the umbrella of the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen. The Similkameen Valley Planning Society provides a platform for all the governments in the valley to promote the valley as a cohesive unit and encourage economic development and job creation on a regional level. We share the same watershed and with it the same stewardship and concerns. Health care, transportation, jobs, tourism, and protective services are all working collaboratively in the region.

We respectfully request that the Similkameen Valley not be electorally divided.

Regards,

19(1)

cc: Dan Albas, MP
Roly Russell MLA
Mark Pendergraft, Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen Chair

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Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Via email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Sir/Madam,

19(1) considered a report on the federal electoral boundary review process. We are very concerned about the changes proposed for Delta 19(1)
19(1)

Having said that, however; we note that those residents who will potentially be most impacted by the changes – residents of North Delta (who comprise 50% of Delta's population) – have not been afforded an opportunity to express their opinions in person at a location that is convenient for them. Tsawwassen is some distance from North Delta and, for those who rely on public transit; it is not an easy trip to make.

I would therefore request that a second public hearing be scheduled at a location in North Delta to accommodate local residents who wish to provide feedback on the proposed changes. It is important to reach as many people as possible through this consultation process and the residents of North Delta deserve an equal opportunity to be heard.

Yours truly,

19(1)

cc: Delta Council
Sean McGill, City Manager

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19(1) [redacted]

May 19, 2022

Email: bc-cb@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300 – 1055 West Hastings
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commission Members,

Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries – Proposed Changes

19(1) [redacted] the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries were reviewed and unanimously reviled for the lack of consideration of natural existing land boundaries and the regional context that is in the best interest – a core democratic principle – of the representation of individuals in the communities within the proposed boundary.

One must suspect some policy has been applied, however the proposed boundaries do not take into account basic common sense. Based on the 2021 Census, the populations of Pitt Meadows (19,146) and Maple Ridge (90,990) together are approximately 110,136 people – which is within a de minimis range to electoral quotient of the last decennial redistribution (111,168). Based on the logical natural boundaries, it would make sense, given Mission has already been divided, to extend the boundaries eastward toward Mission if the aim is to meet the 2021 electoral quotient of 121,891 people. Based on similar demographics and similar geography, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge share similar challenges, and we propose that this should be the basis of determining the boundaries of an electoral district.

It is not immediately clear how an MP is to effectively represent five (5) slivers of diverse communities. The communities within the proposed boundaries have different geographies, demographics, and needs. The proposed grouping is setting up an MP for a potential failure given the challenge in representing such a divergent group of communities, is also divided by the Fraser River, and should be reconsidered with a view to provide strong representation focusing on whole local communities. The title of the proposed riding is also problematic in that it effectively nulls by omission three of the five municipalities.

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19(1) [redacted]

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The proposed boundaries are a step backwards by not focusing on good representation for citizens.
We strongly oppose the proposed boundaries 19(1)
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cc: Marc Dalton, MP
Ron McKinnon, MP
Maple Ridge Council
Pitt Meadows Council
Scott Hartman, CAO

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19(1)

Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC
V6E 2E9

October 3rd, 2022

Dear Commission,

Re: Federal Boundary Commission for British Columbia's Initial Proposal for Burnaby South

19(1) and I wanted to take the opportunity to submit my feedback about the initial boundary proposal published for my riding.

I want to start by thanking the Commission for their time and effort in the public consultation process and the work on redefining the federal boundaries—it is an incredibly important task to undertake and crucial for our democracy. I hope to provide feedback from my perspective 19(1) 19(1) to give context to the Commission on the proposed boundary changes.

Specific Position

The Commission has achieved the population quotient for the riding in the proposed changes, but it is my view that the partitioning of the western portion of Burnaby South into the two Vancouver ridings is not best for the community and their federal representation. The proposed changes would take constituents out of Burnaby and into the city of Vancouver, which historically and practically, is not their community and would pose a barrier for constituents.

While splitting up municipalities and regional districts is sometimes unavoidable, there is no need to split the community of Burnaby into six federal ridings. It is my view that this will negatively impact the communities involved and that there is a strong argument to ensure that Burnaby stays within the same federal boundaries it is in now and to not divide it further—this is particularly true for the western portion of the riding.

Communities of Interest- Communities of Identity

In my opinion, keeping regional districts and municipalities together should be a priority for the Commission. Under the current boundaries, Burnaby falls within three federal boundaries, Under the Commissions proposed boundaries, Burnaby is being portioned off into six different federal ridings.

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With the new proposal for the entire Burnaby region and surrounding ridings, Burnaby South would be the only riding that would remain fully within the city. Because of this, every effort should be taken by the Commission to ensure the small portions of the west of Burnaby South not be taken from one riding to fall in three federal ridings, but to keep them all together in Burnaby South.

The communities in the western portion of the riding have strong linkages of community to Burnaby, family ties, transportation, services, employment, and items like banking, doctors, dentists, healthcare, hospital, school district, university, and governmental services. Since casework is a crucial part of the work of a Member of Parliament, it would be a disservice to those living in the western part of the current riding to need to leave their community to access the help from their MP's community office. They should remain within the federal boundary of Burnaby South and have community access to their MP.

Population should not be the only deciding factor of the commission—keeping communities and municipalities intact to maintain access to public services and government representation should be paramount in the consideration of redefining the boundaries.

Conclusion

Again, I want to take the opportunity to thank the Commission for the work you are doing in this redistribution process. 19(1) and it is my hope that this submission provides the Commission with the local context of the proposed boundary changes and the benefit of keeping the western portion of Burnaby within the same federal riding and not become a part of Vancouver.

I hope it has been made clear that the Commission can do justice to the principles of the Act and the criteria outlined in the legislation for honouring communities of interest and identity while keeping the long-established community of Burnaby within the confines of three federal ridings instead of the proposed six.

Thank you for considering my submission and I look forward to discussing and exploring these opinions further as this process of redefining the federal boundaries continues. Thank you again for your committed service to the democratic process and for the time taken to consider the opinions of so many throughout this process. I hope the arguments I have laid out can be helpful to your work.

Warm regards,

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September 16, 2022

Re: Proposed Federal Electoral Boundary Changes

19(1) we formally oppose the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries.

Some Surrey Members of Parliament will have to focus on two cities instead of one, limiting the focus and attention that Surrey requires from the Canadian Government for city-building infrastructure investments. The reconfiguration of Surrey-Centre by splitting the focus between Surrey and New Westminster, for example, will negatively impact an elected official's ability to represent the needs of the constituents they serve. Many of the changes do not align with municipal or natural boundaries. There are different needs within each city.

An elected official that represents a riding that straddles two cities has double the number of organizations, events and investment decisions to listen to and advocate for in Parliament.

The proposal indicates it is using the Fraser River, key roads, and municipal boundaries to the fullest extent possible, however, we disagree that these natural and appropriate boundaries are being considered. Removing a key area in North Surrey and combining it with New Westminster does not reflect the needs of these areas. They are completely different.

The proposed changes have also removed a large part of what is currently Fleetwood-Port Kells, which is a key demographic that makes Surrey the geographically diverse area that it is.

19(1) asks that the proposed changes not be implemented as it will be detrimental to our ability to advocate for our business community.

We already have Cloverdale–Langley City as one federal electoral district – Cloverdale and Langley City are so different from each other in terms of investment needs by the Federal Government.

If you have any questions, please contact me 19(1)
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Sincerely,

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Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC
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September 22nd, 2022

Re: Federal Boundary Commission for British Columbia's Initial Proposal for Nanaimo-Ladysmith

Dear Commission,

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19(1) I wanted to take the opportunity provided by the Commission to submit my feedback about the initial boundary proposal published 19(1)
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I want to begin by thanking the Commission for their time and effort in this process—it is an incredibly important task to embark on and crucial for our democracy. I appreciate the time and consideration you've shown in this process. In that vein, I hope to provide feedback from my perspective on the proposed changes for the Commission to consider in the process of creating a boundary that both fills the Commissions mandate and provides the best federal representation in Parliament.

Specific Position

The Commission has been successful in the population considerations for the Island, and although the numbers align to satisfy the Commissions quotient, the consideration of Communities of Interest and Communities of Identity are not as successful in the proposed changes.

The current proposal seeks to split up the municipality of Nanaimo and will take people out of their known community to seek federal representation, specifically the North End, Lantzville, and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation, and will further disengage the electorate.

While splitting up municipalities and Regional Districts is sometimes unavoidable, there is no need to split these municipalities up within the federal riding of Nanaimo-Ladysmith. It is my view that this will negatively impact the communities involved and that there is a strong argument to ensure the Regional District of Nanaimo stays within the same federal boundaries.

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Communities of Interest- Communities of Identity

19(1) keeping regional districts and municipalities together should be a priority for the Commission. With the new boundary proposals, Nanaimo is being split up and sees communities portioned off into another riding they have no community connection to. The proposal would see the north end of Nanaimo cut out of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith riding as well as the Municipality of Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation, all located within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Residents of Nanaimo-Ladysmith are separated by distance and by priorities to those within the riding of Courtney-Alberni. The north end, Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation have strong linkages of community to Nanaimo. Family ties, transportation, services, employment, and items like banking, doctors, dentists, healthcare, hospital, school district, and governmental services. Casework and working with community organizations is a crucial part of the work of a Member of Parliament—it would be a disservice to those living in these areas of the riding to need to leave their community to seek federal representation.

It should also be noted that currently the Federal riding coincides with the boundaries of Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public School (SD68), these boundary changes would mean families would be voting in a riding separate to the one their children go to school.

Based on the historic connection of these communities and the proposed changes not aligning with municipal boundaries, this could place residents into a riding they do not feel invested in. Nanaimo-Ladysmith has experienced a high level of elections at all levels in the last few years and changing the boundaries to remove communities from the riding could increase confusion and engagement in the political process.

Population should not be the only deciding factor of the commission—keeping communities and municipalities intact to maintain access to public services and government representation should be paramount.

Conclusion

Again, I want to take the opportunity to thank the Commission for the work you are doing in this redistribution process 19(1) and it is my hope that this submission provides the Commission with the local context of the proposed boundary changes and the benefit of keeping the Regional District of Nanaimo within the same federal riding.

I hope it has been made clear that the Commission can do justice to the principles of the Act and the criteria outlined in the legislation for honouring communities of interest and identity while keeping the north end, Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation as part of the federal riding of Nanaimo-Ladysmith.

Thank you for considering my submission and I look forward to discussing and exploring these opinions further as this process of redefining the federal boundaries continues. Thank you again for your

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committed service to the democratic process and for the time taken to consider the opinions of so many throughout this process. I hope the arguments I have laid out can be helpful to your work.

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POPULATION AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY REDISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

CENTRAL PARK NORTH

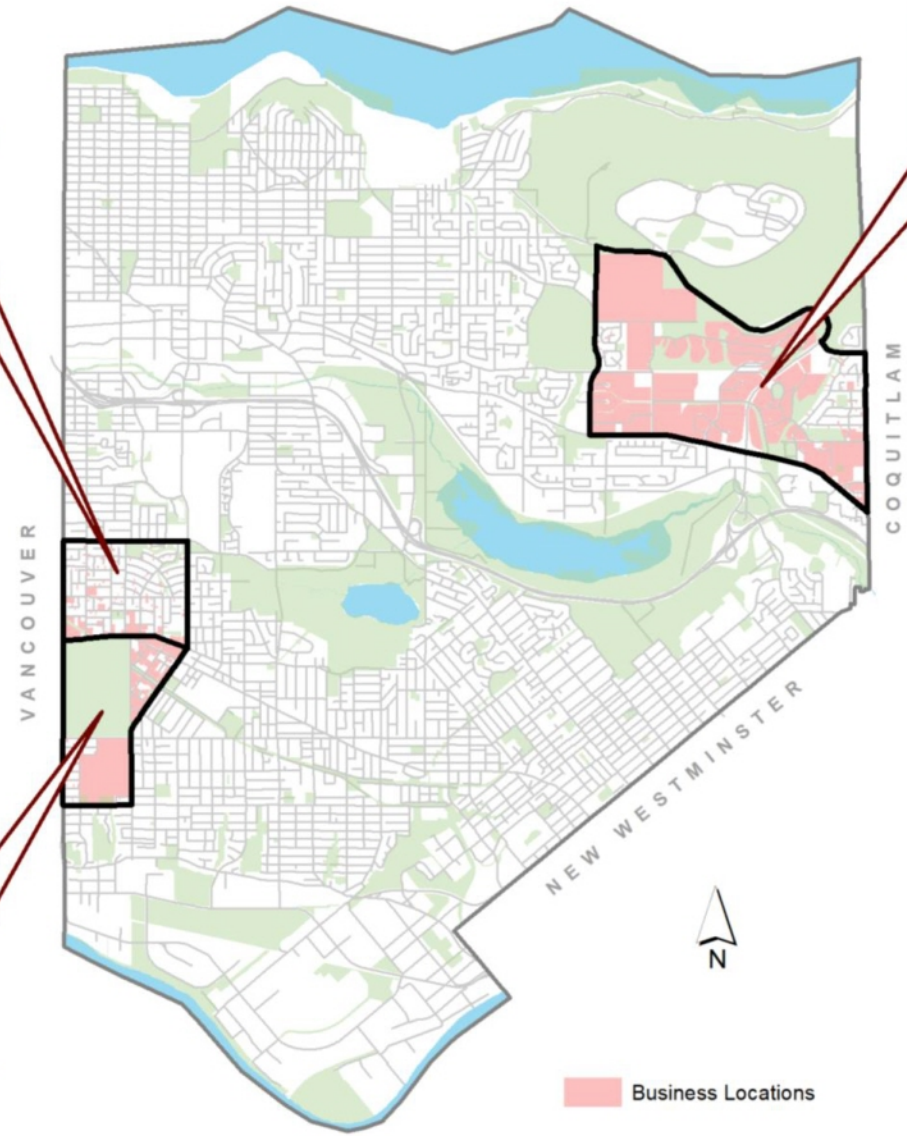
Population Affected: 8,247
Businesses Affected: 176
Population Share of New Riding: 7.0%

CENTRAL PARK - SUNCREST

Population Affected: 9,155
Businesses Affected: 194
Population Share of New Riding: 7.8%

LAKE CITY - LOUGHEED

Population Affected: 13,134
Businesses Affected: 720
Population Share of New Riding: 11.3%



Sources: Population counts from Stats Canada 2021 Census. Business counts from License Department, City of Burnaby

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PROPOSED RIDINGS

CITY	PROVINCE	2021 POPULATION	PROPOSED RIDINGS	EXISTING RIDINGS
Burnaby	**British Columbia**	**249,125**	**6**	**3**
Saskatoon	Saskatchewan	266,141	4	3
Regina	Saskatchewan	226,404	3	3
Richmond	British Columbia	209,937	2	2
Gatineau	Quebec	291,041	To Be Determined	4
Kitchener	Ontario	256,885	To Be Determined	4
Longueuil	Quebec	254,483	To Be Determined	3
Windsor	Ontario	229,660	To Be Determined	3
Oakville	Ontario	213,759	To Be Determined	2
Richmond Hill	Ontario	202,022	To Be Determined	2

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Proposed changes to federal election boundaries

The Constitution of Canada requires that federal electoral districts be reviewed after each 10-year census to reflect changes and movements in Canada's population.

The non-partisan Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia has proposed a new electoral map for consideration.

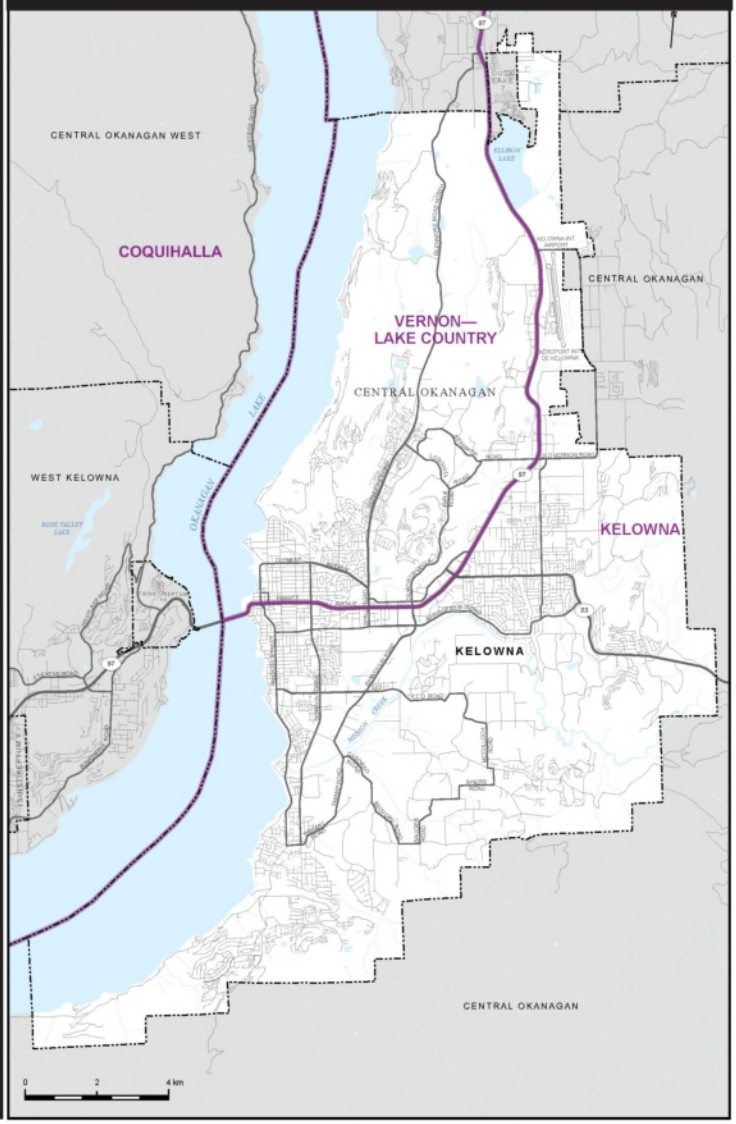
It has been proposed that the Central Okanagan be split into three separate ridings.

The new proposed boundaries would create of a new riding called **"Vernon-Lake Country"** and will comprise of the city centre of Kelowna, Glenmore, Lake Country and a portion of Vernon.

The rest of Kelowna will shift to a new riding called **"Kelowna".**

The previous Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola riding would be re-named **"Coquihalla",** would no longer include Kelowna and would comprise West Kelowna, Peachland, Summerland, a portion of Penticton (map on next page), parts of the Similkameen valley, Princeton, Merritt and Hope. Logan Lake would shifted to the new riding **"Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton"**.

Proposed Map of Kelowna's new federal ridings



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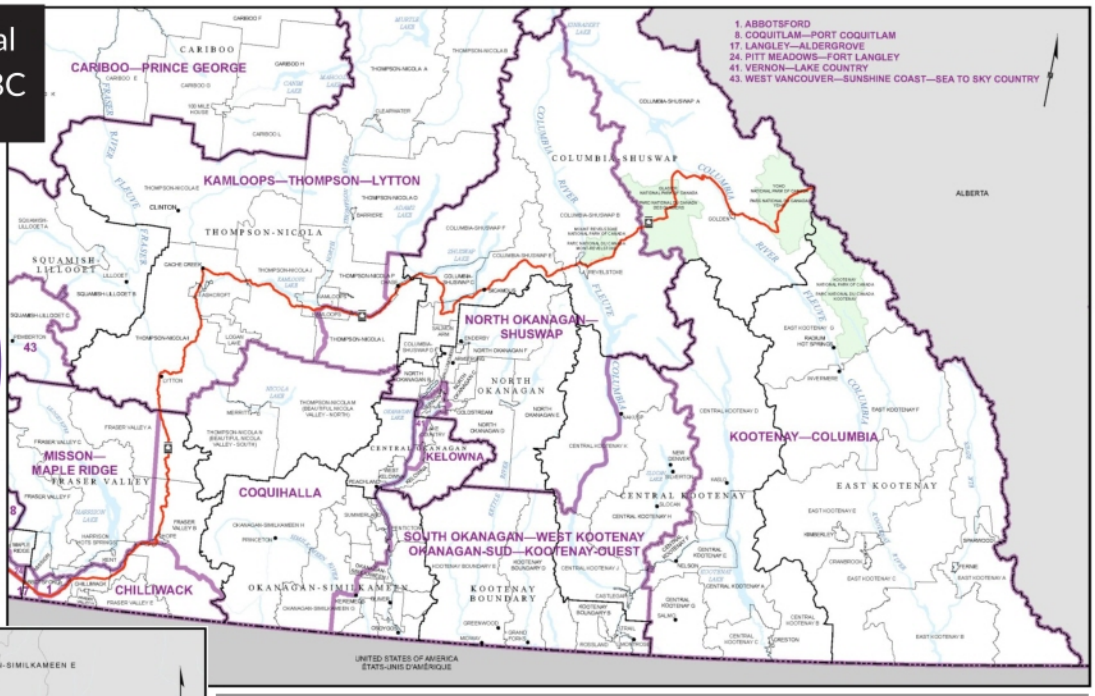
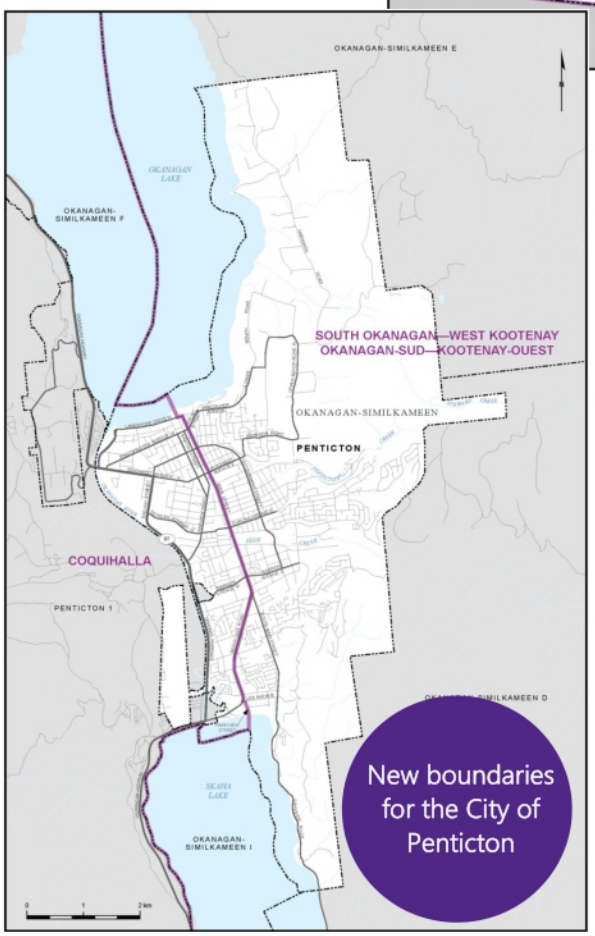
The proposed new federal ridings for Southeastern BC



New riding of "Coquihalla" would have population of 110,280



New boundaries for the City of Penticton

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia is holding public hearings, in person and virtual, to gather comments and feedback on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names.

Penticton:
Mon. June 13 7pm
Penticton Trade & Convention Centre
273 Power Street

Kelowna:
Wed. June 15 7pm
Best Western Plus
2402 Hwy 97N

Virtual Hearing (Link provided to participants)
Wed. Sept 28th 7pm

To contact the Federal Boundaries Commission for British Columbia:

Call 1-855-747-7236 or Elections.ca

Let me know what you think:

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Do you support these proposed changes to riding boundaries?

- ○ YES
- ○ NO
- ○ UNSURE

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK:

Name: Phone: Email:

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Via Email

August 3, 2022

Dear BC Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for taking on this most important role as Commissioners. I trust that your travels throughout British Columbia have been fruitful.

It has been suggested to me that the Commission might benefit from a summary of comments sent to my attention by constituents, after my office sent out a summary outlining your draft maps and work.

Please see the attached for my office's original publication that was distributed by Canada Post and sent to every household in my riding, and an excel spreadsheet of the comments that we received in response.

It is my hope that this summary will be helpful to your work.

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All the best with your considerations.

Sincerely,

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Dan Albas MP
Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola

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June 2nd, 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia

1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Secretary for the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed federal electoral district redistribution 2022 19(1)
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In the feedback for the 2013 redistribution, I argued strongly for ensuring municipal boundaries were respected in the federal redistribution whenever possible. I am writing to you today to speak against the addition of the proposed section of Langford under section c(i)(ii) to Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke in the Proposal of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission.

The Capital Region consists of 13 distinct municipalities, as well as three major unincorporated electoral areas in the dense region of southern Vancouver Island. In the 2013 federal electoral district redistribution, the boundaries respected municipal boundaries almost universally, with the one inevitable exception of the District of Saanich.

Langford a large and distinct community here in the Capital Region, who is best served when there is one MP clear for the municipality. The proposed Langford region c(i)(ii) moving to Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke is completely arbitrary, with no geographic or municipal fidelity for constituents to follow.

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19(1) This fidelity to municipal borders has also assisted many marginalized people in identifying their MP is, allowing them to seek their assistance without the additional barrier of online research.

According to the 2021 census, Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke with its current boundaries is only 9.6% above the Electoral Quota, still well within the allowed variance.

If changes must be made to bring Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke closer to the Electoral Quota, it would be best that these changes be made in the District of Saanich. Saanich is already shared amongst 3 federal electoral districts, between which the borders already follow no clear geographic guidelines. Further

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changes to the Saanich border would be significantly less disruptive to constituents compared to dividing Langford between 2 very different electoral districts.

Overall there is very little justification for making federal boundary changes on the Lower Island when weighed against ease of constituents in understanding who their MP is, and in maintaining the community identity protected under 15(1)(b) & 15(2) of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Sincerely,

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26th September, 2022

Dear Members of the Commission:

19(1) is please to participate in the decennial review of our electoral boundaries. As per your analysis, the riding of Vancouver East, exceeds the permittable 25% variance. Consequently, as a neighbouring riding, the boundaries of Vancouver Granville will change. While I would prefer the riding boundaries for Vancouver East to remain the same for historical reasons, however, if changes are necessary, I accept the removal of the block at the south-west corner of the riding (west of Main Street from 2nd to 16th Avenue).

For the boundaries redistribution, if the members of the Commission could ensure the least amount of change as possible, it would be better for the constituents as fewer constituents would be affected. Changes in boundaries often could cause confusion for the constituents about who is their representative and where to seek help. This confusion could also be amplified by a mismatch with Canada's postal walk boundaries. Currently, Canada Post's postal walk in Vancouver East is very much in line with the current electoral boundaries, minimizing the number of people from receiving MP mailers or householders from 2 different Members of Parliament. Changes to the electoral boundary could mean a larger number of Vancouver East constituents could receive mailers and householders from 2 different MPs creating further confusion on who is their representative.

In closing, if changes are necessary, I accept the change as proposed by the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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19(1)

September 22, 2022

RE: ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION PITT MEADOWS/MAPLE RIDGE

I am appreciative to have had the opportunity to address the difficult work you have been doing to fulfill legislative and census requirements.

I am equally appreciative that you are seriously considering the input you receive from British Columbians and that you anticipate adjusting the proposed electoral districts as has been done in the past.

Enclosed is my presentation for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

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Surrey Centre

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Riding Redistribution

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Surrey Centre - Riding Redistribution

1. Current Boundaries for Surrey Centre

2. Proposed Boundaries for Surrey Centre
   - 3 Areas of Concern
   - Secondary School Catchments

3. Our Proposed Boundaries for Surrey Centre

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Current Boundaries for Surrey Centre

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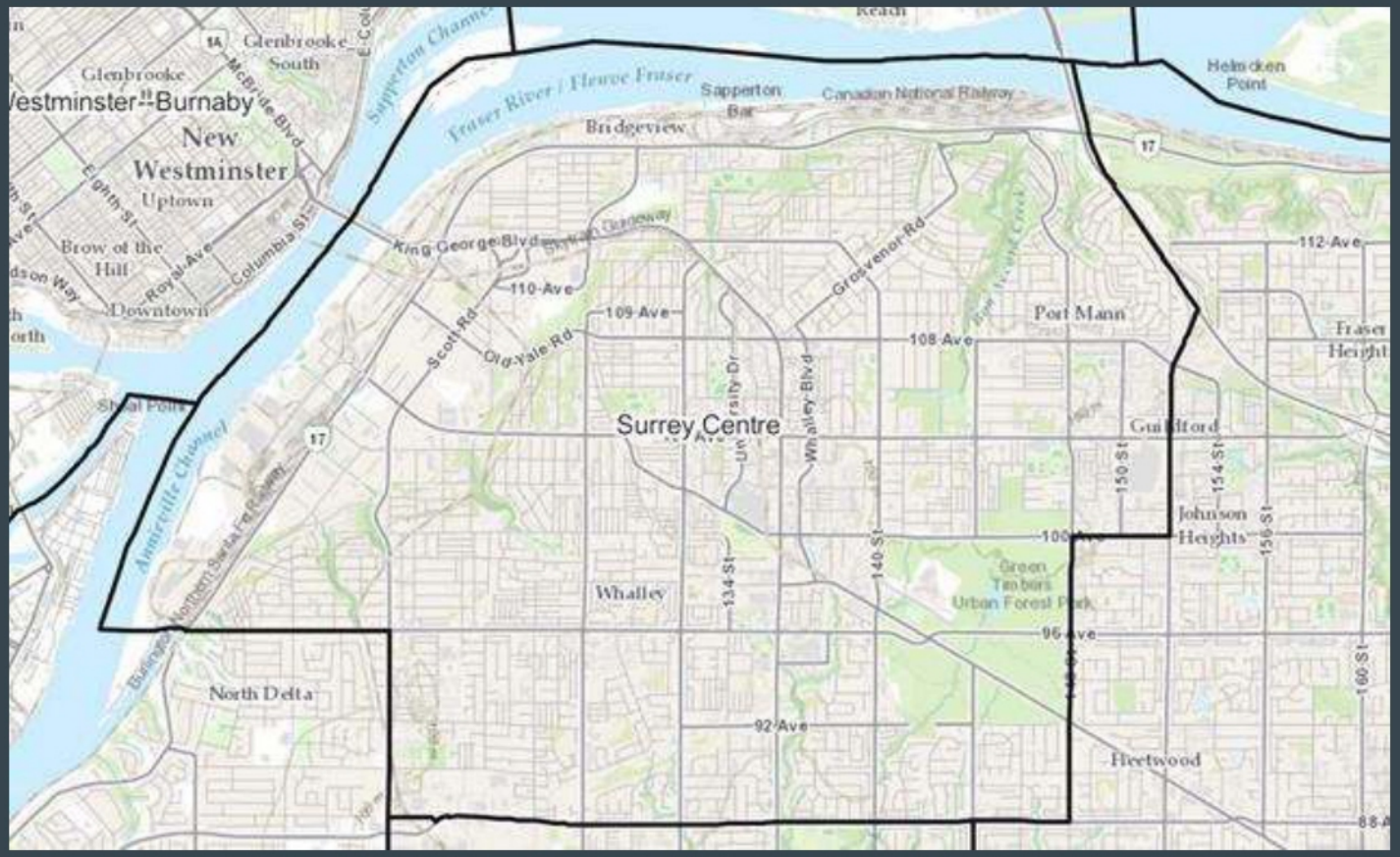
Surrey Centre - Current Boundaries



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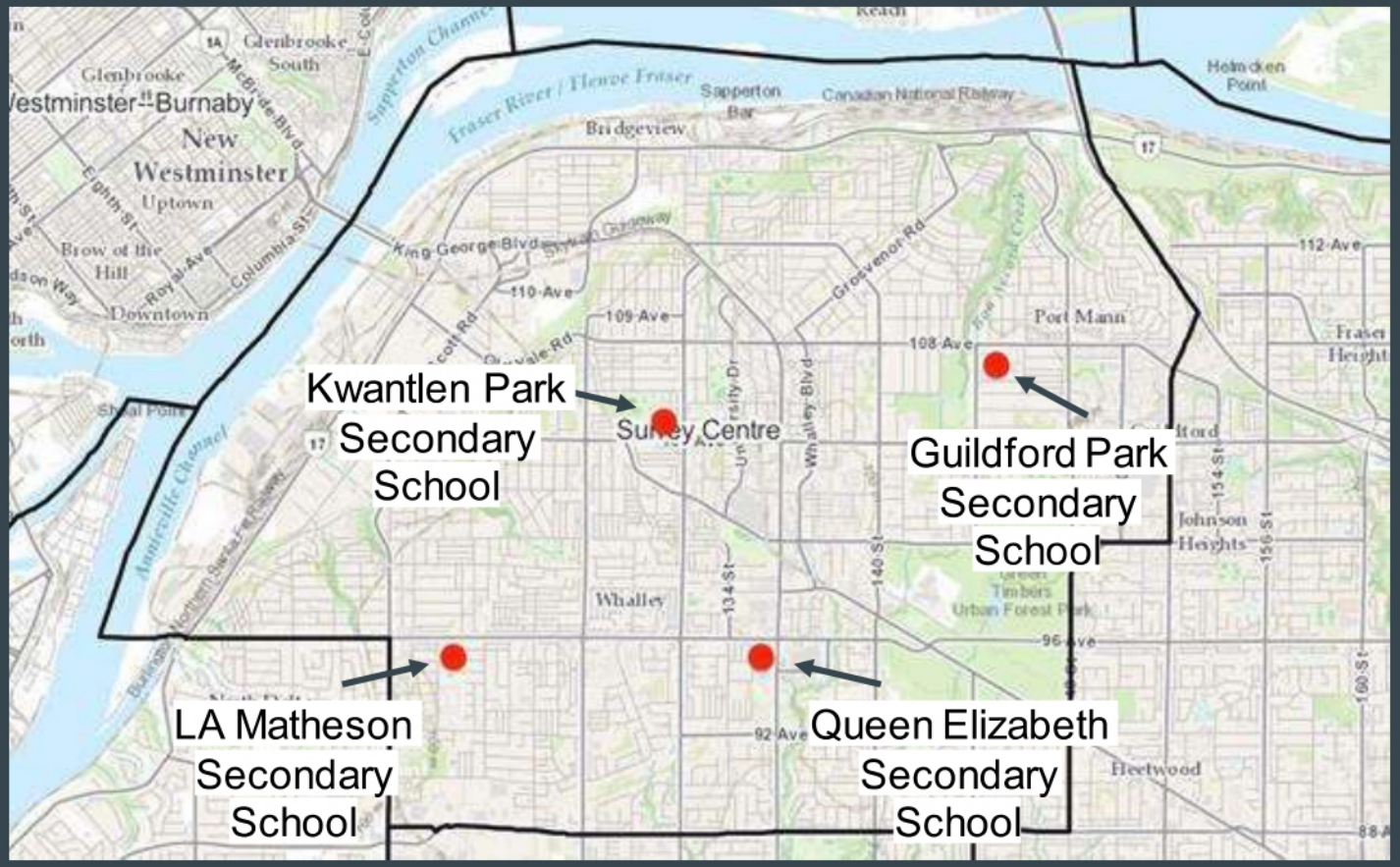
Secondary Schools



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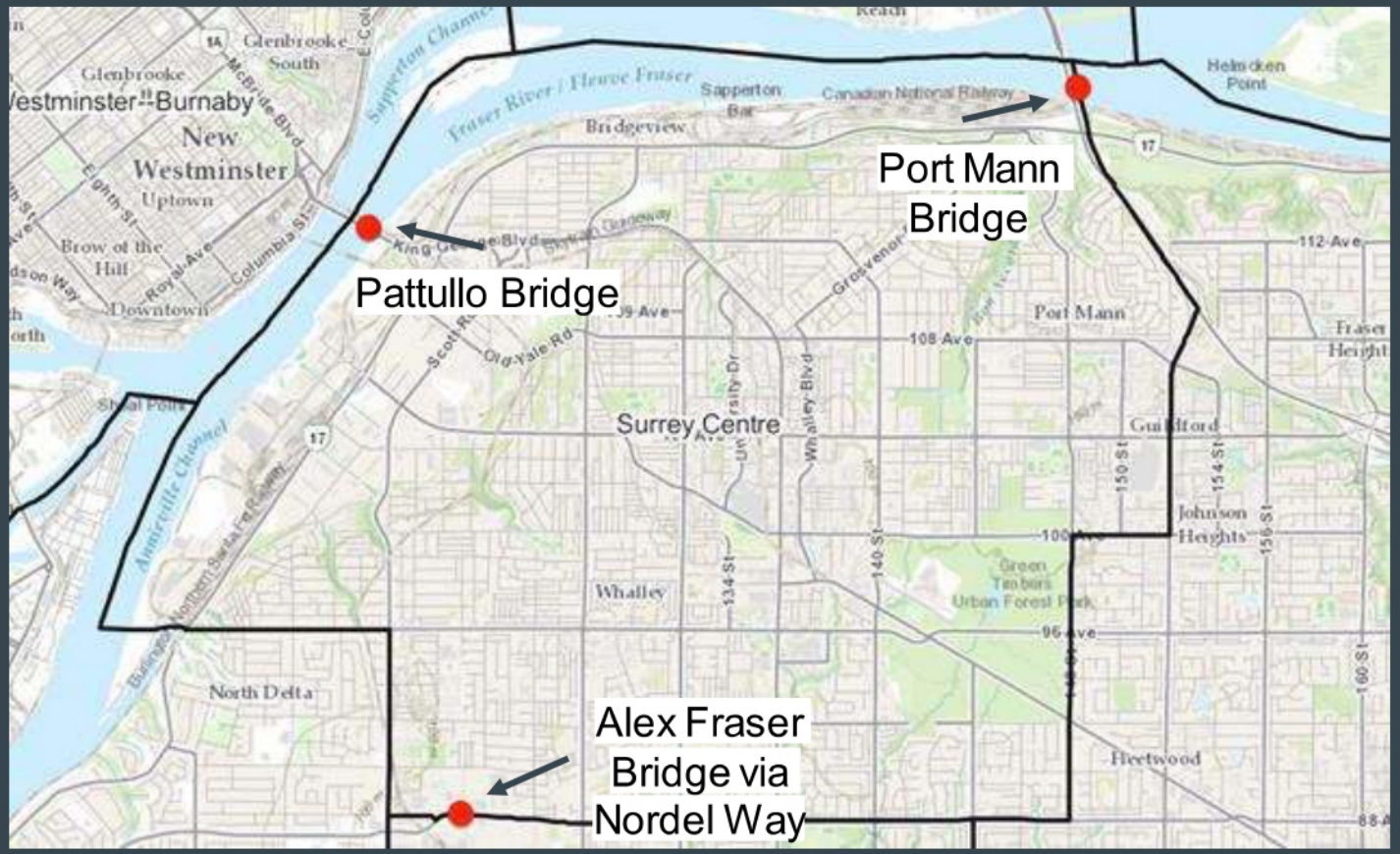

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Proposed Boundaries for Surrey Centre

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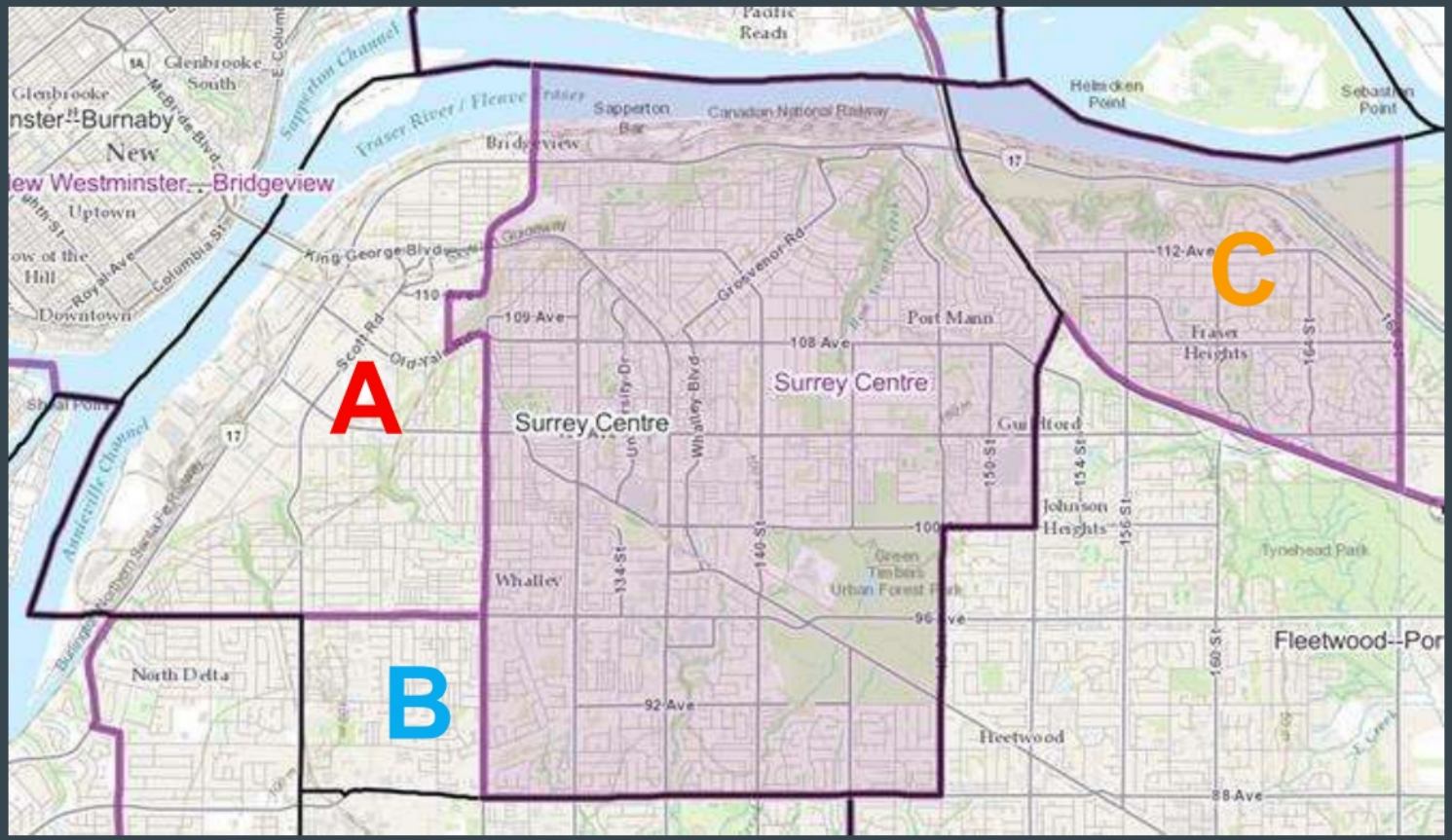
Proposed Boundaries



- 3 areas of concern:
  - **A**: West of 128 St
  - **B**: South of 96 Ave
  - **C**: East of Highway 1

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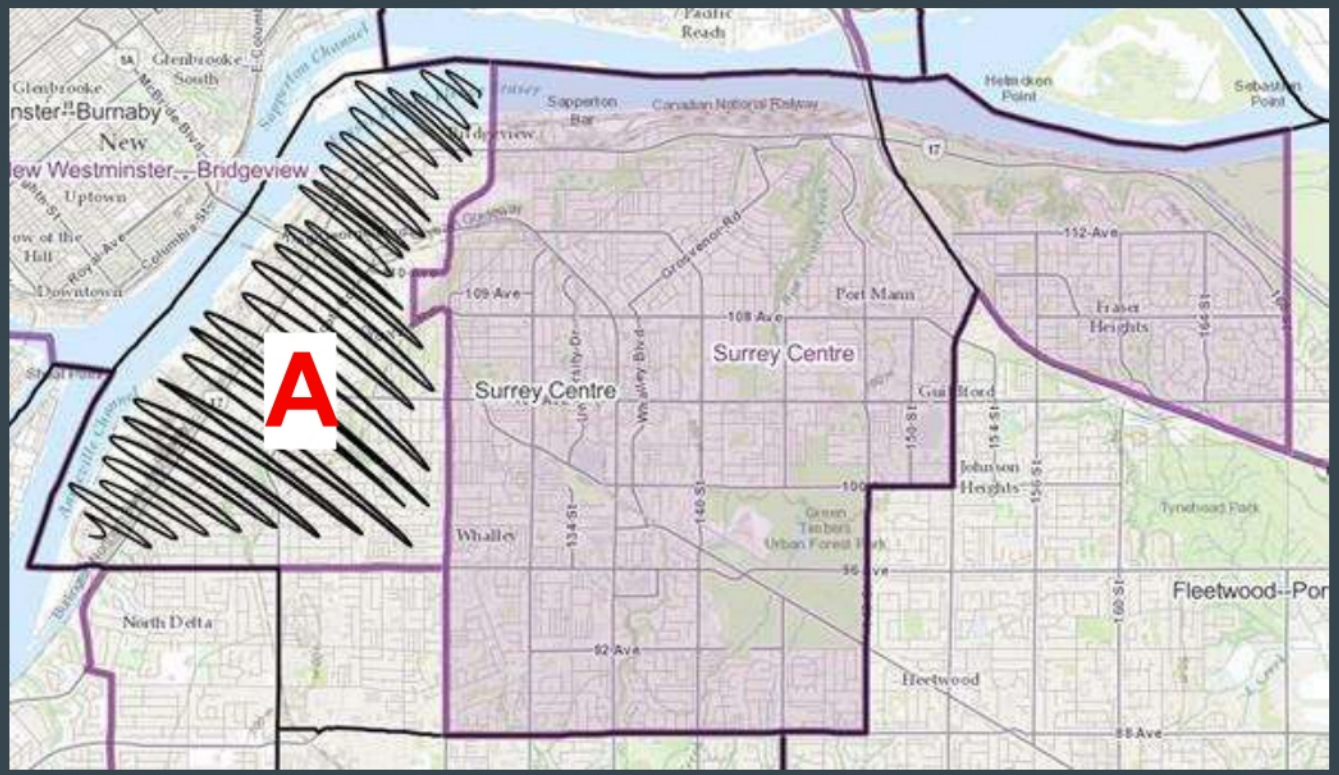
A: West of 128 St

- Current boundaries: Area **A** is part of Surrey Centre
- Proposed boundaries: Area **A** is being added to New Westminster- Bridgeview
- Results in **disconnection** between communities and residents living in Area **A**
- Area **A** and the city of New Westminster **do not share anything in common;** from secondary schools to neighborhoods to industries to city councilors → **affects representation**



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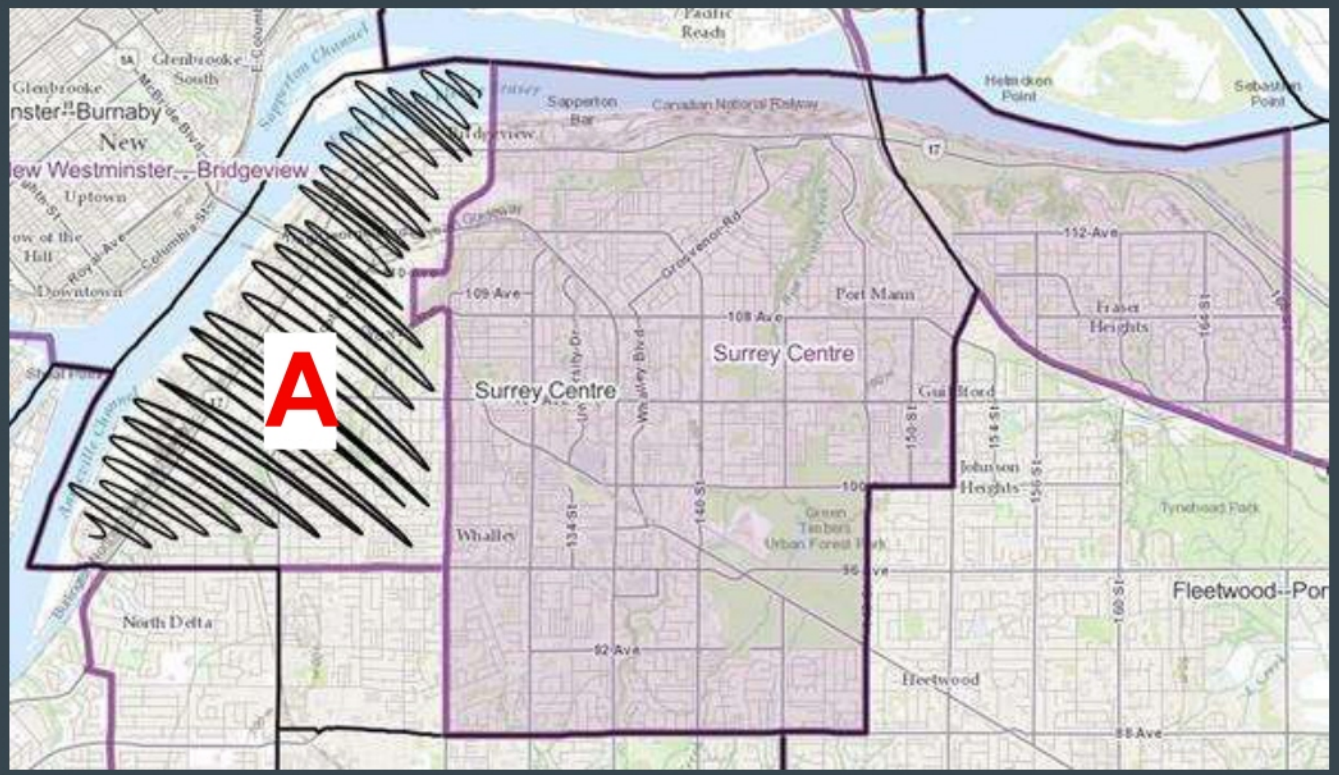
A: West of 128 St

- Individuals that are living and/or working in Area A will have **different concerns** than individuals living in the City of New Westminster
- **Constituents poorly represented** under the new proposed boundaries
- **Geographic barrier**: Fraser River → can be challenging for constituents to come across bridges to come to MP offices
- More importantly, **Surrey should be kept in Surrey!**



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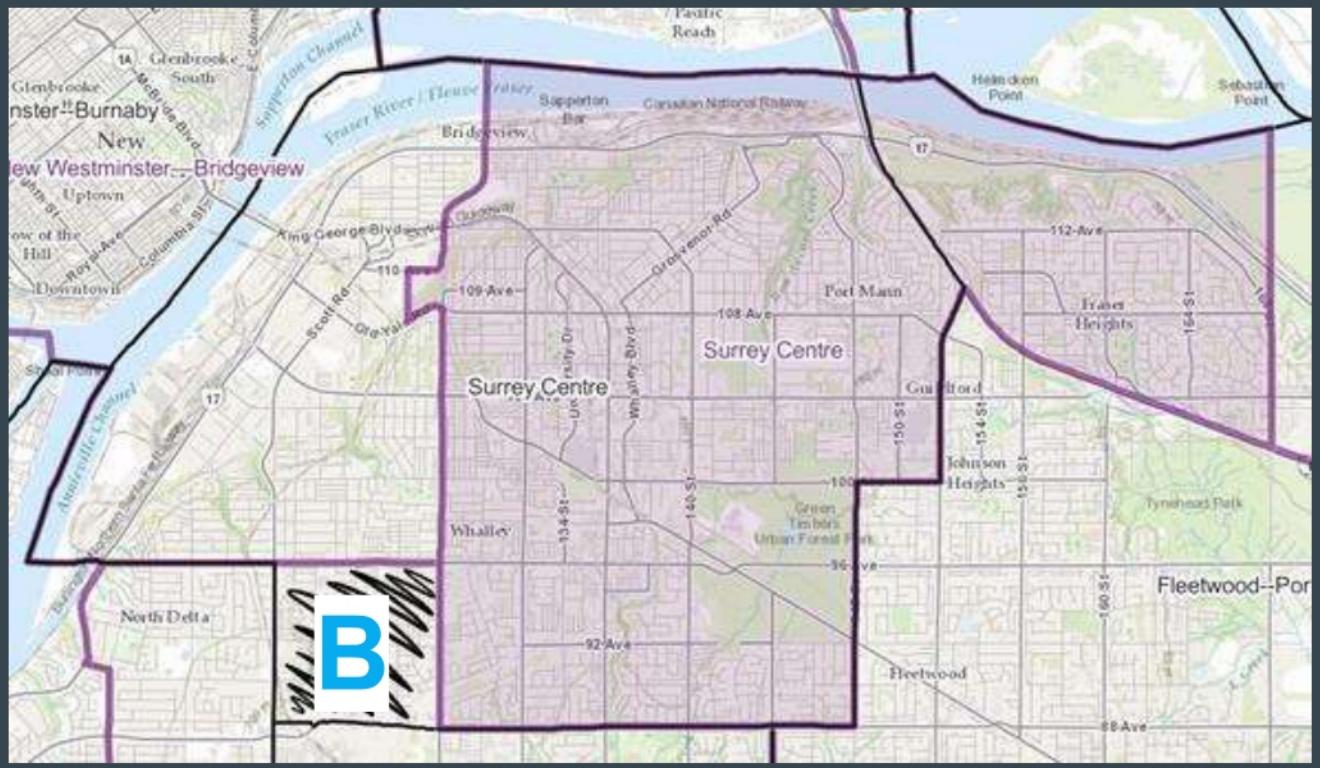
B: South of 96 Ave



- Current boundaries: Area **B** is part of Surrey Centre
- Proposed boundaries: Area **B** is being given to Surrey West (Surrey Newton and Delta)
- Results in **disconnection between communities and residents** living in Area **B**
  - Constituents in Area **B**, live, shop, work and commute in Surrey Centre
  - Little connection in terms of schools and shopping centres to Surrey West.

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C: East of Highway 1

- Current boundaries: Area **C** is part of Fleetwood-Port Kells
- Proposed boundaries: Area **C** is being given to Surrey Centre
- Fraser Heights **<u>does not share</u> any common secondary schools, community centres, libraries or connection** to the Surrey Centre neighborhood
- **<u>Physical Barrier:</u>** no direct road connections → Area **C** is separated by Highway 1 from Surrey Centre



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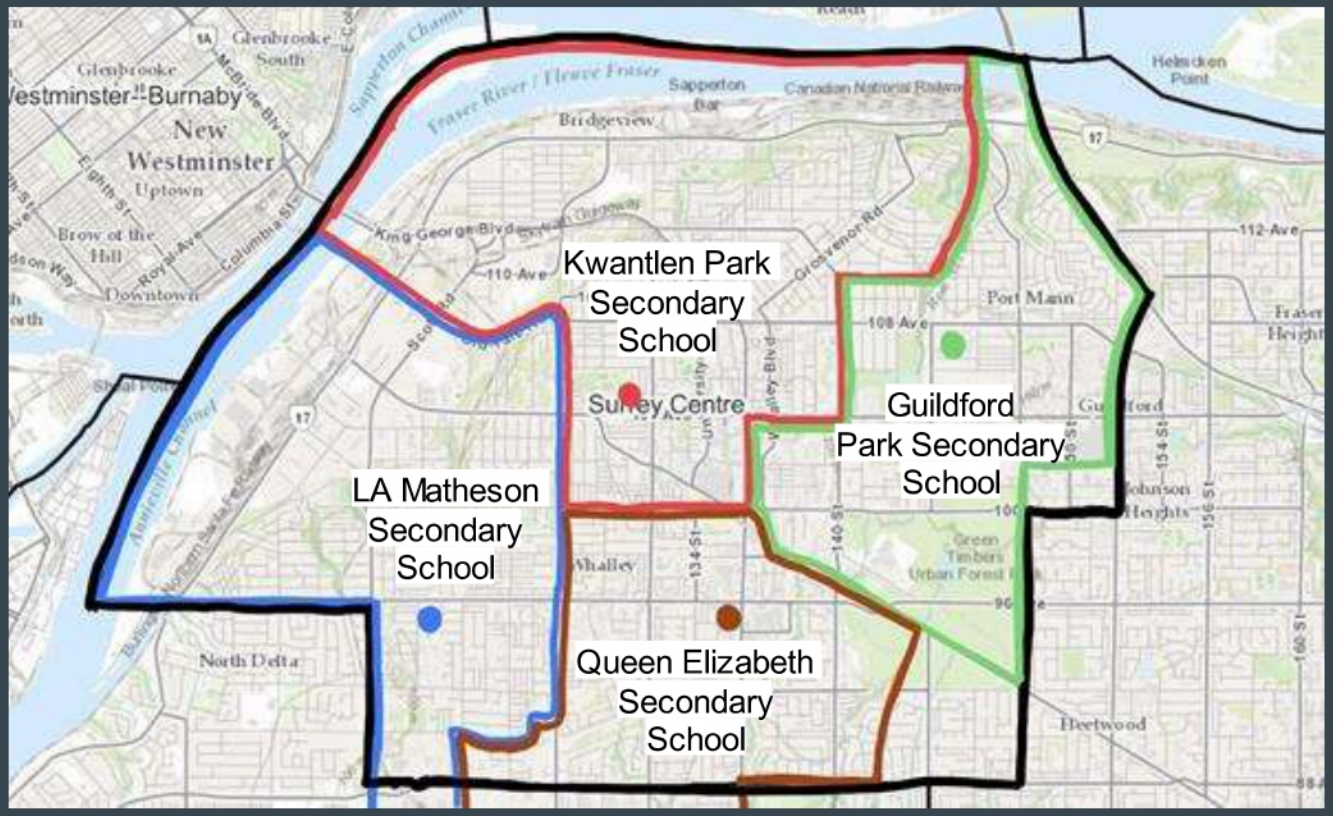
Secondary School Catchments



- Current boundaries: All secondary school boundaries fit perfectly within Surrey Centre
- Although catchments of LA Matheson & Queen Elizabeth are already divided between Surrey Centre and Surrey Newton under existing boundaries → **a large chunk of the catchment areas for both fall within Surrey Centre**
- Therefore, having less of an impact on representation

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Secondary School Catchments

- Proposed boundaries **<u>are affecting</u>** 2 secondary school catchments

1. Kwantlen Park Secondary School
   - Being divided into 2 ridings: Surrey Centre and New Westminster-Bridgeview **<u>despite the school being in Surrey</u>**

2. LA Matheson Secondary School
   - Being divided into 2 ridings: Surrey Centre and Surrey West **<u>despite the school being in Surrey</u>**

- **<u>Unnecessary representational divide</u>**





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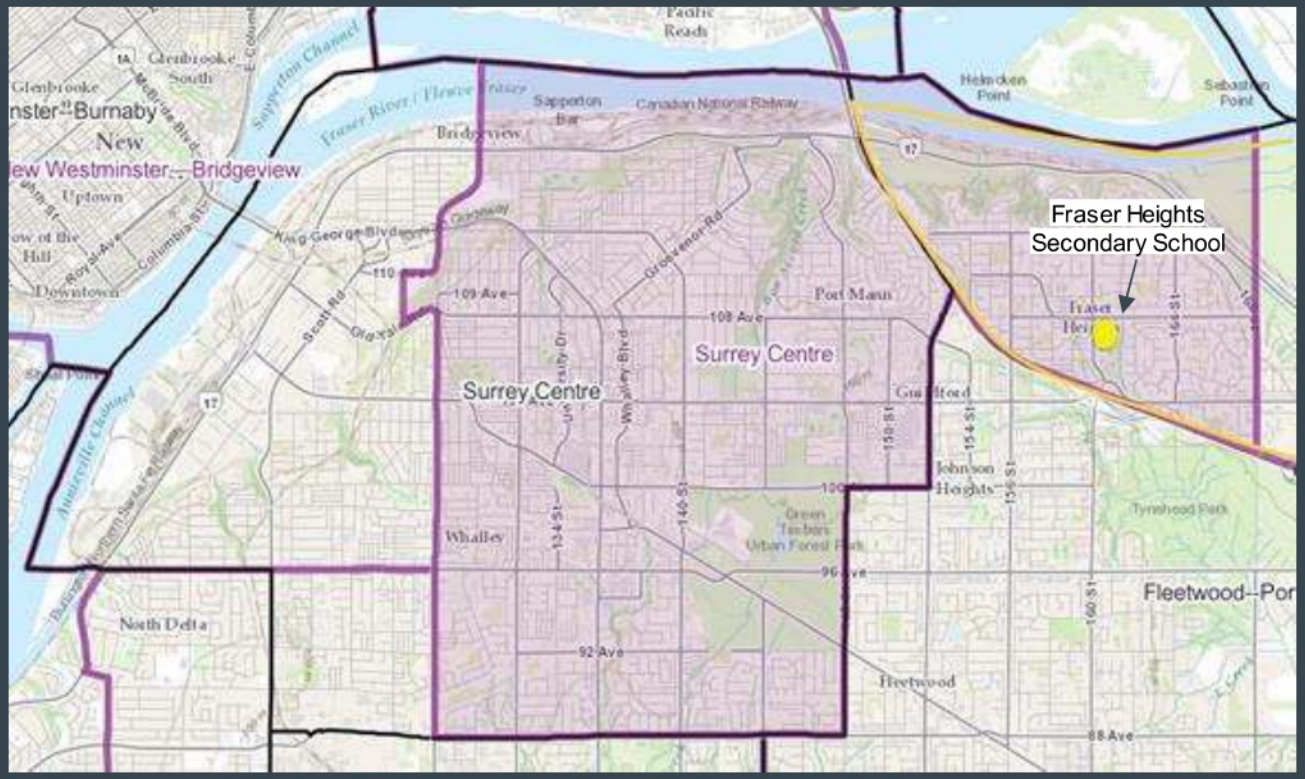

- Fraser Heights Secondary School is its **<u>own catchment</u>** area - East of Highway 1
- **<u>No direct road connections</u>** between Fraser Heights and Surrey Centre
- **Fraser Heights is <u>more connected</u> to Fleetwood-Port Kells** than Surrey Centre

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Community Groups Concerned with Proposed Boundaries

- Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association
- Surrey Board of Trade
- Fraser Heights Community Association
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- Global Agriculture Trans-Loading Inc.
- Dhillon Truck Repair Ltd.

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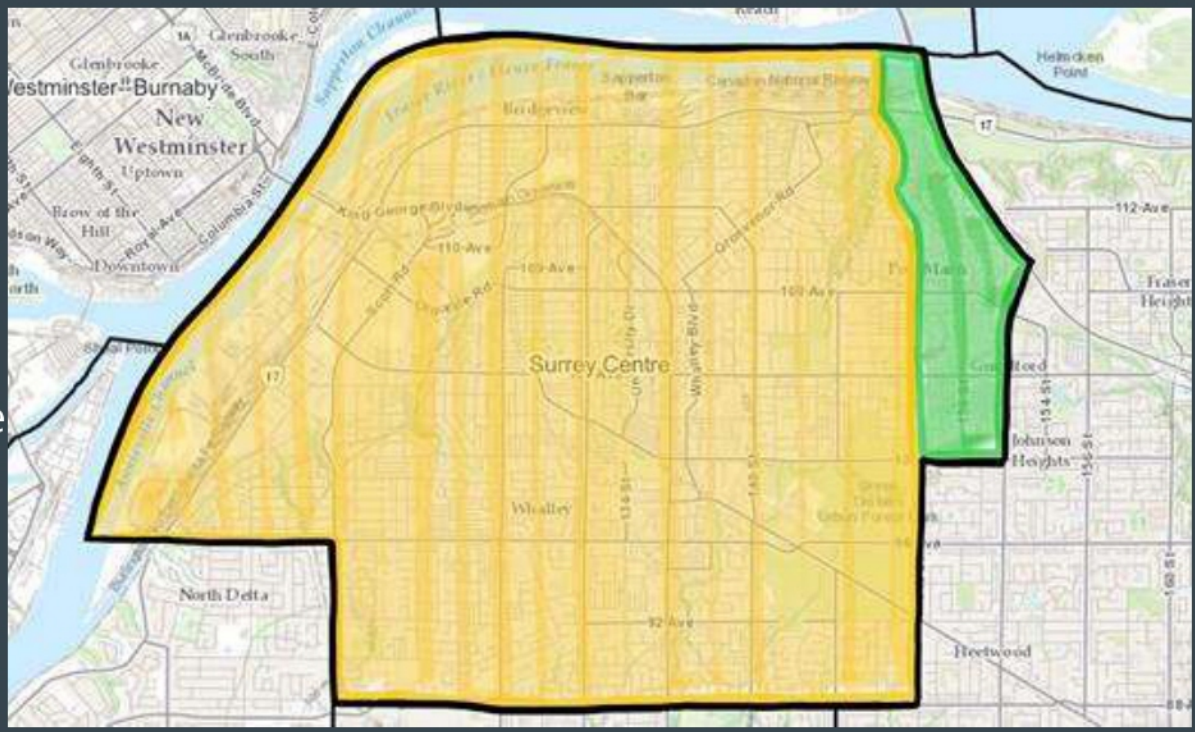
Our Proposed Boundaries

- The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission's main objective is to maintain the population of each riding to ~ **116,000 people**

- We are suggesting these proposed boundaries to reach the population target:
  - The area shaded in **yellow**:
    - **Remain** with Surrey Centre
    - Population of ~ 115,731.
  - The area shaded in **green**:
    - **Cut** from Surrey Centre
    - Population of ~ 15,939



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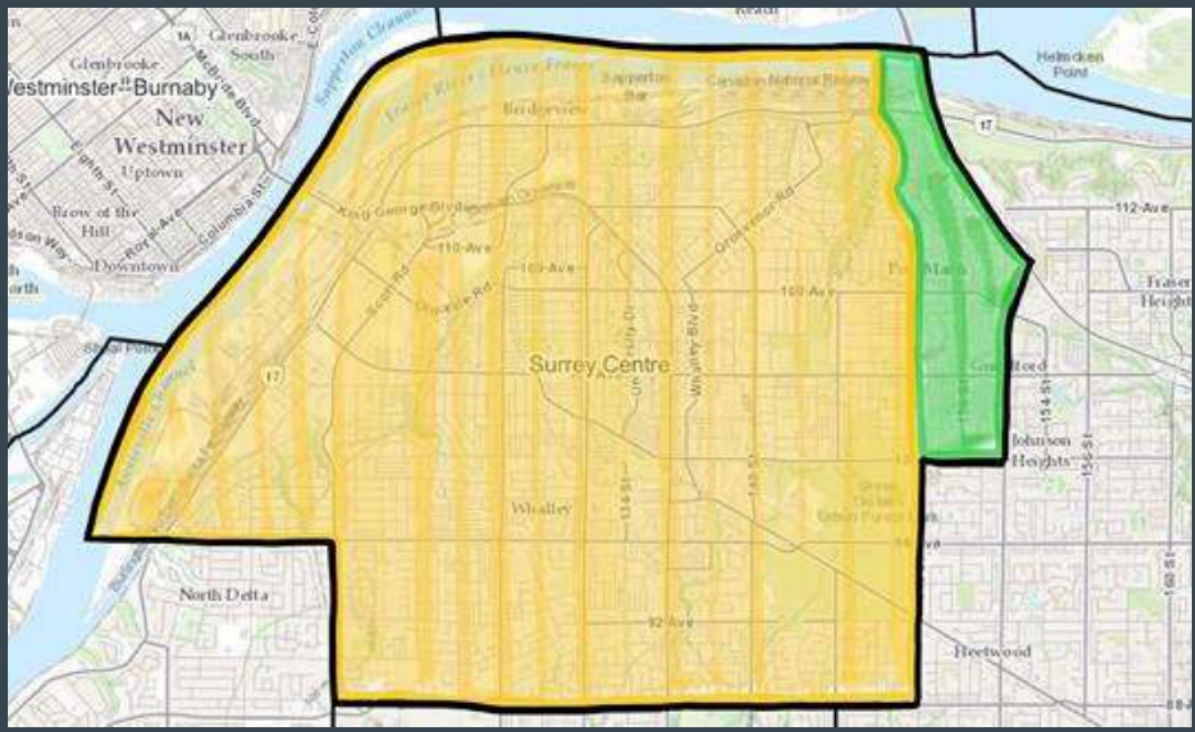
Our Proposed Boundaries

- The area shaded in **green** → **why** cut from Surrey Centre?
  - BC electoral quota of ~116,000 will be met
  - **Area** has **road connection** to Fleetwood-Port Kells riding
  - Surrey will be redistributed within Surrey!
  - Least disruption to representation
- This will allow the community to continue to be represented fairly



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Follow Up: Proposed Changes to the Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia's Map

Purpose: This is a follow up to the presentation 19(1) 19(1) regarding the second option he presented.

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Our focus was on adjusting the boundaries in the Fraser Valley and Fraser Canyon regions. To accommodate our changes, we have altered ridings in Metro Vancouver. The ridings outside of Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and Fraser Canyon have not been altered from the Commission's proposal.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide options to allow for ridings in the Fraser Valley to meet community needs and not to provide a definitive redraw of the entirety of the Province of British Columbia.

Proposals

Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon* (112,184)

As acknowledged by the Commission, all of the communities in the proposed Mission—Maple Ridge riding were in opposition to the Commission's current proposal. Our proposed riding would keep the portions of Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon (MMFC) within the Fraser Valley Regional District together.

To ensure the MMFC riding remains within a reasonable margin of the quotient, we propose extending the southern border of the riding further into the City of Abbotsford and the western border from Bradner Road to 272 Street.

*See photo Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon.PNG.

Abbotsford—Aldergrove* (113,692)

Historically, Abbotsford has been linked to Aldergrove. Our proposal would keep all the key community attributes of Abbotsford within a single riding. This is similar to the old boundaries of Abbotsford (2003-2013) that went as far west as 276 Street in Aldergrove.

We propose that the existing riding of Abbotsford maintain its borders in the east and be extended westward to 264 street. Invariably, portions of the existing Abbotsford riding along its northern border would be moved into Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon.

*See photo Abbotsford—Aldergrove.PNG.

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Langley* (115,361) and Cloverdale—Walnut Grove—Port Kells** (122,865)

Our proposed new riding of Langley would bring together the Langley neighbourhoods including the City of Langley, Fort Langley, and Langley Township, into one federal district. This change would allow the community of Aldergrove to be moved back into the Abbotsford riding as it was historically.

We propose placing the western border of Langley at 272 Street north of Highway 1 and at 264 Street south of Highway 1. The eastern border should be drawn to include as many of the Langley neighbourhoods as possible and we propose placing Walnut Grove into a neighbouring riding such as Cloverdale—Walnut Grove—Port Kells.

*See photo Langley.PNG.

**See photo Cloverdale—Walnut Grove—Port Kells.

Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge* (112,258)

Our proposed map for Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge keeps the same boundaries as the 2013 map, with a slight adjustment to the eastern border with our proposed Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon to bring the riding closer to the quotient.

*See photo Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge.PNG in the attached ZIP file

Chilliwack—Hope* (112,069)

We are proposing that the existing boundaries of Chilliwack—Hope remain unchanged. We heard serious concerns with the proposal to bring the border of the Chilliwack riding westward to include the Sumas Prairie and the portion of Abbotsford south of Highway 1 and east of Gladwin Road.

*See photo Chilliwack—Hope.PNG in the attached ZIP file.

Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton* (111,096) and West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea-to-Sky Country** (123,750)

We propose moving the portion of the Squamish—Lillooet Regional District, that currently falls within the existing Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon riding, into West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea-to-Sky Country. This is possible as the addition of this region would bring the West Vancouver riding to a total population of 123,750, which remains below the Commission's largest proposed riding, North Island—Powell River, where the population is 126,130.

*See photo Kamloops—Thompson--Lytton.PNG in the attached ZIP file.

**See photo West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea-to-Sky Country.PNG in the attached ZIP file.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 4:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Follow Up: Proposed Changes to the Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia's Map
Attachments: Submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia.zip

Dear Commissioners,

19(1) please find attached a zip file containing our detailed submission on changes to the proposed federal electoral districts for British Columbia. Below, I have included a list of documents you will find inside the file.

- Memo – Proposed changes to the Commission's proposal.docx
- Population Breakdown – Proposed changes to the Commission's proposal.xlsx
- Screenshots of all 43 proposed ridings
- Ridingbuilder File.csv

While we were focused on the Fraser Valley and Fraser Canyon regions, we have included a map of the entire province to demonstrate that our proposed changes are feasible. To view this map, visit this link, select the "Choose File" option on the left side of the screen and upload the attached Ridingbuilder File.csv.

We submit these proposals in good faith to provide an alternative for the area 19(1)

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A THANKS TO THE COMMISSION FOR THIS DIFFICULT WORK

The work of the Commission for British Columbia, and commissions across the country, is difficult and complicated.

We thank them for their efforts in ensuring an impartial electoral map.

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CURRENT RIDING BOUNDARIES

- Within the current boundaries of the federal electoral district of North Vancouver are the municipalities of the City of North Vancouver – in it's entirety - and the majority of the District of North Vancouver.
- It also includes *Slhá7aṅ* (Mission Indian Reserve 1)
- These boundaries were set during the 2012 Redistribution and three elections (2015,2019,2021) have occurred under this map.



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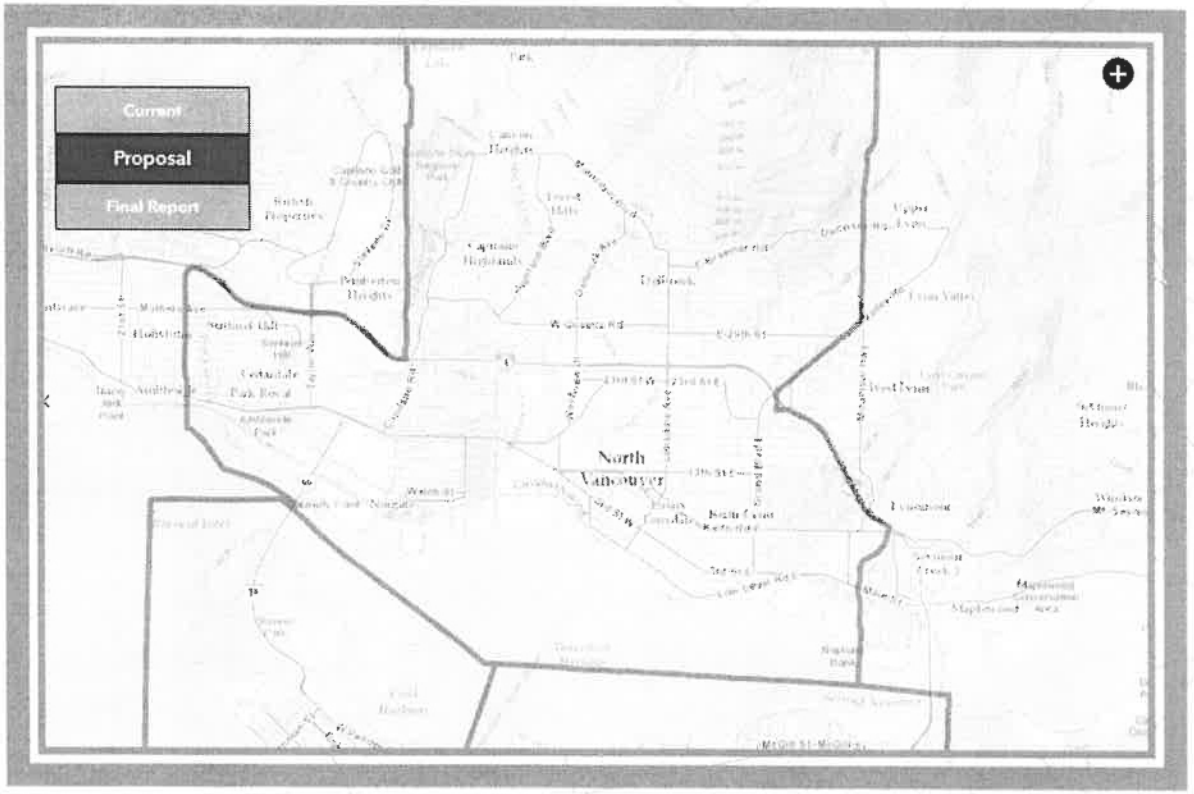
CURRENT BOUNDARY PROPOSAL

The current proposal significantly alters the shape of the constituency through two primary changes.

1. Moving the Western boundary to 15th Street, bounded by Highway 1 to the north and the Burrard Inlet to the South.
2. Moving the Eastern boundary to Mountain Highway in the north until it's intersection with Lynn Valley Road, following Lynn Valley road and then subsequently Highway 1 until terminating at Lynn Creek and Vancouver Harbour.



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OUR CONCERNS

IDENTITY

The City and District of North Vancouver have a strong and distinct identities. The proposal, as it stands divides, some communities, especially in the tight knit Lynn Valley area, while annexing a significant part of West Vancouver, an area that also has its own unique character and history.

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The City and District of North Vancouver have a distinct set of political priorities, preferences and interests. These are unique within the North Shore and indeed across Vancouver. The current proposal would see these priorities further diffused into two different ridings, being the minority in one, which represents a fundamental loss in representation when compared to the current boundaries.

HISTORIC/GEOGRAPHIC INCONSISTENCY

The proposal as it stands does not provide significant enough weight to the historical and geographical context unique to the North Shore. It further divides our municipalities, does not reflect the electoral boundaries at the provincial or federal level historically, and presents challenges regarding transportation and effective representation.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Under the commission's current proposal, the MP for North Vancouver would be responsible for only one municipality in its entirety, as well as parts of two further municipalities, and the Squamish Nation. This is a haphazard collection of responsibilities, the management of which would cause difficulties for elected officials at all levels of government as well as those residents looking to contact their local representatives.

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OUR PROPOSAL

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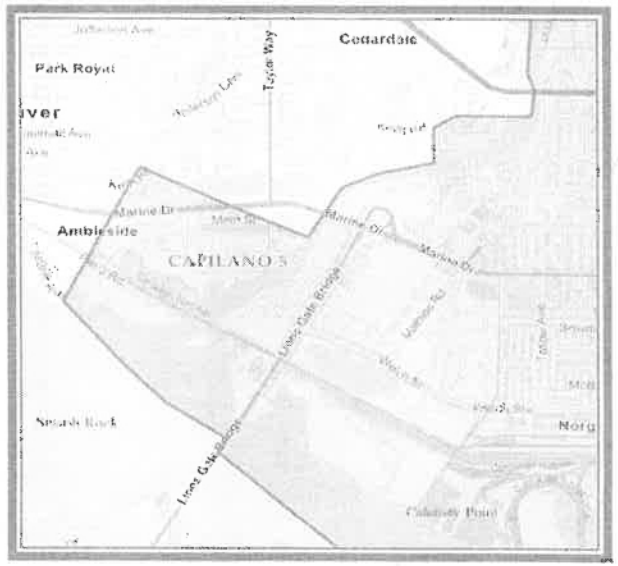
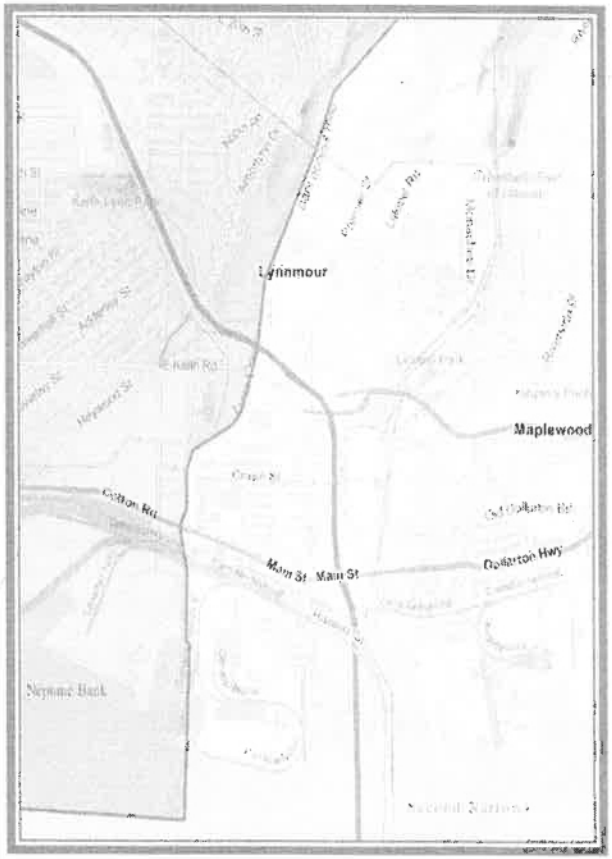
OUR PROPOSAL: CHAN
IN DETAIL

Our proposal;

1. Maintains the border between North and West Vancouver as the Western boundary, with the exception for Woodcroft Apartment complex, as already situated in the current boundaries, and now including the entirety of *Xwemelch'stn* (Capilano Indian Reserve 5)
2. Moves the Eastern boundary to line up fully with Lynn Creek along it's entire course, thereby keeping Lynn Valley together. This would see Lynnmour and Capilano University join Burnaby North – Seymour.







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WHAT OUR PROPOSAL ACHIEVES

Preservation of North Vancouver's identity and representation

We seek to keep North Vancouver, both city and district, as whole as possible to preserve its political identity and representation at the federal level.

A geographically efficient and historically consistent constituency

We seek to achieve a reasonable proximity to the Commission's population target of 116,000 while respecting the natural and historical boundaries of North Vancouver

The efficient distribution of responsibility for North Vancouver's MP

We seek to maintain an efficient amount of overlap with partners and stakeholders – primarily local government and Indigenous communities – to maximize the MP's effectiveness and ensure a sensible division of responsibility and accountability.

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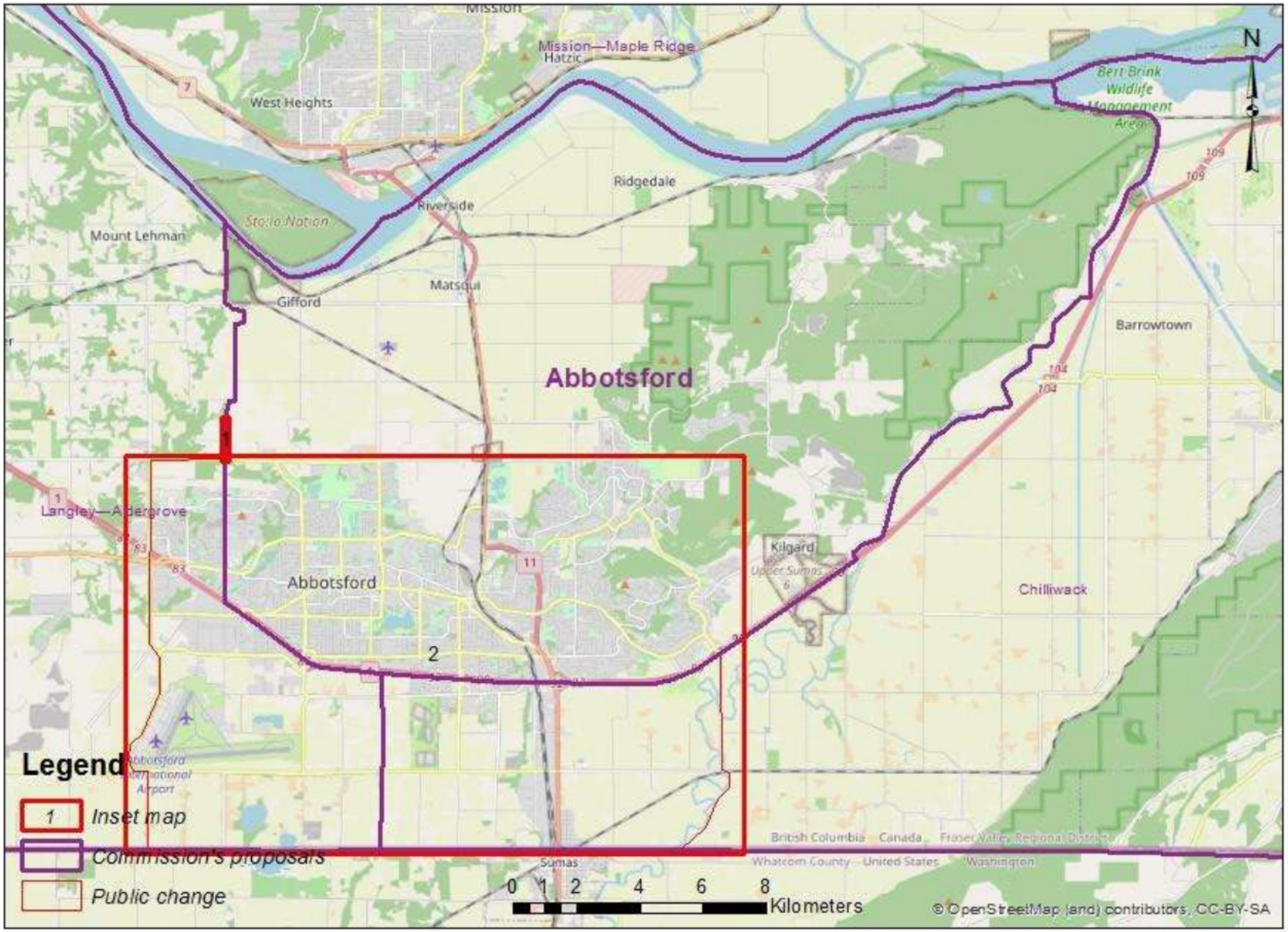

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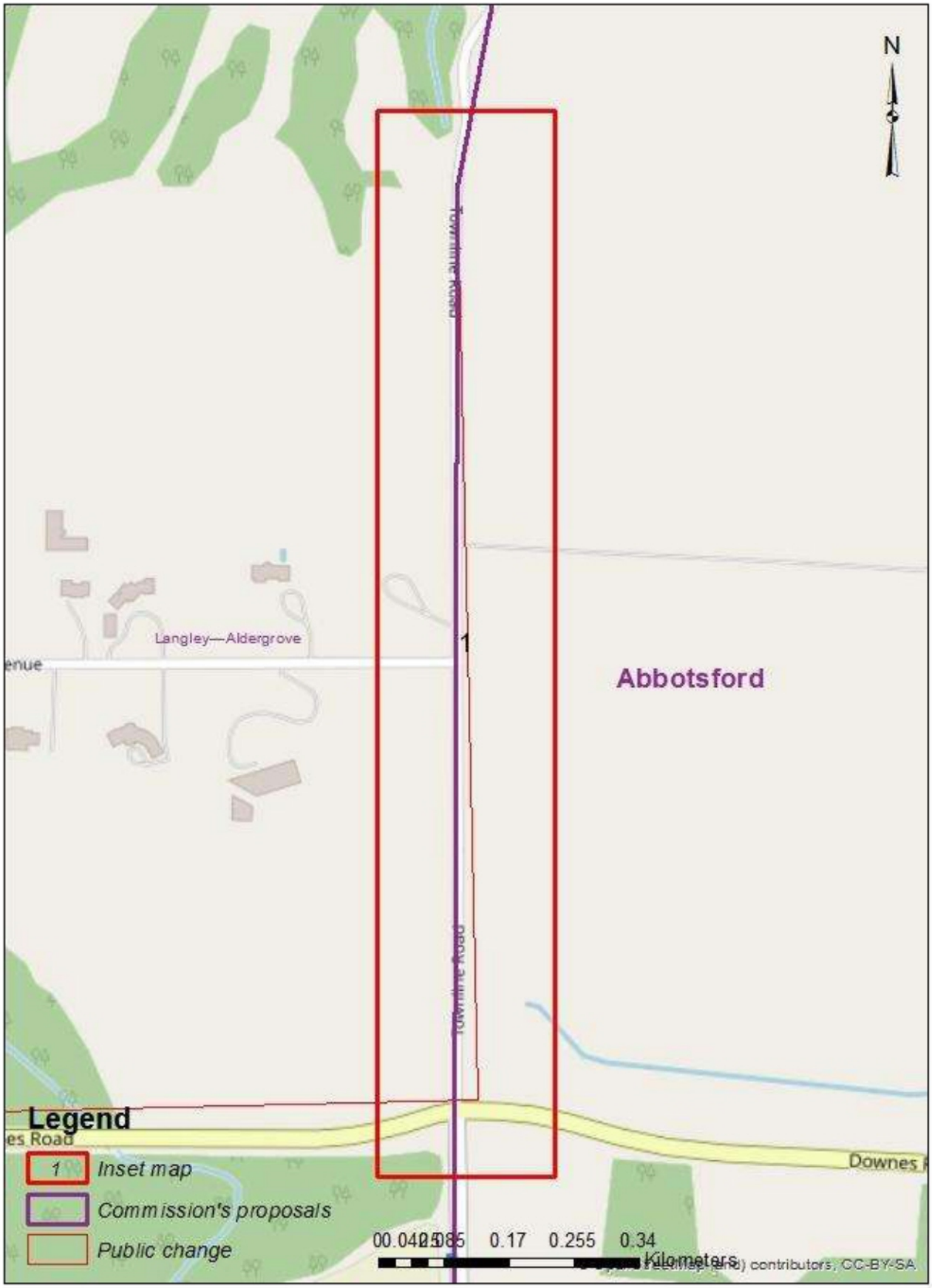

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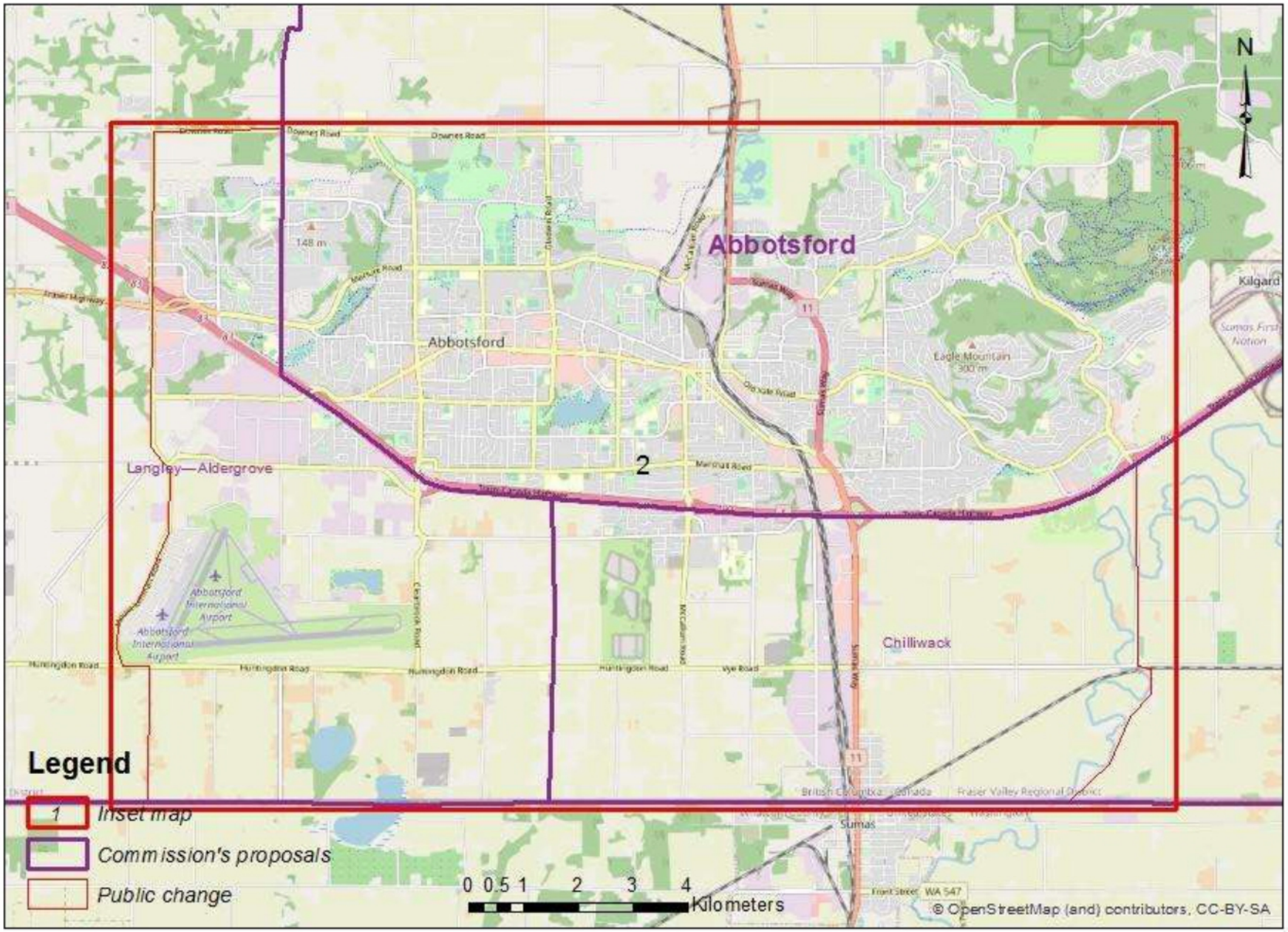

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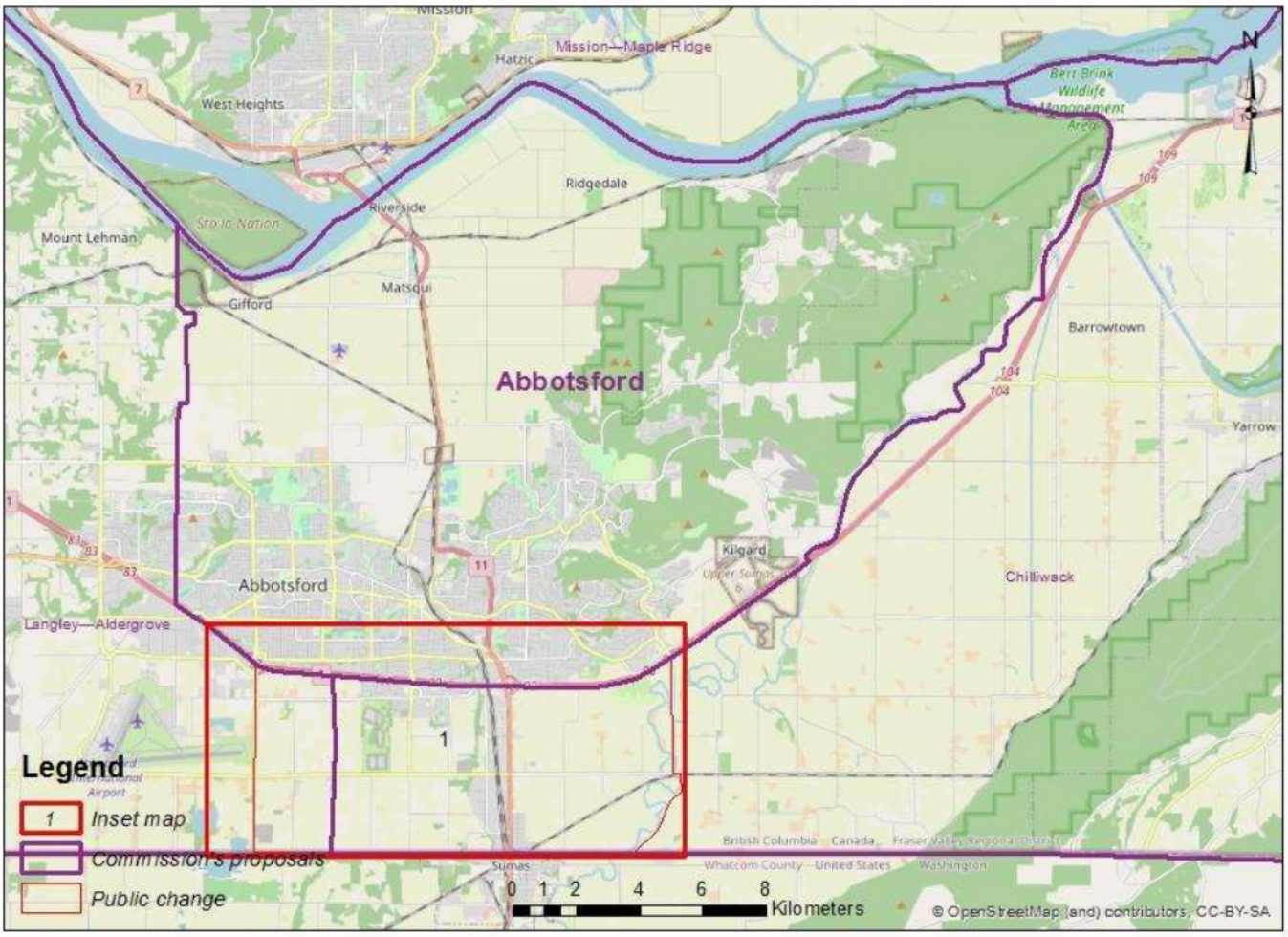

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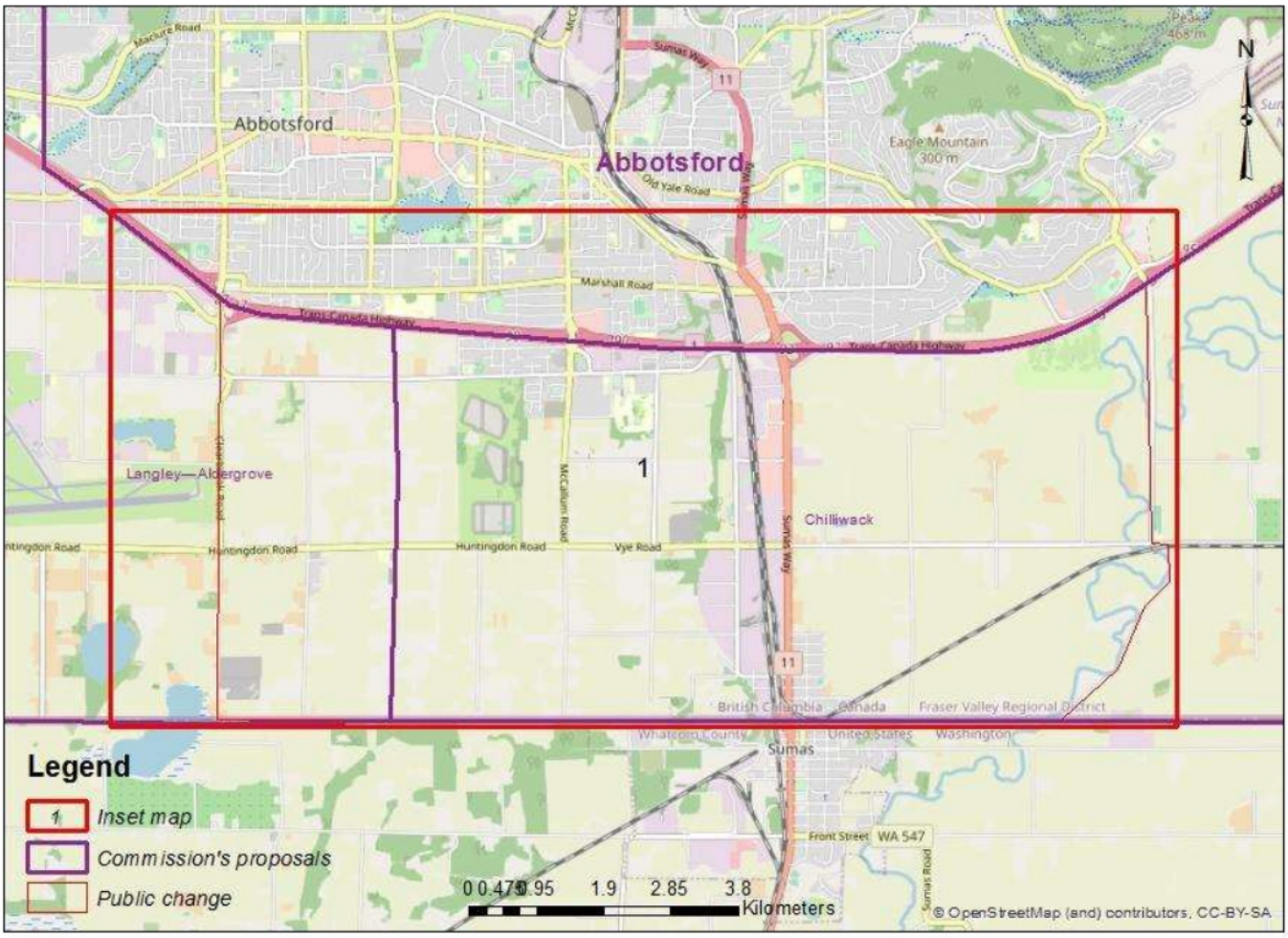

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Dear Members of the Commission,

19(1) we would like to thank the commission for the opportunity to provide a written submission on the proposed boundary changed and are pleased to participate in the decennial review of our electoral boundaries. As per the commissions analysis, the riding of Kelowna—Lake Country exceeds the permittable 25% variance and a new riding named Vernon Lake Country is being introduced and including parts of the current riding of Kelowna—Lake Country. We are writing to urge the Commission to reconsider their draft proposal for Kelowna and Vernon Lake Country.

After reviewing data and analysis provided by the commission as well as local information 19(1) 19(1) submits the following recommendations below. As per the guiding principles set out by the Commission on geography, community history, community interests and minority interests, we urge the Commission to consider the following changes to their initial draft.

1. We are asking that the Commission consider keeping more of downtown Kelowna in “Kelowna”, while adding all of Lake Country to "Vernon-Lake Country" (this makes logical sense, especially given the name).
    - The main issue is that at the western boundary, there is too much of the City of Kelowna included with the new Vernon Lake Country electoral district (ED). The part that should be kept in the Kelowna ED is on the north side of the highway which includes City Hall and the historical and current Main St. of Kelowna, Bernard Ave as well as Tourism Kelowna offices, Kelowna Community Theatre, Provincial Law Courts, Kelowna Museum, Kelowna Art Gallery as well as numerous arts and cultural businesses and venues. This includes the inner core of the City of Kelowna, much of which is residential and very walkable and considered a community. In fact, realtors use this as a plus when selling home/townhomes/condos in the area. People living, working there have very little in common with people in Lake Country, let alone Vernon.
2. Using some of the provincial riding boundaries of Kelowna West, we suggest that this section of the riding—all the way down the HWY to Spall Ave, up to Clement Ave, to Gordon Rd, to Trench Place and then to the lake should stay in Kelowna. Since people are familiar with the provincial boundary, it will be less of a change for them at Election time and provide continuity.
3. The entirety of the City of Lake Country, Oyama, and parts of Kelowna near the Kelowna Airport and even Rutland can be included in Vernon Lake Country to make up for parts of downtown Kelowna that can hopefully stay in the new Kelowna ED. People in these areas would be more likely to have a relationship with these communities, especially when it comes to commercial interactions. We know of people who live near the airport and get their groceries in Lake Country and some that work in Vernon. Hwy 97 is an

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artificial border that doesn't reflect how the communities and people live their lives in that part of the city.

Enclosed is a map which outlines our suggested changes.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback to the Commission.

Please let us know if you would like more detail or any clarification regarding our recommendations.

Sincerely,

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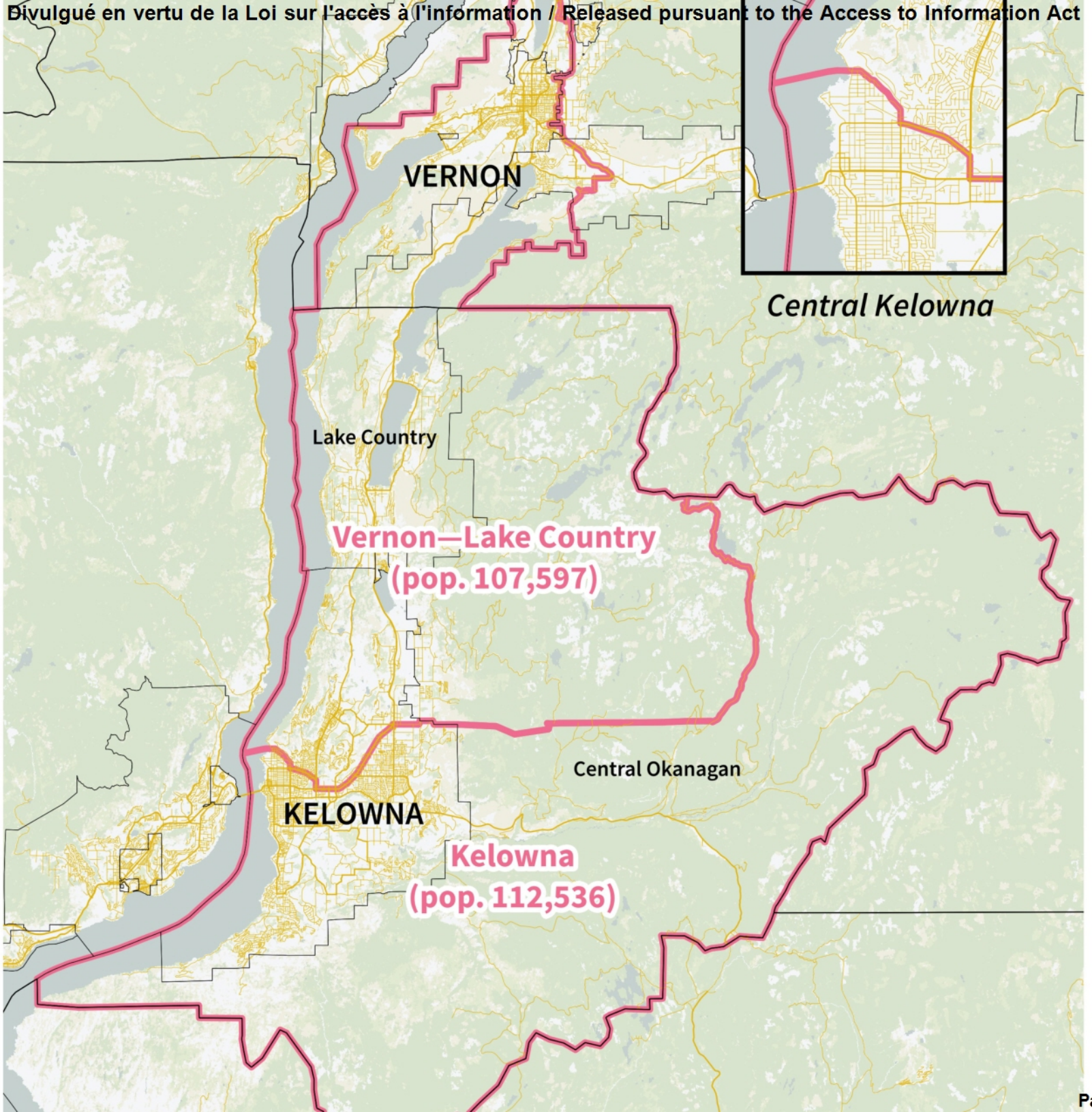

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Federal Electoral District Redistribution Response - New Westminster

September 14, 2022 7pm Inn at the Quay
To Register to speak:
https://redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca/com/bc/phrg/index_f.aspx

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Current Map

- Includes ¼ of **Burnaby** and all of **New Westminster**

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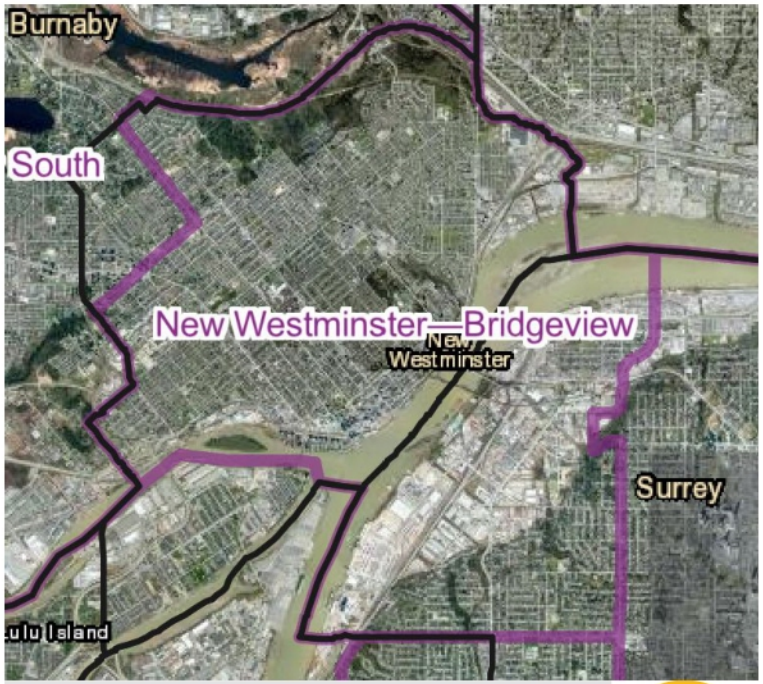
Proposed Map

- **Reduces** the Burnaby sector of the district by removing Edmonds
- Eliminates **Queensborough**
- Extends into North part of **Surrey**



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Concerns

1. Existing Functionality and Casework Load
2. Municipal Operations
3. Federal/Provincial Elected Officials Collaboration
4. Community Engagement
5. Queensborough

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2 Municipal Operations

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- [redacted]
- Keeping the full city within a single electoral district makes it easy for city services and the MP office to **collaborate** in serving its constituents.

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3 Federal/Provincial Operations

- The **provincial ridings** currently align with the federal ones
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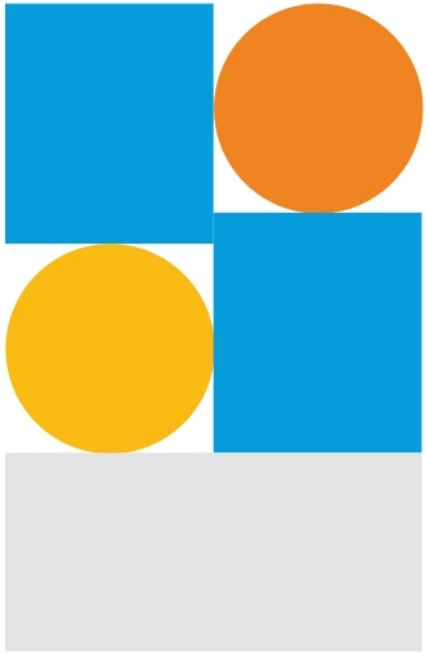
- Adding new federal districts will make it more difficult for MLAs to work efficiently with MPs and thus, make it harder for constituents to have their needs addressed



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4 Community Involvement

- The MP is responsible for being **involved within the community**. This often includes hosting or attending municipal events.
- The New Westminster-Burnaby riding currently includes two cities. Adding another will put a **tremendous stress on the MP** and his staff
- The MP already rotates between Ottawa and his constituency which further limits time spent in the community
- Federal representation on a municipal level with individual community members should be a priority but adding another city reduces community involvement in each and **could be easily avoided.**

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5 Queensborough



- Queensborough is part of New Westminster and this is reflected in the current map
- Queensborough residents have already expressed that they **feel disconnected** from the city
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- Keeping Queensborough in the district is crucial to maintain the **cohesiveness** of the city

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5 Queensborough

	Queensborough	
	5,480	100.0%
	330	6.0%
	5,155	94.1%
Top 5 Languages		
English	3,310	60.4%
Punjabi	1,105	20.2%
Filipino (Tagalog)	115	2.1%
Cantonese	105	1.9%
Spanish	105	1.9%

From the 2006 Neighbourhood Profiles Census

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Our Suggestion

- **Keep the existing borders**
  - Given the capability of the current structure, we find no reason to change the borders of the New Westminster-Burnaby riding
  - In fact, we have found many reasons *not* to change it

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Date received: 2022-07-13

RIM ID: 1657670685OIRFLSXEDB

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

I understand the need to redraw boundaries to reflect population patterns. I don't believe it is as simple as using a ruler on a map. There needs to be some kind of commonality in the area. To move the densest part of West Vancouver into North Vancouver (and without any name change) means that the voters on the whole of the North Shore of Vancouver (given the other odd boundaries) have no cohesive sense of where they belong. It could be argued that this means that their electoral distribution is more likely to represent the country/province/area as a whole. On the other hand, this is also more likely to mean there is never any clear sense of what the electorate wants. There's little in common between Ambleside and Norgate for instance. Unlike ridings which clearly represent the constituents with clear opinions on one party or another. The result is likely apathy and low voter turnout, as it won't matter.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59023

Name to modify: North Vancouver / North Vancouver

New name: North Vancouver / North Vancouver

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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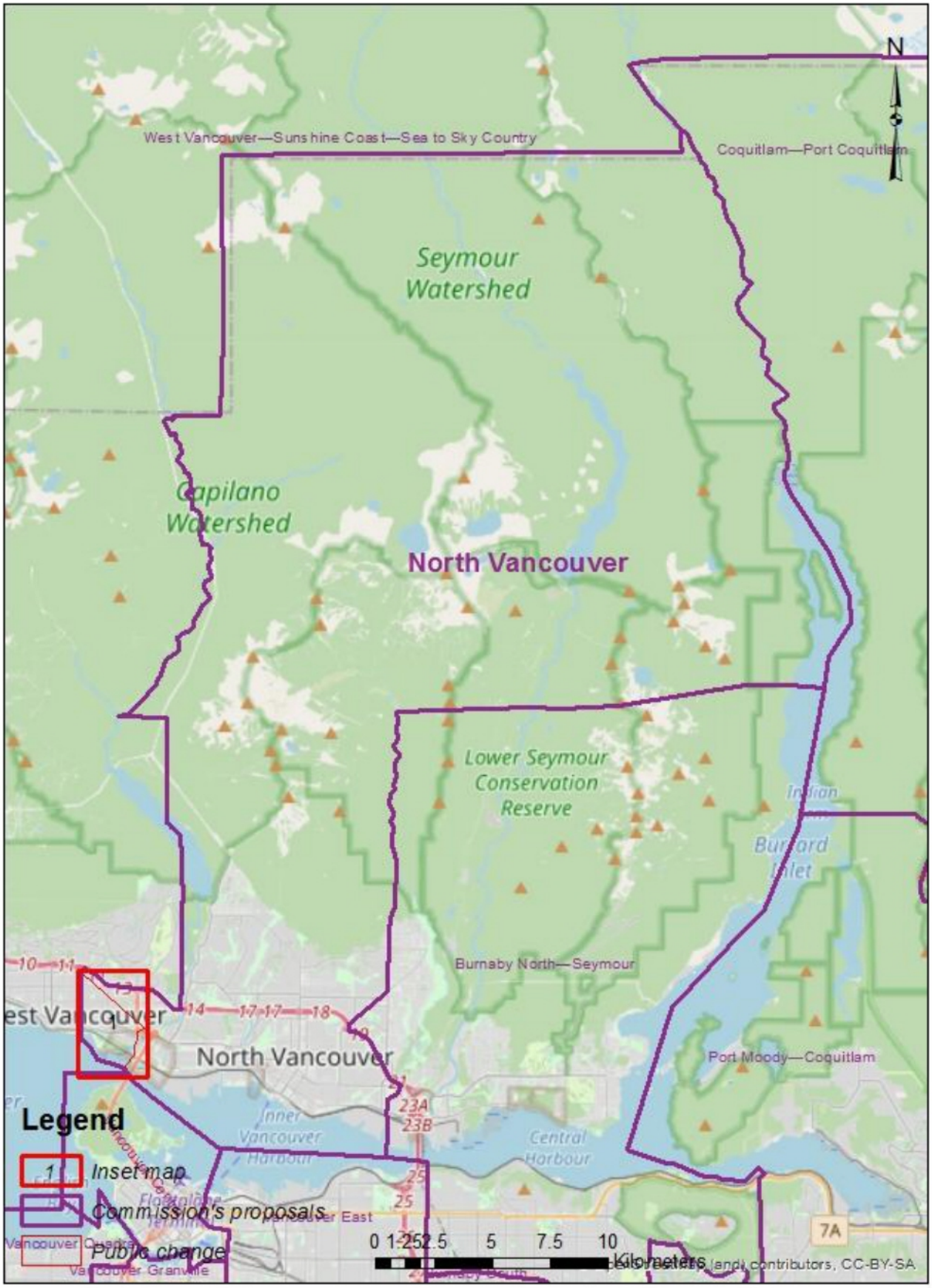

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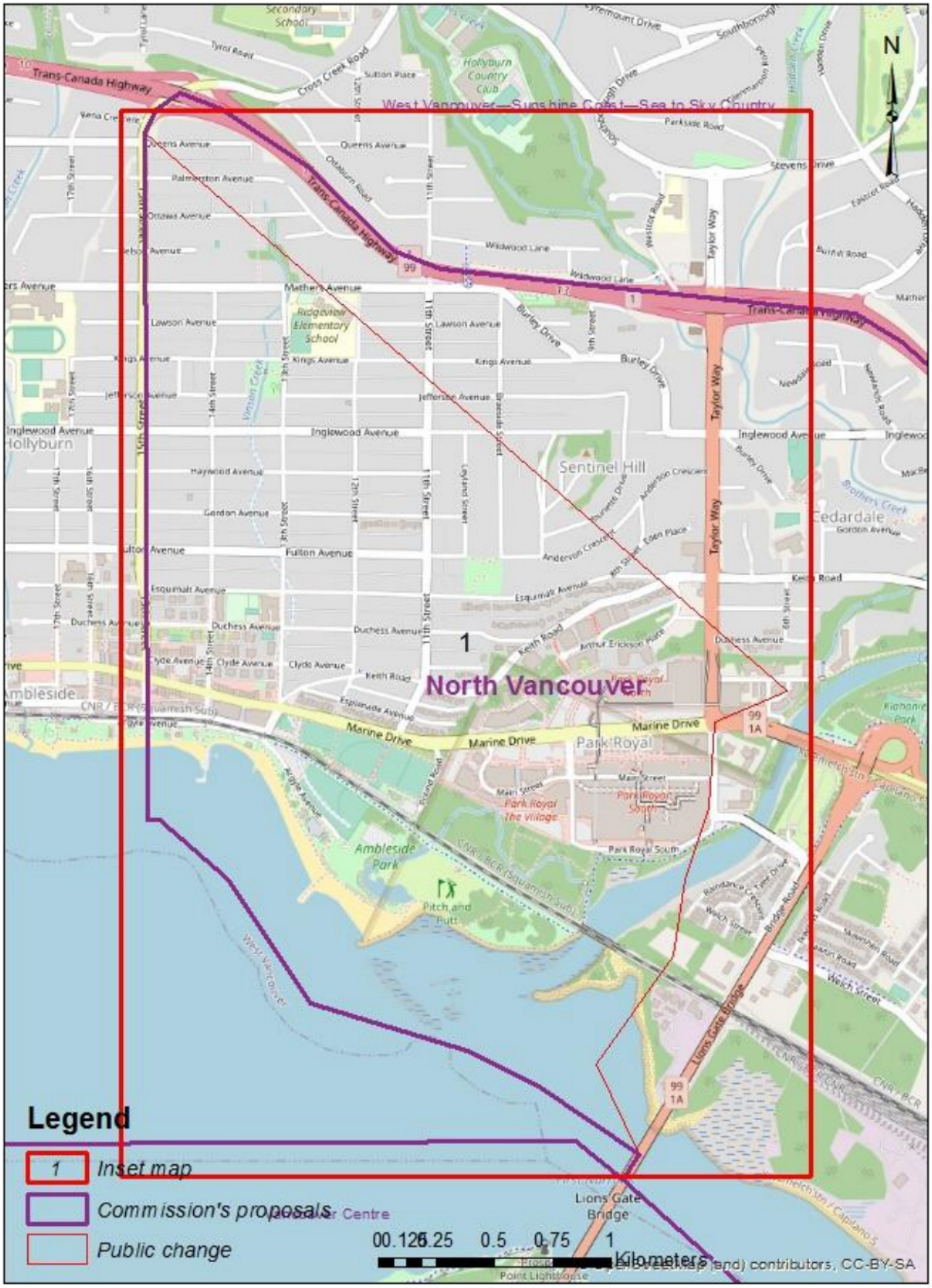

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 9, 2022 4:54 PM
To: 19(1)
Cc: BC-CB; 19(1)
Subject: Re: Splitting North Delta no notice received

Greetings
Great letter!! I was absolutely aghast to see Delta being sacrificed …. to consider having 3 MP's representing our city instead of 1!

Why was this done and by whom? What is the motivation of those people making these proposed changes? Your theory is definitely a possibility….

Is there a political agenda here…. (When is there not!)

I truly hope that we get some push back from North Delta residents who continually get left out, because major focus is on the south Delta areas of Ladner and Tsawwassen.

North Delta people have to get active or we shall lose our identity entirely….

Should you wish to discuss, please contact me, I may be able to assist in your going forward and expressing your views. I wish I could do it all, but I can't.

If people don't go forward from North Delta in person, requesting this change not take place, I doubt whether anyone will listen. 19(1) 19(1) Only with many people speaking out, using their democratic rights, will tell the final story.

It's ridiculous that there is only one meeting being held for Delta, as far away from North Delta residents, as can be, in Tsawwassen, where no changes in their status affects the south delta people. Those most affected are the farthest away from this meeting?

Thank you for your letter…. I plan on going to the meeting, I hope you do too…!!

Best wishes, as I remain,

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Sent from my iPad

On May 9, 2022, at 3:38 PM, 19(1)

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Warning: This email came from outside the City of Delta. If the sender is not known, please do not open links or attachments. Contact the Service Desk (3215) if unsure of this email.

To whom it may concern,

We did not receive notice, nor did any of our neighbors, of your proposal to divide North Delta into three new sections, or any notice about the meetings being held for public input . We found out about this by accident by having a North Delta reporter paper accidentally delivered to our home. I do not believe you should be holding these meetings without having first notified all residents. Do you? I hope that now you have been informed that we have not been notified that you will proceed to notify people and reschedule the meetings. Please reply.

All of the venues are in areas that are not in North Delta. I believe (and wonder if you also believe) that it would be proper to have at least one meeting where it affects people the most? In North Delta. Please reply.

The media quote says that you want to divide us based on “communities of identity” which can mean nothing else but race. If it does not mean race, then would you please explain and describe to us what the “communities of identity” are that you are referring to are comprised of? Please reply.

Elections Canada is also quoted as saying that proposed changes take into consideration , “ historic and geographic factors”. If so, the splitting of Delta, and in particular North Delta, into three parts joined with other large areas of Surrey and Richmond is simply not logical.

If you are (as it appears to be) associating areas with more Chinese residents with Richmond, more south Asian residents with Surrey and more white people with South Delta, then are you not denying the ability of people of more than one race to form and function as a community? If not, then please explain why not . Please reply.

What is Elections Canadas definition of “ a community “? Is it race -based community or location based communities? Please reply.

Thank you

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Elections Canada Redistribution Meeting, Sept. 21, 2022

Meadow Gardens, Pitt Meadows

Presenter 19(1)

Personal:

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Recommendation to the Electoral Commission

1. Maintain the constituency of Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge as is
2. If the constituency's slightly below target population necessitates modifying the boundary, extend the eastern boundary into Mission potentially up to Nelson Street.
3. Change proposed Mission-Maple Ridge by keeping Mission, Agassiz, Harrison, removing Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and enlarging the Abbotsford portion of the present Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon of the present Riding of Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon
4. If the proposed change is made in #3, push the impacted Fraser Valley ridings south of the Fraser River **westward** into Fort Langley, the Township of Langley and north Surrey

My **primary concern** and focus is the **proposed Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley** Electoral District and keeping all of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge in one riding.

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The proposed Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley (PMFL) has six cities: Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, Langley, Surrey, Fort Langley, all with significant needs and demands

Maple Ridge has 91K, Surrey has 568K and will soon be the largest city in British Columbia, Langley has 145K, POCO has 61K, Fort Langley is 28K Pitt Meadows is approximately 20K,

The population of these cities is over 900,000 people. They range from small to large urban centers with many needs

This Riding will be an extremely difficult task for any MP to represent

The comments that I have had from politicians of all political stripes regarding the configuration of PMFL have been quite negative.

Rationale for keeping Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge as is:

1. **Integrated cities in numerous ways**
    a. School District: the school board comprises of 7 Trustees, 5 from Maple Ridge and 2 from Pitt Meadows. Teachers and students transfer regularly between the schools in both cities for programs, positions
    b. Pitt Meadows Airport YPK is overseen by both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows
    c. Ridge Meadows Hospital is the general hospital for both cities
    d. Businesses, organizations, charities, faith communities, services clubs are all interwoven: Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce, Ridge Meadows Seniors Society, Friends In Need Food Bank, Maple Ridge Legion
    e. One local newspaper

    There are very strong connections between Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows that these cities do not have with Port Coquitlam for example.

2. **Historical Electoral Boundary Precedents**
    For decades, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge have been represented as part of one Electoral District. The Fraser River and the Pitt River have been long-

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standing boundaries to the south and to the west. The area to the north is mountainous and uninhabited. The boundary to the east has included Mission and was formerly called Dewdney Alouette.

3. **Strong population growth.**
   Maple Ridge's population grew from 82,256 in 2016 to 90,990 in 2021. This is an increase of 10.6% in five years. The national population rose 5.2% during these years. Vancouver grew at 4.9% and Surrey grew 9.7% during this same time frame.

   Thousands are moving here every year because in a very expensive housing market, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge are much more affordable than most places in the Vancouver area.

   There is a tremendous amount of construction occurring in the riding with townhomes, condominiums and single family dwellings popping up all over.

   Though the figure for the two cities is slightly under the target 115,000, the population is booming, and my guess is that within three years it will surpass this figure and be well above the average Electoral District in the next number of years.

4. If the Commission deems that it is necessary to increase the population represented by 5,000 or so people, may I suggest that the eastern boundary be extended into Mission.

   Mission is not connected to Maple Ridge as is Pitt Meadows, however, the western region of Mission shares many commonalities with the eastern region of Maple Ridge. Both are quite rural with the main artery, Lougheed Highway, being the same and the area is represented by the Maple Ridge-Mission MLA.

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Regarding proposed Mission-Maple Ridge Electoral District.

The connections between Mission and Abbotsford are significantly stronger than with Maple Ridge.

Both Mission and Abbotsford are in the Fraser Valley Regional District and share many services

Transit between Maple Ridge and Mission is quite poor but is strong between Abbotsford and Mission.

Abbotsford and Mission are a Census Metropolitan Area or a Census Agglomeration as defined by Statistics Canada and is the 23rd largest in the nation. Though are viewed as an entity.

Provincially, Mission is in two constituencies: Maple Ridge-Mission and Abbotsford-Mission. Having been the MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission for eight years, I can say categorically that the links between Mission and Abbotsford are much stronger than between Mission and Maple Ridge.

Conclusion

In my many years as a politician representing this region, the connections that Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows have with each other far overshadow the connection with the other proposed cities.

Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge is a constituency which an MP can focus upon and serve effectively. The constituents and communities benefit from this.

Any Member of Parliament will be very hard-pressed to represent the proposed Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley electoral district.

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POPULATION AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY REDISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

CENTRAL PARK NORTH

Population Affected: 8,247
Businesses Affected: 176
Population Share of New Riding: 7.0%

LAKE CITY - LOUGHEED

Population Affected: 13,134
Businesses Affected: 720
Population Share of New Riding: 11.3%

CENTRAL PARK - SUNCREST

Population Affected: 9,155
Businesses Affected: 194
Population Share of New Riding: 7.8%



Sources: Population counts from Stats Canada 2021 Census. Business counts from License Department, City of Burnaby

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PROPOSED RIDINGS

CITY	PROVINCE	2021 POPULATION	PROPOSED RIDINGS	EXISTING RIDINGS
Burnaby	**British Columbia**	**249,125**	**6**	**3**
Saskatoon	Saskatchewan	266,141	4	3
Regina	Saskatchewan	226,404	3	3
Richmond	British Columbia	209,937	2	2
Gatineau	Quebec	291,041	To Be Determined	4
Kitchener	Ontario	256,885	To Be Determined	4
Longueuil	Quebec	254,483	To Be Determined	3
Windsor	Ontario	229,660	To Be Determined	3
Oakville	Ontario	213,759	To Be Determined	2
Richmond Hill	Ontario	202,022	To Be Determined	2

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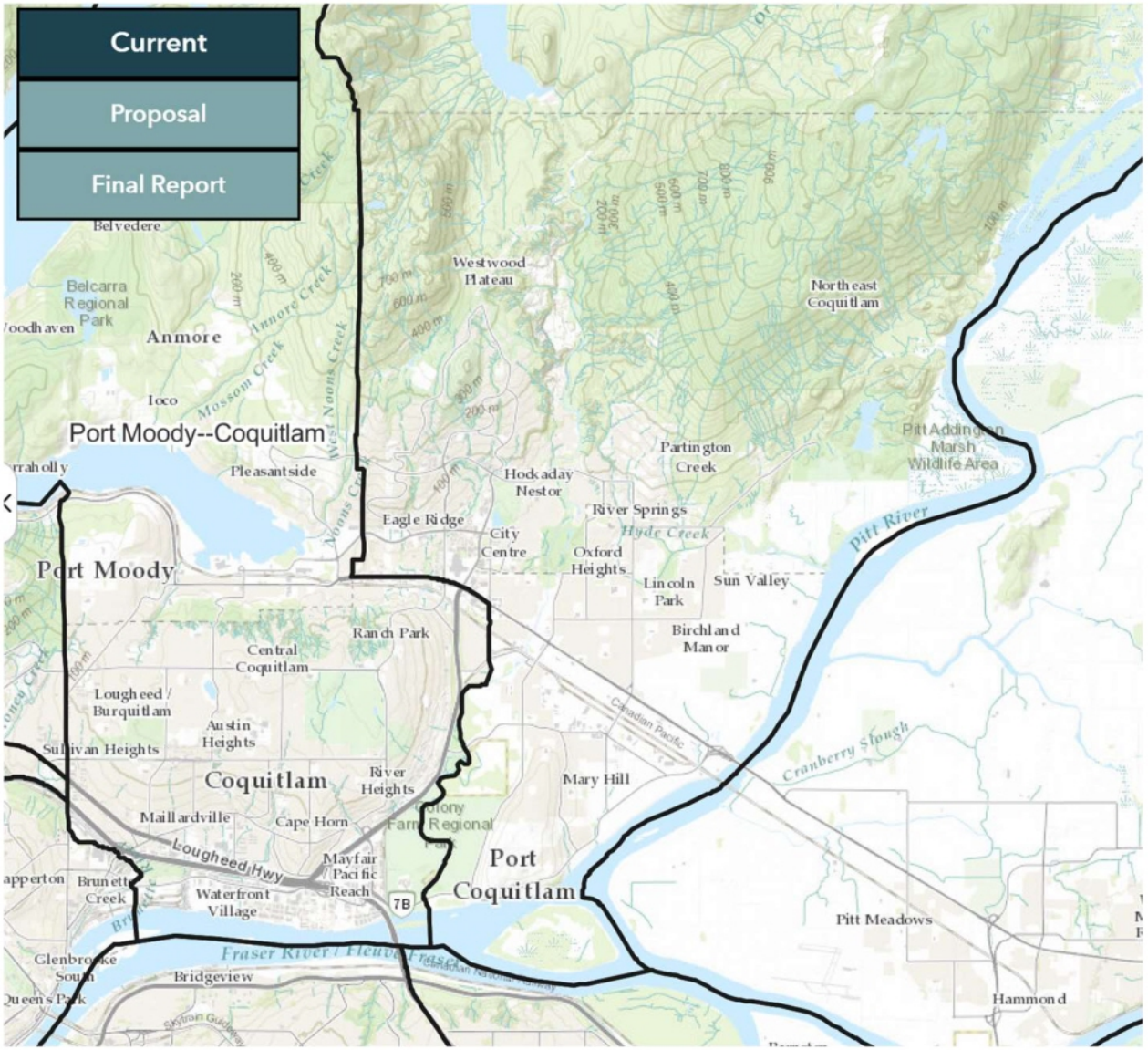
Current Riding of Coquitlam Port-Coquitlam



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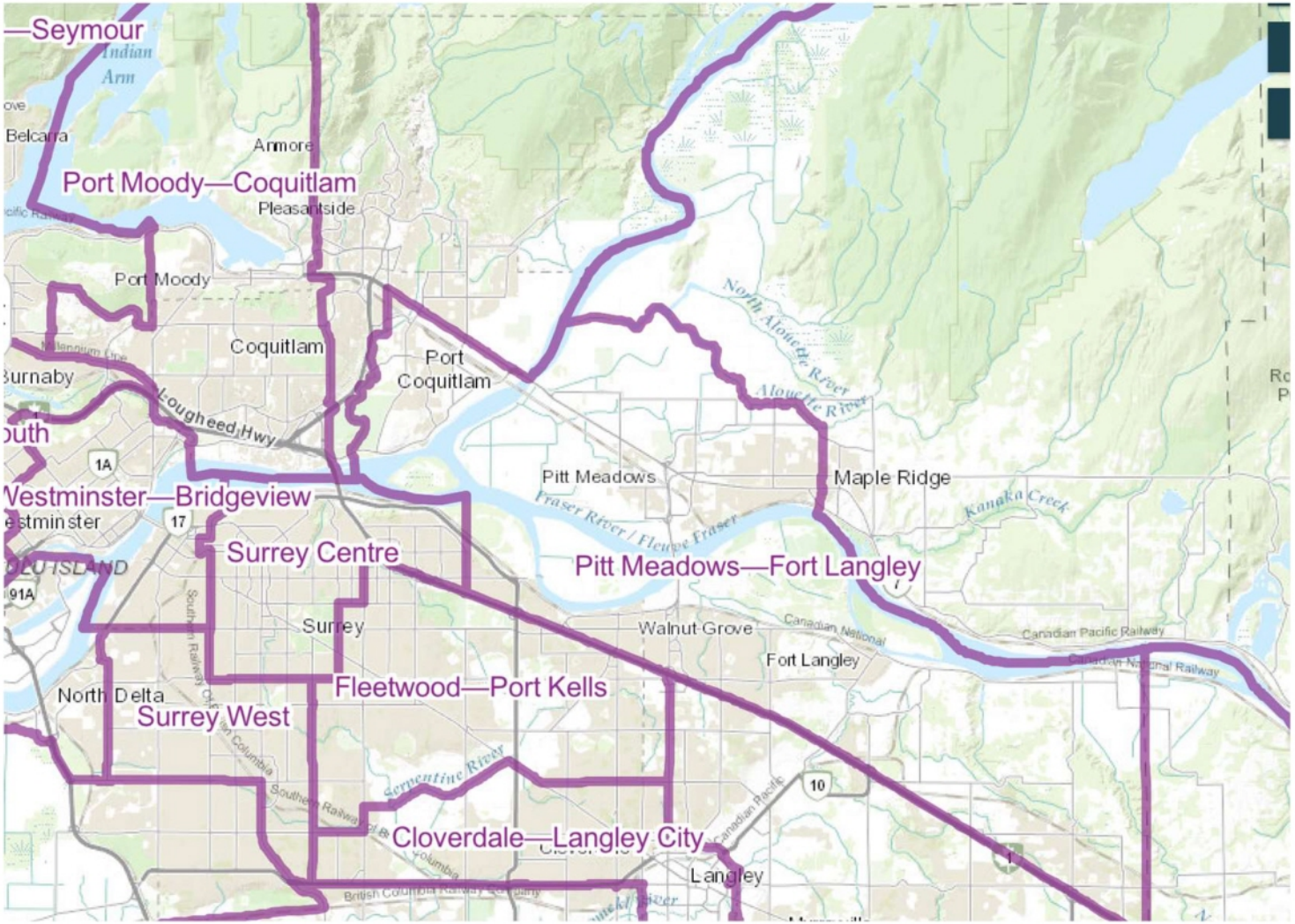
Commission Proposed Riding of Coquitlam Port-Coquitlam



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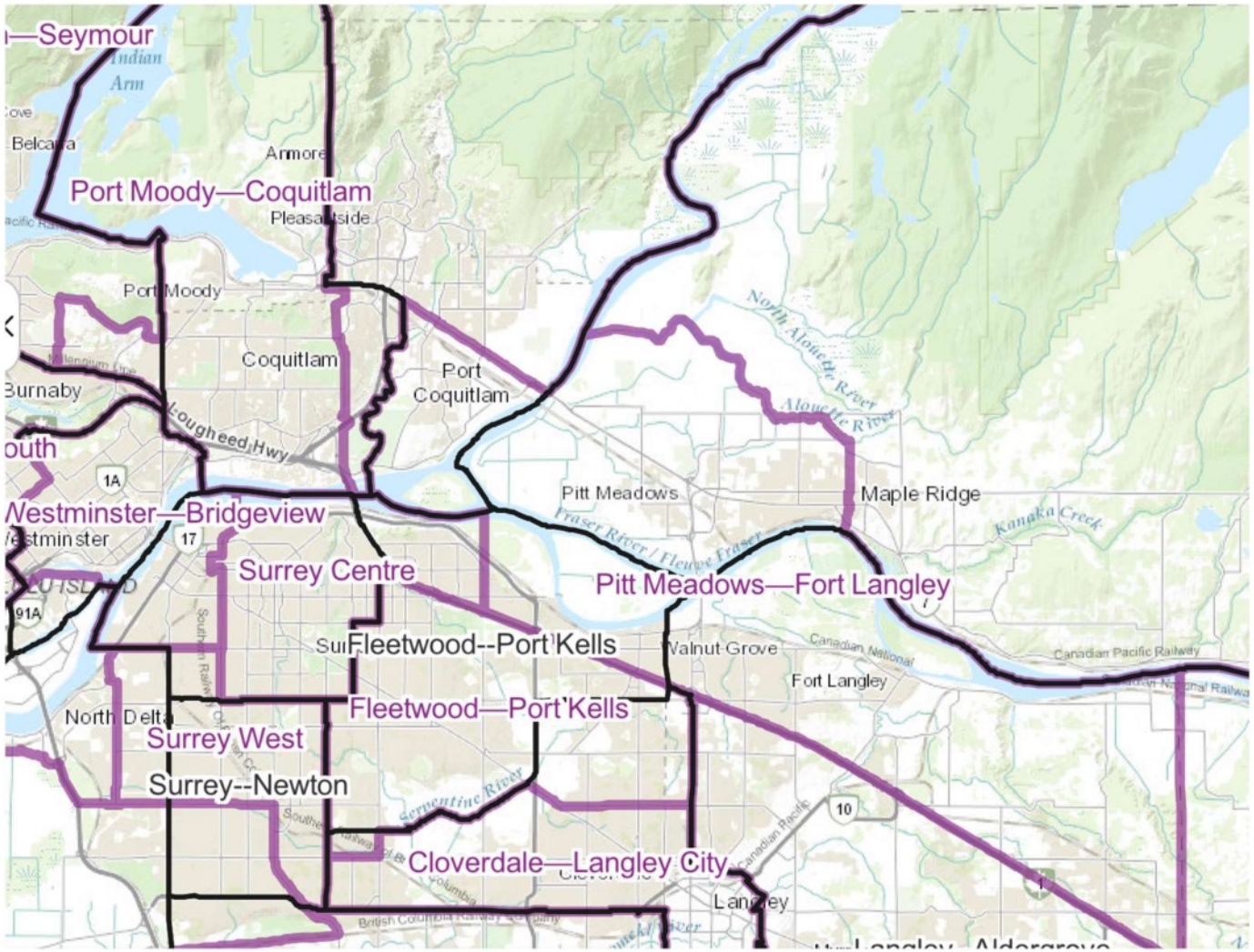
Commission Proposed Ridings in Purple



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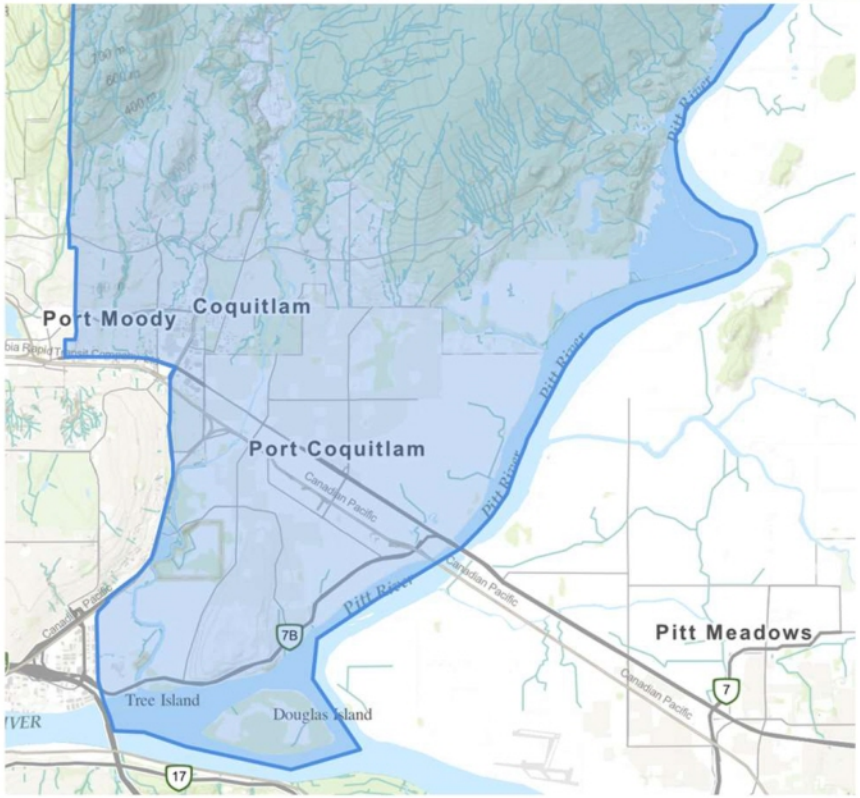
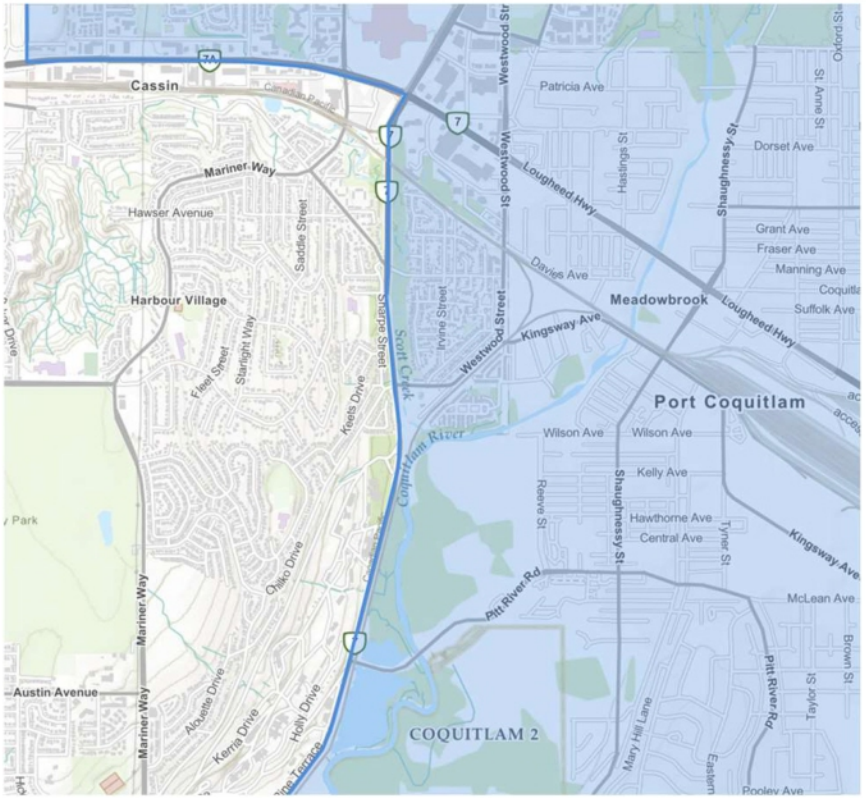
Ron McKinnon Proposed Riding #1





Population of 134,611 which is 15.7% above the electoral Quota of 116,300.

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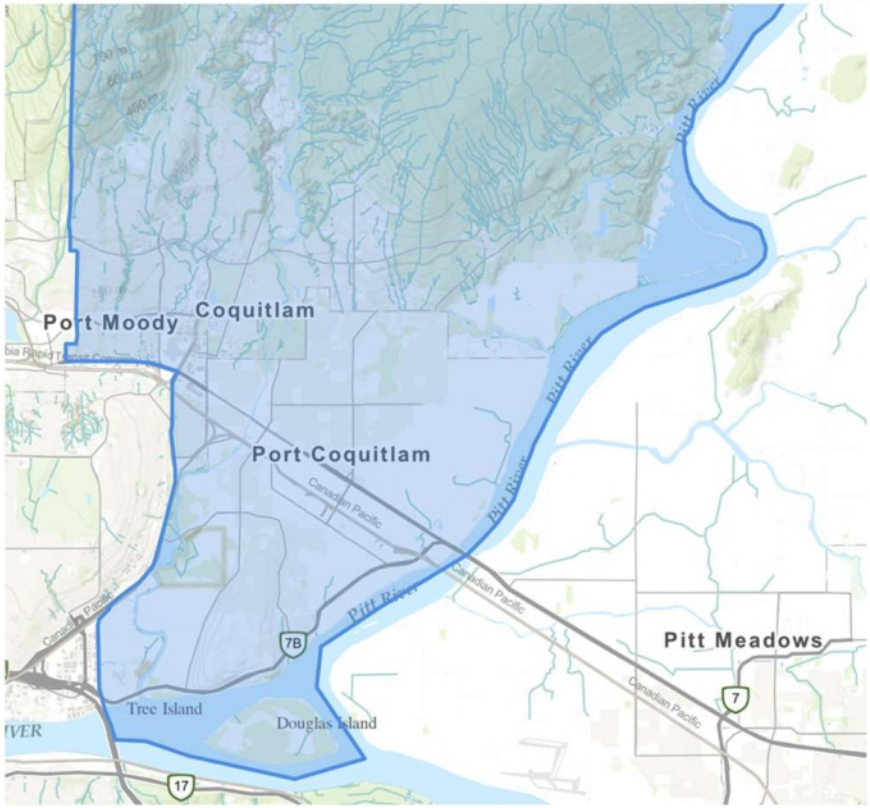
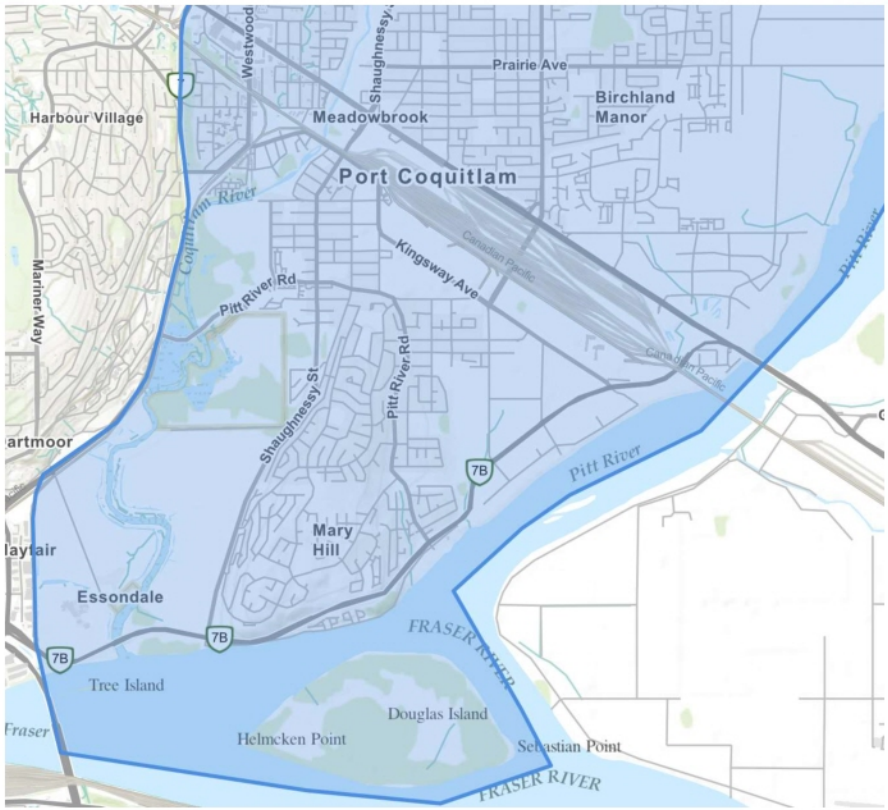
Ron McKinnon Proposed Riding #1





Population of 134,611 which is 15.7% above the electoral Quota of 116,300.

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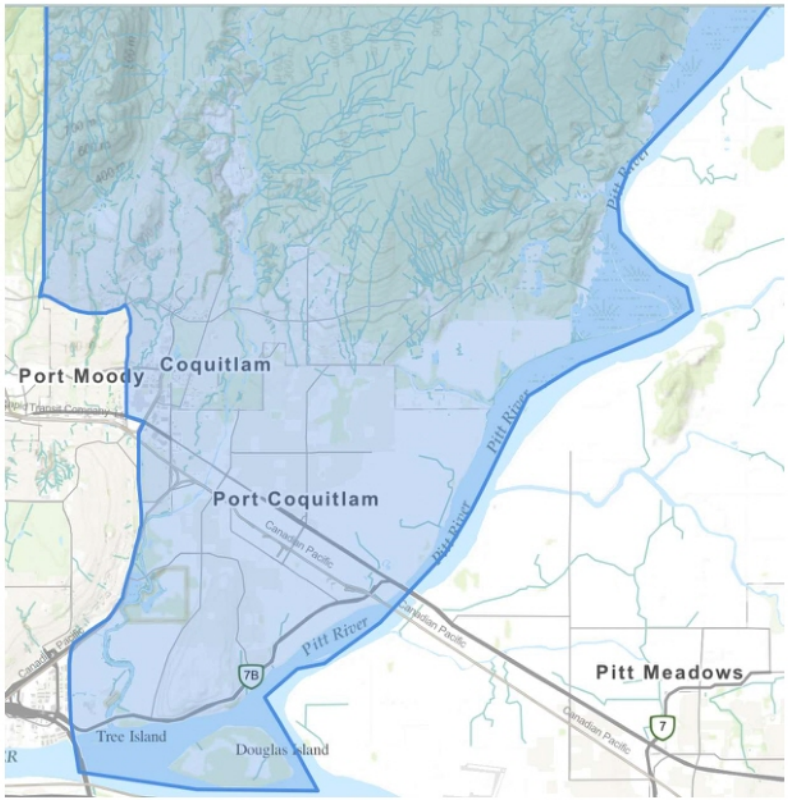

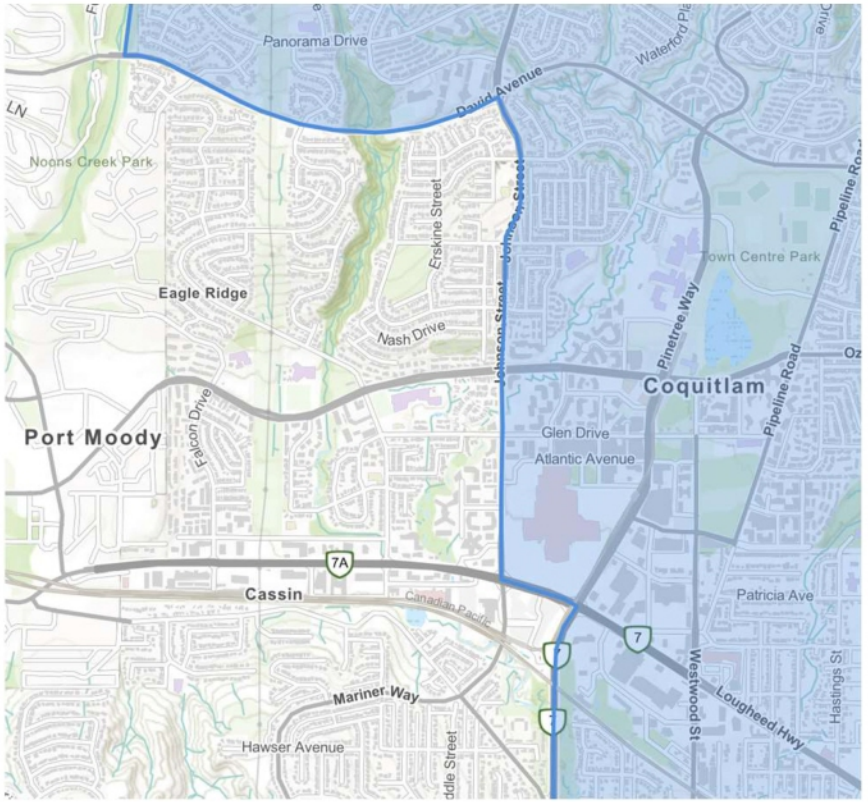

Population of 124,828 which is 7.3% above the electoral Quota of 116,300.

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September 6, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, B.C.
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: 2022 Federal Electoral Boundaries Proposals for British Columbia; Vancouver Kingsway

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19(1) I write to provide my feedback and suggestions in response to the draft seat redistribution proposal issued by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of British Columbia ("the Commission").

At the outset, please permit me to express my appreciation 19(1) for your contributions of time, skills and dedication to our democratic process that this essential endeavour entails. 19(1) 19(1) I know how critical this initiative is to our representational system.

I am also keenly aware of the many competing interests and complexities involved in arriving at a balanced and coherent electoral map for our province and country. This task is made more difficult by the fact that moving the boundaries of one electoral district ("ED") invariably creates a domino effect throughout regions and indeed the entire province.

As such, I hope and trust that my position, suggestions and rationale expressed below are received in the spirit of striving to meet the objectives of the empowering legislation and Constitution of our nation. I believe strongly in the twin aims of striving for relative equality of voting power and the need for effective representation in our federal Parliament.

Overview of Position

I am both supportive of and pleased by the addition of one additional seat for British Columbia, as well as the decision of the Commission to allot that new seat in the Southern Interior. While reasonable alternatives do exist in the placement of this seat, I believe the rationale of the Commission is strong and sound in this regard.

However, I am profoundly concerned by, and opposed to, the proposal to re-draw the boundaries of the federal seats in the Lower Mainland, specifically affecting the seats in Vancouver, Burnaby and surrounding municipalities. I am specifically greatly concerned by and opposed to the proposal to extend the Vancouver Kingsway ED across municipal boundaries to include a portion of the City of Burnaby.

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I take this position both on numerical and representational grounds.

While I will outline my reasons for this position below, I will also provide alternative suggestions that I believe will result in ED boundaries that are eminently possible, desirable and more in keeping with the aims of the legislation and the principles that have been developed to breathe life into it.

Specific Position

It is my view that all six Vancouver federal seats easily can and should be contained within the municipal boundary of Vancouver. I believe that the boundaries of all six Vancouver seats can be adjusted within the City of Vancouver to result in close equalities of population and congruence with the provincial electoral quota. While crossing municipal boundaries and other community delineations is sometimes unavoidable, as can be seen below this is clearly not the case with the Vancouver seats.

I also submit that extending Vancouver seats (Kingsway and South) into Burnaby violates several key precepts of the effective representation and community of interest principles.

Numerical Equality of Electors

As the Commission has pointed out, the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (the "Act") provides that the population of each ED should correspond to the electoral quota "as close as reasonably possible". As has also been well established, this does not mean that the populations must be identical, and indeed the Act explicitly recognizes that deviations are both expected and acceptable. The Act itself permits deviations by 25%, and even more than that in extraordinary situations.

At the outset, it is worth noting that the present populations of all six ridings (rounded to the nearest 1000), with perhaps one exception (Vancouver Centre), all currently fall well within the acceptable range of deviation:

Vancouver Kingsway	108,000
Vancouver South	109,000
Vancouver Quadra	109,000
Vancouver Granville	110,000
Vancouver East	119,000
Vancouver Centre	127,000
TOTAL:	682,000

The numbers reveal that all Vancouver seats presently are relatively close to the electoral quota for British Columbia (116,000), falling within the permitted 25% deviation range. Five of six ridings are within 10% of the provincial quota. Comparatively, there is a deviation of less than 18% between the seats if one includes Vancouver Centre as the main outlier, and less than 10% between them if one excludes it. Accordingly, one could make a fairly strong case that the Vancouver seats could be left as is while remaining in conformity with the Act and retaining relatively similar representation levels.

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However, as stated I believe firmly in relative equality of representation and voting weight.

Therefore, I submit that the average number of electors can and should be adjusted both to improve the population parity between the six seats and to achieve closer adherence to the electoral quota, and I support re-drawing the boundaries within the City of Vancouver to achieve this.

I thus propose that the target population for each Vancouver seat should be approximately 114,000, which is very close to the provincial quota. That represents the average riding population of Vancouver using the current population of Vancouver (682,000) divided by the six seats.

By applying this approach, the numbers can and should look approximately like this:

Seats	Current	Add/Subtract	Result
Vancouver Centre	127,000	-13,000	114,000
Vancouver East	119,000	-5,000	114,000
Vancouver Granville	110,000	+4,000	114,000
Vancouver Quadra	109,000	+5,000	114,000
Vancouver South	109,000	+4,000	113,000
Vancouver Kingsway	108,000	+5,000	113,000
TOTAL:			682,000

As can be seen, this proposal results in remarkable parity between the Vancouver seats in terms of equality of representation, as well as an impressively small deviation from the provincial quota of approximately 2%.

To accomplish this, Vancouver Centre, and to a lesser extent Vancouver East, merely have to be reduced to bring their population levels closer to the electoral quota and to the other Vancouver seats. The other four Vancouver seats need to be slightly enlarged. Alternately, Vancouver East could remain as is, with the other four seats falling under the electoral quota additionally enlarged.

From a boundaries perspective, It is noteworthy and fortuitous that the only Vancouver seats that need to shed population (Centre and East, respectively) are on the north side of the city and are contiguous, and the four seats that need to gain population are on the south side of Vancouver and are also contiguous. This makes the attendant boundary shifts relatively easy to identify: Centre and possibly East need to be slightly reduced in size, and the other four seats need to expand to fill the retreating area until the populations of electors are levelled.

Accordingly, I submit that Vancouver Centre's southern boundary needs to be moved northward, ideally contained to the north side of False Creek, which is a natural boundary, or to wherever is necessary to reduce its electors down to 114,000. Vancouver East can similarly shed its requisite population by having its southern boundary adjusted northward and/or its western boundary shifted eastward or, as stated, left as is.

The other four Vancouver seats (South, Quadra, Granville and Kingsway) each can then be appropriately enlarged, following suitable major arteries and logical boundaries, to backfill the areas vacated by Centre and East, or Centre alone.

It is our submission that Vancouver Kingsway can be enlarged in one of two logical ways:

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Move the boundary presently at Main Street and 16th Avenue to Main Street and 12th Avenue, and proceed east along 12th Avenue until the requisite population addition of approximately 5000 is reached (our calculations would put this at Clark Drive); or

Extend the present boundary westward from Main Street to Ontario Street (the natural boundary separating East Vancouver from West Side Vancouver, as will be expanded upon in the Community of Interest section below); this would begin at 16th and Ontario and move south along Ontario Street to the present southern boundary of 41st Avenue until the requisite population addition is achieved (our calculations indicate this would work out well between the present boundaries of 16th and 41st).

As will be noted below, the above suggestions herein reflect natural, physical or logical dividers, including the False Creek waters, major arterials like 12th Avenue, and historical boundaries like Ontario Street. These conform to the principles of boundaries legislation and jurisprudence.

Finally, since we do not have access to precise numbers and boundaries cannot always be drawn with razor-sharp accuracy, we would respectfully suggest that the above can be implemented with a tolerance of an additional 1000-5000 electors if necessary to draw rational boundaries.

Community of Interest and Representational Capacity

There are many positive and negative arguments to support the position espoused herein and militate against the proposal to add a small piece of Burnaby to Vancouver Kingsway when we examine the elements of community of interest and representational ability.

In short, the proposal to graft a piece of Burnaby onto Vancouver Kingsway violates normative principles of community of interest and representational effectiveness.

Again, while we appreciate that it is occasionally necessary to create federal EDs that cross major municipal boundaries, I would respectfully submit that this should be done only when it is unavoidable, as the above makes very clear is not the case here. While there are examples of multi-municipality EDs in Canada, there are few that combine such large and disparate cities together.

Following are a sample of the reasons the proposed boundaries for Vancouver Kingsway ought to be re-drawn along the lines described earlier herein, and the current proposal re-considered and withdrawn.

Community of Interest Considerations

1. Vancouver and Burnaby are major cities with different and complex priorities, politics, histories and governance structures. For example, Vancouver uniquely has a Parks Board, port issues, the DTES, urban congestion, international corporate concentration, a much smaller and more dense land base, social issues and neighbourhood dynamics (especially west and east), and many other distinctions from a more suburban municipality like Burnaby. The political dynamics at the respective separate City Halls, School Boards and in the municipalities' neighbourhoods are divergent and unique.
2. Vancouver is the largest city in British Columbia and considered to be one of Canada's economic centres. It is a major corporate headquarters hub and has Canada's third largest downtown core. The economy of Vancouver differs markedly from that of Burnaby, with different land bases, property values, industrial sectors and

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economic activities. They have different international relationships and sister cities. Both cities need and deserve full attention on the national stage to reflect and develop their economic futures.

3. Vancouver is a globally-recognized city that accordingly attracts a disproportionate amount of media attention and issues that are complex and time-consuming to address on the national stage. From the overdose crisis on the DTES to epidemic homelessness, from Olympics to major Indigenous nation issues, Vancouver possesses unique political dynamics that require the full attention of anyone seeking to understand the issues and reflect its residents' perspectives in Ottawa. While Burnaby no doubt experiences some of these issues, the type, scope and intensity differ markedly.
4. Vancouver and Burnaby citizens identify strongly and differentially with their cities. Their demographic makeups are increasingly divergent, both economically and ethnically. They commemorate different social and cultural events and traditions.
5. As touched upon earlier, the boundaries within Vancouver can easily be drawn along defensible lines for all six federal EDs, respecting distinct neighbourhoods, geographical boundaries and major arteries.
6. The specific proposals regarding Vancouver Kingsway fall along rational and desirable boundaries:
   a. In the case of moving Kingsway's northern boundary from 16th to 12th Avenue, both are major arteries. Notably, 12th Avenue is already the boundary for Vancouver Kingsway on the eastern portion of the riding, where it is referred to as Grandview Highway. Extending the boundary on the western side would serve to rationally place Vancouver Kingsway residents who live on 12th Avenue into the same ED.
   b. In the case of moving Kingsway's western boundary two blocks west to Ontario Street, we note that Ontario Street is the historic dividing line between east and west Vancouver. There are a myriad of community differences in this regard, with the cultural, economic and social identity of the "East Side" (or "East Van") being historically and currently divergent from those living on the "West Side". The address system dividing each starts at Ontario Street, which is 000; it is 100 West to the west and 100 East to the east. Even the lot sizes are different, with house lots typically larger starting west of Ontario and smaller east of Ontario. Historically, and indeed presently, East Van was and is demographically working class and the West Side more managerial. Finally, I would point out that Vancouver Kingsway represented that area for many years up to the last distribution in 2015.

Representational Considerations

1. From a representational standpoint, any representative who has the responsibility to represent citizens of both municipalities would have to be fully aware of and conversant with the totality of issues in each area, paying attention to the complex politics, economics and social issues in all their breadth in both jurisdictions in order to properly reflect the respective electors' interests in Ottawa. This would be extremely time-consuming and challenging, if not impossible, to do.

   Adding a relatively small portion of Burnaby to a much larger Vancouver ED does not permit a representative to ration a proportionate amount of time and attention but would instead require full awareness of and attention to issues in Burnaby. In other words, having an ED with 90% Vancouver and 10% of Burnaby would not translate into dedicating 10% of time and resources to Burnaby issues, but rather would require 100% attention. Again, this would effectively require an MP to have comprehensive knowledge of two major municipalities' political, social, cultural and economic nuances, something very difficult and without which would undoubtedly negatively affect representational capacity.

2. As major cities with active and vibrant communities, when Vancouver and Burnaby commemorate similar or identical events and celebrations, it is impossible for a representative to be aware of and attend them at the

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same time. Important national or federal events like Remembrance Day, Canada Day, and Lunar New Year are already difficult to fully attend in Vancouver, and one could not do justice to both cities in this regard. This would result in negative electors' perceptions that their representative is not present with and for them at important community gatherings.

3. Although perhaps more a matter for Burnaby residents, I note that Burnaby currently enjoys representation from three Burnaby-focussed MPs. The present proposal would leave Burnaby – a major municipality in British Columbia – with only one fully-dedicated MP, with parts of it carved up among some five other MPs. With respect, this does not do justice to the residents of Burnaby. In my respectful submission, the residents of both Vancouver and Burnaby deserve the full and undivided attention of federal representatives dedicated exclusively to their interests and perspectives.
4. Historically, I would note that Vancouver has had MPs dedicated uniquely to Vancouver residents for almost all of its history. Since Vancouver Kingsway was created in 1953, this has been the case for 60 of its 69 year existence. There was only one period spanning just two Parliaments out of 23 when a small piece of Vancouver was attached to Burnaby Kingsway. I think it is notable that this phenomenon was tried and ultimately changed, no doubt based in part on notions of inappropriateness and factors noted above.

Conclusion

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I also wish to emphasize that there are absolutely no political or electoral considerations underpinning this submission. In my view, gerrymandering has absolutely no place in Canadian politics, and I seek only to assist in drawing the most appropriate, fair and defensible electoral boundaries based on sound principles and logic. I don't believe any of the suggestions contained herein would alter the political outcomes in any fashion.

With respect, it is apparent that the proposed boundaries violate key norms of boundaries jurisprudence and are unnecessary. Conversely, it is very clear that the Commission can do justice to the principles of the Act and the components of relative equality of electors, communities of interest and representational effectiveness by keeping all six Vancouver seats in Vancouver and re-drawing their boundaries to achieve the aims of the legislation.

I respectfully urge the Commission to do so.

I thank you for your consideration of my views and look forward to exploring them further with the Commission at the hearings. Once again, thank you for your great service to 19(1) our province, our nation and our democracy.

Yours Truly,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 12:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed federal electoral boundaries for BC

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

I am writing in support of the proposed boundary for the electoral district of *Chilliwack*.

I am pleased to see that the proposed boundary keeps the City of Chilliwack together in the same electoral district while including the Sumas Prairie in the western part of the district. 19(1) 19(1) I can affirm how important it is to the residents here that Chilliwack is united within an electoral boundary. I believe the proposed boundary offers an excellent opportunity for a Member of Parliament to provide effective representation for its constituents.

This proposed area shares many common interests and is a good reflection of how integrated the communities are within the boundary. During the flooding that occurred in November 2021, we saw how the communities in Chilliwack and the Sumas Prairie came together in support. This time clearly demonstrated how closely connected the people are in this area.

While I support the proposed boundary, I suggest that the name be changed to better reflect the communities represented within the boundary. To that end, I suggest that the new electoral district be named *Chilliwack–Sumas*.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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REDISTRIBUTION NDP CARIBOO PRINCE GEORGE

Dear Members of the Commission:

19(1) is please to participate in the decennial review of our electoral boundaries. As per your analysis, the riding of {Cariboo Prince George/Kamloops Thompson Cariboo, exceeds the permittable 25% variance. Consequently, as neighbouring ridings, the boundaries of Kamloops Thompson Cariboo and Prince George Peace River Northern Rockies will change. However, we urge the Commission to reconsider. Our consultation process included reaching out to NDP members of our riding. We strongly believe the existing boundaries will continue to serve its communities and constituents well for another decade.

Cariboo Prince George is a mix of industries but primarily forestry. There is also some farming and ranching. The current boundaries are similar to those of the regional health authority with the exception of a portion of the southern part. There is already a considerable driving distance from the north to the south end, about 6 1/2 hours. It is about 6 hours from the middle of the riding to the western end. Expanding the riding would make a more onerous amount of travel. There are only 3 airports with commercial flights so communicating by air is already time consuming option. Real time communication via visual electronic means presents its challenges, too as connectivity in the riding is not always consistent. By keeping Cariboo Prince George as the boundaries currently exist will give the best possible opportunity for residents to maintain our communities of interest.

In the proposed changes, adding part of the northeast corner of the Cariboo Prince George riding to Prince George Peace River Rocky Mountains riding is proposed. This is also problematic as there are two major rivers running through the riding: the Nechako and the Fraser. This means that the natural boundary of the north part of the riding would be best served if kept intact with Cariboo Prince George. Currently, part of the city of Prince George belongs to two different ridings. It would make more sense to add the parts of the city of Prince George to Cariboo Prince George, rather than taking more away. The industrial base of Prince George Peace River Northern Rockies is plainly different; there is a heavy emphasis on oil and gas extraction, although there is some ranching and farming.

Moreover, under the Electoral Boundary Readjustment Act, we ask that the Electoral District of Cariboo Prince George be given special consideration due to its already large geographic size, and that the boundaries remain unchanged.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 2, 2022 1:51 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Fraser Heights Directors; Ken Hardie
Subject: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022

To Whom It May Concern;

I am emailing your Committee in regards to the above noted subject 19(1) 19(1)
We do our best to represent the best interests of our Community in matters that arise from time to time at all levels of government; 1) City of Surrey, 2) Provincial, 3) Federal.
Fraser Heights is a Community situated North of Highway 1, bounded by the Port Mann Bridge on the West, & South of the Fraser River to the Eastern boundary of Golden Ears Way.
To date, our Community has remained intact by all three (3) levels of Governments referred to previously. We believe it should remain that way through the Redistribution process that is currently underway.
We would like to state that the major project of the Transmountain Pipeline is a prime example. This project is taking a completely new route through Surrey & is necessitated by the fact that the original line runs through well established neighbourhoods in our Community. This new route through Surrey is approximately 85 % through Fraser Heights. It crosses the Fraser River just to the West of our Community. As you are aware, this project has taken several years to be constructed. During this time, we, 19(1) have been able to maintain an ongoing dialogue & constructive relationship with our Federal representative & Transmountain.
This has made our tasks much easier & simpler in representing residents from the East to the West of our Community, 19(1) we have been able to establish relationships with those who came to know us & understand our point of view on behalf of the residents.
We do understand that multiple Communities are required to be joined together in order to form the boundaries of a Federal Riding.
However, we believe that this Committee must also bear in mind that as important as it is to keep Communities intact, it is just as important to remember that it is important to join those who have a community of interest.
Accordingly, we strongly urge this Committee to keep our riding boundaries within Communities to the South of the Fraser River.

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However, if there is anything that the Committee needs prior to that date, please feel free to contact me at:

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All of which is respectfully submitted 19(1)

Sincerely,

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September 7, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to express our concern over the British Columbia Redistribution Commission's proposal to divide the electoral district encompassing Granville Island into two separate electoral districts and to remove it from its natural community of interest, the electoral district of Vancouver Centre. For the reasons we outline below, we request the following two changes to the current Commission redistribution proposal:

1. Keep Granville Island and its community of artists and 300 businesses undivided as part of a single, federal electoral district; &
2. Keep Granville Island as a part of its natural arts & culture and tourism community of interest, the electoral district of Vancouver Centre.

<u>Keeping Granville Island United</u>

The businesses and workers of Granville Island form a unique community of interest as constituents of a relatively small, mixed-use area shared by industry, small businesses and artisans that is owned by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. It is safe to say that this unique characteristic of Granville Island is limited to Granville Island itself. Since its inception, Granville Island has benefited from having a single Member of Parliament dedicated to representing the interests of this unique community.

Any proposal to divide Granville Island into two separate electoral districts should be rejected as it would only add confusion and complexity for the businesses and workers of Granville Island. Constituents of Granville Island should not be forced to have to debate which Member of Parliament is responsible for a particular problem or forced to communicate with two elected officials, and their staff, to solve problems. For these reasons, Granville Island should remain united as a part of the same electoral district.

<u>Historical Connection to Vancouver Centre as a Centre for Arts & Culture and Tourism</u>

Political Leadership

Since its transformation into a "people place" in the 1970s, Granville Island has been intimately connected to the electoral district of Vancouver Centre. The late Ron Basford, Member of Parliament for Vancouver Centre at the time, became known as "Mr. Granville Island" as he led the push to transform the area into a unique mixed-use space that could be home to industry, the arts and shopping. Thanks to his leadership, a redevelopment plan was approved by City Hall in 1977 and the public market was opened by 1978. Today, Granville Island is recognised as being physically at the heart of Vancouver, along with the downtown city core, and Vancouver Centre Members of Parliament continue to be the political leaders for the Granville Island community of interest.

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Arts & Culture Connection to Downtown Vancouver

Granville Island's connection to Vancouver's arts and culture community has existed since its inception. In the City of Vancouver's 1978 Reference Document for Granville Island False Creek, 175,000 square feet was reserved for arts and crafts and the performing arts. Today, many of Canada's best artists and designers can be found on Granville Island. Granville Island is also home to many cultural venues and hosts numerous performing arts and cultural festivals year round.

Granville Island has in fact become a key component of Vancouver's arts and culture community of interest, the majority of which being centered in and around downtown Vancouver. Downtown live performance venues, such as the Orpheum, the Queen Elizabeth Theatre and the Dance Centre, are part of the same community of interest as the Granville Island Theatre District. With convenient water taxis providing connections to Granville Island from four separate downtown Vancouver locations, Vancouverites and visitors naturally include live performances on Granville Island on the list of downtown entertainment options. Likewise, the downtown Vancouver art studio scene includes a strong extension onto Granville Island. Given this connection to the large downtown arts community, Granville Island's arts and culture community is much more of a part of the Vancouver Centre community of interest than it would be as part of Vancouver Granville or Vancouver Quadra.

Tourism Connection to Downtown Vancouver

Similar to its connection to the downtown arts and culture community, Granville Island is also closely connected to the downtown tourism sector. Many of the over 12 million visitors to Granville Island each year are tourists who are also visiting downtown Vancouver. Visitors staying downtown or visiting via cruise ships travel to Granville Island by bus, water taxi, car, foot or bike. For this reason, downtown Vancouver and Granville Island are part of the same tourism industry community of interest. The elected official responsible for advancing the interests of the tourism industry based in downtown Vancouver is the best placed elected official to also represent the tourism industry on Granville Island.

Population Changes and Keeping Granville Island United and in Vancouver Centre

While recognizing the need to keep Granville Island as a part of Vancouver Centre, we also understand the Redistribution Commission has a mandate to adjust electoral districts to accommodate changes in population. Apart from water taxis and the seawall, the natural flow of traffic to Granville Island takes place from Burrard Street bridge to West 1 Avenue east of Granville Island and then along West 4 and West 6 avenues south of Granville Island.

If the Commission must adjust the current boundaries of Vancouver Centre, the communities on either side of the Cambie Street Bridge, including Creekside Community Centre, are more naturally part of the Mount Pleasant and Cambie Street Corridor community of interest than they are of Granville Island. We recommend adjusting the electoral boundaries in this area to meet population requirements while ensuring Granville Island remains part of Vancouver Centre.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 11:36 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: 19(1) Submission on Electoral Redistribution: Steveston - Richmond East
Attachments: 19(1) Written Submission on Electoral Redistribution.docx; SRE.PB.Map.Commission.jpg; City of Richmond Federal Electorial Boundaries.pdf

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

Please see attached, my formal written submission for Steveston - Richmond East on the matter relating to the proposed redistribution of federal electoral boundaries in British Columbia.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Attached:
1. 19(1) Written Submission
2. 19(1) Proposed Redistribution Map
3. City of Richmond Letter w/ Maps Identifying Population Growth

All the best, Parm Bains

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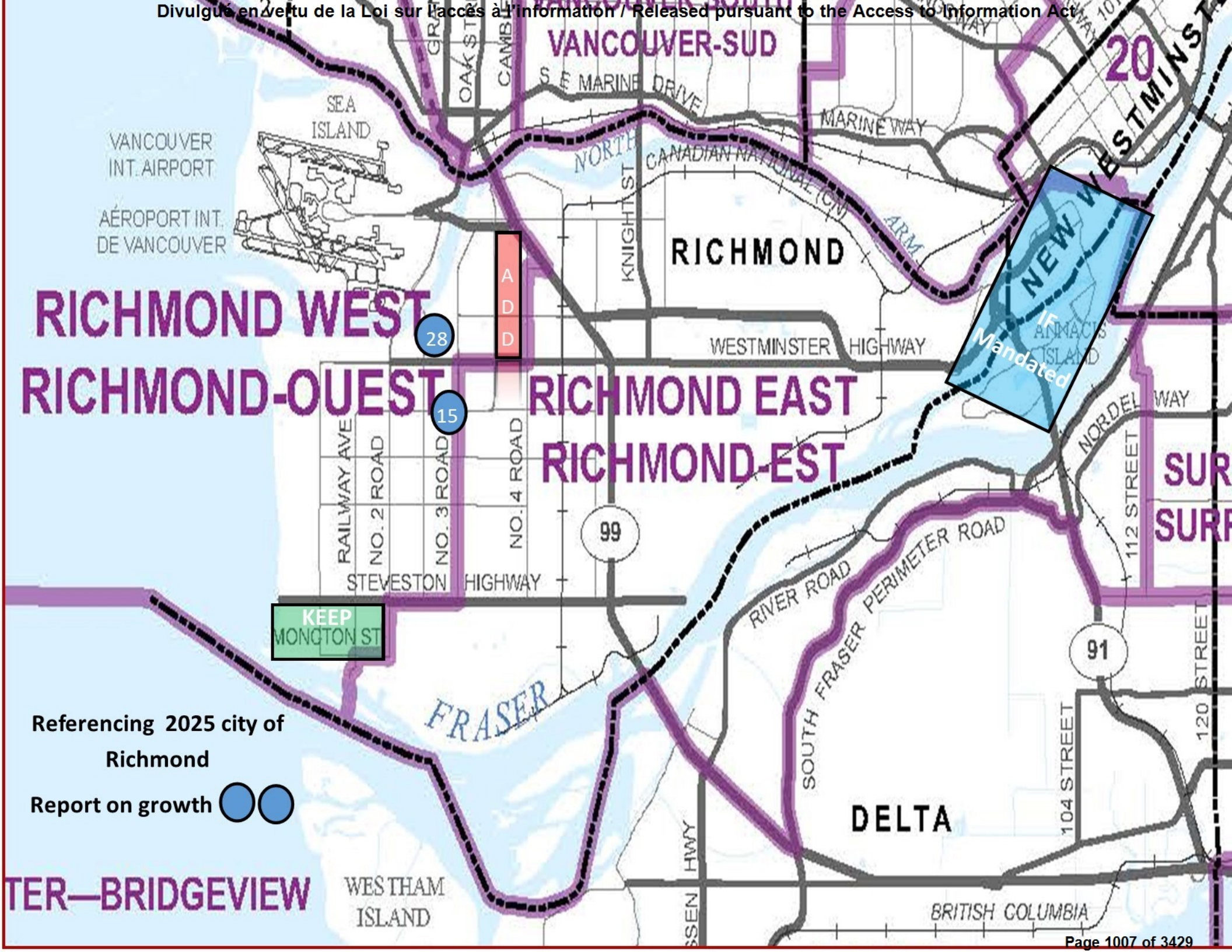

Referencing 2025 city of Richmond

Report on growth

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19(1) **Submission on Electoral Redistribution: Steveston - Richmond East**

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

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Thank you to the Commission for giving me the opportunity 19(1) 19(1) respond to the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries and present my points in brief.

The following paragraphs account for my formal written submission on the matter relating to the redistribution of federal electoral boundaries in British Columbia.

Introduction

Due to the time constraints associated with the virtual presentations, this written submission outlines, in its entirety, my points on how the proposed redistribution divides communities and puts the Steveston Richmond East area and the four additional proposed jurisdictions at severe risk of being underserved.

The City of Richmond is thriving, diverse and it has several unique community pockets, heritage areas and settlements each with their own diverse needs for supports and services.

Steveston - Richmond East facilities and services include, 4 Fire Halls, a RCMP Headquarters, 6 Community & Recreation Centers, the Steveston Harbour Authority, a Department of Fisheries & Oceans, the Canadian Coast Guard, the Sherman Armoury 39 Service Battallion, 2 Legions, and a Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.

We have Steveston Village, the largest commercial fishing harbour in Canada, the Richmond Nature Park, the Pacific Ocean, the Fraser River, hectares of farming and agriculture land, and a dyke system complete with pump stations protecting the island city situated below sea level from rising water levels.

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We have the largest container port network in Canada and Highway 99, the busiest corridor in British Columbia with 80,000 vehicles travelling through daily.

We have multiple light and heavy industrial parks, which include Mitchell Island, Wireless Way IT and Tech & Innovation Park, and Horseshoe Way Business Park.

We have the Highway to Heaven corridor on No. 5 Road. A United Nations recognized stretch of road with 28 religious institutions situated beside one another.

Included with this written submission, I am attaching an official City of Richmond map as evidence. The city map illustrates the population growth in Richmond and how, with one minor redistribution adjustment to the bordering Richmond Centre, it fulfills the Commission's redistribution requirements.

Additionally, I am attaching another map, which further illustrates the areas in the city where minor redistribution adjustments can fulfill the Commission's requirements and it also describes the magnitude of high-density growth currently underway along the Canada Line corridor.

The current Richmond electoral districts, with the minor redistribution adjustments (see map) I have highlighted, works best for our citizens. It best serves the needs of our community and our residents.

Past Redistribution Impact

In 2015, the Steveston-Richmond East electoral boundary was rightfully removed from the cross-river City of Delta and brought within its own municipal Richmond boundaries. This allowed for a single Member of Parliament to be dedicated to the Delta jurisdiction and another MP dedicated to the Richmond municipal region. It also solved the issue of fragmentation and the division of communities and services. It allowed for single federal representatives to work directly with their respective local Mayor and Council, provincial government MLAs, business leaders, community groups, and Indigenous nations exclusively.

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It allowed citizens to know who their MP is, and that their MP did not have to divide time and attention between different communities across multiple jurisdictions and river crossings. Residents now have a dedicated voice that lives among them, supports and serves the needs of where they live.

Community Impact

The new Commission redistribution proposal extends Steveston-Richmond East into multiple municipal townships. This includes Richmond, Ladner, New Westminster, and North Delta.

This proposed redistribution would negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. It would limit representation, unnecessarily fragment our community, and threaten services and supports to the area.

Steveston Village and the Steveston Harbour extends from Gilbert Road west to the Pacific Ocean and this area all falls under federal jurisdiction. The harbour is occupied by several agencies and organizations that rely on federal support including a National Historic site and multiple heritage sites. The newly drawn boundaries divide the village, the fishing community and the harbour community. This threatens the services and supports they need.

The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through the 4-lane George Massey Tunnel every day. None of the North Fraser or South Fraser River crossings include a dedicated rapid transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have adequate access to their elected official.

Every township included in the Commission’s proposal has unique pocket communities and traditional heritage or cornerstone events that are unique to the settlement of each pocket or corner of the city. All these unique areas are at severe risk of being underserved or given the attention they need to preserve the heritage of the area. These unique areas are also at risk of receiving the necessary support and services, which are unique to their respective pocket areas.

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Every township included in the Commission's proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

It must be recognized that our essential services, programs, community centers, caregivers, transit and infrastructure improvements all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary support. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Furthermore, I believe the Commission's proposal diminishes the ability of any MP to effectively represent constituents in fragmented and divided regions, all with different demographics, different bylaws, and different representation at all three levels of government.

The MP presence in Richmond would be at risk of being diminished, as it would require the MP to attend local events in four communities. Some communities would wait years for their MP to attend major events like Canada Day, Remembrance Day and other heritage events which all require federal support.

Service Provision Impact

A major impact on service provision is losing the quality and level of service that a dedicated MP within one municipality can deliver. In my office, we provide assistance to Richmondites and Richmond organizations. We consult with Richmond stakeholders on specific topics of interest to the community. We support local applications for federal grants and programs, immigration cases, Service Canada and passport cases, pension services, student loans and CRA support.

Having a Richmond focus on this work means that outreach and advocacy work and our staff is completely tailored to our community. At times, this work may be at odds with or even in competition with other surrounding communities, including Ladner, North Delta and New Westminster.

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There would be a considerable negative impact on Richmond if it were to divide time and focus on providing service to constituents from other communities. A concrete example of this is the Canada Summer Jobs program. MPs are very involved in this annual job creation program for youth. MPs determine local priorities and are involved in job distribution.

Under the proposed distribution, the MP for Richmond East would have to establish priorities that serve Richmond, New Westminster, Ladner, and North Delta. The priorities of Richmond would be determined in the mix with the added jurisdictions. The MP would then have to work with businesses and non-profits across multiple cities to get them to apply for positions, and then work with youth organizations and young people in multiple cities to get them to apply for the jobs. This would put every city at risk of receiving benefit from the highly subscribed Canada Summer Jobs program.

Individual, Stakeholder and Community Organization Impact

The impact on individuals and community organizations would be significant.

Constituents would not have their local MP office in their community. The office could be in Richmond, New Westminster, Ladner or North Delta. All requiring multiple crossings over or under the Fraser River to see their MP.

This would disproportionately impact our most vulnerable citizens, such as seniors and persons with disabilities. The difficulties associated with access to our regional transit would create overwhelming barriers preventing people from getting to their MPs office.

The people of Richmond, the City of Richmond, service providers, community organizations and businesses don't want this change. The citizens of Richmond want our community to remain intact.

From the perspective of stakeholders in the added jurisdictions, their work would be multiplied by the number of MPs within their municipalities. There would be multiple MPs to work with, potentially from different parties, potentially in both Government and Opposition. For example, when essential services support is needed, a resident may need to work with

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multiple MPs based on the area of the service or level of government they need to connect with. Families may have a home address in one riding and have service needs in another riding.

Another example would be the negative impact on the multiple Chambers of Commerce having to work with different MPs representing multiple industrial parks, technology and innovation parks, and business parks associated with the divided jurisdictions.

Conclusion

The municipal boundaries are clearly divided by multiple river crossings – and are well known to all residents. The Fraser River and Pacific Ocean are natural boundaries.

The evidence of population growth in the attached City of Richmond map, with a minor redistribution adjustment to the bordering Richmond Centre, fulfills the Commission's redistribution requirements.

The additional attached map further illustrates the areas in the city where minor redistribution adjustments can fulfill the Commission's requirements and it also describes the magnitude of growth currently underway along the Canada Line corridor with over 43 high-density towers and a new Canada Line station.

After the 2015 redistribution, Richmond became a cohesive, well served community that benefitted from the much-needed support it merited. The 2022 Commission's proposed redistribution would place a major strain on resources, essential services, much-needed support, and go backwards in time to once again fragment and divide multiple communities.

I am optimistic that after reviewing my submission and completing a series of consultations, you will agree that we need to keep the community of Richmond together and prevent the risk of having fragmented, divided, and underserved communities in British Columbia and across Canada.

Sincerely, 19(1)

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July 26, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries
Commission for British Columbia
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Proposed New Federal Electoral District Boundaries – Richmond

This is to advise that Richmond City Council at its Regular Council meeting held on July 25, 2022, considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution:

(1) That a letter, with copies to Delta, New Westminster, Members of Parliament for Delta, New Westminster and Local Members of Parliament, be sent to the 2022 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of British Columbia to express Richmond's opposition to the proposed changes to Richmond's electoral boundaries for Richmond East and Richmond West;

(2) That the City of Richmond be represented if possible at the Public Hearing on September 12, 2022 in Richmond and speak in opposition to the proposed changes.

For the past three federal elections (2015, 2019, and 2021), Richmond has been divided into two electoral districts: Richmond Centre and Steveston-Richmond East. As a city with two electoral boundaries encompassing Richmond only, Council has worked hard with Richmond Members of Parliament (MP) to maintain Richmond's unity while, at the same time, promoting the unique aspects of our community. Prior to that, a portion of Delta was included with Richmond East – this involved factors unique to Delta which were not in accord with the residents of Richmond.

With the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries, the area of Steveston would be added to Richmond Centre to form Richmond West, and areas of Delta and New Westminster would be added to Richmond East. In particular, constituent voices of Richmond East may become diluted by the residents of neighbouring municipalities that have their own issues, priorities and very different demographics. This makes it difficult to be served by the same MP.

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The proposed changes to electoral boundaries are intended to ensure that the population of each electoral district approximates the B.C. electoral quota of 116,300. Given the 2021 Census of Population for Richmond does not account for undercoverage and there is expected growth in Richmond prior to the next election, the expected population should well exceed 232,000 people by 2025. By keeping Richmond Centre as an electoral district and adding a small population of the West Cambie area to Steveston-Richmond East as set out in the attachments, both Richmond electoral districts will meet the electoral quota without adding neighbouring municipalities.

Richmond City Council strongly opposes the proposed changes to Richmond's electoral district boundaries for Richmond East and Richmond West and strongly supports the importance of not dividing within and between cities.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Kita, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Corporate and Strategic Planning at 604-276-4091.

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Parm Bains, MP, Steveston - Richmond East
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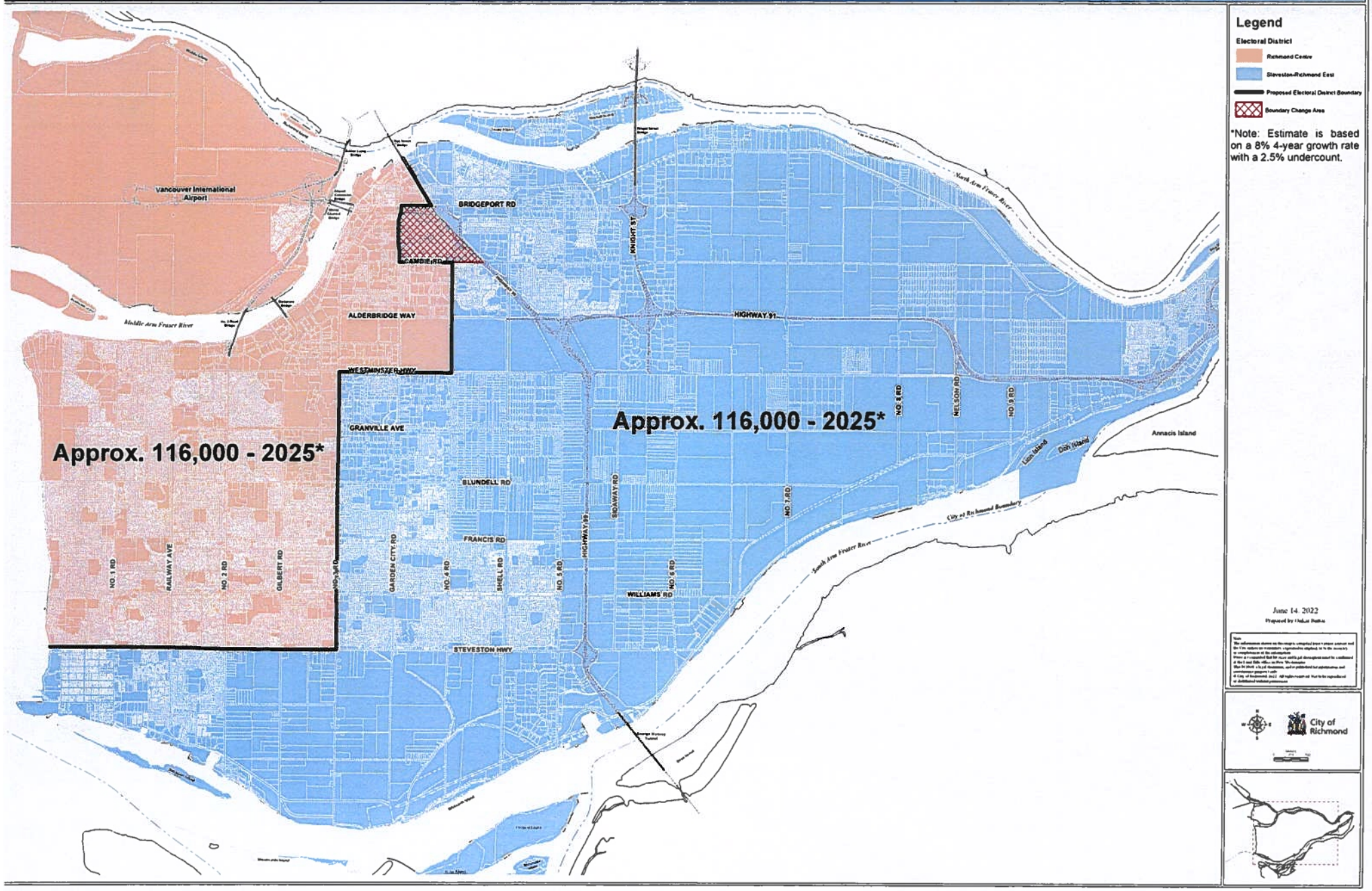
Proposed Federal Electoral Districts with 2025 Population Estimates



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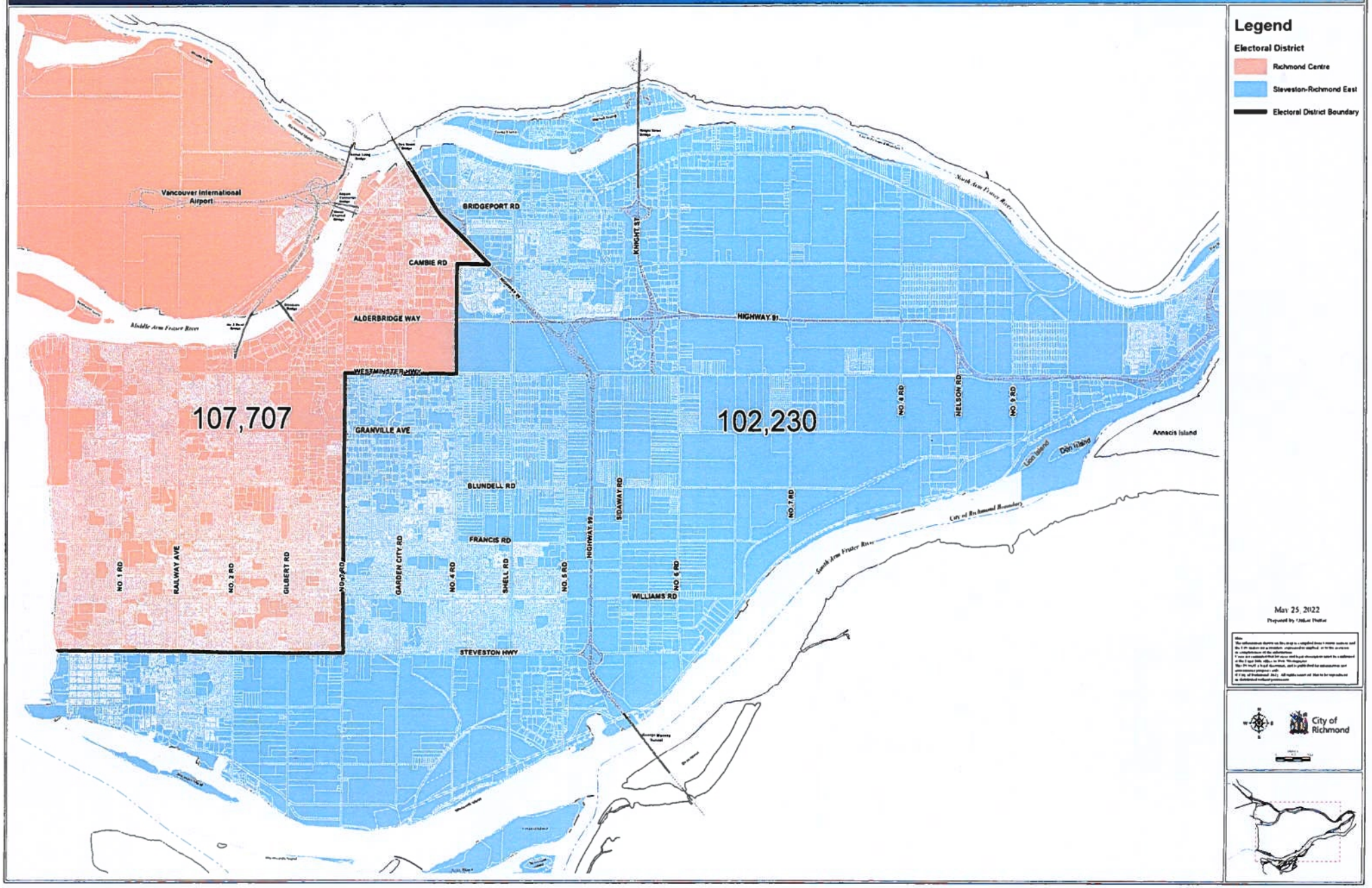
Existing Federal Electoral Districts With 2021 Census Population



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 11:24 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: SUBMISSION: Vancouver Granville Electoral Boundaries
Attachments: Vancouver Granville, Redistribution Submission, 19(1) .pdf

ATTENTION:
Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution, BC Commission
The Honourable Justice Mary Saunders (Chair)
Mr. R. Kenneth Carty
Mr. Stewart Ladyman

Dear Members of the BC Commission,

It was a pleasure to meet and speak with you at the Public Hearing to discuss the Electoral Boundaries for Vancouver.

As promised I have attached, as my formal submission, the presentation we discussed, which includes an annex detailing population calculations.

Further to our conversation about the population knock on effect into Vancouver East and Vancouver Centre, I have included (appendix 3), a map showing how the line between Vancouver Centre and Vancouver East could be adjusted to offset the population gains and eliminations between Vancouver Granville, Vancouver Center and Vancouver East. In short, Carrall Street is the Western Boundary for the Downtown East Side, adjusting Vancouver Centre to include up to Carrall Street, and eliminating the same blocks from Vancouver East could provide the needed population adjustments, restoring the natural boundary of the East and West Sides of downtown Vancouver. The population in those blocks is 5,644.

In follow up to our discussion of alternate riding configurations, I have included (Proposal 2) maps and population calculations for the alternate Vancouver Granville and Vancouver Quadra electoral riding redistributions (including Khatsahlano Point in Vancouver Granville and including Marpole in Vancouver Quadra).

Thank you for contributing your expertise, time, and effort.

Sincerely,

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REDISTRIBUTION 2022

VANCOUVER GRANVILLE

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CURRENT RIDING BOUNDARIES VANCOUVER GRANVILLE

POPULATION 109,799 (2021 Census)

The current boundaries of the riding are defined by:

- West: Arbutus Street & CPR Line
- South: North Arm of Fraser River
- East: Cambie Street, from the North Arm of Fraser River to 41st Ave; Main Street, from 41st Ave 16th Ave; & Ontario Street from 16th Ave to 2nd Ave
- North: 2nd/6th/4th Avenues

Vancouver Granville was creating during the 2012 Redistribution process and three elections (2015, 2019, 2021) have occurred using these boundaries



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COMMISSION PROPOSAL
Population: 117,169

The Commission has proposed three changes are proposed to the riding:

- Annexation 1: addition of sundry portions of an existing waterfront neighbourhood, bounded by 4th Ave from Burrard Street to Birch St and 6th Ave from Birch St to Cambie St to the **South**, False Creek to the **North**, and the Granville & Cambie Bridges to the **West** and **East**, respectively

- Annexation 2: addition of a vertical rectangle of East Vancouver,, bounded by Main Street to the **East**, 2nd Ave to the **North**, Ontario Street to the **West**, and 16th Ave to the **South**

- Removal 1**:** elimination of a discretionary portion of the Marpole neighborhood, bounded by SW Marine Drive to the **North**, Hudson Street to the **East,** the Fraser River to the **South**, and an arbitrarily drawn line to the **West**.



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CONSEQUENCES OF COMMISSION PROPOSAL
ANNEXATION 1 - Granville Island

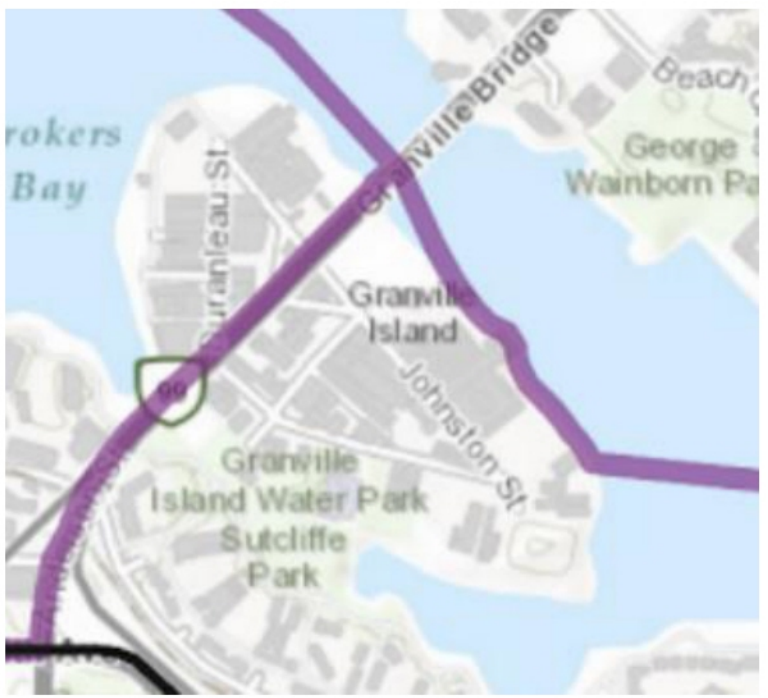
Population: negligible



The current proposal severs this community in half.

Identity

Geographically distinct, Granville Island is a small, vibrant community of local artists, small businesses, students, and long-time residents. It is operationally self sustaining, possessing a unified identity. The entirety of Granville Island is part of the False Creek school catchment. For the past 18 years, Granville Island has been represented by a single MP.



Governance

Granville Island is currently treated as a single neighbourhood. It is managed through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation along with the Granville Island Council. Representation by a single MP ensures that residents and businesses can organize and petition a single federal representative with their concerns.

Considered in its entirety, Granville Island should be allocated to a single Member of Parliament.

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CONSEQUENCES OF COMMISSION PROPOSAL ANNEXATION 2

Population: approximately 4,000

Identity

This corridor is home to residents who strongly identify as being part of the East Vancouver community.

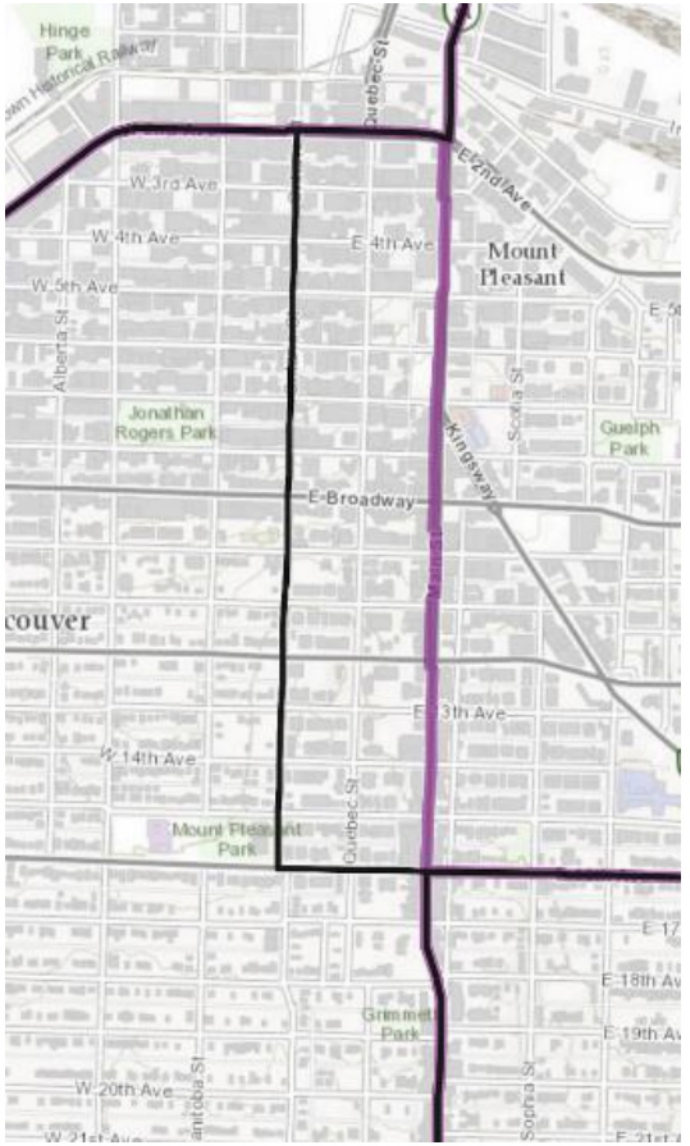
Communities of Interest

The interests and concerns of this community differ significantly from the majority Vancouver Granville. If Annexation 2 were to proceed, the interests of this community would be subsumed by the larger concerns of the residents of the existing Vancouver Granville electoral district, with which it has little in common.

Historic/Geographic Inconsistency

Annexation 2 constitutes a geographic area that has been a part of the Vancouver East electoral district since at least the 1997 election and is geographically located on the East Side of Vancouver.

Furthermore, this community lies east of the dividing line (Ontario St) that defines the West Side of and the East Side of Vancouver.



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COMMISSION PROPOSAL
REMOVAL 1

Population: negligible (mostly light industrial)

Identity

Believed to be inhabited as far back as 3500 B.C., the neighbourhood of Marpole slopes south from Oakridge to the Fraser River.

Outcome

The proposed removal provides a clean cohesive border to the north of SW Marine Drive with minimal disruption to the community.



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PROPOSAL 1
POPULATION 118,095



An inclusive Electoral District that keeps distinct communities together, reduces the number of elected officials in neighbourhoods, ensures local representation, and respects historic community boundaries.

Population of our proposal is 118,095 people

- Expand Annexation 1 to include the entirety of Granville Island; including the majority of Southeast False Creek, defined as bounded to the North by 4th Avenue from Arbutus Street to Granville Street, then by the southern coast of False Creek from the southwestern shoreline of Granville Island to Terminal Avenue from Quebec Street to Main Street
- Modify the eastern boundary of the district, from 2nd Ave to 41st Ave, as Ontario Street
- Maintain the eastern boundary of the district from 41st Ave to the Arm of the Fraser River as Cambie Street
- Adopt Removal 1 and maintain the current western boundary of the electoral district

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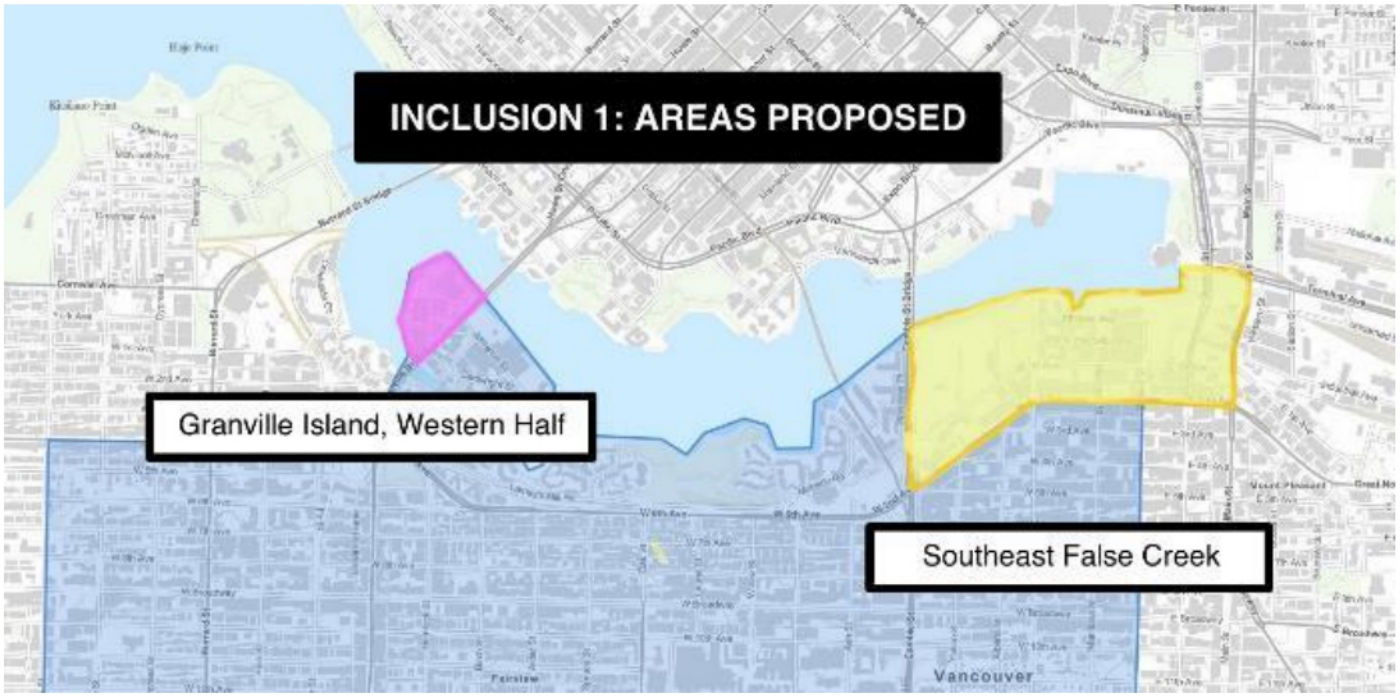
PROPOSAL 1 - Inclusion 1

Population: 13,194

We propose the following amendments to the current proposal:

Expand Annexation 1 to include the entirety of Granville Island and Southeast False Creek.



Defined as: bounded to the North by 4th Avenue from Arbutus Street to Granville Street, then by the southern coast of False Creek from the southwestern shoreline of Granville Island to Terminal Avenue from Quebec Street to Main Street

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OUR PROPOSED SOLUTION: Inclusion 1
WHAT IS FALSE CREEK?

False Creek is a short narrow inlet that separates the Downtown and West End neighbourhoods from the rest of the city.

The land areas adjacent to the inlet form four neighbourhoods:

To the North (North False Creek):
- False Creek North
- Northeast False Creek

To the South(South False Creek):
- False Creek South
- Southeast False Creek



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OUR PROPOSED SOLUTION: Inclusion 1
NORTH FALSE CREEK DOWNTOWN; SOUTH FALSE CREEK IS NOT

As defined by the City of Vancouver, the northern area of False Creek constitute parts of the broader neighbourhood of downtown:

- "A peninsula, Downtown is bounded by Burrard Inlet on the north, False Creek and the popular district of Yaletown to the south."
- Downtown, which contains False Creek North and Northeast False Creek, is described as Vancouver's "primary business district, houses many arts, entertainment, and sports venues."

The City of Vancouver recognizes the northerly two neighbourhoods of North False Creek as being:

- Business and commercial districts
- A centre for art, entertainment, and culture
- A hub for venues for sporting events
- Residential development revolving around commercial, cultural, and business needs



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OUR PROPOSED SOLUTION: Inclusion 1

Unifying South False Creek

Unique Characteristics

False Creek South represents "a unique waterfront community that was regarded as a model of progressive urban planning in the 1970s." Southeast False Creek, constructed for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, continues this legacy of avant-garde urban design and a people-centered approach to urban planning.



Southeast False Creek is home to residents who both appreciate the conveniences of urban life and access to the retail outlets and dining options of Vancouver's coolest neighbourhood, Fairview. These residents chose Southeast False Creek because it's a neighbourhood that embraces residential life.



Neighbourhood Identity

The South False Creek neighbourhood, including Olympic Village and Southeast False Creek, share a unified philosophy on urban planning and development. The residential focus of South False Creek aligns the concerns and interests of Vancouver Granville. If Annexation 1 is to bring South False Creek into Vancouver Granville, then it ought to include the contiguous neighbourhood of Southeast False Creek.

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OUR PROPOSAL - Boundary Modification 1

Population: 4,898

We propose the following amendments to the current proposal:

- Modify the eastern boundary from 2nd Ave to 41st Ave as Ontario Street
- Maintain the eastern boundary from 41st Ave to the Arm of the Fraser River as Cambie Street



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OUR PROPOSED SOLUTION: Boundary Modification 1
Maintaining the distinct identities of the West and East Sides of Vancouver

The East and West sides of Vancouver are divided at Ontario Street. With this come notable distinctions including:

- Addresses change from East to West at Ontario Street
- Lot Sizes change (average of 40 vs 33 feet wide)



Additionally, over the years, residents of East Vancouver have developed a distinct cultural identity, wearing the "East" in their addresses with pride.

Restoring this long-established boundary ensures that residents are confident their representatives are speaking for them.



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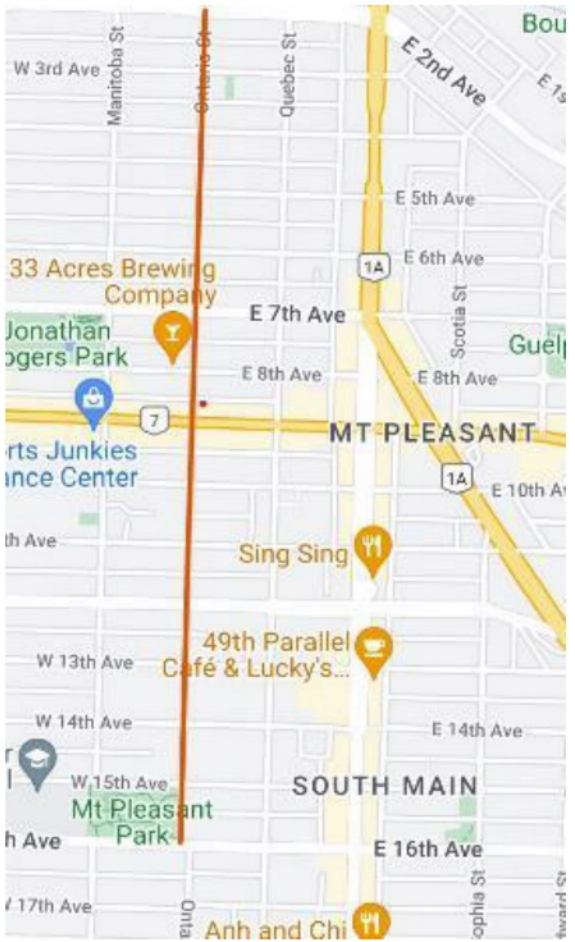
OUR PROPOSED SOLUTION: Boundary Modification 1

Connecting Vancouver Granville

The Ontario Greenway is a scenic walking and cycling connection featuring raised crosswalks, traffic circles, speed humps and landscaped corner bulges to calm traffic. The Greenway effectively acts as a spine, creating an important physical line of division between the East and West Sides of Vancouver.

The Ontario Greenway runs along Ontario St, following the popular Ontario Bikeway linking False Creek to 59th Ave, and is planned to connect to the Fraser River. The Ontario Greenway emphasizes the ambulatory nature of these communities and connects parks, schools, and community centres along the way.

Notably, using the Ontario Greenway as the Eastern Boundary builds a parallel to the Western Boundary of Vancouver Granville, which terminates at the Arbutus Greenway



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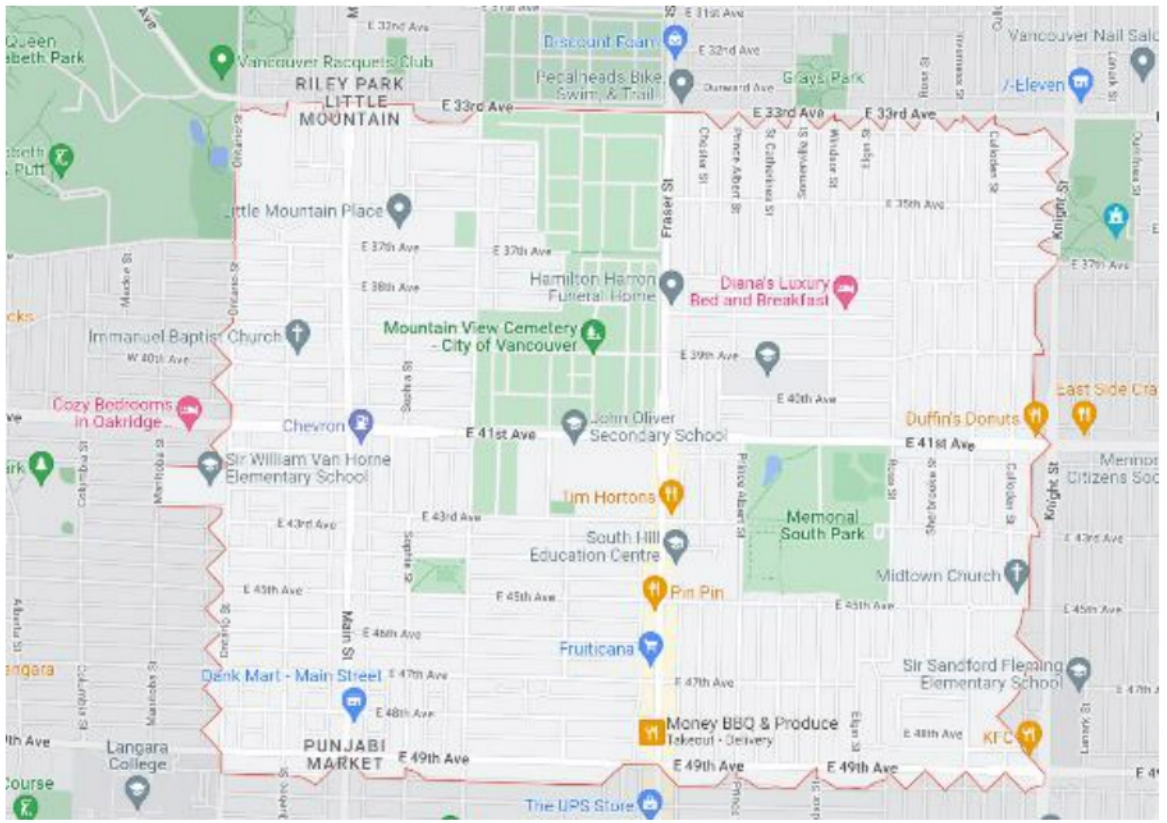
OUR PROPOSED SOLUTION: Boundary Modification 1
A Better Way to Communicate with Residents

THE PROBLEM WITH V5W

Postal Walk V5W currently contains two blocks of Vancouver Granville and then extensively bleeds into Vancouver Kingsway and Vancouver South.

A Member of Parliament has a duty to keep in touch with their constituents. Mailing into this postal code to reach Vancouver Granville Constituents continues to cause confusion and anxiety among constituents of neighboring ridings as they are unable to accurately ascertain who their MP is - and vice versa.

see appendix 1



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OUR PROPOSAL - Removal 1

We accept and support the proposed **Removal 1**.

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KEEPING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER & LOCAL REPRESENTATION

Our Proposed Boundaries Ensure:

Cohesive Representation of Granville Island

- All of Granville Island is represented at the federal level by one MP making it easier to address resident concerns and to manage the relationships with CMHC and the Granville Island Council.

South and Southeast False Creek Stay Together

- Our plan restores the contiguous neighbourhoods of South and Southeast False Creek, including Olympic Village, and ensures amplified, cohesive, and fair representation.

Unique Neighbourhoods Keep their Identities

- By restoring the Ontario boundary, the communities of the West and East Sides of Vancouver are able to voice their concerns to a local Member of Parliament. By including South False Creek residents are represented by a local MP who can address their unique interests.



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PPROPOSAL 1 - POPULATION

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission's main objective is to ensure that the population of each federal electoral district approximates to 116,000 people.

The population within the boundaries we have proposed would be approximate **118,095 people**

Calculations
2021 Pop (census) at the existing boundaries: 109,799
Boundary Modification 1: subtract 4,898
Inclusion 1: add 13,194

see appendix 2

Our proposal would ensure the population of Vancouver Granville achieves the target set by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for each federal electoral district without compromising community interests.

For proposed adjustments to Vancouver Centre and Vancouver East, please *see appendix 3*

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PROPOSAL 2
RESPONDING TO ALTERNATE RIDING CONFIRGURATIONS
Population: Approximately 116,000

Response to the query of keeping a greater waterfront portion of Vancouver Granville together (including Khatsahlano Point) and returning an area of Marpole to Vancouver Quadra.

During our discussion, the Commission posed a hypothetical: keep more of the waterfront together in Vancouver Granville and return a portion of Marpole to Vancouver Quadra (as it was from 2004-2011).

In response, the following two slides propose boundaries that achieve population targets, keep historical electoral divisions, neighbourhood boundaries, and provincial MLA boundaries.

We did the population calculation and found that:

There are approximately 4,900 residents in Khatsahlano Point. If we were to draw the boundary in Marpole at 70th Avenue, which is a traffic division, the population of this area is approximately 7,000 people.

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Proposal 2

Khatsahlano Point Population

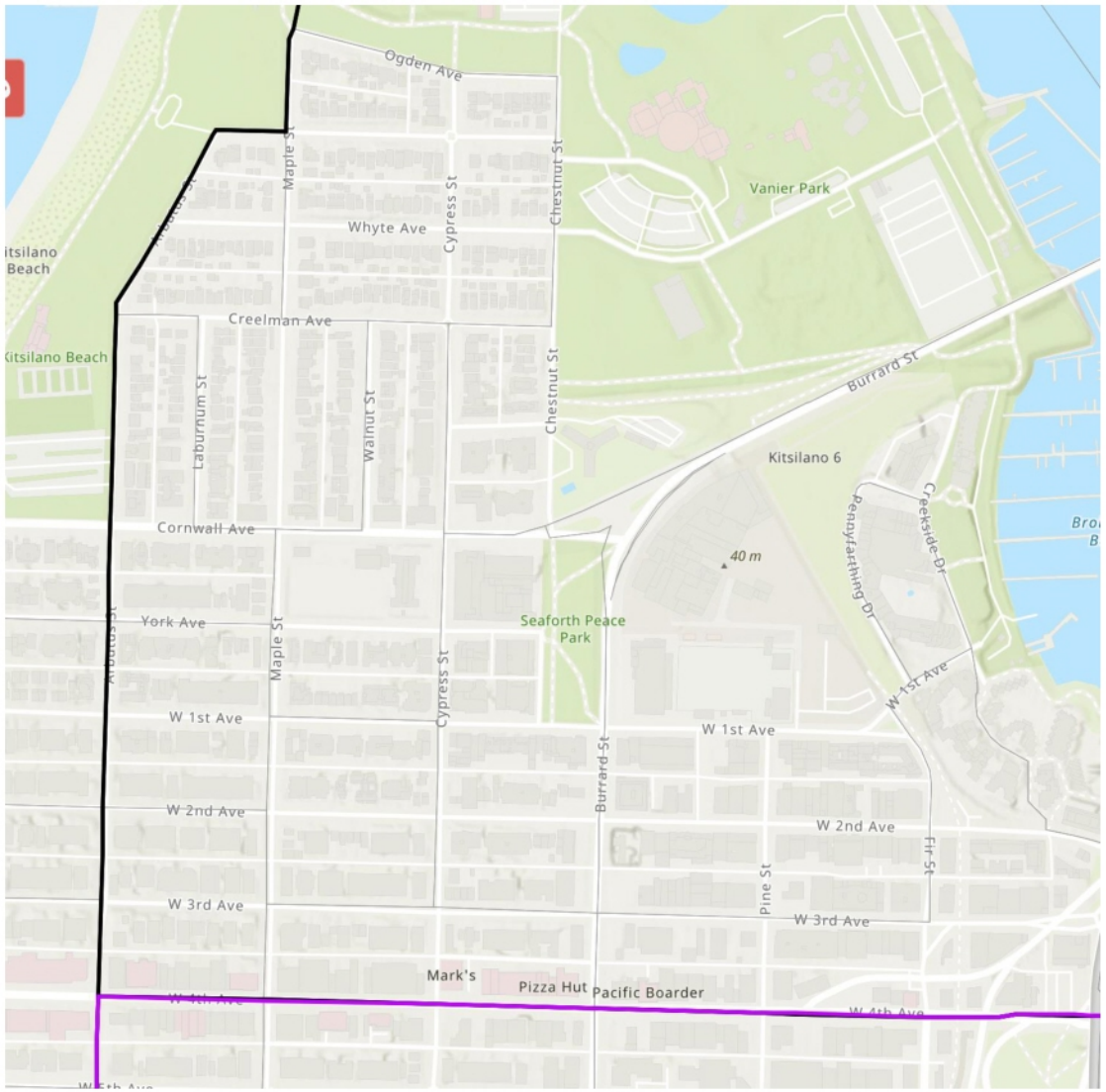
(within boundaries)

4,900

We chose Arbutus as the boundary on the West as it is also the boundary for the MLA and creates a simple way to describe the border between Vancouver Granville and Vancouver Quadra. Furthermore, Arbutus was the dividing line between Vancouver Quadra and Vancouver Centre (2011 to at least 2004).

Noting that parts of the Khatsahlano neighbourhood are currently shared between Vancouver Quadra and Vancouver Granville.

Description: The border between Vancouver Granville and Vancouver Quadra runs east to west along 4th Avenue, the northern border is the shoreline, and the western border is Arbutus Street.



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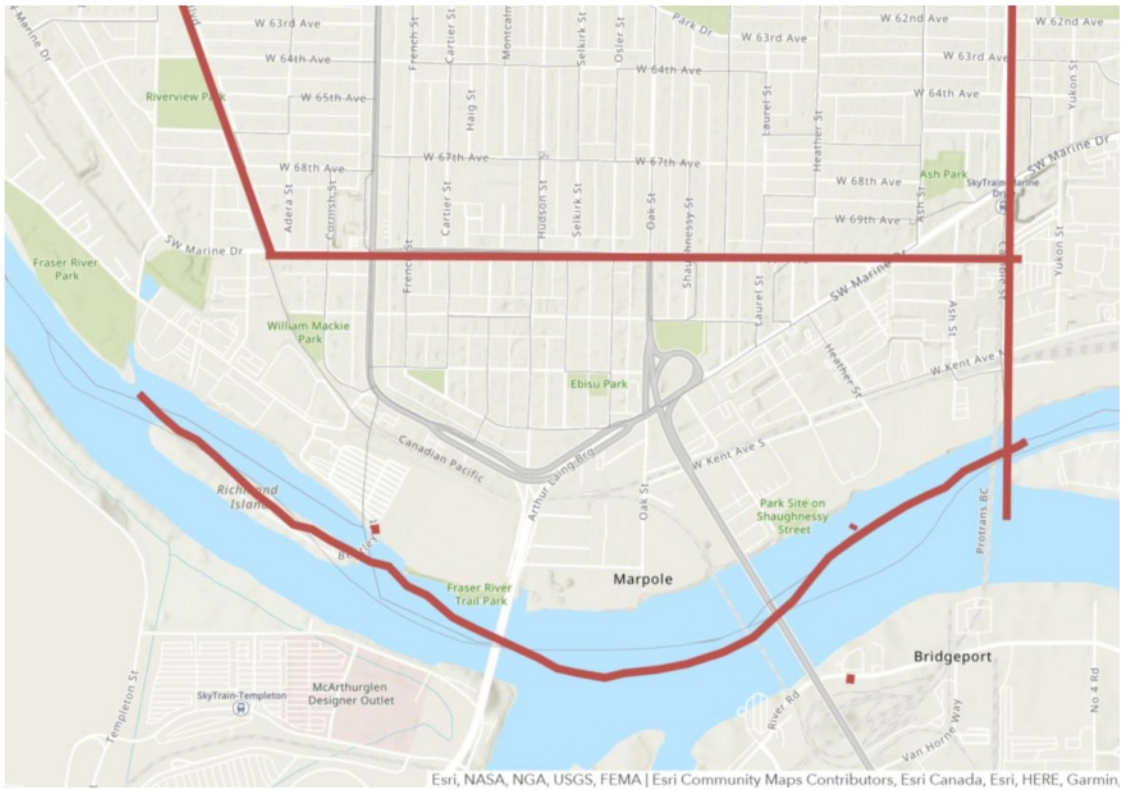
Proposal 2
Marpole Population
(within red boundaries)
7,000

This section follows a traffic based boundary within Marpole, which is 70th Avenue.

Noting that parts of Marpole were previously (2011 to at least 2004) part of the Electoral District of Vancouver Quadra (map here).

Description: The border between Vancouver Granville and Vancouver Quadra runs East to west along 70th Avenue between East Boulevard and Cambie Street, follows Cambie Street down to the southern border of the Fraser River.



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THANK YOU

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APPENDIX 2 – POPULATION CALCULATION

Census Dissemination Area for Boundary Modification

(16th to 41st from Ontario to Main)

Population Subtraction: 4,898

59150684	741
59150685	839
59150682007	158
59150683005	97
59150687001	82
59150687002	116
59150689003	82
59150687003	90
59150689004	296
59150690001	92
59150690002	102
59150690003	177
59150690006	87
59150690005	79
59150691001	57
59153249005	170
59150691003	60
59150691004	150
59150538011	140
59150538004	237
59150538013	300
59150539004	81
59150539005	77
59150539003	87
59150539006	97
59150534001	86
59150534006	76
59150534002	72
59150534005	92
59150534003	36
59150534004	42
TOTAL	**4,898**

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APPENDIX 2 – POPULATION CALCULATION

Census Dissemination Area for Inclusion 1

(Central South False Creek)

original False Creek Neighbourhood

Population Addition: 4,455

59153689016	91
59153686030	225
59153688001	243
59153688003	362
59153687011	255
59153688002	103
59153688004	114
59153689010	70
59153689008	225
59153689034	183
59153689033	157
59153690002	176
59153690001	95
59153690003	168
59153691002	294
59153691001	191
59153689032	39
59153689031	5
59153689011	5
59153692002	441
59153691009	57
59153692003	956
Total	**4455**

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APPENDIX 2 – POPULATION CALCULATION

Census Dissemination Area for Inclusion 1

(Southeast False Creek)

Population Addition: 8,739

59154174007	417	
59154174017	408	
59154174004	560	
59154174003	496	
59154174002	1509	
59154174008	928	
59154174009	241	
59154174013	186	
59154174010	73	
59154174011	429	
59154174005	663	
59154174015	597	
59154174016	513	
59154174006	388	
59154174014	1331	
TOTAL	**8,739**	(All 59153174)

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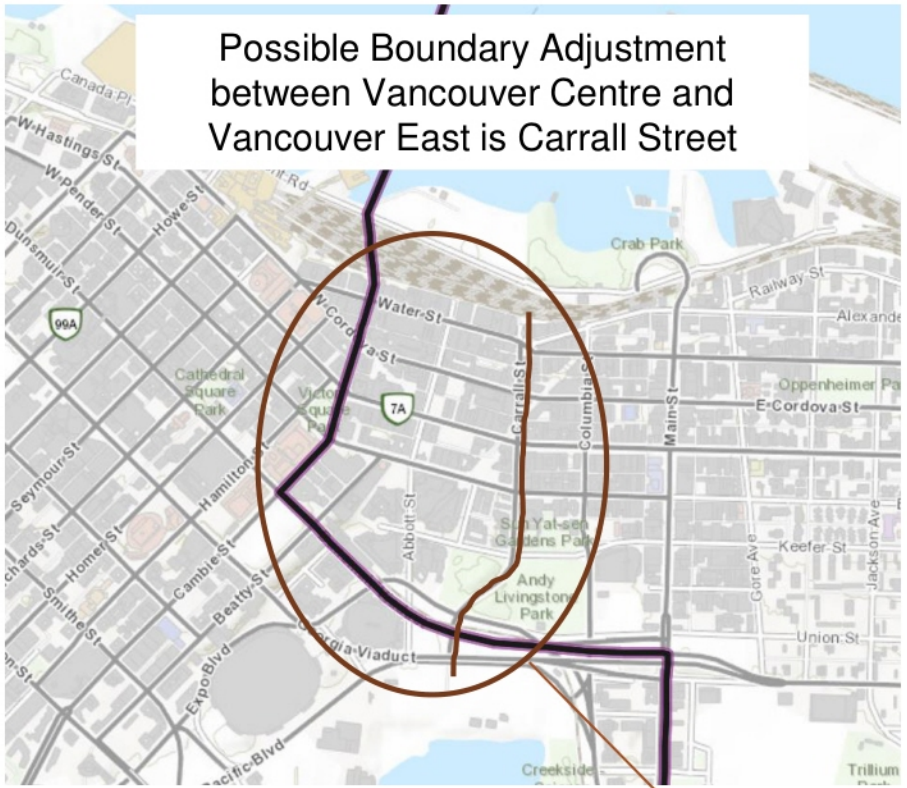
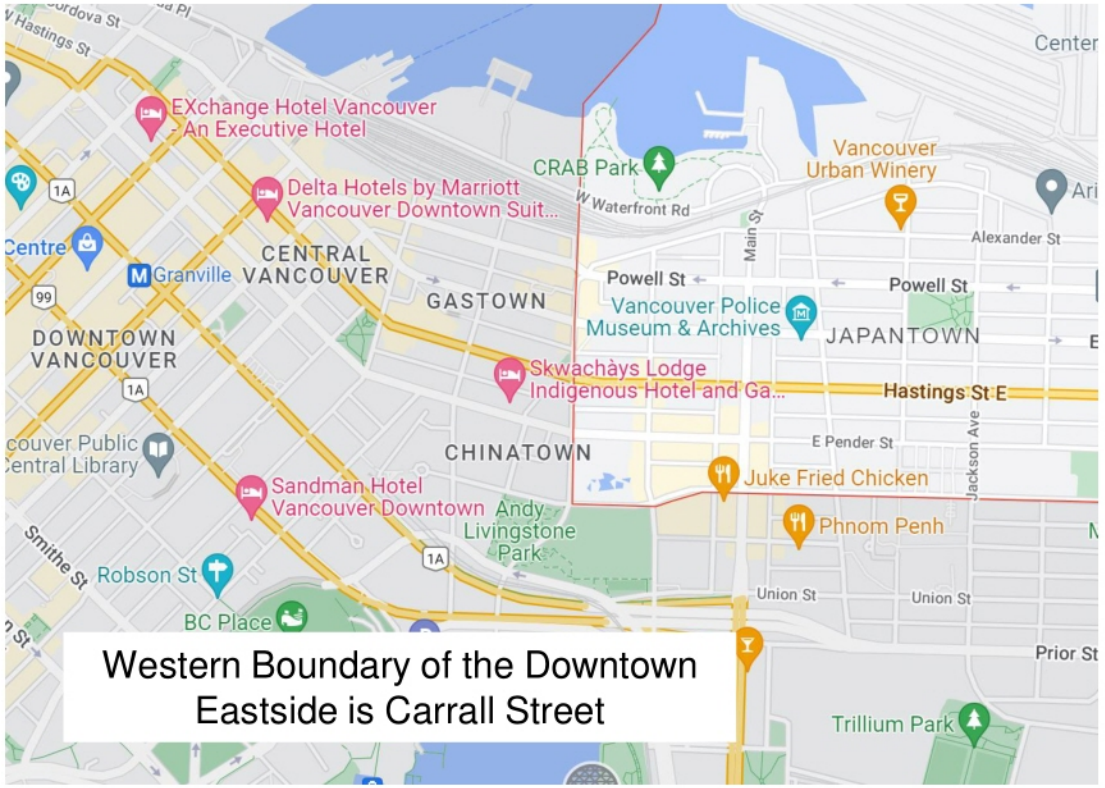
APPENDIX 3 – CONSEQUENTIAL BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FOR POPULATION & NEIGHBOURHOODS VANCOUVER CENTRE & VANCOUVER EAST





Total Population within the proposed boundaries: 5,664

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Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

September 28th, 2022

Dear Commission,

Re: Federal Boundary Commission on changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith

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19(1) I wanted to write the Federal Boundary Commission on the proposed changes released on May 2nd, 2022. I first want to thank the Commission for reviewing my submission and I hope to provide context 19(1)

With the new boundary proposals, Nanaimo is being split up and the North End of Nanaimo cut out of the riding as well as the Municipality of Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation – these are all communities that currently fall within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

19(1) the changes put communities of the current riding into the neighbouring riding of Courtney-Alberni, where we have no community connection to. Nanaimo is where our kids go to school, where we shop and get groceries and access services in our community —not to mention the logistics of transportation services which see our communities linked.

A Member of Parliament serves not only as our voice in Parliament, but also as a federal service in our communities. The community office help residents with Employment Insurance, Immigration and navigating other federal services. The proposed boundary changes would make these services harder to access in the North End, Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation.

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It should also be taken into consideration that Nanaimo-Ladysmith has experienced a high level of elections at all levels in the last few years and changing the boundaries to remove communities from the riding could increase confusion.

It is my hope that the Commission will consider the negative impact the proposed boundaries would have on the residents of Nanaimo-Ladysmith, their access to federal services, the community they feel a part of and the potential to confuse residents. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and for the opportunity to provide feedback during this public consultation process.

Sincerely,

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Name	Comments
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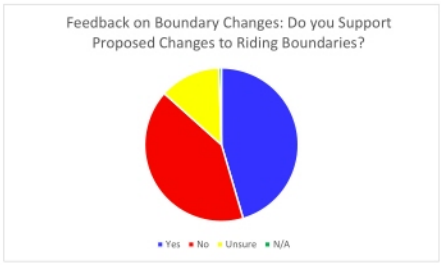
Answer	Feedback o	Percentage
Yes	85	44.97
No	77	40.74
Unsure	24	12.69
N/A	1	0.52

Repeated Complaints/Concerns	
Taxes Incre	16
Cities Split	28
Enough MI	11





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September 16, 2022

Re: Proposed Federal Electoral Boundary Changes

19(1) we formally oppose the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries.

Some Surrey Members of Parliament will have to focus on two cities instead of one, limiting the focus and attention that Surrey requires from the Canadian Government for city-building infrastructure investments. The reconfiguration of Surrey-Centre by splitting the focus between Surrey and New Westminster, for example, will negatively impact an elected official's ability to represent the needs of the constituents they serve. Many of the changes do not align with municipal or natural boundaries. There are different needs within each city.

An elected official that represents a riding that straddles two cities has double the number of organizations, events and investment decisions to listen to and advocate for in Parliament.

The proposal indicates it is using the Fraser River, key roads, and municipal boundaries to the fullest extent possible, however, we disagree that these natural and appropriate boundaries are being considered. Removing a key area in North Surrey and combining it with New Westminster does not reflect the needs of these areas. They are completely different.

The proposed changes have also removed a large part of what is currently Fleetwood-Port Kells, which is a key demographic that makes Surrey the geographically diverse area that it is.

19(1) asks that the proposed changes not be implemented as it will be detrimental to our ability to advocate for our business community.

We already have Cloverdale–Langley City as one federal electoral district – Cloverdale and Langley City are so different from each other in terms of investment needs by the Federal Government.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 19(1) or at email:
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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 8:29 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast electoral boundary change

Please follow the recommendation of the non-partisan commission to shift residents of West Vancouver to the North Vancouver riding. This proposal is far more fair than either splitting the Sunshine Coast in two or diluting the voting power of the current riding. Residents of the contiguous rural Sunshine Coast share similar interests, as do the more densely populated West and North Vancouver communities, so this proposal makes more sense.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 8:00 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary redistribution

_Do not move the Richmond Delta boundaries.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 8:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Against changing riding in Richmond Steveston East

Hi there,

I am writing to express my concerns to include Delta in Richmond Steveston East riding. Delta and Richmond are different in many ways and they both have different needs.

Therefore, I urge to keep Delta and Richmond as a separate federal riding.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 8:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: stop

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

As a resident, the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

2. The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through a 4-lane tunnel every day. None of these crossings include a dedicated transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have access to their elected official.

3. Every township includes unique pocket communities and traditional heritage or cornerstone events that are unique to the settlement of each pocket or corner of the city. All these unique areas are at severe risk of being underserved or given the attention they need to preserve the heritage of the area. These unique areas are also at risk of not receiving the necessary support and services which are unique to an area.

4. Every township included in the proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centers and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don’t divide our community.

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Sincerely,

Best regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 8:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Changing boundaries

I am NOT supportive of joining the boundaries of Richmond AND Delta as one voting district. Please keep Richmond and Delta separate, with their own representation.,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 8:41 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Thoughts on the 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area

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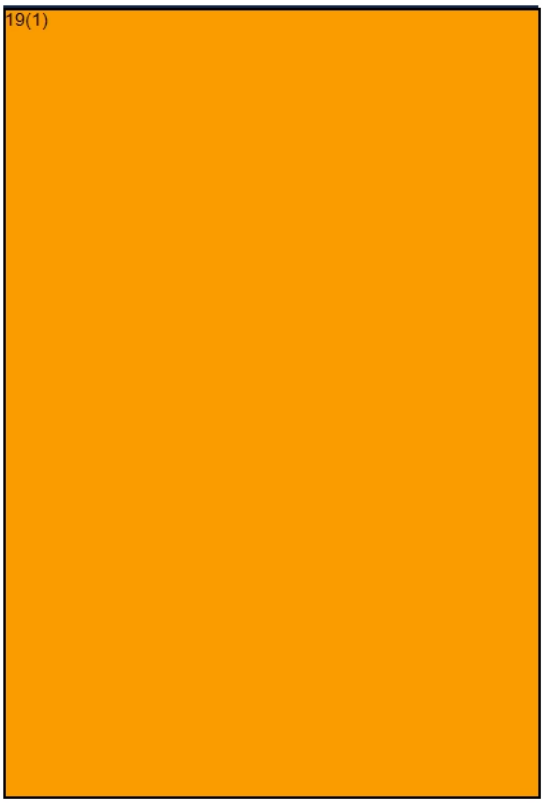

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 9:05 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: I Oppose Any Change to the Richmond and Delta Federal Ridings Boundaries.

I urge you to keep Delta and Richmond in separate federal ridings. I oppose the redrawing of Steveston-Richmond East to include parts of Delta and New Westminster.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 9:27 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Map of MP Riding Boundary - Steveston - Richmond East - Canada

Importance: High

Hi,

I wish to oppose the redrawing of Steveston - Richmond East to include part of Delta & New Westminster.

Please keep Delta and Richmond in separate federal ridings.

Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 9:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Concerns in terms of redistribution of "Steveston-Richmond East" electoral area

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

As a resident, the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

2. The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through a 4-lane tunnel every day. None of these crossings include a dedicated transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have access to their elected official.

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4. Every township included in the proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centers and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don’t divide our community.

Sincerely yours,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 10:16 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Dear Sir/Madam,

I OPPOSE to the redrawing of Steveston-Richmond East to include parts of Delta and New Westminster.

Delta and Richmond should be in separate federal ridings. They are very different communities, and each should have its own representative.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 10:17 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: oppose the redrawing of Steveston-Richmond East

To Whom It May Concern,
I would like to oppose the redrawing of Steveston-Richmond East because the City of Richmond has over 200,000 people and should have at least 2 MPs (if not 3) to represent Richmond. The redrawing will diminish the ratio of representation, and the boundary to include Delta and New Westminster is not making any sense.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 10:37 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 10:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Oppose the redrawing of Steveston-Richmond East to include parts of Delta and New Westminster.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to oppose the redrawing of Steveston-Richmond East to include parts of Delta and New Westminster.

Steveston - Richmond East has its own Japanese and Chinese Canadian community and OUR cultural-historical background. We do need our represented MP confined in this riding, and this riding is an entirely different culture and the living environment from Delta and New Westminster.

We urge the Federal government can consider our rights as a Canadian citizen and we have the right to choose
our representative to air our voice in the house of parliament.

Sincerely yours,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 11:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: federal election division

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

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I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don't divide our community.

Sincerely, Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

From: 19(1)

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Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

First name: Last name:

Comments provided:

Sunshine Coast and Sea-to-Sky residents have similar issues and would benefit with consistent federal representation.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59043

Name to modify: West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country / West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

New name: Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country / Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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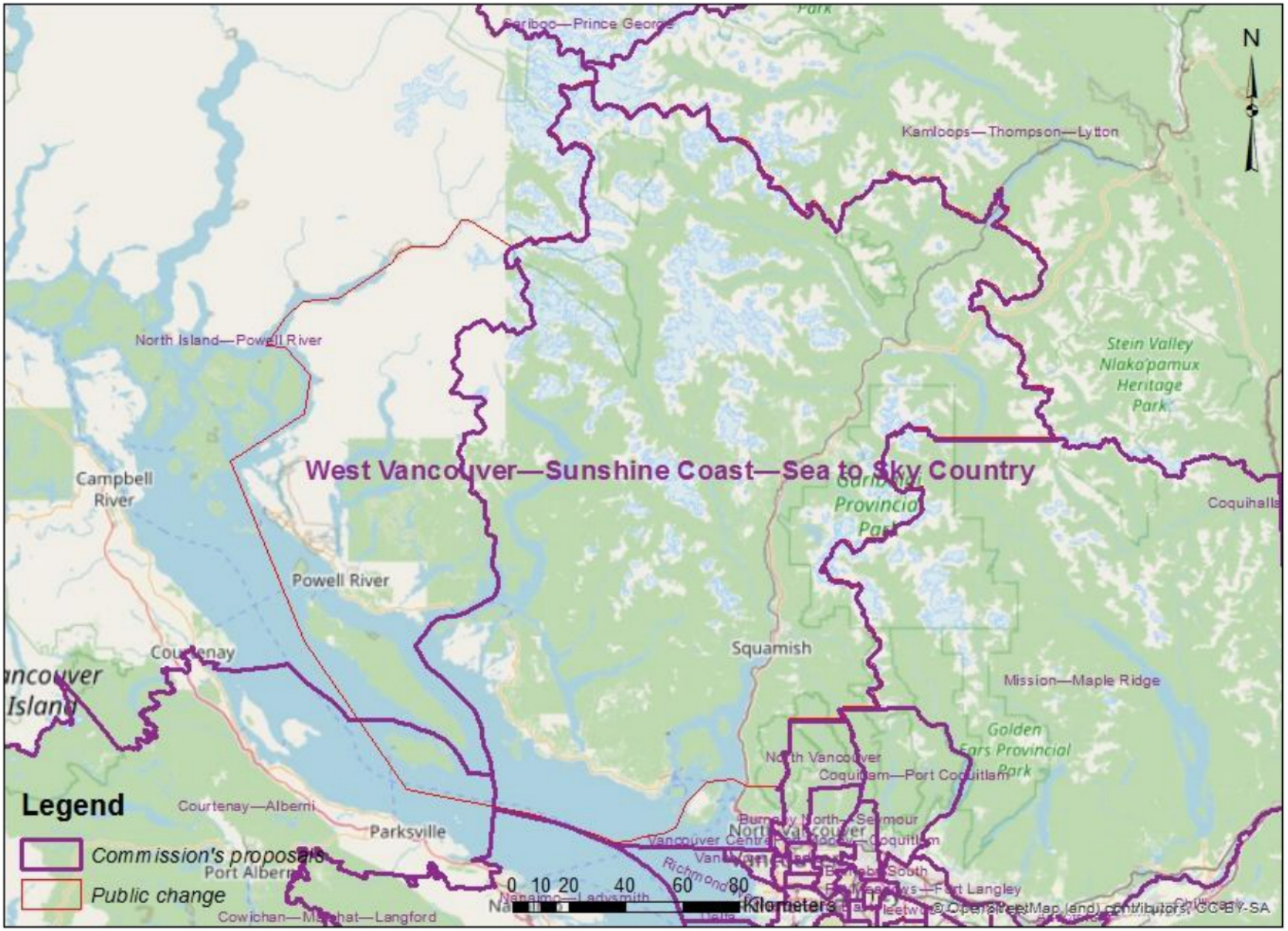

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 11:59 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Coquitlam-PoCo redistribution

I am against the proposal of adding South PoCo to the Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley riding. These election boundaries should be about communities and people, not numbers. Please keep our community together with our adjoining neighbouring cities on the Port Coquitlam side of the Fraser River.
Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 9:10 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam Federal Electoral Boundaries

I am against the proposal to redraw the Port Coquitlam electoral boundaries.

I was unable to attend the public consultation on Sept 27, but I am in agreement with the large majority of citizens opposed to the redrawing of the federal electoral boundaries. 19(1) 19(1) Natural watercourses (Pitt River, Fraser River) are geographical features that define community. Port Coquitlam has always been part of the Tri-Cities (Port Moody, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam) and I value this community. Artificially cutting off Port Coquitlam and joining it with Pitt Meadows as an electoral district makes no sense at all.

There are other ways of addressing the population increases in these communities.

Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 7:37 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal riding split - Port Coquitlam Against

Dear Secretary, Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC

The redistribution proposal to split the Port Coquitlam riding, I 19(1) am strongly against this proposal.

The Port Coquitlam city residents will not necessarily have the same objectives and interests as the cities (Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, Surrey & Langley) you are planning to combine with Port Coquitlam.

Please do not split Port Coquitlam riding.

Yours truly,

19(1)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 10:06 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to plan for redistributing Port Coquitlam riding

Dear Madame(s)/Sir(s),

19(1) I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed riding redistribution that affects Port Coquitlam. The proposed changes would see our city split into two separate ridings, combining them with parts of nearby cities (Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam and Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley). This does not make sense to me. How would one elected official be able to represent the needs of sections of several cities effectively? Furthermore, how would the citizens of Port Coquitlam have confidence that their needs are being represented well when different parts of the city are represented by different people who also have to advocate for the needs of people in other cities? In redistributing according to the current plan, elections will present added confusion for Port Coquitlam residents. Voter turnout is already low, increasing confusion will only discourage more people from voting.

It strikes me that this redistribution plan was created with numbers in mind rather than thinking about the actual citizens who will have to live with these changes. I deeply hope that these plans would be reconsidered and rescinded. If a redistribution is to happen, at the very least, please keep cities unified.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 11:04 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please reconsider redistributing the Port Coquitlam riding

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission Team,

To quote a mother on the local tri-cities mom group, "Who gave a drunk person a purple crayon?" I don't mean this quote to be rude but to sum up the sentiment of many here in Port Coquitlam. The proposed change to split our city into two separate ridings and combine them with nearby cities is strange and doesn't seem to make sense. If there are clear reasons that would benefit the citizens, this would need to be communicated with residents here because we are thoroughly confused as to the rationale behind this.

19(1) It is a city that prides itself in community and connectedness. To split us up into separate ridings would not be in the best interest of Port Coquitlam or neighbouring cities. This would divide us and make it really difficult for those elected to properly represent us and for citizens to make their voices heard in this chaos of splitting and mishmashing cities together.

There has got to be a better way to add another riding. Please allow Port Coquitlam to stay united and find a different redistribution plan.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity for residents who must live with these changes to give their feedback. I hope you will reconsider.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

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Sent: September 26, 2022 11:23 PM
To: BC-CB
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Thank you for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 6:23 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Ron McKinnon, MP
Subject: Proposed Riding Boundary Changes Port Coquitlam

19(1) I wish to express my most strong opposition to being lumped with communities on the other side of the river. Splitting Port Coquitlam and including the south side with Langley makes absolutely no sense. Please do not move forward with this proposal.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 6:40 AM
To: BC-CB
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Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 10:10 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: PROPOSED PORT COQUITLAM BOUNDARY CHANGES

Hello.

There is a meeting this evening in Coquitlam about this proposed change but I will not be able to attend.

However, we would like to voice our strong opposition to the potential split of North and South Port Coquitlam - it makes absolutely no sense. At the moment all that separates the two "sides" is the Lougheed Highway. If the change goes ahead, it will be split by the Pitt River, over which is a very large and very busy bridge. How could the current South side population possibly be served well by, for example, an MPs office in Pitt Meadows, on the other side of that bridge? Face to face meetings with the MP would be difficult at best.

We are sure the Commissioners do not know the area well, otherwise this proposal would be a non-starter. Port Coquitlam (both North and South,) together with Coquitlam and Port Moody, are known collectively as The Tri Cities and, due to our long history together and close proximity, we have a lot in common and a sense of community. We have nothing in common with, for example, Langley or Fort Langley, which are very far away. In fact, our local MLAs are known as the Tri City MLAs and they often work together for the good of all of our communities.

If there is such a thing as a "poll" to register votes for and against, please mark ours as a very definite NO. I do not know one single person in this tight knit community who thinks this is a good idea.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 12:58 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to plan for redistributing Port Coquitlam riding.

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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
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Sent: September 27, 2022 3:20 PM
To: BC-CB
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 5:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Objection to redistribution

Hello,

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19(1) This to me, is ridiculous. Port Coquitlam is a largely suburban/urban area that has much more in common with Coquitlam and Port Moody than the much more rural areas between Pitt Meadows and Fort Langley. I very strongly believe that the needs of the constituents on the south side of Port Coquitlam will not be adequately addressed if we are lumped into the Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley riding. I urge you to reconsider this change.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 6:40 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Against the change

Hi,

19(1) I am against the purposed changes.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 6:03 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Redistribution

Dear Madame/Sir:

19(1)

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed riding redistribution that affects Port Coquitlam.

The proposed changes would see our city split in half – into two separate ridings, combining them with part of nearby cities (Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam and Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley).

This makes no sense whatsoever. How would one elected official be able to represent the needs of sections of several very different cities effectively. Furthermore, how would the citizens of Port Coquitlam have confidence that their needs are represented well when different parts of the city are represented by different people who also must advocate for the needs of people in other cities? In redistributing according to your current plan, elections will present added confusion, not only for Port Coquitlam residents, but any resident of any community that will be split by this plan. Voter turnout is already low; increasing confusion will only discourage more people from voting.

It appears this plan was created with numbers in mind only with no considerations given to community impact. Redistribution by numbers, and not by existing city boundaries or commonalities is poorly thought out and completely out of touch with local governments and community residents. This proposed plan appears to have been developed by drawing lines on a map without any consideration to how those arbitrary lines may affect communities.

I would ask you to reconsider this proposed redistribution plan and at the very least, keep cities unified.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 9:43 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Ron.McKinnon@parl.gc.ca
Subject: BC Federal Election Boundaries

To whom it may concern,

I wish to voice my strong opposition to the redrawing of federal election boundaries in such a way that moves South Port Coquitlam into a new region that includes the eastern communities of Pitt Meadows and Fort Langley. This is arbitrary at best and does not in any way reflect the needs of the residents of Port Coquitlam or the Tri-Cities. The Tri-Cities are best served by local representation and the region often acts in coordination along natural boundaries and shared concerns.

Please consider keeping the federal election boundaries inclusive of the Tri-Cities for the betterment of all local citizens.

Sincerely, 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 10:52 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to plan for redistributing Port Coquitlam riding

To whom it may concern,

19(1) I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed riding redistribution that affects Port Coquitlam. The proposed changes would see our city split into two separate ridings, combining them with parts of nearby cities (Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam and Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley). This does not make sense to me. How would one elected official be able to represent the needs of sections of several cities effectively? Furthermore, how would the citizens of Port Coquitlam have confidence that their needs are being represented well when different parts of the city are represented by different people who also have to advocate for the needs of people in other cities? In redistributing according to the current plan, elections will present added confusion for Port Coquitlam residents. Voter turnout is already low, increasing confusion will only discourage more people from voting.
It strikes me that this redistribution plan was created with numbers in mind rather than thinking about the actual citizens who will have to live with these changes.

I am also aware that the Port Coquitlam mayor and council and our Liberal MP sees this redistribution as an ineffective plan and not in the best interests of the citizens of Port Coquitlam.

I really hope that these plans would be reconsidered and rescinded. If a redistribution is necessary, at the very least, please keep cities unified.

Thank you for considering my feedback.
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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

From: 19(1)

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Date received: 2022-09-28

RIM ID: 1664325849GUXYUIAQOG

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

First name: Last name:

Comments provided:

Port Coquitlam is small & does not need to be divided. Including any portion of this small city with far away cities would divide a community. To be included with cities across rivers that have NO RELATIONSHIP with Port Coquitlam would simply be wrong!!

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59008

Name to modify: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

New name: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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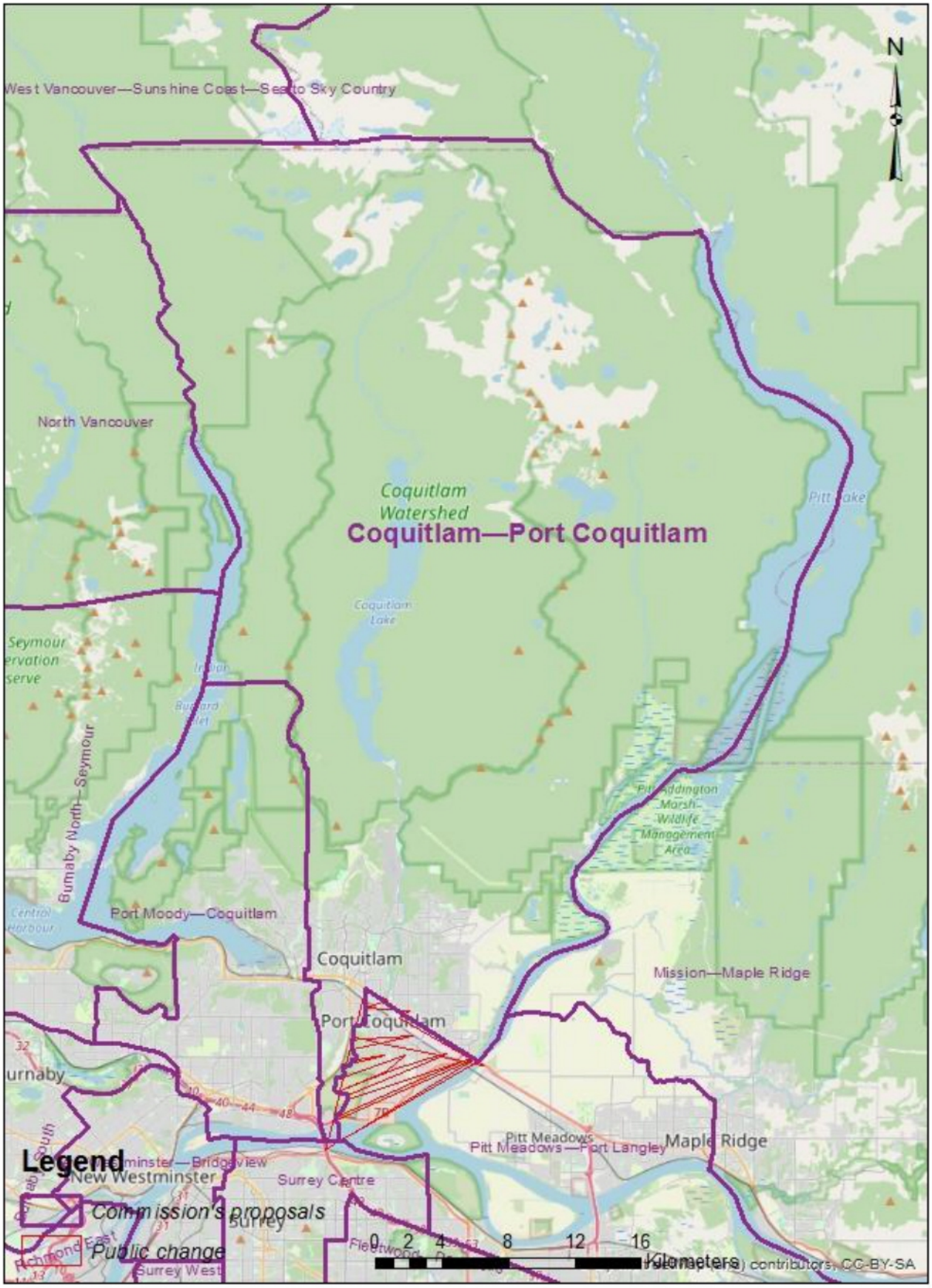

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 11:21 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Submission with Respect to Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam Proposed Ridings

Secretary,
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6C 2E9

Dear Madam,

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As currently proposed, our area forms a small, peculiar segment between another small area hived off from Port Coquitlam and the larger area of Coquitlam in a different riding. It's peculiar and I believe will cause confusion for those living there about which of the three proposed ridings they actually live in. It appears gerrymandered, frankly. While I understand how difficult it is to balance ridings in numbers, and I support fully the need to have equalized numbers so that all votes are counted equally, I have to wonder if there is not a better way to accommodate this need. This segment separates the residents from their logical neighbours on both sides. Would it not be better to move a dividing line by a small number of blocks to allow for equalization, rather than create an odd and extruding segment such as this?

Second, I do not support the inclusion of such a small segment of Port Coquitlam with a community across the Fraser River. The example given, of a cross-river riding that works (Mission/Abbotsford) is not germane—in that case, two intact communities are joined, and both communities are largely mobile through use of automobiles, and have a quick, easy bridge access. In the Port Coquitlam case, a small section of a larger city, Port Coquitlam, enfolded in the larger Tri-Cities community, is hived off to be tacked on to a riding which is already a mix of communities, and with which it has no ties whatsoever. It is also without as high a percentage of car ownership, and has a more problematic location between two bridge crossings. The principle of access is very different for these two situations, as indicated at the meeting. While we do not live in the area affected, we do regularly go there, to our friends, veterinarian, stores, and various services. I support what was said by many other speakers at the meeting. This is simply an untenable division.

As an aside, in visualizing these ridings for discussion and ultimate dissemination, I think it would be less confusing to follow common guidelines, and have colours and boundaries be congruent. Having colour coding which does not follow boundaries is misleading in circumstances where small areas, such as the one in which I live, are outside a boundary and not clearly identified. It would also be clearer for discussion purposes at meetings to have each riding on its own map with lighter and darker shading to represent areas included in the newer proposal and those excluded from existing ridings, where necessary.

I thank the Commission for its work on this difficult task, but suggest that your task is not yet completed in this area.

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Yours truly

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 12:53 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to plan for redistributing Port Coquitlam riding

Dear Respected Individual,

19(1) but also a new Canadian Citizen as I took my oath in March 2022. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed riding redistribution that affects Port Coquitlam.

The proposed changes would see our city split into two separate ridings, combining them with parts of nearby cities (Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam and Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley). This does not make sense.
As it is, we have a wonderful sense of community in Port Coquitlam, in part to the areas and shared spaces that span our city and allow residents to interact with each other. We are one, and splitting us up undermines the very real city building that has taken place over the years.

Reestablishing boundaries and ridings to meet a Federal plan takes away from the Provincial and Municipal levels of consideration that have been taken in our city. We are not part of Pitt Meadows, we certainly are not part of Fort Langley, and even less so Maple Ridge. All you need to do is drive Lougheed Highway between these cities to recognize how a stretch of road or a bridge can impact the subtle differences within cities and communities. The same can be said for the other direction, towards Coquitlam and Port Moody.

It strikes me that this redistribution plan was created with numbers in mind rather than thinking about the actual citizens who will have to live with these changes. I deeply hope that these plans would be reconsidered and rescinded. **If a redistribution is necessary, at the very least, please keep cities unified.**

We stand by our elected officials. We believe in what they can do for the city, and for its residents. We do not believe this redistribution is for the benefit of residents, but rather for the furthering of political goals. We are not pawns. We are real people with real feelings and real power. We deserve to keep that power. We have the right to representation that we believe in, representation that works for us, and government officials who recognize our diversity and importance as a riding, no matter how small.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 2:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Pitt Meadows Maple Ridge redistribution

Good Afternoon,

I had the pleasure of attending last weeks event at Meadow Gardens Golf Course. I agree with all the speakers - redistributing Pitt Meadows with Port Coquitlam, Langley, Surrey et al will be a complete disaster. I do not believe it will do anything to improve things for voters and in fact I believe it will be a detriment. I anticipate some people will stop participating in the voting process as I think it will be a difficult job for MP's to interact with voters.

Pushing the Maple Ridge riding eastward if something must be done would be the best suggestion.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 8:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution affecting Port Coquitlam and Pitt Meadows/Fort Langley

The notion of putting the southern portion of Port Coquitlam with Pitt Meadows and Fort Langley makes no logical sense. Geographically, communally, and structurally there are no connections between these communities. 19(1)
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19(1) those decisions to vote are only meaningful in the Tri-Cities Communities of Port Coquitlam. Coquitlam and Port Moody. Pitt Meadows and Fort Langley, regardless of the population numbers , have nothing to do with the day to day lives and community decision making in southern Port Coquitlam.

Leave the ridings as they currently exist.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 10:41 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: ron.mckinnon@parl.gc.ca
Subject: South Port Coquitlam proposed chop "NO"

To whom it may concern,
19(1) I ***strongly*** ***oppose*** the chopping off of South PoCo to add it to the Pitt-Meadows-Fort Langley riding.
19(1) Port Coquitlam does NOT have the same issues as PoCo.
Please do not do this.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 5:54 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Strongly opposed to including South PoCo in proposed federal riding of Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley

BC Commission Members,

19(1) I am writing to express my strong opposition to including my neighborhood in the proposed new riding of Pitt Meadows- Fort Langley.

These cities are not my community and my family will not be served by an MP residing in these areas. We are separate and belong with Port Coquitlam.

I add my name to the long list of PoCo residents urging this Commission to reconsider.

Respectfully yours

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Hello everyone 19(1)

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I would like to acknowledge that we are here on the unceded traditional territory of the Kwaykwetlam First nation, and the shared traditional territories of the Katzie, Tsleil Watouth,and sto'lo peoples, all of whom have called these lands home since time immemorial.

I would also like to thank the commissioners for their work. I know that this is not an easy job, and that it can seem rather thankless.

I am here today, nevertheless, to express my concerns regarding the current redistribution proposal.

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This is the map of the current ridings.

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This shows the new ridings proposed by the commission.

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And this slide shows the comparison between the two, with the old ridings in Black and the proposed ridings in Purple.

I am concerned that the proposed ridings of Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam, and the new riding of **Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley** will divide integral communities, and particularly for south Port Coquitlam, lump them together with slices from different disparate municipalities with little regard for how that will impact the people who live in these ridings, and how it will impact their ability to be effectively represented by their member of parliament.

I'd like to address this concern in terms of Communities of interests, which are based on the recognition and acceptance of the idea that a geographically concentrated group shares a certain degree of commonality.

I believe that the Tri-Cities itself significantly constitutes such a community of interest. This is the broad community where all of us live and play. Where we socialize and come together for community events but also where we organize ourselves in different community bodies and advocacy groups.

The Tri-Cities is made up of the cities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody, along with the two villages of Anmore and Belcarra.

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It shares a number of cultural institutions, including two newspapers, the Tri-City News in print as well as the Tri-Cities Dispatch online which both report on issues of local interest and help tie our community together.

School District 43 is made up of the three cities and two villages with members of the school board from across the Tri-Cities.

We have a number of different local organizations including the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-Cities Pride Society, the Tri-City Iranian Cultural Society which advocates for one of the largest Iranian communities in Canada, as well as the Tri-City Chinese Community Society, the Tri-Cities Homelessness Task Group, the Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership, Tri-City Transitions which supports women and children in need, and the Tri-Cities: Coalition Against Racism & Hate.

The list literally goes on and on and on. And the list goes on like this because the Tri-Cities is a coherent community where people come together to organize and solve problems.

And none of these organizations really cross the rivers into Pitt Meadows or Fort Langley.

For political parties, the creation of the riding of Pitt Meadows -- Fort Langley, out of disparate and disconnected communities will make it difficult for citizens to organize and participate in our political process and will have the greatest adverse impact smaller parties with fewer resources.

The distance for Constituents to travel to meet with their MP, especially those taking Transit will make meeting with their MP and accessing services more difficult.

The distance from Maple Ridge by transit takes more than 40 minutes one way from Port Coquitlam. While transit from Fort Langley to Maple Ridge takes more than an hour.

Because the new riding of Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley is made up of slices of 5 different large communities the member of parliament's attention will be divided and it will be difficult for them to build relationships with local councils and first nations and weaken their ability to advocate for federal resources.

The city councils of Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, and Maple Ridge are all concerned by this and have each passed motions against the proposed map.

For my submission I would like to offer two proposals that offer different options for the commission.

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This first proposal would keep the riding relatively the same as it is currently. With the adjustments being that it would change the western boundary from the current Coquitlam river to Highway 7 and end at the west edge of Colony Farm.

This would do two things. It would keep the Kwikwetlem First Nation territory, together, while also adding citizens west of Westwood Street and East of Hwy 7 to Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam.

This change recognizes the highway as the true physical boundary and the fact that many people in this added area tend to believe that they live in the Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam riding. These are marginal changes and would only add about 2,700 people.

Nevertheless, this approach would include 134 thousand people, which is more than 15% larger than the desired electoral Quota -- but by keeping the communities together we properly recognize their natural cohesion and commonalities of interests.

Plus -- were South port Coquitlam lumped into a larger riding of Pitt-Meadows -- Fort Langley, as the commission proposes, I believe their interests and concerns would likely be overwhelmed by the larger disparate region.

While the electoral quota is an excellent first step in evaluating representation, by itself it is not enough. We have to consider as well the ability and/or barriers to people to be involved in riding associations, and to participate fully in elections, as well as the access by and to their elected representative.

This proposal gives everyone in the riding the best representation.

For my second proposal, **please flip to the next slide please….**

We would continue to use Hwy 7 as the western border for the southern part of the riding, as above, but would make changes to the Western edges of the northern part of riding, again to make sure that Tri-Cities stays together as much as possible.

This option B would use David Avenue and Johnson Street as the physical boundaries. This represents a riding of 125 thousand which is only 7% above the electoral quota.

I do acknowledge the difficulty of redistribution, and the goal of a 116-thousand-person electoral quota. But I would emphasize that these

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approaches would keep the Tri-Cities region together as needed and address the significant problems which I have discussed.

I will now invite questions from the Commissioners.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 12:13 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: federal election division

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

19(1) the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

2. The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through a 4-lane tunnel every day. None of these crossings include a dedicated transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have access to their elected official.

3. Every township includes unique pocket communities and traditional heritage or cornerstone events that are unique to the settlement of each pocket or corner of the city. All these unique areas are at severe risk of being underserved or given the attention they need to preserve the heritage of the area. These unique areas are also at risk of not receiving the necessary support and services which are unique to an area.

4. Every township included in the proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centers and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don’ t divide our community.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 1:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electory Area

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

As a resident, the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 6:03 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of SRE riding

To Whom It May Concern ,

I am strongly against the redistribution of SRE to include parts of Delta and New Westminster .

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 7:34 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Election Divides

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

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Susan McEvoy

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Sent: October 2, 2022 7:47 AM
To: BC-CB
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 8:15 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to the proposed Steveston-Richmond East redistribution to include Delta

Hello there,

I am against the proposed redistribution of my current riding "Steveston-Richmond East" to include parts of Delta and New Westminster. That makes no sense, having parts of Delta and New West included in the "Richmond east" riding.

I would like to know how to sign a petition to keep the riding as it is.

Thanks,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 8:36 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re - Sunshine coast riding division

To Whom it may concern,

19(1) I am writing today to inform you of my support of your original split of 10,000 West Vancouver residents from our riding group.

I do not support the motion to keep our riding as is, or to spit the Sunshine coast in half. I believe having a vote which is consistent with the rest of our coast community is the fairest and most rational proposal.

West Vancouver and North Vancouver have way more in common and are so densely populated this merger makes the most sense.

Please feel free to respond if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 9:58 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please keep Delta and Richmond in separate federal ridings

19(1) I strongly believe that Delta and Richmond should be kept in separate federal ridings.
Thanks!

Regards,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 10:01 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral redistribution

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 10:17 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Parm Bains Member of Parliament Steveston-Richmond East
Subject: Re: Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the Steveston-Richmond East electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official. As a resident, the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

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In addition, the interests and economic base of Delta North/Ladner (primarily manufacturing, warehousing and agriculture) differ from those of Steveston-Richmond East.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns. I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don't divide our community.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 12:17 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed changes to ridings of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge in BC

I am opposed to the newly proposed electoral district boundaries being changed for Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge.

Vancouver is the largest port in Canada and Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge are a significant part of the infrastructure, both traffic and food supply, for the region.

These 2 cities are connected along the Lougheed Highway which continues to be a major part of the region's infrastructure to move goods, especially with the new Pitt River bridge and the new Golden Ears bridges. CP Rail is building the Vancouver Logistics Park within the urban centre of Pitt Meadows and is also a major part of the region's infrastructure. This Logistics Park is right across the river from the Port Coquitlam rail yard. The Onni warehouse complex in Pitt Meadows is nearing completion and Amazon operates out of 2 of the 4 phases. Maersk also has a large container complex along Lougheed Highway. This also adds traffic to local and arterial roads. Rapid Bus service has recently been introduced to Lougheed Highway to help residents get to the Evergreen Station of the SkyTrain rapid transit system which also adds to the strain on this road network.

80% of Pitt Meadows and 14% of Maple Ridge are in the Agriculture Land Reserve. There is enormous pressure by developers to be allowed to build on this land. Concerns about climate change and the recent flooding in the area make food security an important concern for the region and beyond.

This 2 significant concerns, traffic infrastructure and agriculture lands, are reasons to keep Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge together, in 1 riding. One MP is needed just to advocate for these 2 cities and their important concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 12:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Keep the Steveston-Richmond-East electoral boundaries the same.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 1:05 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

We don't believe the lower Sunshine Coast should be in the Powell River riding. Leave it as it is. Please.

Thank you,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 1:07 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Area Redistribution Negatively Impacts Our Community

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 1:28 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: My view on redrawing electoral boundaries- West Vancouver–Sunshine Coast–Sea to Sky Country

Ref: West Vancouver–Sunshine Coast–Sea to Sky Country

Hello,

I support the proposal of the independent commission to cut out part of West Vancouver including Park Royal, Sentinel Hill and half of Ambleside (everything east of 15th Street) – and add it to the North Vancouver riding.

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From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 1:33 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: RE: Steveston - Richmond East

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 1:36 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston Richmond East

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From: 19(1)
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To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston-Richmond East electoral area

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 2:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Nanaimo-Ladysmith boundary changes

Dear Commission,

19(1) I am concerned about the proposed changes released on May 2nd, 2022. I first want to thank the Commission for reviewing my submission and I hope to provide context and as someone who lives in riding.

With the new boundary proposals, Nanaimo is being split up and the north end of Nanaimo cut out of the riding. The Municipality of Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation - communities that currently fall within the Regional District of Nanaimo – would also be cut out.

Regional education and transit systems integrate Lantzville and north Nanaimo with the rest of Nanaimo, not the communities to the north and west. The changes put communities of the current riding into the neighbouring riding of Courtney-Alberni, where we have no community connection.

A Member of Parliament serves not only as our voice in Parliament, but also as a federal service in our communities. The community office helps residents with Employment Insurance, Immigration and navigating other federal services. The proposed boundary changes would make these services harder to access in the North End, Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation.

Nanaimo-Ladysmith has also experienced an unusually large number of elections at all levels in the last few years – with multiple by-elections at both federal and provincial levels - and changing the boundaries to remove communities from the riding is likely to increase confusion.

It is my hope that the Commission will consider the negative impact the proposed boundaries would have on the residents of Nanaimo-Ladysmith and their access to federal services.

Fracturing the sense of community integrity, and increasing confusion for residents who may not know where to turn for help, will be negative effects for residents not only in the north end who would be split from the rest of Nanaimo, but a loss for all of us in the rest of Nanaimo who lose connection with our neighbors.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and for the opportunity to provide feedback during this public consultation process.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 2:07 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: 2022 proposed redistribution of the Steveston-Richmond East electoral area

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You will be able to see that this text has been borrowed from our current MP, Parm Bains. I have no hesitation in sending it along as my own thought on this matter because I heartily agree with it. It

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makes perfect sense, and it touches on the way that our dispersed geographic area among islands is often misunderstood by central government. I couldn't have expressed it better.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns. I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

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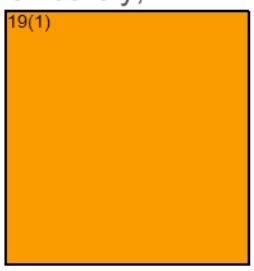

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 3:45 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed changes to West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky Riding

Dear Members of the Commission,

I wish to comment on the proposals that have been suggested for the boundary readjustment with respect to my riding. I understand that the commission is contemplating a shift in riding boundaries to keep the populations equitable so that all voters voices can be more fairly represented in our elections. I respect your intentions and certainly admire your quest to make democracy accessible in a fair way for all voters.

I also understand that the commission's initial proposal was to move a number of voters from West Vancouver to North Vancouver to attain this equality. This to me seems to make great good sense. That part of the WVSCS2S riding is very densely populated with lots of access to transit, good highways and ease of movement within the North Shore area. The North Shore is also in many ways a coherent unit with similar cultural and geographic commonalities.

I wish to speak in favour of your initial proposal - moving some West Vancouver voters to the North Vancouver riding.

However, it seems that there have been other suggestions about how to accomplish this. One is to do nothing - which seems an unusual way to attain equity. Another is to move some of the Sunshine Coast voters up to the North Island/Powell River riding. I wish to speak strongly against this proposal.

19(1) Despite the changes over time, it is still essentially a rural community with many common interests as well as concerns among which are roads and transit including ferries. If part of the Coast was shaved off to become part of North Island/Powell River it would not be as simple as hopping on a bus or taking a quick drive over to the North Shore. It could mean a constituent would need to travel long distances over narrow winding roads and wait in not one, but two ferry lineups to meet with their MP and then return the same way. That could take the whole day for one meeting.

As it is, any trip just to Vancouver means travel by ferry and at the best of times a one hour appointment could mean a 7 hour day away from home. Adding another ferry trip and far worse road conditions to travel to Powell River and then over to Vancouver Island would make it unlikely that any of my friends living past Sechelt would make that choice lightly.

If fairness to voters is an important factor in making your decision, I would urge you to consider making a change in our electoral boundaries that would result in the least impact on their lives. Those living in West Vancouver would be able to adapt to a new electoral boundary by driving several minutes by car or transit to meet with their MP. Those living on the Sunshine Coast would find their lives changed significantly by having to travel by car and 2 ferries over winding rural highways to accomplish the same action.

Please stand for fairness and continue to stand by your original proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 3:59 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver/ Sunshine Coast redistribution

Dear BC Commission

It has recently come to my attention that a West Vancouver proposal has been submitted to divide the Sunshine Coast. How is it possible that another community suggest what happens to ours without the affected community (The Sunshine Coast) being consulted? I trust you will discount their suggestion or at the least conduct further consultation with those affected if your are considering it.

The Sunshine Coast is geographically isolated from West Vancouver and connected together both geographically and culturally from Gibsons to Egmont. We share water, landfill, highway, schools, recreation centres and so on. There is no logical reason for dividing this region other than to serve the preferences of the proponents to maintain their community by dividing ours.

I trust you will reject the proposal to divide the Sunshine Coast or at the least consult further with those of us who live on the Sunshine Coast.

Thank you
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 6:15 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast

19(1) I support the redistribution plan put forth by the electoral commission.

The issues we face on the Sunshine Coast in many ways are very different from those facing West Vancouver residents.

Below are some examples.

1. We are dependent on ferries to see medical specialists. Emergency medical crisis may necessitate a helicopter ride to a hospital. Then a way home when released from hospital must be found. West Vancouver does not face these challenges.
2. Our grocery stores have supply challenges that are different from those of stores in West Vancouver.
3. Resource employment on the Sunshine Coast is not central to the life of West Vancouver.
4. Our youths' sports teams often have to travel to tournaments by ferry not a burden faced by West Vancouver parents and coaches.
5. To travel provincially, nationally or internationally we face challenges not experienced by the residents of West Vancouver.

West Vancouver and North Vancouver are similar in these areas and so better forming one electoral district then West Vancouver and Sunshine Coast.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 10:13 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky redistribution

Hello,
19(1) I understand West Vancouverites who would be redistributed to become part of North Vancouver are not happy about the proposed changes to the riding boundary, but they (West Vancouver) have far more in common with North Vancouver than we have with either of them. It already does not make sense for Powell River to be separated from us given that they are the North and we are the South parts of the Sunshine Coast and we are provincially represented together.
If any change is to be made to my riding, I would actually propose cutting ALL of West Vancouver out and rejoining us with Powell River. Please, do not divide the Coast further.
Regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 8:29 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re - Sunshine coast riding division

To Whom it may concern,

19(1) I am writing today to inform you of my support of your original split of 10,000 West Vancouver residents from our riding group.

I do not support the motion to keep our riding as is, or to spit the Sunshine coast in half. I believe having a vote which is consistent with the rest of our coast community is the fairest and most rational proposal.

West Vancouver and North Vancouver have way more in common and are so densely populated this merger makes the most sense.

Please feel free to respond if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 2:07 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston-East Richmond

To whom it may concern:

Please note that we as residents in this area DO NOT wish for any changes to be in our federal riding - Steveston/East Richmond, BC.

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Susan McEvoy

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From: 19(1)
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Sent: October 2, 2022 2:43 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: parm.bains@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

To Commission Members:

We have strong objections to the proposed changes (Federal Electoral Boundaries) for our community of Richmond-East. Your boundaries would add Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta to our "electoral district". It is our opinion that this aggregation would both divide and have negative impacts on each of our respective communities.

Concerns associated with your proposal include:

—Travel into and out of these 4 communities lacks synergy. Travel will require multiple crossings and most importantly, will involve transiting frequently on one of the most congestion and busy corridors in BC.
—Each of our townships are unique in character, ie, Richmond is an Island. We value and cherish our location which is nurtured by residents of Richmond, whether we reside in Steveston Village, or our vibrant or elsewhere on the Fraser River around our Lulu Island.
--We dwell on an island and acknowledge the special characteristics of our community will, with climate change, require support and services that are unique to our area. As such, we can envision risk that our needs may not be fulfilled under this amalgamation you propose.
—There is huge diversity when Richmond-East is put into a pot with Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta, especially with respect to the presence of traditional indigenous territories. This would impede progress on future Truth and Reconciliation goals.
—A major concern regarding this amalgamation is that the level of community services, supports and critical resources may not be accessible nor available to Richmond on a fair and equitable basis.

19(1) we have enjoyed significant growth and prosperity over the past 10 years. Census data confirm that our community is growing rapidly. As such 19(1), we have a list of immediate challenges to mitigate the impacts of both our growth and climate change (sea level rise, etc).

We strongly believe your proposal for expanding the Electoral boundaries is a mistake. If adopted, your proposal would have serious impacts on our immediate future. As such, we implore you to keep Richmond-East in-tact.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback to your Commission.
Sincerely

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 2:57 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston-Richmond East Redistribution Problematic for Businesses

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

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Sincerely, 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 3:00 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 3:04 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: rezoning of East Richmond.

I oppose rezoning.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 3:29 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please Keep Steveston!

Hello

Please do not lump us together. Water, bridges and very busy roads are what seperate us.

Best regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 4:54 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: parm.bains@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Fwd: (FINAL DAY) Act now on electoral Boundaries

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia:

Please reconsider and do not change or redistribute Steveston with combining with communities that do not and will not reflect our Steveston community.

The continuing efforts to have a working harbour as a strong driver with tge Steveston Harbour Authority is incompatible with the needs of Queensborough and the rest proposed areas. Also we do need to acknowledge the traditional territories of our respective neighborhoods and working with our Indigenous partners and their territories.

I've included messaging from 19(1)
19(1)

Please do not change our current Electoral Boundaries as proposed.

19(1)

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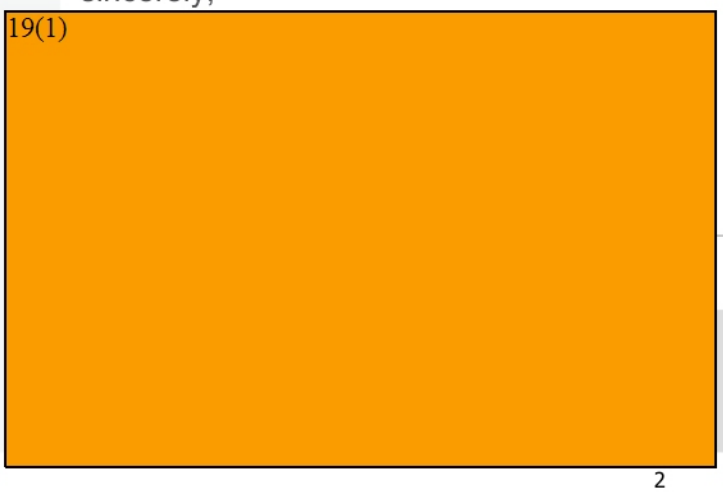

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 5:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 6:53 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of Electoral Commission

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 7:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: electoral Boundaries

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 9:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: parm.bains@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Proposed Redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East Electoral Area

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia:

I have just found out 19(1) that there is a proposal to redistrict the Steveston-East electoral area to include Queensborough, Ladner, and North Delta. I am surprised that this issue has not received very much press coverage, as I have not seen it mentioned in the city newspaper or online. I have no idea what the reasoning is behind this proposal, unless it is to save money, but it seems very ill-advised. 19(1) the areas are very different with different needs, and are separated by distances which are difficult to traverse.

The current drawing of the districts has served us well, and I cannot imagine that the new proposal would in any way be an improvement. It is helpful to have an MP who represents us, with our unique issues.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Yours sincerely.

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 9:55 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Stevetson Richmond electoral area

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 10:31 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

I do not support the proposed redistribution of the Steveston-Richmond East electoral district.

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Submission to the BC Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

October 2, 2022

19(1)

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I became interested in preparing a submission to the Commission after having seen reports in the local newspaper and reviewing the Commission's website.

I want to recommend some changes to the proposed Cloverdale - Langley City riding.

With reference to the enclosed map, I think that the East Panorama Ridge/Sullivan Station neighbourhood on the west side of the riding should be removed from the proposed riding. These neighbourhoods should be included in the proposed Fleetwood-Port Kells riding or the proposed Surrey West riding. These neighbourhoods have little in common with Cloverdale or Langley City. I recommend that the western boundary be located at the Serpentine River (shown in red on the enclosed map).

I read in a local newspaper that Mr. Scott Wheatly of the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce made the same recommendation to remove the East Panorama Ridge/Sullivan Station neighbourhoods from the proposed Cloverdale - Langley City riding.

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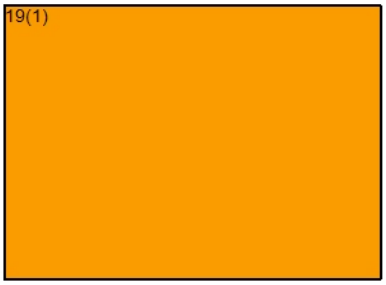
The Commission has proposed to remove a large portion of the Clayton neighbourhood located north of 72 Avenue from the existing riding. I recommend that this area be retained as Clayton shares much in common with Cloverdale located directly to the south. It also shares much in common with the Township of Langley as it abuts the municipal boundary with the Township along 196 Street. Both the Township of Langley and Cloverdale share strong community connections and ties to Clayton.

Also, I recommend that the Brookswood neighbourhood located south of the City of Langley be included in the proposed Cloverdale – Langley City riding. The Brookswood neighbourhood is comprised of portions of the City of Langley and the Township of Langley. The boundary between the City and the Township is difficult to determine as it jogs along quiet suburban streets. That said, there is a strong sense of community in this neigbourhood. Regardless of which municipality residents reside in they self-identify as residents of Brookswood rather than as residents of the Township or the City.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Yours truly,



Enclosure: Map

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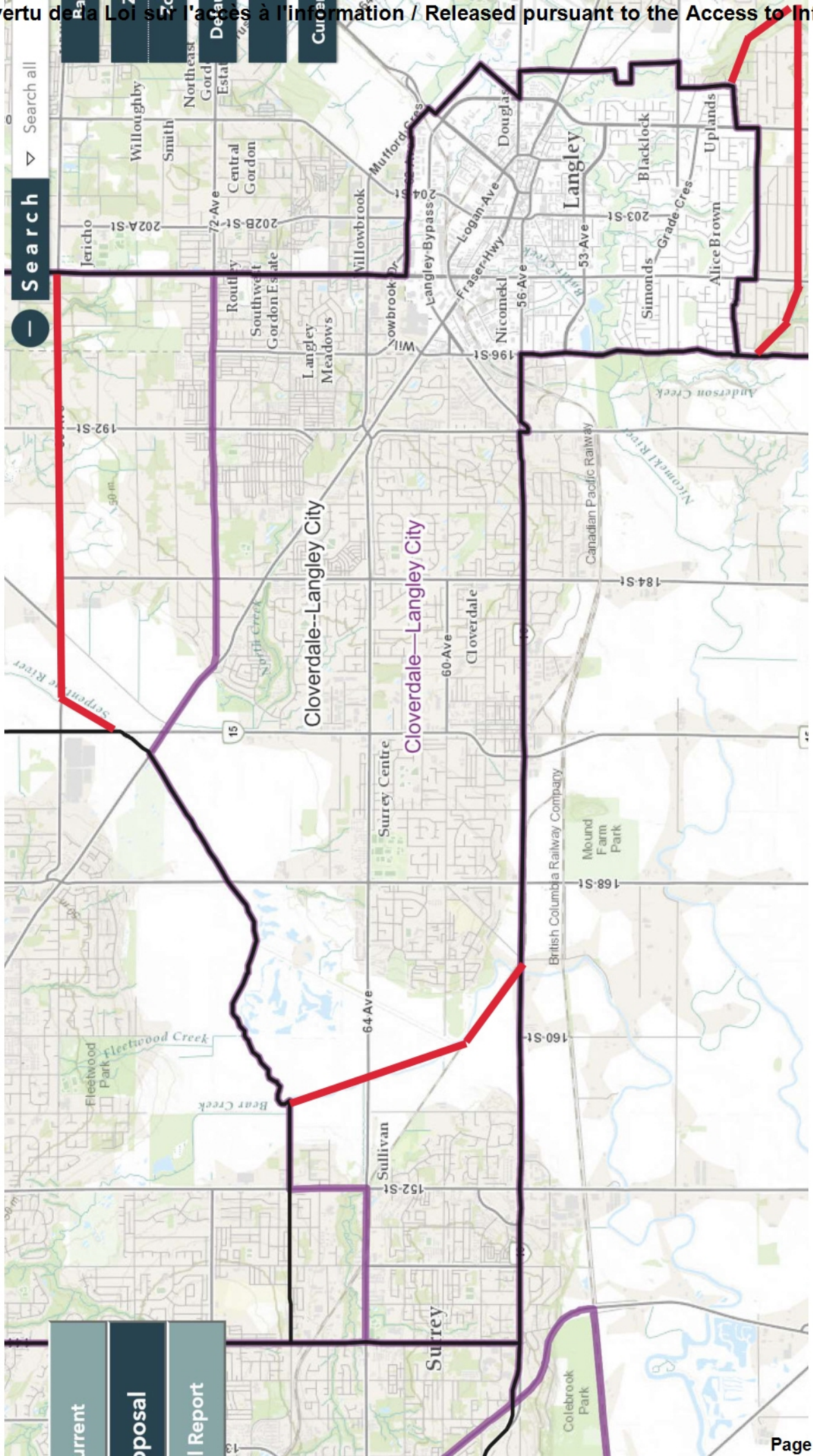

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 8:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal electoral redistribution

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

I agree ENTIRELY with the statements below by 19(1) Each area also has distinct geography/topography, and micro-climates that affect resident needs and wants.
Sincerely, 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 11:54 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Richmond and Delta riding

Hi,

19(1) Please keep Richmond and Delta in separate ridings. I believe keeping separate is a better representation of the area.

Please don't add me to any mailing lists

Thanks
19(1

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 12:58 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: oppose

HI
I want to keep Delta and Richmond in separate federal ridings.
Thanks
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 1:26 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Submission from NDP Electoral District Association

Dear Honourable Members of the Commission,

19(1)

First of all, 19(1) commends you and appreciates your work immensely. To have such a fair, non-partisan process for updating electoral boundaries is a precious and essential feature of our democracy, and – to state the obvious, which you no doubt hear in submission after submission – it's such a dramatic contrast with the contorted culture of partisan gerrymandering that dominates and shapes the electoral landscape of our giant neighbour to the south.

19(1) has looked carefully, and in depth at the population changes in the riding, and the proposed changes to the boundaries. We are in full support of the commission's proposal.

This is a huge and geographically complex riding, which includes everything from sparsely populated rural areas to closely knit, densely populated urban areas. Not to mention some major marine features like Átl'ka7tsem (At-Kat-sum)/Howe Sound.
While this complexity makes the riding a challenge to travel around, it makes the electoral boundary rebalancing exercise relatively straightforward. There are two broad options when it comes to transferring thousands of voters to an adjacent riding. You either transfer a block of dense urban voters who enjoy a commonality of civic and commercial services with an adjacent riding, or you transfer a block of rural voters spread over a vast landscape, who don't necessarily share common civic and/or commercial services with their adjacent riding, and could be a long distance or even a ferry trip away.

The former is much more straightforward, equitable, and ultimately democratic.
To be more specific, the lands and population proposed for transfer to the North Vancouver riding are relatively dense urban neighbourhoods all of which have established east-west road and transit connections to the rest of the North Shore. While the identity of local neighbourhoods is always hyper-specific, the areas proposed to be transferred are already part of the broader North Shore community.
Furthermore, the proposed area is a far better candidate for transfer to the North Vancouver riding than any other on the North Shore. To find the same number of people to transfer above the Upper Levels Highway would be problematic as the area is less dense and there are no east-west connections by road or transit, other than the Upper Levels itself.

Further afield, the geography of the riding means that the western, northwestern and northeastern boundaries of the electoral district are all in very sparsely populated areas where it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible to capture enough population to accommodate the redistribution formula.

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In the end, while there will always be some who disagree with the Commission's proposals, it is the view of 19(1) 19(1) that there is absolutely no better area to choose than the one proposed by the Commission.

The proposed change leaves as many as possible of the various communities within the riding cohesive wholes and results in the absolute minimum disruption for voters. It serves equity and democracy to the highest degree possible, given the complexity of the process. That's the most important principle.

So for all of the above reasons, 19(1) 19(1) offers its full support for the proposed boundary change.

We thank the Commission for this opportunity to present our views in this indispensable process for the fair functioning of our democracy.

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Sent: October 3, 2022 1:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please don't divide our community - Steveston Richmond East

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 1:40 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea-to-Sky Country

To Whom it May Concern,

19(1)

We know who he is, where he is, and which office to reach out for immigration, casework, and other government matters.

The proposed electoral boundary change will cut the heart out of West Vancouver, removing our riding's biggest community of its economic and historical centre.

To keep our strong sense of community and to avoid confusion, please say no to new electoral boundaries.

Thank you.

Regards,

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 1:44 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: personal submission 19(1)

Hello again Commissioners!

19(1)
19(1) I wanted to add a few quick points as an individual.

19(1) I have been a little concerned about potential lack of participation by folks from the Coast in this process. I think it's quite natural: your proposal (which I wholeheartedly support) doesn't directly affect residents of the Sunshine Coast, so I think engagement here was predictably low.

That would change dramatically if you decided to change direction and embrace the counter-proposal put forward by some intervenors, and looked for 10-15,000 people at the upper end of the lower Coast (I suppose from somewhere around Sechelt up to Egmont, though nobody appears to have done the math on this…) to move to North Island/Powell River. If that were the case, there would be a terrific hue and cry up and down the lower Coast, and I think you would have had a very different set of reflections from constituents.

Because of the challenges of consulting such a gigantic province, you quite rightly have had only one in-person hearing in each constituency, and in the case of this riding, chose to have it in the place most affected by your proposal: West Van. I think this was absolutely the right and fair way to approach the in-person hearing. But given the timeline you are on, if your final proposal were to suddenly adopt the splitting of the Coast, there would of course be no opportunity for folks here to respond - no matter how many suddenly decided to start paying attention.

Of course you have considered all this - like many others in the process, I have been impressed with the expansive, inclusive and knowledgeable approach you have taken to the proceedings. I just wanted to register, 19(1) that I think it would be quite unfair if your proposal were to change so fundamentally after the hearings were over.

One final note. I want to fess up to some citizen organizing: I did what I could to engage our local media and various groups of Coast residents on the redistribution process, because I was concerned by counter-proposals you heard that would take a radically different tack than the one you originally proposed. I sincerely hope you have heard from many more Coasters 19(1) And if busy people cut and pasted various versions of text that had already been written, I hope you will forgive this repetition. I assure you that it is not some fiendish algorithmic campaign of manipulation, but simply a grassroots organizing approach that attempts to engage fellow residents who care passionately about our democracy, but also have kids to get to school, lunches to make, households to run, and work to be late for.
:)

Thanks once again for your thoughtful and expert work. I sincerely hope you stick to your guns on the boundary proposal for West Van-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky. You got it right the first time!

It is rare enough in this tempestuous era to find the occasional bit of perfection in public administration. When that occurs, wisdom lies in leaving well enough alone.

all the best,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 2:26 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please do not divide our community

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Sent: October 3, 2022 2:56 PM
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Subject: FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION 2022-Steveston-Richmond East

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 3:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fwd: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022-Steveston-Richmond East 19Please don't divide our community – Steveston Richmond East

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 5:45 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fwd: Electoral district changes

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: 19(1)
Date: September 29, 2022 at 4:50:55 PM EDT
To: 19(1)
Subject: Electoral district changes

Hello
19(1)
19(1) feel like our concerns would not be addressed if we were lumped in with Powell river and the north island.
We would be 2 ferry trips away from the constituency office plus our concerns are clearly very different from the island's.
The lower Sunshine Coast is made up of many retired Vancouver and west Vancouver residents and we depend on Vancouver for services. Our best interests would be better served with this option.
Thank you
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 5:47 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea-to-Sky

Dear Mme Justice Saunders,

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit for your consideration, and through you to your fellow commissioners, my concerns about the proposed alteration to the boundaries of my riding, West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea-to-Sky. As I understand it, the proposed change would a) set the eastern boundary of the riding at 15th Street in West Vancouver, and b) include in the new configuration of the riding neighbourhoods north of the Trans Canada Highway.

The effect of such a change, and the substance of my concern, is that it would remove from the riding the most socio-economically diverse areas of West Vancouver. The newly configured riding would then be, in effect, whiter and more affluent than the riding as it is at present. This would be a disservice to our community, and our community's ability fully to contribute to the work of the House of Commons.

19(1)

With great respect, I submit that the proposed change to the boundaries of the riding would not be consistent with respect for "community interest and identity". In the language of my own research, it would fail the test of just democracy: it would weaken our capacity within my community and in our contributions to the national debates in the House of Commons. Furthermore, it would emulate and worsen the ways in which our community has been bifurcated into two provincial ridings.

This is because the new riding would be, if I may be candid, a whiter and more affluent enclave with an outsized influence in the House of Commons.

To prevent this, I ask that you ensure the existing municipal boundaries remain part of the riding. This would preserve the socio-economic diversity and inclusion essential for our capacity fully to contribute the deliberations in Parliament.

I would be happy to provide more information if you wish.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

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There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true. *Søren Kierkegaard*

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 3:15 PM
To: BC-CB; 19(1)
Subject: Chilliwack-Hope Riding Boundary F/U

Following up on the boundary conversation, I committed to spending some time thinking about what part of Abbotsford could be included in the Chilliwack riding. I did not come up with any exciting new ideas between Abbotsford and Chilliwack besides maybe looking at Sumas Mountain instead of Sumas Prairie (being mindful of first nation territory) but I would offer some other ideas for movement.

I feel efforts to keep all of Hope together are important and surrounding areas headed north-east such as Sunshine Valley, Yale, Boston Bar, Spuzzum and North Bend have way more in common with Chilliwack-Hope than with a Coquihala riding (School and RCMP service, etc.). So I think we could go north but also west (from the north of the riding) to include Harrison, Agassiz, maybe also Sasquatch park and Hemlock valley possibly even extending to Lake Errock and Deroche. Though I think at least some of these areas would be similar to mission - they have much more likeness to Chilliwack than Maple Ridge. From here maybe Matsqui area (north of Harris road) could join the Mission and Maple Ridge riding (maybe a different name) and that portion of Abbotsford could be included in another riding instead of the south-east portion going to Chilliwack.

I am hoping you hear something from Sumas First Nation as well. I know this work is incredibly difficult and the parameters suggested are not an exhaustive list but ideas on expanding west but also maybe north for your consideration.

Thank you again for all the work you are doing on this. Looking forward to reviewing the report.

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From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 6:56 AM
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From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 7:03 AM
To: BC-CB
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 8:02 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redrawing of the Riding of Steveston-Richmond East

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am strongly opposed to the new proposal of redrawing redrawing of Steveston-Richmond East to include parts of Delta and New Westminster. This will disproportionally affect the residence of that riding currently. Please reconsider this action.

Best regards,
19(1)

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From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 8:42 AM
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 9:10 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam Federal Electoral Boundaries

I am against the proposal to redraw the Port Coquitlam electoral boundaries.

19(1) but I am in agreement with the large majority of citizens opposed to the redrawing of the federal electoral boundaries. 19(1) 19(1) Natural watercourses (Pitt River, Fraser River) are geographical features that define community. Port Coquitlam has always been part of the Tri-Cities (Port Moody, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam) and I value this community. Artificially cutting off Port Coquitlam and joining it with Pitt Meadows as an electoral district makes no sense at all.

There are other ways of addressing the population increases in these communities.

Regards,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 9:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fwd: New electoral district Vernon-Lake Country

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: 19(1)
Date: October 1, 2022 at 3:42:04 PM PDT
To: BC-CB@rede-coupage-federal-redistribution.ca
Cc: mel.arnold@parl.gc.ca
Subject: New electoral district Vernon-Lake Country

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
Honourable Members of the Commission -
today on October 1st. I learned about the intention to change the boundaries of NOS ED from the local newspaper Vernon Morning Star.
It informed their readers that comments and suggestions can be forwarded to your commission until October 3rd.
I find it appalling that the citizens in the affected District are informed and ask for comments with that short time to do this.
Also shame on the local Federal Member of Parliament to not inform the people he represents.
So much for living democracy and open government.
Deeply disappointed, 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 9:57 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Richmond Riding

Sirs, I urgently want to keep East Richmond and Steveston Federal riding apart from New Westminster and Delta. This will serve. Better to Richmond residents. Adding parts of Delta and New Westminster is not fare to Richmond's residents. 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 11:10 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: new electoral boundaries for Richmon east

i along with many other residences oppose including Ladner etc. in our traditional area
please reconsider the new boundary and keep Richmond as one
regards
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 11:31 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: North Vancouver

I am opposed to the redistribution of North Vancouver. 19(1)
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Simply put, the Vancouver electoral district should be North Vancouver City and District of the City of North Vancouver. Basically from the Capilano river to Deep Cove.

The current proposal is undemocratic and illogical.

Cheers,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 11:54 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 1:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION 2022-Steveston-Richmond East

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 2:20 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Richmond, BC

Gentlemen:
Please do not combine Richmond, BC and Delta into one riding. Richond's two ridings deserve their representation. They are still under-represented compared to PEI., but by PEI's measure Delta could easily have its own member of Parliament.
Thank you,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 3:07 PM
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From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 3:12 PM
To: BC-CB
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 3:15 PM
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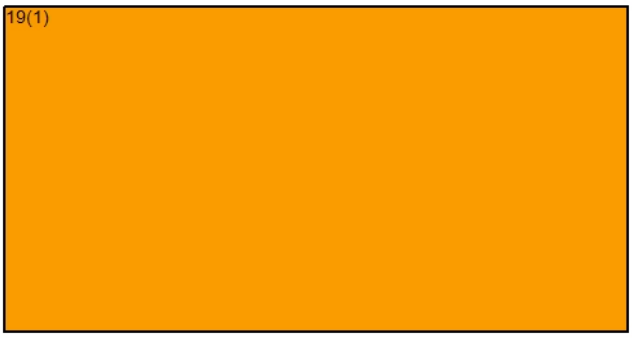

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From: 19(1)
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 3:50 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Redistribution Feedback

Dear Commission,

I am writing to provide feedback regarding the proposed federal riding boundaries for British Columbia.

First of all, I would like to thank you for your work. The task before you is critically important to the functioning of our democracy and is no doubt fraught with difficulties.

In order to provide context for my remarks, I will mention a bit about my background. 19(1)
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19(1) and would like to echo the sentiments of all the speakers regarding the proposed boundaries for Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam and Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge. I particularly agreed with those speakers who pointed out the difficulty of selecting a location for a constituency office that would be accessible to all constituents. In my view, the southern portion of Port Coquitlam is an integral part of the city of Port Coquitlam, and excising it from the rest of the city would be an unwise decision. 19(1)
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More broadly, I would say that upon seeing the proposed riding of Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge I was struck by its strangeness. It seems to be mostly defined by its internal geographic divisions (i.e. the Fraser River) as opposed to any contiguousness. It attempts to stitch together disparate communities in a way that does not reflect any discernable community of interest or community of identity. In short, it resembles a "kitchen-sink" riding where in order to arrive at a satisfactory population everything has been thrown in.

Regarding the alternative proposals shared by MP McKinnon- I believe the local population would be better served by something closer to second map he provided. It cleaves closer to the electoral quota and does not divide the community.

In addition, I would like to provide feedback on boundaries proposed for the ridings of Abbotsford and Chilliwack. 19(1) I am concerned with the sectioning off of the Sumas Prairie and giving it to the riding of Chilliwack. While at first it might seem sensible to divide Abbotsford along urban-rural lines, this dichotomy is not as strong in a city with the motto "City in the Country".

My hope is that you will be able to keep the Sumas Prairie integrated into Abbotsford's riding. Redrawing of lines could even envision splitting Abbotsford into two ridings, one east and one west, and including adjoining areas and communities to make the ridings sufficiently populous. While such a proposal may result in ridings that differ in popualtion more significantly from the electoral quota, it would aid in representing communities of interest and identity. Failing that, I believe the University of the Fraser Valley and surrounding areas should absolutely be left in Abbotsford's riding, as it is an integral part of the community.

Thank you for your attention.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 4:11 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022-Steveston-Richmond East

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

19(1) the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

2. The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through a 4-lane tunnel every day. None of these crossings include a dedicated transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have access to their elected official.

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4. Every township included in the proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centers and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don't divide our community.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 4:58 PM
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Subject: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022-Steveston-Richmond East

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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 7:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of electoral areas

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the **Steveston-Richmond East** electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

19(1) the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

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I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don't divide our community.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 9:08 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022-Steveston-Richmond East

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

19(1) the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don’t divide our community.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 9:13 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to proposed Steveston-Richmond East electoral area

I am fully in agreement with the points made 19(1) the letter below. Please consider my support for his letter a vote in opposition to your proposal. What were you thinking? Please rethink and provide a rational that is in the interests of good governance.

19(1)

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the Steveston-Richmond East electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official. As a resident, the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns. I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don't divide our community.

sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 7:37 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: Public Comments

Hello,

Please find the letter attached below regarding comments on New Westminster brickview riding under proposed boundaries.

Sincerely,

19(1)

New Westminster-Bridgeview riding

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October 3, 2022

To whom it may concern,

19(1) [redacted]

19(1) [redacted] However, the proposed boundaries give the New Westminster-Bridgeview riding the area in Bridgeview. Additionally, whenever students or instructors had issues, disputes, or requests for community support, they approached their Surrey local MP. Unfortunately, this will be difficult for both academics and staff because of the redistribution of riders. Additionally, most of the students at Khalsa School are from Surrey.

As a result, I respectfully ask that you continue to take into account the concerns of our school's faculty, students, and staff should remain in Surrey, rather than New Westminster.

Sincerely,

19(1) [redacted]

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1) [redacted]

Date received: 2022-09-28

RIM ID: 1664389197ASVOIFQZDW

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

First name: Last name:

Comments provided:

On the east end of the proposed Langley-Aldergrove riding, the proposed boundaries include part of the western community of Townline in Abbotsford. Since the 2013 redistribution, this community that was estimated to be >60% South Asian has been split between Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon and Abbotsford. It hasn't been since there was only one riding allocated to Abbotsford that this community was kept intact. If the commission does intend on including a riding that crosses the Fraser around the Golden Ears bridge, a proposal that doesn't split this community would follow the western boundary of 196th street South to Langley City, and would include the entirety of Willoughby intact, while putting it back in the same riding as Walnut Grove. In this scenario, Fort Langley goes back to the Langley-Aldergrove riding, while Langley-Aldergrove takes the entirety of the Townline neighbourhood.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59017

Name to modify: Langley—Aldergrove / Langley—Aldergrove

New name: Langley—Aldergrove / Langley—Aldergrove

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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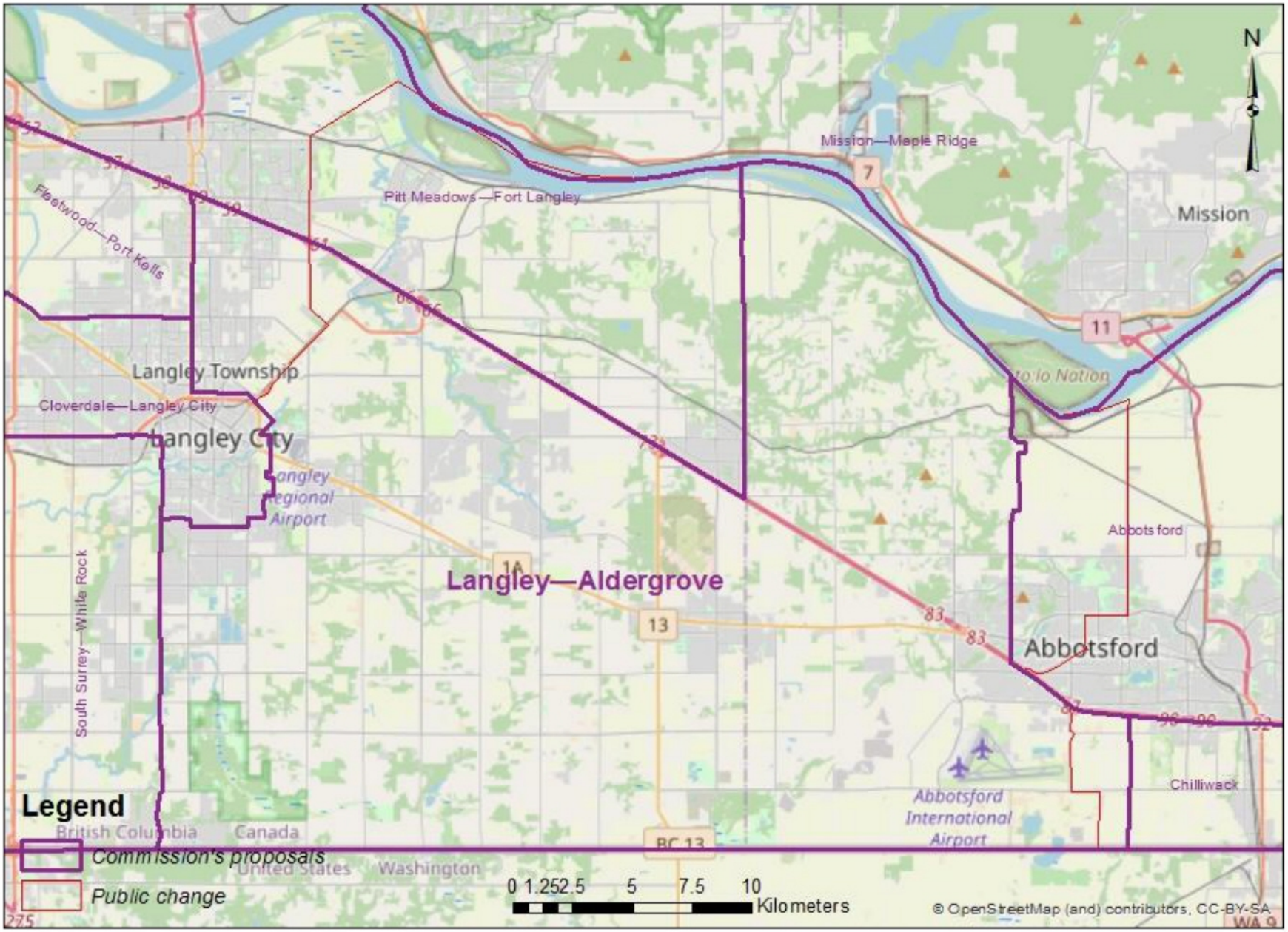

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 1, 2022 8:08 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Urgent: Please keep delta and Richmond separate

Dear Electoral Boundaries,

19(1) and asking for you to keep Richmond and Delta in separate ridings and to keep everything as is. They are two different cities and they have nothing to do with each other, there is no need for this to happen and I disapprove 19(1) of this occurrence trying to take place. It make absolutely no sense. Thank you for your time!

With Gratitude,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 17, 2022 11:14 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston - Richmond East MP Riding boundaries redrawn

To the Commission,

19(1) and would like to express my opposition to include New Westminster,

Tsawwassen and North Delta into our Riding. It is very important to keep our Member of Parliament and our Riding entirely within

Richmond.

Thank you

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 17, 2022 5:02 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: do not change Richmond DStevston Boundaries

19(1) I do not want to join other municipalities

Please do not let this go ahead

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 17, 2022 6:13 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Changing Richmond BC boundaries

NO NO NO
Don't change the boundaries.
That would be ridicules representation.

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 17, 2022 8:29 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops area

Dear Redistribution Committee,

It's crazy to split Kamloops into two ridings. The people living east of Valleyview are just as much a part of our community as any others, and it's unfair to force them into a riding where they feel no connection with the other voters. Maintaining community integrity matters.

Please do better.

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 17, 2022 8:43 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fw: We Need Your Help! Protect Richmond Voters!

Hello ,

I, 19(1) oppose the idea to expand our Steveston- Richmond Riding.

Sincerely,
19(1)

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Steveston-Richmond East Conservatives <example@example.com>
To: 19(1)
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 04:00:31 p.m. PDT
Subject: We Need Your Help! Protect Richmond Voters!

Steveston—Richmond East

19(1)

Every decade our MP Riding boundaries are redrawn to attempt to have British Columbians elect Members of Parliament that represent every community in our Province.

Unfortunately, the initial proposed map released earlier this Summer **wants to move New Westminster, Tsawwassen and North Delta into our riding!**

Current Map of our Riding

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Proposed Map of our Riding

This is bad for Richmond. It will weaken **your vote** and force you to share a Member of Parliament with Delta and New Westminster.

If you wish to oppose this, written submissions can be sent via email, to the attention of the Commission, **until October 3rd** at:

BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Please take two minutes to email the Commission, and tell them to keep our Member of Parliament and our Riding entirely within Richmond.

You can read more about protecting Richmond's representation in parliament, here.

Questions or further feedback can be directed to Stevestonrichmondeasteda@gmail.com; we would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Steveston-Richmond East Conservative Association

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 17, 2022 9:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Changing of Riding Boundaries

To the Commission:

I appeal to you to leave the Steveston- Richmond East Riding totally in Richmond, as well as the MP only for this Riding. North Delta and Tsawwassen are totally different Municipalities.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 17, 2022 10:40 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposal for Kamloops Thompson riding change

While most of the changes to the riding make sense, cutting out part of the city of Kamloops, and the outlying area, does not make sense. Please do not do this! Keep the south eastern corner of the boundary the same.

Thank you
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 17, 2022 11:30 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please do not change Steveston-Richmond East

Hi, please keep the riding of Steveston-Richmond East intact. Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 18, 2022 12:24 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Oppose the proposed change in Steveston-Richmond East map of riding

To the Commission,

Cities of Richmond, Delta, and New Westminster are unique and different in many ways. Each city is facing its own issues and challenges. The MP will not be able to communicate effectively to people from different cities and take care of the issues. I strongly oppose the proposed change in the map of riding in Steveston-Richmond East riding. I urge the government to keep it the same. Thank you for your kind attention.

Regards,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 18, 2022 9:02 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: new electoral boundries for Richmond

Richmond is a community with clearly defined boundaries namely the Fraser River and the gulf of Georgia with a population exceeding 200,000. we have a distinct personality as a community, so it makes no sense to mix our community with other areas of the lower mainland. 19(1) 19(1) we deserve our own boundaries as a community; please do not mix us into a potpourri of other communities regards
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 18, 2022 9:28 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Riding changes

Keep our Member of Parliament and our Riding entirely within Richmond.

Thanks

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 18, 2022 11:10 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New riding

I 19(1) found out you are planning to change our riding. I am absolutely against it. It's ridiculous adding the New Westminster and Delta to our riding. This is not going to serve Richmond at all. 19(1)
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 18, 2022 12:36 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston-Richmond East riding

19(1) I support keeping the riding boundaries as they are. It is not necessary nor prudent to include other municipalities/cities in a new region - especially those across the Fraser River, as their and our issues and different and unique.

Thanks

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 18, 2022 8:24 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed changes to riding boundaries

To Whom This May Concern,

It has come to my attention that there is a new proposal to change the boundaries in my current riding Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge and Maple Ridge-Mission, in British Columbia. The new proposal does not respect the natural river boundaries, which have inevitably created a distinct identity in the Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge area (also know as Ridge Meadows). We are intricately intertwined, but are distinctly different from Fort Langley, Surrey, and Port Coquitlam. It would be impossible for an elected official to effectively represent all the communities in the new alignment.

19(1) are against this new alignment.

Thank you for reconsidering.

Sincerely,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 18, 2022 9:05 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Cutting a community in half is wrong - Please desist from fragmenting Ambleside

Hi.

Splitting the Ambleside Neighbourhood of West Vancouver in the electoral map and lobbing half of it off it to group it with North Vancouver is a ridiculous idea. This must be the idea of a heartless and uninformed bureaucrat that doesn't know or understand our community. There's a cohesion and culture in Ambleside that should not get fragmented. Please keep Ambleside together. Good communities are hard enough to build and preserve. We don't need our government making it worse.

Why would anyone want to cut a real community in half? Please learn about the facts and think carefully before you act. Make well-informed decisions. You will surely cease and desist then.

Do you actually know this community or are they simply numbers and lines on a map to you?

Canada needs to build communities, not divide them.

Regards.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 19, 2022 7:51 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky

Hello

I understand that changes to my riding of West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky are being proposed. I also understand that you have received submissions proposing that instead of dividing West Vancouver and aligning part of it with North Vancouver, the Lower Sunshine Coast should be split with the area somewhere north of the boundary of Sechelt being connected to the riding which includes Powell River. I am completely opposed to this alternate proposal. The community of the Lower Sunshine Coast is one community. Although we are attached to the mainland, there is no road access and we are accessible only by ferry making us a quasi island. It makes no sense to have us be divided down the middle and become part of 2 different ridings. This would compromise our access to the democratic process in many ways. Please reject this counter proposal.

Thanks you

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 19, 2022 1:36 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston East Redistribution

Hello We want to keep Steveston East Federal Electoral area the same as it is now.Don't change it.

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 19, 2022 9:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: distribution of electoral lines

Hi ; I do not know the name of the electoral lines I am referring to. I know that it is the Maple Ridge , Pitt Meadows, Coquitlam. With the new proposal it would include parts
of Langley , Glen valley. That is ludicrous !! These areas are so different . Just , please
leave well enough alone . How can I , and all the people of Maple Ridge , Pitt Meadows , have the same concerns as the people in the areas that they want to put in this boundary.
Stop these new boundary lines ,
19(1)

On Mon, Sep 19, 2022 at 11:45 AM BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for this email. In order for the Commissioners to understand your objection, please let us know which electoral district you are referring to.

Best regards,

Susan McEvoy

Secretary | Secrétaire

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia |

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From: 19(1)
Sent: September 13, 2022 10:18 AM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: RE: distribution of electoral lines

To Whom it May Concern:

19(1) I am totally against the new boundaries for elections. It is inconceivable how anyone would think these new boundaries are good!! It takes in parts of so many communities, that a person who is elected to represent the people cannot possibly do a good job. Too many factors in each district are different . The needs of such a diverse population is hard to facilitate. Please reconsider!!!!!! leave well enough alone .!!!

Thanks,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 11:55 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith federal riding boundaries

It appears from a map of the proposed changes which I have viewed that 19(1) North Nanaimo is being removed from Nanaimo-Ladysmith and added to Courtney-Alberni. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL and REQUEST THE NORTHERN AREA OF NANAIMO REMAIN IN THE NANAIMO-LADYSMITH RIDING.
As residents of Nanaimo City we relate most closely to issues concerning Nanaimo and want our Member of Parliament to be the same as that elected by all residents of Nanaimo. We do not feel represented to the same extent by an MP serving Courtney-Alberni. Provincially, we are not part of the Nanaimo Riding but part of Parksville-Qualicum and believe we are not as well represented by our MLA as we would be by the Nanaimo MLA.
It is important for continuity that our MP is Elected by All Nanaimo residents and can better liaise with Nanaimo provincial and municipal leaders. In our view this need outweighs the goal of balancing the number of constituents per MP.
Please take our view into consideration and INCLUDE ALL OF NANAIMO CITY in the NANAIMO-LADYSMITH riding.
Thank you. I would welcome a reply.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 20, 2022 5:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundaries

Please keep our Member of Parliament and our Riding entirely within Richmond.
Thank you 19(1) Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 21, 2022 6:55 PM
To: BC-CB; Tako van Popta MP
Subject: Proposed riding boundaries

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission,

The proposed changes to the current riding boundary of Langley-Aldergrove were made known to me by my current MP Tako Van Popta. You are proposing changing our riding to Fort Langley-Pitt Meadows.
I would be in opposition to this change as I feel that Langley is being chopped up, piecework if you will, joining another community. It would make better sense to keep Langley in its own riding rather than put it with another community that is across the Fraser River. Pitt Meadows and Langley don't have a commonality other than the Golden Ears Bridge. If it were to change to a riding with two separate communities, the elected MP would have more work to do in trying to appease two different communities needs, definitely not an ideal scenario. If the MP lives in one community, then people from the "other" community could have a perception of their communities concerns not being heard or acted upon.
Langley started in Fort Langley with the Fort. Please keep all of Langley together. The Fraser River is a natural dividing line of boundaries and it would add to the confusion of Langley being chopped up.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust you will make a wise decision in these matters after considering the feedback and the community interests.

Blessings
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 21, 2022 7:13 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: tako.vanpopta@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Langley Redistribution

Hi
19(1) In the proposed redistribution map, this area would be joined with Pitt Meadows. It seems disconnected, and will be a challenge to the future MP who will represent us.
Please consider another approach…Langley should stay within a single riding if possible.
Thanks

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 22, 2022 3:45 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston-Richmond East

Hello,

Please keep our Member of Parliament and our Riding completely within Richmond.

Kind Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 22, 2022 8:21 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Future boundaries of the Vernon - Lake Country Electoral District

Dear Secretary/Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC:

19(1) I feel that separating the City of Vernon from the immediate surrounding area is a bad idea. I strongly support the electoral boundaries that were proposed by the Green Party at the Commission's local hearings in mid-June...which would mean the new Vernon-Lake Country ED would include the entire Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO), Falkland (and the area between Vernon and Falkland), the NW side of Okanagan Lake as far south as Fintry and Lake Country. It makes no sense what-so-ever to include any part of Kelowna (which is a very different entity).
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 3:16 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Changes to West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country Riding

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19(1) I am writing to provide my input on the proposed boundary changes to this riding.

I support John Weston's suggestion (as noted in this article: https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/election-map-change-would-cut-out-the-heart-of-west-van-mp-says-5503195):

> "If the boundaries commission needs to make a change to the riding, it would make more sense to cut out the Sunshine Coast and add that to the North Island-Powell River riding than to cut out half of Ambleside."

The Sunshine Coast has more in common with Powell River and the North Island than with West Vancouver and Whistler. It makes more sense to add us to their riding.

Regards
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 6:44 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver/Sea-to-Sky/Sunshine Coast

Dear Commission members:

I understand that you will be holding a second hearing on September 28 concerning the new boundary of the West Vancouver/Sea-to-Sky/Sunshine Coast riding. I wrote in response to your first hearing on the boundary revision, and I am compelled to write a second comment. 19(1) I am very concerned about your deliberations.

I assume this second hearing is necessary because an alternative to your original proposal is still being considered. The original proposal, as I recall, would move 10,000-15,000 voters from the current West Vancouver/Sea-to-Sky/Sunshine Coast riding into the North Vancouver riding. The only counterproposal I have heard of would divide the lower Sunshine Coast in half, moving the top half into the Powell River/North Island riding.

A division of the Sunshine Coast has serious implications. Although connected to the mainland, the Coast has the geographic and social coherence of an island. Its physical isolation, the similarities of lifestyle and experience from Egmont in the north to Gibsons in the south, and a host of common concerns mean that the Coast constitutes a unique subset of the BC population. Cutting that entity in half weakens its voice, especially in comparison to the much more heavily populated and very different West Vancouver.

Your original proposal makes geographic, social, and democratic sense. Please stick with it.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 12:53 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: 0006GLC/NO1 - Some flexible principles are critical to effective Federal Riding Boundaries represeentation,for that matter Provincial as well.

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC

Dear Commissioners,

I just happened to by chance come across a story about Meetings being held to discuss Federal Ridings. Thus, I thought to offer my informed, salient and objective opinions about some Ridings, in general, using a few local current boundaries as my guide. I am uncertain as to desired population goals, by census criteria but essentially other than a loose guideline that you should be at least giving (flexible) considerations. I believe, as well, too rigid and misguided ideas have been exercised in past decisions and today. I find history has demonstrated too many Commissions, Boards, Petitions and other means of studying an issue fall to, first political appointments, often to for example, a Judge to form a commission on Crime, often ignorant of topics and such as "Politics" may be partisan in nature, too bureaucratic in process, too rigid in mandate or criteria used, often deciding failure before they start. A prime example being the GST referendum Proportional Representation in BC but examples abound, likely now into to quote that phrase I noted in the story "dogs breakfast" seems to apply. Attempts to gerrymander will be veiled, bureaucratic again a favorite of mine. But I am generally looking at Provincial and Federal in my contemplations and basic foundation of principle that must be adhered to, not to conform to some usually subjective criteria, like magic number by consensus entitlements.

Rather, It is my sense representation of Citizens must be paramount, not conform to prescribed numbers forming boundaries. Similarly, better definition of certain Political Reforms, not rush off to as some advocate a ***Proportional Representation*** scheme and ill-defined as present considerations and Citizen Assemblies as touted. As well, mandatory to incorporate addition of ***on-line voting plans*** to make easy for all to vote. Thus, combined with must have features like ***"Recall system at Municipal, Provincial and Federal jurisdictions"*** Hence my approach is to incorporate and be inclusive and comprehensive when developing electoral reforms, not the least the, most effective ridings to accommodate the election but more so representation aspects desperately needed to clean-up what exists today in each voting jurisdiction. I can surmise consecutive Commission of the past have produced what we witness today and thus I caution using same criteria or personalities to redraw boundaries, particularly if participants are not informed and flexible. Like who proposed and how could any serious thought be given to the absurd notion to join ***Fort Langley and Pitt Meadows***, divided by a bridge and Fraser River, seriously? Was this just to accommodate numbers?

Thus, for now, I am going to be brief, offer a simple and critical plan for your considerations, that will focus upon abandoning most current Ridings based upon census criteria, shallow goals causing the "dogs breakfast that exists" by well-meaning but obviously incompetent predecessors to yours and other Commissions not going in the most productive and effective path. That somehow has gotten by and created a mess, that hopefully you will be seeking to remedy. to refocus in a simple, practical approach to embrace Citizens first, and thus

- "no Municipality is to be separated from its whole", as a basic critical premise of developing any Riding. Simply, like Provincial splitting Maple-Ridge/Pitt Meadows, Maple-Ridge/Mission, Mission/Abbotsford (ie; two MLA's in City of Mission. Thus, Federally start with one Municipality, if additional size is perceived required add another total Municipality (don't get too hung-up on bureaucratic bafflegab and imposed restrictions that are more nonsensical as a result of trying to fit a 'round peg is a square hole' because of census numbers available or some self-imposed size of expected

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representation of a certain number. Simply having similar size grouping or Ridings of like-minded Citizens, insofar as my example, mixing City of Mission folks with let's say Boston Bar is too nonsensical, at best, an MP or indeed MLA is unnecessarily being split to accommodate, so get back to basics, fair and equitable representation and remember, it is the competence of the MP or MLA, even Mayor/Councillor that will assure best equitable representation, not the size of Riding, so adapt thinking to be practical, not bureaucratic..

- It follows some consideration must be given to long distances, small towns and populations. I hesitate to get too confusing in my approach, at first, due to my ignorance of such outlying areas, that will accommodate some effective way to incorporating into most viable centers of representation But I do not profess to be very well informed in such sprawling geographic complications presented, at present. Simply, it is a fact of life such wide ranging areas exist and need representation, which may be best served by amalgamating some such locales into a Riding of like components, that an MP may be readily informed and able to maneuverer geographically between these groupings effectively and thus represent. Unlike now the Mission to Hope/Boston Bar or such locations is ludicrous and needs to adapt along the lines I suggest to start. Simply, this MP ought not to have Mission/Abbotsford or similar sized Municipality included.with an array of small towns. Always commonsense and good judgment must replace bureaucratic regimes and thinking.
- For future Commissions, the same criteria and thought process is needed to establish Ridings, as for example Provincial Ridings are the so-called alluded to "dogs breakfast" offering like Maple-Ridge/Pitt Meadows; Maple-Ridge/Mission; Mission/Abbotsford and as found elsewhere, like Federal, Provincially, as well, needs some dramatic revision.

Next, I am inserting a brief BIO and personal contact information for your files:

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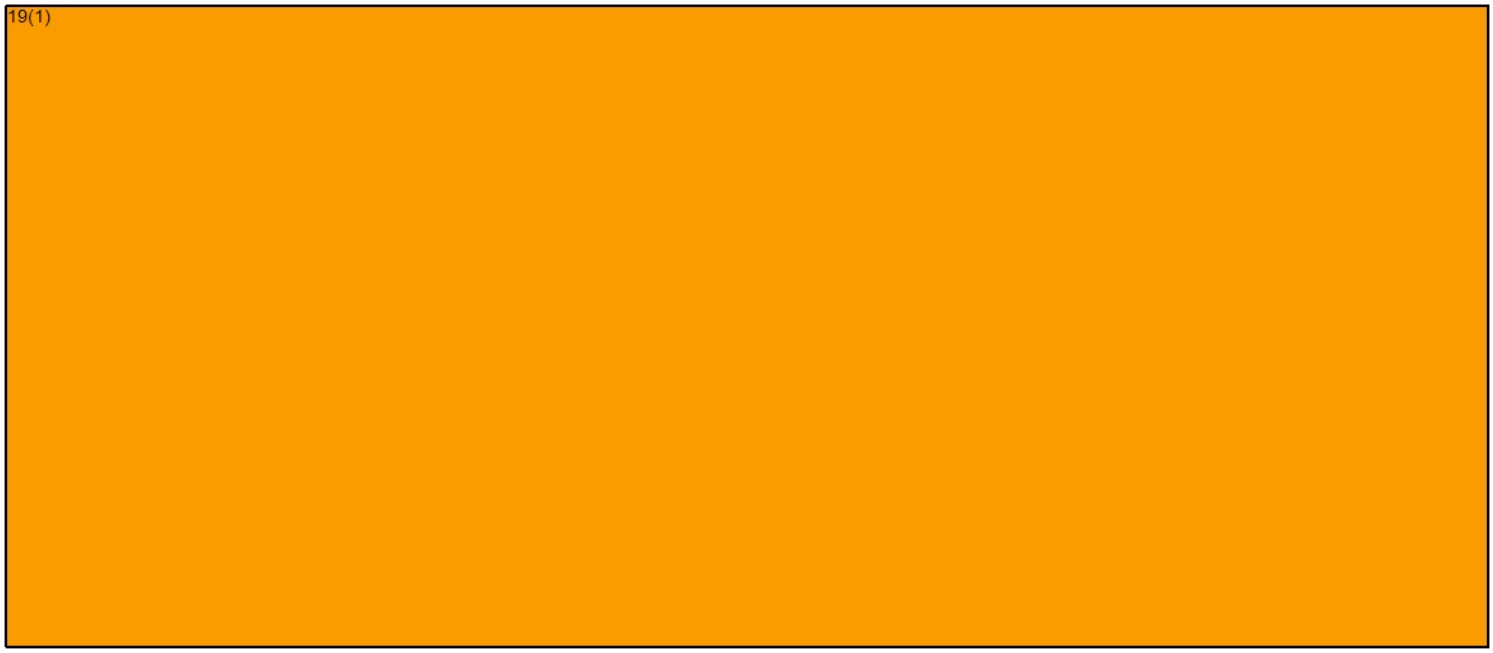

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 2:43 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky district

We cannot imagine dividing West Vancouver so that the eastern portion changes to North Vancouver Riding District.
It's like dividing a person in half.
PLEASE reconsider this proposal.
Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 3:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Weiler, Patrick - M.P.
Subject: Proposed electoral boundary change on the North Shore

The proposal to shift the electoral boundary on the North Shore to effectively split West Vancouver's Ambleside in two is a mistake. The present boundary works well and a small shift to include some more population for reasons of paper equity does not in reality make any sense. The current electoral boundaries, which are aligned with municipal boundaries, provide residents and organizations with an easy understanding of who their MP is and which office to reach out to for immigration, casework, and other government matters. This change has the potential to create confusion and complicate outreach efforts and constituent representation.

Please reconsider!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 3:37 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral District Revisions

Thank you for reaching out for input from residents.

The Sunshine Coast and Whistler Squamish areas are currently lumped in together with West Vancouver, which is a disservice to the residents of the Sunshine Coast, Whistler and Squamish areas. Our agendas are polar opposites to West Vancouver and we should have our own electoral district - Period. Few of us, and certainly I, do not feel our representatives pay any attention to the special needs of these areas, concentrating their efforts on the agendas of the residents of West Vancouver and developers who want to rape and ruin these pristine lands. If the districts were redrawn, you can likely bet the Green Party will be elected as they more closely aligned to the agenda of the residents in these areas. Our areas are growing faster than our infrastructure can accommodate due to the fact that our area's interests are not supported by our federal and provincial representatives.

Water is an issue.
Over development is a big issue.
The BC Ferry service(an oxymoron) is a huge issue as it is supposed to service the residents of the Sunshine Coast and seems more interested in servicing BC Ferries Vacations.
Affordable Housing is an issue which would be easily solved by banning Air BnB's in any dwelling that could be an apartment, particularly where there is no resident owner.

I could go on, but the

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 4:12 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Proposed changes to electoral boundaries in Vancouver's North Shore

To whom it may concern,

I understand that it is proposed to move the western boundary of the North Vancouver Electoral District west to 15th Street in West Vancouver. I am concerned about this cutting the Ambleside community in half, so would like to suggest that the North Vancouver Electoral District boundary be moved further west to 28th Street to match with the western boundary of the provincial West Vancouver-Capilano Electoral District. To me, this would make sense because there has been very little population growth in the West Vancouver areas encompassing Ambleside, Dundarave, Hollyburn, Cedarhill and the eastern British Properties compared to the rapid population growth going on in the Sea to Sky corridor, which would include the growing Rogers Creek development in West Van and the plans for Cypress Village. This would mean that the North Vancouver Electoral District would be more of a higher density urban/suburban riding and the West Vancouver–Sunshine Coast–Sea to Sky Country Electoral District would be more of a less dense suburban/rural riding.

Sincerely, 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 23, 2022 5:41 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Vancouver kingsway riding

Greetings!

19(1) Saw the proposed changes. While I appreciate boundary changes are needed to improve representation, the initial proposal to add a few blocks of Burnaby to this east van riding. Believe the residents of burnaby and vancouver would be served better if both ridins go along municipal lines, as many complex issues today require coordintated solutions at all levels of goverment.

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In sum, do not support the proposed changes and request the solutions 19(1) be seriously considered.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 10:01 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes a great deal of sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Even more importantly, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns, and shared identity. The lower Sunshine Coast is a profoundly tight-knit and integrated community and splitting it up makes no sense whatsoever.

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 10:11 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

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Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

Kind regards
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 10:19 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Keep Sunshine Coast Electoral boundaries

Greetings friends, I appreciate the hard work you do in maintaining our democratic system.
I've become aware there's a proposal to redraw the electoral boundaries for a Sunshine Coast Powell River.
This would impose a hardship for those of us two ferries away from North Vancouver. It would mean us having to travel all day to see our MP.
In addition we have many concerns that would not be shared with our southern neighbors, for example agriculture, reconciliation with our indigenous friends, ferry travel, fishing, aquaculture, health care, etc.
Please do not divide our community! We're just getting back together after two years of COVID isolation And as a strong united community we can do amazing things together!

Thanks 🙏

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 10:23 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: electoral boundaries redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) Just today, I learned of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. The proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes so much sense in terms of geography as well as commonality. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only neighbourhood in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and a common culture of life on the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters from North of Sechelt be moved to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP (in likely cases, it's minimum 2 hours driving and TWO ferries) Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns. Some of these unique needs that we share are ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; forestry; and building community Trust and reconciliation with the First Nations on whose land we live.

The Sunshine coast isn't just a region, it's a community. Everyone who lives here considers everyone else their neighbours, whether they're in Langdale or Egmont. Your initial plan just made sense. Cutting a tightly knit albeit vast rural community in half does not. Please don't make this egregious mistake of representation.

Thank you so much for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

Cheers-
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 10:51 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: SUNSHINE COAST REALLOCATION

Dear members of the Commission:

I am writing to support your first proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding. This makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to **a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.**

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP.

And dividing the Coast is dividing **a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).**

Please maintain and support your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is **non-partisan and promotes healthy communities, access to our Member of Parliament & democratic participation.**

Yours sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 10:59 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

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I recently heard about the need to move 10,000-15,000 voters from the Sea to Sky riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. It does not make sense to move the residents north of Sechelt to North Island/Powell River.

Dividing the Lower Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live). The needs of those on the lower coast (by Sechelt) are unique from those in Powell River/Comox.

Please stick to your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 12:40 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: RE: boundaries of West Van Sunshine Coast Sea to sky

Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. More importantly, however, by dividing the Coast you would be dividing a rural community of shared interests and common concerns -ferry travel; local transit and our water supply are all issues that are shared from one end of the lower Sunshine Coast to the other. Our fear is that these issues, and others that are unique to the lower coast, would be lost in a riding that included Vancouver Island which has a different set of key issues.

In contrast, your original proposal called for parts of West Van to be moved into the neighbouring North Van riding. This makes complete sense to me, both are urban ridings with common urban issues. Most of our current riding is vast, and sparsely populated. Many areas within the riding have similar issues related to that rural nature, unlike urban West Vancouver. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal and keep the lower Sunshine Coast intact.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

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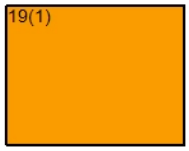

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 1:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Change in electoral boundary

Dear Sirs,

I am opposed to the change in boundary lines between North Vancouver and West Vancouver, as this would sever the West Vancouver community and does not make sense.

I urge you to maintain the eastern boundary for West Vancouver/Sunshine Coast at Capilano Rd., which is the natural transition between North and West Vancouver.

Yours truly,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 1:44 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please RETHINK Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

While the following are not my own words, they DO express MY OWN SENTIMENTS. Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

Grateful for your
serious consideration
of this important issue,

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"When Industry & Government go to bed together,
it's the Public that gets screwed."
Unknown Author

"It has become appallingly obvious that
our technology has exceeded our humanity."

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Albert Einstein

"When you're talking about complex issues of technology and regulation,
it's often lost on the public just how badly they're being screwed."
San Jose Mayor Liccardo



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 1:51 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of Ambleside park is wrong-headed and incredibly counter-productive. Do not do it. 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 2:14 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. I am in favour of allocating a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding as the north shore concerns likely overlap in the way that the north Sunshine Coast issues overlap with those of the lower Sunshine Coast.

I am therefore strongly in favour of your original proposal.

Thank you for the work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a non-partisan way.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 3:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution WestVan-Sunshine Coast

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP.

Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 3:45 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries for Sunshine Coast/West Vancouver/Sea-to-Sky

Hello members of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing in regards to the need for you to redraw the boundaries of the Sunshine Coast/West Vancouver/Sea-to-Sky federal riding because the population of the riding exceeds the ideal amount of 115,000, which I've learned is the national average. I understand that you had initially proposed moving some of the eastern end of West Vancouver to join the North Vancouver riding in order to solve the problem. This makes abundant sense to me given the homogeneity of these two ridings in terms of common North Shore culture, and their proximity to one another, i.e. right next door with shared transit links.

What has alarmed me is another suggestion - to divide the lower Sunshine Coast in half. At first I thought that this was a joke, but when I learned of the veracity of this idea, I was actually in disbelief. I suspect that members of your commission do not live on the Sunshine Coast, 19(1) Were you to actually know the landscape, you wouldn't entertain dividing our community. There are numerous reasons why. To name a few… we are a community with shared interests from a cultural perspective and infrastructure perspective. For example, we depend on BC Ferries; our watershed is protected by all of us; we have one hospital; most medical facilities are in Sechelt and Gibsons; our local farmers provide us with local food; we honour, together, the First Nations on whose land we live and reconciliation with the Squamish and Sechelt peoples is a community-wide initiative.

It's hard to imagine any single benefit to amalgamating with the Powell River/North Island riding. We need **ONE** MP to work with our community and its needs. One representing the northern half, and one representing the southern half of the Sunshine Coast is nonsensical, and I can appreciate that you wouldn't know that as you don't live here.

Another important consideration is the length of time it would take to travel to meet with our MP, not to mention the huge expense. It takes two ferries to get to Vancouver Island (should a constituent want to meet our MP in Campbell River) and one ferry to go to Powell River; either way, this would amount to a full day's travel (back and forth). Few have the luxury of the time it would take, or the funds to do the trek. I recognize that as it is, i.e. currently, our MP's head office is a ferry ride away from the Sunshine Coast, but it is conveniently situated at Horseshoe Bay, a short walk from the ferry terminal which means that one does not have to take a vehicle.

I both respect and honour the work you do and I recognize that redrawing electoral boundaries is no easy task. I hope that you will seriously consider the points I have made and continue with your original plan of taking some of West Vancouver's population and merging them with the North Vancouver riding. This make total sense.

Respectfully yours,

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Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 3:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral boundary change

I oppose.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 5:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Riding redistribution

19(1) I wish to register my opinion about the proposed change in our Riding.

The considered move to include a portion of West Vancouver in North Vancouver makes good sense as the density of population will achieve the goal of reconciling the numbers required with little geographical change and those voters affected will have convenient access to a MP. Plus those urban areas share similar concerns.

That is not the case for this area. The Sunshine Coast is relatively rural, has unique issues, and needs to be represented by one MP. Further to require that the upper portion of our area be included in a Vancouver Island Riding is putting those voters at a great disadvantage in that travel to the Island is 2 ferries away and the likelihood of their concerns being addressed is remote.

Please consider these observations in your deliberations.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 9:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast / West Vancouver /Sea to Sky Riding redistribution proposal

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

You play an essential role in ensuring fair representation of citizens in our electoral system at a time when globally we see democracies under attack this work could not be more vital. So thank you for this work you do to review districts.

19(1) understand that we need to reduce the district by approx 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding. Your initial proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes logical sense as that population shares many common concerns and issues. The border between West Van and North Van is almost indistinguishable and connected easily by transit, economic potential and social infrastructure. In contrast, our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated.

Recently there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, with voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. This results in a less democratic process and engaged society. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

I strongly urge you to adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for your commitment to a non-partisan approach and promoting healthy democratic participation.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 10:00 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca
Subject: West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky electoral boundries

Please leave the current electoral boundaries as they are, aligned with municipal boundaries.

Thank you,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 24, 2022 11:04 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Riding Area

I was not able to attend the public meeting held earlier this week, so not sure of the turnout or public sentiment of the issue.

This is my 2 cents on the matter. RIDICULOUS, RIDICULOUS, RIDICULOUS!!!!!

The brainiacs who came up with this map are obviously not familiar with the Lower Mainland. Who are the people who came up with this configuration? Seriously though, who?

I would like an explanation as to how this proposal could possibly work in favour of the citizens of these different municipalities, and how an MP can effectively serve those citizens.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 25, 2022 7:27 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast/West Vancouver/Sea to Sky riding

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

19(1) understand that our riding may be adjusted.

19(1) I am writing to ask that you do not split the lower Sunshine Coast into two separate ridings. As a rural area with many jurisdictional boundaries (MoTI, SCRD,DOS,TOG) our political landscape is already fragmented.

Thanks

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 25, 2022 10:06 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Distribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

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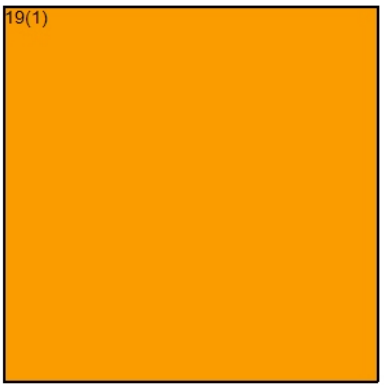



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 25, 2022 10:28 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal riding of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

To whom it may concern,

We agree with your proposed changes to our electoral district. I firmly believe that further dividing the Sunshine Coast (Powell River is currently in another electoral district) already would be very detrimental to the Sunshine Coast.

If you really want to change the current proposal, add Powell River to our electoral district and remove more of West or North Vancouver. Otherwise, we are in agreement with your currently proposed changes.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 25, 2022 4:12 PM
To: BC-CB

Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 25, 2022 5:33 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Splitting the Sunshine Coast electoral districts

Do not split the Sunshine Coast. It is an integrated landbase ecologically, socioeconomically, healthwise with its own region and transportation idiosyncracies, as well as local governments.

Thank you

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 6:50 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

19(1)

As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, I would strongly argue that we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island than we do with West Vancouver. I feel we will e best represented federally by remaining in the current North-Island-Powell River riding.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 9:26 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: reconfiguring Sunshine Coast-West Vancouver-Sea to Sky

Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

19(1)

19(1) I just learned recently of the 'need' to remove voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Except for the West Vancouver component, much of our riding is only moderately populated, largely suburbanite, yet all are strongly linked to the daily economy of the Lower Mainland.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast component be further divided, and voters transfered from there to the North Island/Powell River riding that is physically distant and in aggregate is extensively more rural. This makes little sense to me. Our ties and interests here are focused on the south. We have very much less transaction with our Powell River neighbours to the north, undoubtedly due to the ferry connection that takes 1 hour and whose daily sailings are being slowly reduced. This alone would make it difficult and expensive for constituents here to see their MP, and more onerous again if travel to Campbell River on Vancouver Island was necessary.

Dividing the lower Sunshine Coast in order to achieve some arbitrary *a priori* goal of riding size means splitting an already-small community of tightly-shared interests and concerns. West Vancouver is the only community in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to an adjacent riding, with convenient and abundant transit links, contiguous neighbourhoods, and concerns common to North Shore residency.

Therefore I ask that you consider allocating the requisite number of voters from West Vancouver to the existing North Vancouver riding, or create a new riding as possibly accorded by the latest population growth in BC. Riding boundaries should typically be drawn to represent contiguous residents having broadly similar lifestyles and mores; not trying to 'balance' a riding by pre-homogenizing rural, suburban and urbanites into each and every riding.

Thank you. I appreciate your important commitment to reconfiguring Federal riding boundaries in a non-partisan manner that does not skew a democratic election outcome.

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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 11:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary change proposal for sea to sky Sunshine coast riding.

To whom it concerns,

19(1)

19(1) I do not find the current electoral boundaries for my riding are fair or just. We have little to nothing in common with the interests of the super wealthy of West Van. I fully support redesigning the boundaries of my riding to reflect a more just and appropriate community. I do not support dividing the sunshine coast riding and fragmenting the lower coast, rather, I believe the best course is to shift some of our West Van population to a more local and urban riding.

Thank you for your consideration

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 3:13 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Elections Canada Electoral Boundry Change for West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky Country

19(1)

September 26, 2022

Re: Elections Canada Electoral Boundry Change for West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky Country

For the Attention of: Commission Secretary

19(1) I am very opposed to the proposal to shift the western boundary of the North Vancouver riding from Capilano Road to 15th Street, West Vancouver. I think this proposal is unfair for the following reasons:

1. The needs of West Vancouver residents do not magically end at 15th Street. It's difficult to see how the needs, interests and concerns of residents east of 15th Street to Capilano Road would be addressed when this community is very different from that of North Vancouver. More likely, the needs of West Vancouver residents would be swallowed up by those of the larger electoral district.
2.
3. This proposal would also seem to introduce inefficiency into projects that could straddle 15th Street and east to Capilano because two MPs would have to be involved.
4.
5. It is likely that residents will be confused regarding who their MP is, thereby decreasing access to appropriate representation and the help that often people need.
6.
7. Outreach to agencies/organizations will be complicated if jurisdictionally a West Vancouverite east of 15th Street can only be helped by agencies that are located in North Vancouver.
8.
9. Lastly, the rule regarding size of electoral districts seems arbitrary (perhaps there is evidence regarding the most appropriate population), but until West Vancouver residents complain, why fix something that doesn't seem broken?

I strongly support the electoral integrity of West Vancouver. Thank you very much for your attention. Regards, 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 3:40 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country Riding

19(1)

I understand that the commission proposes to reduce the size of the riding to bring it down to the provincial average, by moving part of West Vancouver to the North Vancouver riding. I agree with this proposal, which makes the most sense in terms of population, accessibility and fair representation.

I understand two of the politicians in the riding oppose the commission's proposal. One wants no change, and the other wants to move part of the Sunshine Coast into the Powell River riding.

Neither position is a fair proposal in my submission. The current boundaries mean that the voters in WV-SC-STS are underrepresented, so it is clear a change should be made. Moving part of the riding to Powell River would add unreasonably to the already bifurcated character of the region's representation. In addition, the Sunshine Coast is effectively one community in many respects and I submit that dividing it federally is less appropriate than combining two North Shore communities that have similar interests and are readily accessible to each other.

19(1)

Thank you for your hard work on this important project and for your diligent consideration of the submissions you receive.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 4:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 5:55 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Change of voting boundaries West Vancouver

The physical boundaries should not be changed. It is not logical to sever the district into two different electoral districts

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 6:51 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundary West Vancouver Sunshine Coast

Dear Electoral Boundaries Commissioners, I support the Commission's proposal to move West Vancouver electoral boundary. The Sunshine Coast should remain a single unit including the section of West Vancouver closely associated and Sea to Sky.
I oppose the idea of moving the boundary across the Georgia Strait. This is not a fair representation of our region. The Sunshine Coast is much more closely aligned with West Vancouver.
Please stick to your original proposal.
Sincerely,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 10:59 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Splitting the Sunshine Coast

Bad idea , keep the original proposal moving voters between North and West Van. if necessary .
Thanks , 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 12:25 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast riding boundaries redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I appreciate your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) today learned of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 8:22 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Get real

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

PLEASE LEAVE US AS WE ARE.

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 10:16 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

19(1) have just recently learned of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the North Vancouver riding makes more sense to me. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding next door.

I understand it has been suggested that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided. Such a move would be dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns. It would affect ferry travel, local transit, health care access, watershed protection and community agriculture.

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Yours truly,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 11:06 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New Richmond east boundaries

Please keep our riding entirely in Richmond.

Regards,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 11:20 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fwd: Riding redistribution

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Date: September 27, 2022 at 10:50:04 AM PDT
To: 19(1)
Subject: Riding redistribution

BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
Riding re-distribution

19(1)

To Whom it may concern:

I understand Ridings are based on numbers, however, I'm hopeful there is also concern for the Constituents in the Ridings. 19(1)
19(1)

19(1)

The current proposed re-distribution will be detrimental to our seniors and many of our Constituents.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 11:30 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

Many residents of the qathet region take the single direct ferry to Comox for certain health services and other amenities as it is the closest larger centre.

As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island than we do with West Vancouver.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 1:00 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: 2022 Federal Redistribution

I will not be attending any of the public hearings, but I would like the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia to consider the following submission.

I am concerned that the federal electoral districts are increasingly being drawn in disregard of both natural and long-established political and community boundaries. For example, look at the North Shore of Burrard Inlet. There are three ridings, or parts of ridings, on the North Shore, but they do not correspond to any logical boundaries.

West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country has not only one of the longest constituency names in the country, but under this year's proposal, it will no longer even contain one of the densest sections of the District of West Vancouver, the area around Park Royal and Ambleside, and up to Highway 1. But in addition to the remainder of West Van, it includes Bowen Island and Lions Bay, and it stretches way, way up and out of the Metro Vancouver area, all the way to the north of Whistler and Pemberton. It is difficult to imagine one MP being able to satisfactorily represent such a vast expanse, with its mixture of islands and mainland, urban and rural areas, spread among different regional districts.

North Vancouver, as it would be bounded under this year's proposal, has random boundaries to both east and west. To the west, it now suddenly includes the densest business core area of West Vancouver, the area around Park Royal and Ambleside, almost to Dundarave, and the adjacent residential area up to Highway 1. These areas have not been part of the District of North Vancouver since 1912. And the proposal ignores the natural boundary of the Capilano River everywhere south of Highway 1. The eastern edge of the riding is no better. Despite simply being called "North Vancouver", it not only has a big chunk of West Vancouver, but also an arbitrary eastern boundary that appears from Map 12 to run north from Burrard Inlet via Lynn Creek, Highway 1, Lynn Valley Road, and Mountain Highway, excluding most of eastern North Vancouver and also running arbitrarily down the middle of the Lynn Valley Town Centre area. And still the riding would have about 5,000 fewer people in it than West Vancouver-etc.

Burnaby North-Seymour is no better. Straddling the obvious natural boundary of Burrard Inlet, it includes not only the Seymour area, but half of Lynn Valley and much of the Lynnmour area, as well as the eastern sections of North Vancouver right out to Deep Cove and Indian Arm. It also contains most of North Burnaby down to Lougheed Highway and the Simon Fraser University area. However, while much of its population is in Burnaby, most of the riding's area is on the North Shore.

I would prefer it if the electoral districts better reflected the areas that MPs are going to be elected to represent. I don't know how the formula in section 51 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, as amended repeatedly over the decades, has resulted in British Columbia getting only one new seat in this redistribution, but in trying to shoehorn it in, the Commission is distorting the reality of the communities that exist here.

If you really can't do better than this while still keeping the population numbers within the allowable range of plus or minus 25% of the electoral quotient, or whatever it is, I can only suggest that you at least amend the name of North Vancouver to something that better reflects what the proposal is actually doing, such as "North Vancouver-Park Royal" or something like that.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 3:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your efforts to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned recently of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that it is in line with the national average. Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes sense to me. Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters moved from there to the North Island/Powell River riding. Such a move would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal. Please do not chop up the coast to get the right number of voters,it would be better to get the numbers needed from N. Vancouver.

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Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan and promotes healthy democratic participation.

Sincerely

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 6:46 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: I am concerned about the proposal to lop an eastern section of West Vancouver off from the WV-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country Federal Riding

I understand they wish to move our eastern boundary, from Capilano Rd (western edge of North Vancouver), west, over to 15th Street in West Vancouver.
That is a lot of the denser residential area, as well as some of the Ambleside business section, of our district municipality.
While I understand that Squamish (in the Sea To Sky Country) has grown substantially in recent years, with younger families looking to own real estate at a more reasonable price then WV;
West Vancouver has different concerns (BC Ferry traffic, connections up to Whistler, and with Vancouver or North Vancouver) - from Squamish & other parts north & west of us, more established population, connection to work in Vancouver, same WV Police Force, etc;
so I do not think our interests would be well represented if part of our municipality (30%? of its population) was suddenly lopped off from our riding.

Can you not keep West Vancouver more intact, & adjust riding boundaries elsewhere (in the North or NW, if necessary)?

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 8:29 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed electoral district boundary for Pitt Meadows Fort Langley

Attn: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia

19(1) I wish to express my concern with the proposed electoral boundary for Pitt Meadows - Fort Langley. Port Coquitlam is a predominantly urban area with much more in common with neighbouring "Tri Cities" communities of Coquitlam and Port Moody, than with the more rural areas included in the proposed riding. In addition to the rural/urban differences, south Port Coquitlam is the only portion of the riding west of the Fraser and Pitt Rivers. As a result, transportation concerns/priorities in Port Coquitlam can be significantly different than those for residents of Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, Langley and Fort Langley.

While I appreciate that adjusting the boundaries to ensure fair proportional representation is challenging, I believe that other options should be explored to keep south Port Coquitlam in a riding with communities on the "Vancouver side" of the Pitt and Fraser Rivers.

Respectfully submitted,
19(1)

P.S. If possible, I would prefer that my email and mailing address be redacted if this email is made public.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 8:47 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Potential partition of Sunshine Coast federal riding

19(1) strongly believe that splitting the Sunshine Coast federally in order to satisfy constituency population guidelines is an awful idea.

The Sunshine Coast is a fragile string of small communities along 100 kilometres of two-lane highway, from Port Mellon to Earl's Cove. We have a coalition of interests, which we deal with together, administered as a single regional district.

To break that up on the federal level makes much less sense than the other options being considered by the commission.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 27, 2022 8:59 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to plan for redistributing Port Coquitlam riding

Dear Respected Individual,

19(1) I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed riding redistribution that affects Port Coquitlam.
The proposed changes would see our city split into two separate ridings, combining them with parts of nearby cities (Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam and Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley). This does not make sense!
As it is, we have a wonderful sense of community in Port Coquitlam, in part to the areas and shared spaces that span our city and allow residents to interact with eachother. We are one, and splitting us up undermines the very real city building that has taken place over the years.

Reestablishing boundaries and ridings to meet a Federal plan takes away from the Provincial and Municipal levels of consideration that have been taken in our city. We are not part of Pitt Meadows, we certainly are not part of Fort Langley, and even less so Maple Ridge.
All you need to do is drive Lougheed Highway between these cities to recognize how a stretch of road or a bridge can impact the subtle differences within cities and communities. The same can be said for the other direction, towards Coquitlam and Port Moody.
I am not trying to "other" us, or say we are better than anyone - we're not. We are all equal. But we ARE different, and pushing us to be one (or two) entirely separate areas than what we have grown to be and build on our own is unjustified and frankly, nonsensical.

Take for example the federal riding of Burnaby-North Seymour. This riding spans across the Vancouver Harbour. There is no direct way to travel between the majority of these regions; it is split across an entire body of water. These areas are greatly varied in their housing needs, job opportunities, neighbourhood goals, resident demographics... and yet the two regions have been pushed together. Students are voting against high-earning professionals across the water. Single-income families are battling for rights that their "neighbours" across the way don't even need to think about. Residents are being forgotten and left behind, and the riding is left separate and divided from even itself. Do not let this happen to Port Coquitlam.

It strikes me that this redistribution plan was created with numbers in mind rather than thinking about the actual citizens who will have to live with these changes. I deeply hope that these plans will be reconsidered and rescinded. If a redistribution is necessary, at the very least, please keep cities unified.

We stand by our elected officials. We believe in what they can do for the city, and for its residents. We do not believe this redistribution is for the benefit of residents, but rather for the furthering of political goals. We are not pawns. We are real people with real feelings and real power. We deserve to keep that power. We have the right to representation that we believe in, representation that works for us, and government officials who recognize our diversity and importance as a riding, no matter how small.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 9:10 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistributuion Proposal

-- To Whom This May Concern:

The City and District of North Vancouver has a strong and distinct identity. Your proposal divides some communities, especially the tight knit Lynn Valley area, while annexing a significant part of West Vancouver, an area of its own unique character and history.
The proposal does not provide significant enough weight to the historical and geographical context unique to North Vancouver. It further divides our municipalities, and doesn't reflect the electoral boundaries at the Provincial or Federal level historically and presents challenges regarding transportation and effective representation.
Under the Commission's current proposal, the MP for North Vancouver would be responsible for only one municipality in its entirety, as well as two further municipalities, the management of which would cause difficulties for elected officials at all levels of government as well as those residents looking to contact their local representatives.

I am not in favour of the Commission's proposal.

Sincerely,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 11:36 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed changes to boundaries Nanaimo-Ladysmith

Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

September 28, 2022

Dear Commission,

Re: Federal Boundary Commission on changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith

19(1) I wanted to write the Federal Boundary Commission on the proposed changes released on May 2nd, 2022. I first want to thank the Commission for reviewing my submission and I hope to provide context and as someone who lives in riding on the changes proposed.

With the new boundary proposals, Nanaimo is being split up and the North End of Nanaimo cut out of the riding as well as the Municipality of Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation – these are all communities that currently fall within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

19(1) the changes put communities of the current riding into the neighbouring riding of Courtney-Alberni, where we have no community connection to. Nanaimo is where our kids go to school, where we shop and get groceries and access services in our community —not to mention the logistics of transportation services which see our communities linked.

A Member of Parliament serves not only as our voice in Parliament, but also as a federal service in our communities. The community office help residents with Employment Insurance, Immigration and navigating other federal services. The proposed boundary changes would make these services harder to access in the North End, Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation.

It should also be taken into consideration that Nanaimo-Ladysmith has experienced a high level of elections at all levels in the last few years and changing the boundaries to remove communities from the riding could increase confusion.

It is my hope that the Commission will consider the negative impact the proposed boundaries would have on the residents of Nanaimo-Ladysmith, their access to federal services, the community they feel a part of and the potential to confuse residents. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and for the opportunity to provide feedback during this public consultation process.

Sincerely,

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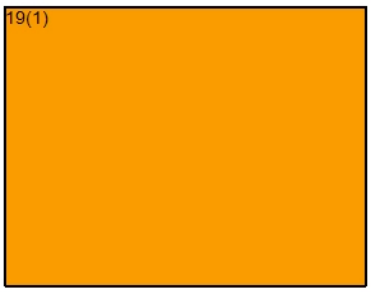

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 11:51 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast/West Vancouver/Sea to Sky electoral boundary change

Hello,

19(1)

My understanding is that owing to population growth there is a need to redistribute our electoral boundary.
The commission recommendation was to amalgamate a portion of the West Vancouver area to the North Vancouver riding. Having resistance to this recommendation it was apparently dropped with the recommendation to divide our Sunshine Coast area between the Powell River/Comox riding and the W.Van/Sea to Sky riding.
I oppose this recommendation in that the Sunshine Coast is a geographically unique area with shared problems and interests such as transportation, water supply, local health care and our First Nations reconciliation locally.
I recommend that you revert to the original decision in West and North Vancouver in an area with many similarities and avoid making our relatively small voice even smaller.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 12:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral boundary changes in West Vancouver

To Whom It May Concern:

We very much disagree with the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries for the West Vancouver-SunshineCoast-SeatoSky country.

Please do not go ahead with your proposal. With your proposal, our voice will be diluted and it will be harder for our MP to clearly help the constituents of West Vancouver, you should not be dividing a city into two, the current way has us clearly within our municipal boundaries which makes it easier for our MPs to facilitate outreach to their constituents.

Thank you,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 2:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundaries of ridings

Hello,
19(1)
My opinion is that West Vancouver should not be tied into the North Vancouver seat whatsoever. Different places, with different priorities...

I do not think Lynn Valley should be dragged into Seymour/North Burnaby.

Likely Deep cove would lean more conservative, and Burnaby would be more NDP. So putting them together gives a liberal edge that does not represent either.

Perhaps the district of North van and the city should be divided. This would likely better represent populations.

The maps seem to cater to a Liberal advantage which I do not think accurately represents the area. I'd be interested to poll on how different areas lean politically.

Thanks,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 2:18 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed for Election .

To Whom It May Concern:

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Please do not go ahead with your proposal. With your proposal, our voice will be diluted and it will be harder for our MP to clearly help the constituents of West Vancouver, you should not be dividing a city into two, the current way has us clearly within our municipal boundaries which makes it easier for our MPs to facilitate outreach to their constituents.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 2:33 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Riding of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

Greetings,

I would like to provide my endorsement for your proposal around the adjustment of this riding. The Sunshine Coast is a vibrant and unique community and is important for our voices to be heard. Breaking up the Sunshine Coast into separate ridings will silence this voice, and the status quo will continue to minimize our voice within such a large riding.

Please follow your sensible proposal of moving a segment of West Vancouver to the adjacent riding of North Vancouver.

Best Regards,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 4:14 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: My remarks from Sept. 28th hearing

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

19(1)

Before jumping in, I'd like to thank the commissioners for putting yourselves forward to do the important work of addressing electoral distribution across the province, without which our democracy would not function as well as it does.

I registered to speak at this hearing so that I could voice my support for the proposed boundary readjustment within the riding of West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country, which will see the dense urban population in the southeast corner of West Vancouver moved into the North Vancouver electoral district. Given the vast geography within the riding and the great divergence of population densities I believe it to be the most efficient, least disruptive option available to rebalance the population in favour of the electoral quotient, ensuring that the value of one vote in this riding is equal to that of any other vote across the country.

As it currently stands, this riding has approximately fifteen thousand people more than the average. That means that if we do nothing, if the boundaries of the riding do not shift, then the value of one vote in West Van - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky would be valued less than a vote in another riding. I know there are some here advocating for that very approach, though to do nothing would undermine the very equality of the Canadian voices that participate in our democracy.

This expansive riding encompasses distant and very sparsely populated rural areas as well as closely knit, densely populated urban areas, making this rebalancing exercise relatively straightforward. It seems obvious to me that the fairest approach is to transfer a block of dense urban voters to an adjacent riding, especially when they enjoy a commonality of civic and commercial services. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

I understand, however, that an alternative proposal has been presented to the commission, one that would instead divide the ***Sunshine Coast*** by shifting some voters over to the North Island/Powell River riding. I vehemently disagree with this proposal, and for a number of reasons. First, it would become extremely difficult, and therefore far less likely, for those voters to make the long journey to consult with their MP. Second, to divide the Coast is to divide a rural community of shared interests and concerns – a few examples include ferry travel, local transit, community agriculture, watershed protection, health care access and building community with the First Nations on whose land they live.

But there is something even more disturbing about this proposal. Given that public consultations on this issue will end on October 4th, there would be no opportunity for those on the Sunshine Coast to respond. The commission has been clear on this timeline from the start, yet those advocating for splitting the Coast are also advocating for depriving those residents the chance to voice their concerns in response to this totally new proposal. Without warning, the northern portion of the lower Sunshine Coast would suddenly be cut off from their new riding's main centre of population, Campbell River, by not one but ***two*** separate ferry runs and fares, not to mention all the driving expenses those

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residents would incur. The return trip would take two days and would cost each resident hundreds of dollars in direct expenses, and would necessitate booking unpaid time off work and create serious difficulties with respect to childcare and parenting responsibilities.

It seems crystal clear to me that of the three options this commission is faced with regarding the West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding boundaries, the original proposal is by far the fairest and most equitable. It would leave all communities within the riding intact, and result in minimal disruption for voters. To leave the riding as it is would diminish and undermine the value of each person's individual vote, while dividing the Sunshine Coast in two would be highly disruptive and drastically limit the access of certain voters to their own constituency.

I'll leave it at that. I thank the Commission for this opportunity to present my views on this vital exercise in Canadian democracy, and wish everyone a wonderful rest of their day.

Cheers,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 4:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast - West Van - Sea-to-Sky Riding Boundaries

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for welcoming the perspectives of those affected by your decisions. This is a written submission of my oral presentation to you during the Sept 28, 2022 Virtual Hearing.

19(1)

I would like to express my support for the Commission's proposal to allocate part of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding.

I understand that some constituents have suggested a division of the Sunshine Coast as an alternative in the reconfiguring of our riding. And I am writing specifically in support of the Sunshine Coast not being divided in the redrawing of electoral boundaries.

Our riding is geographically vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. In fact, West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door while maintaining plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

This ease of transit and shared culture are precisely what would be lost if the lower Sunshine Coast were divided.

First, dividing the Sunshine Coast would add another water barrier to a riding that is already geographically dispersed, making it more difficult for people on the SC to physically participate in any democratic process (e.g., canvassing, meeting directly with our MP, or meeting with other constituents).

Second, and perhaps most importantly, dividing the Coast is dividing a rural community of many shared interests and concerns:

- As a ferry dependent community, we are a quasi island, which makes the case that we be viewed as one cohesive community even more logical.
- This feature, in addition to our small population, means that residents move freely up and down the Coast as they live, work, and play. People may live in one part of the community, work in another, and send their children to school in another.
- We share infrastructure: our water system, recreation facilities, hospital, and parks.
- And the Sunshine Coast Regional District (one of our local governments), serves the entire Coast.

We also have shared interests in and concerns about:

- our coastline
- our tourism industry
- our ferry service
- our local transit
- our community agriculture

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- the protection of our watersheds
- access to health care; and
- building community with the First Nations on whose land we live

For these reasons, I ask that you please protect the geographic and cultural coherence of the Sunshine Coast and adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you,

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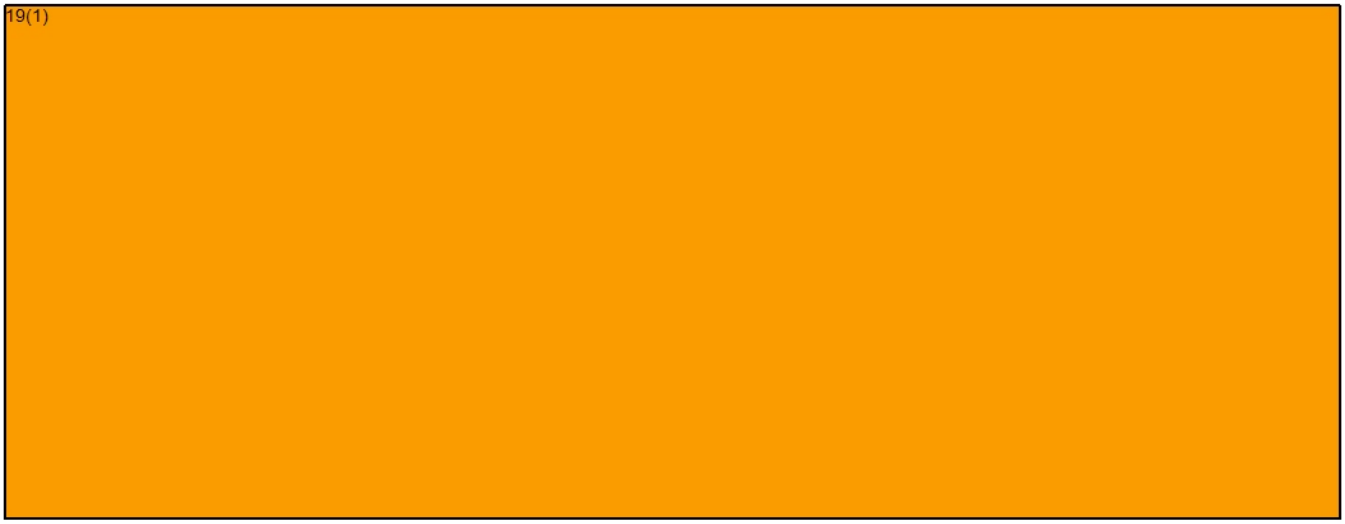

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 7:11 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Change of Federal Election Boundaries

Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

September 28, 2022

Dear Commission,

Re: Federal Boundary Commission on changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith

19(1)

I wanted to write the Federal Boundary Commission on the proposed changes released on May 2nd, 2022. I first want to thank the Commission for reviewing my submission and I hope to provide context and as someone who lives in riding on the changes proposed.

With the new boundary proposals, Nanaimo is being split up and the North End of Nanaimo cut out of the riding as well as the Municipality of Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation – these are all communities that currently fall within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

19(1) the changes put communities of the current riding into the neighbouring riding of Courtney-Alberni, where we have no community connection. Nanaimo is where our grandkids go to school, where we shop and get groceries and access services in our community.

A Member of Parliament serves not only as our voice in Parliament, but also as a federal service in our communities. The community office help residents with Employment Insurance, Immigration and navigating other federal services. The proposed boundary changes would make these services harder to access in the North End, Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation. As a member of the Royal Canadian Legion we are in constant contact with our MP, to change the election boundaries would put additional burden on our Legion.

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It is my hope that the Commission will consider the negative impact the proposed boundaries would have on the residents of Nanaimo-Ladysmith, their access to federal services, the community they feel a part of and the potential to confuse residents.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and for the opportunity to provide feedback during this public consultation process.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 7:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Regarding Voting Boundary Changes

19(1) We have nothing in common with the communities north of us.
You would be lumping us with richer communities, who have a completely different take on life - politically speaking.
We would like to remain in the Nanaimo/ Ladysmith area and keep Lisa Marie Barron, who is much more in tune with our needs, as our MP.

I VOTE AGAINST THE BOUNDARY CHANGE

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 11:17 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Nanaimo Ladysmith boundary changes

Dear commission;
I had not heard until today that a proposed change to the riding boundary would put north Nanaimo, Lantzville and Snanawas into an expanded Courtenay-Alberni riding. I think this would be a serious mistake, and a set-back for representation of these communities.
There is a natural separation between “Nanaimo” and “Courtenay-Alberni”, along the stretch of Highway 19 beside Nanoose Bay, where any accident or washout isolates Nanaimo from parts north because there is no alternate route. This is the natural boundary where the northern boundary of Nanaimo-Ladysmith should be defined.
It is not necessary for every riding to have exactly the same number of voters, as is evident by comparison of the number of ridings in Prince Edward Island (4) to the Nanaimo Regional District with the same population. So I believe the commission has the flexibility to make rational choices about boundary locations.
Please make a rational choice to place the northern boundary of Nanaimo Ladysmith at Nanoose Bay.
Thank you for your consideration of this input.
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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Port Coquitlam is small & does not need to be divided. Including any portion of this small city with far away cities would divide a community. To be included with cities across rivers that have NO RELATIONSHIP with Port Coquitlam would simply be wrong!!

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59008

Name to modify: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

New name: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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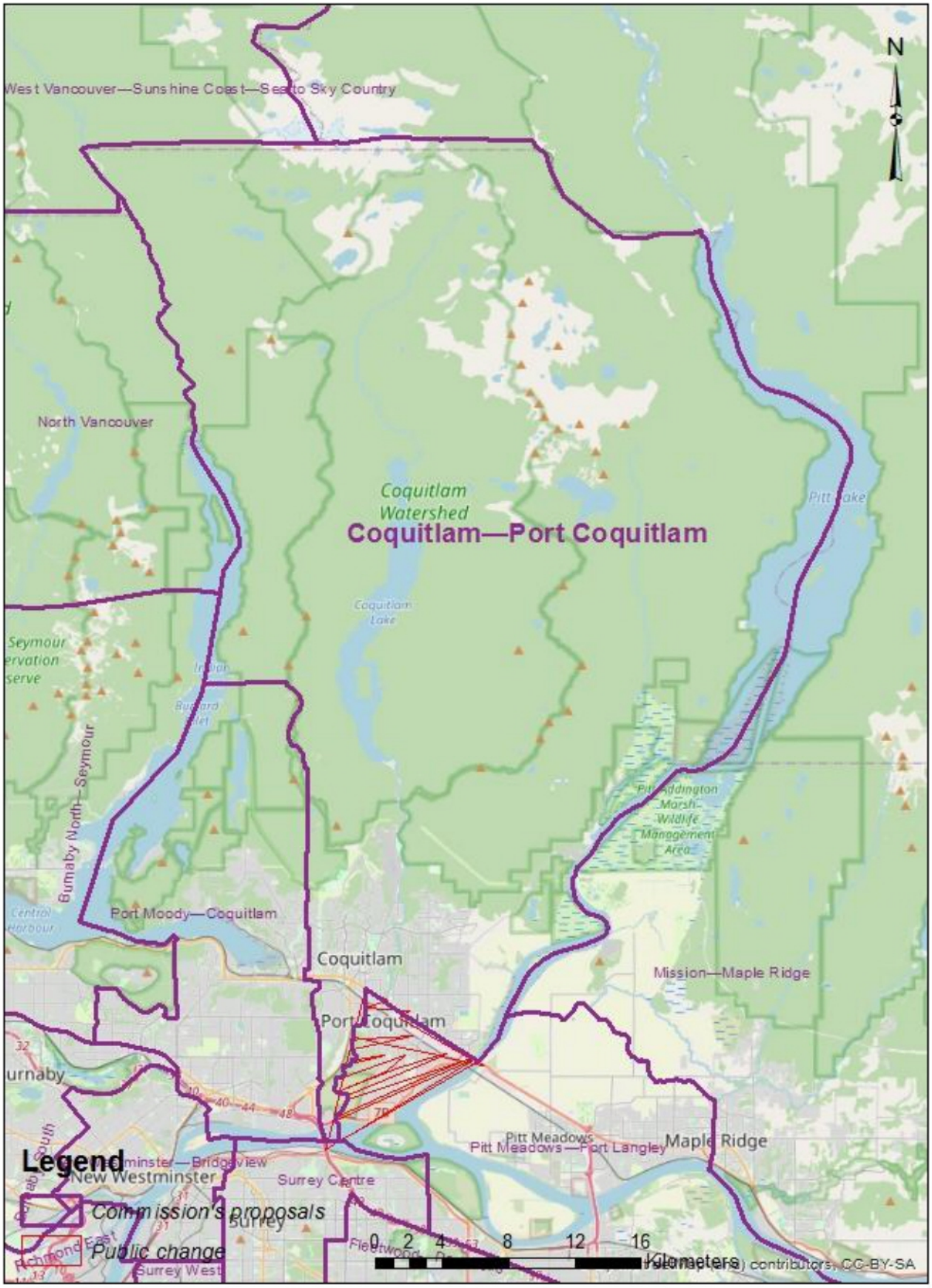

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 8:13 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast- Sea to Sky

Dear Commission Members,

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19(1) I am writing today to respectfully request that you not split my community as you redistribute this riding. I also request that you not leave the riding as is; this would be unfair to us voters, giving us fewer votes per the population.

It seems to me that the proposal to move 15,000 voters from West Vancouver to the North Shore is the most equitable one, and makes the most sense. In the density of urban Vancouver, voters can easily move from one riding to another. To split us off from other parts of the Sunshine Coast would be devastating to our community and make communication, political canvassing, and accessing our representatives almost impossible.

I appreciate the difficulty of these kinds of decisions and thank you for taking on this task and working hard to support our democracy.

Yours sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 9:15 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: proposed boundary readjustment within my riding of West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

19(1)

I would like to voice my support for the original option proposed where a chunk of the West Vancouver riding be moved into the North Vancouver area riding.
Please DO NOT divide the Sunshine Coast into 2 ridings.
Thank you for the work you do.
Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 9:23 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding

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Additionally I feel that the coastal and rural communities of the Lower Mainland (Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Squamish, Whistler) are very poorly represented at the federal level. We are small ribbon towns, resource-heavy and often ferry-dependent. We experience levels of poverty and isolation unknown to a city like West Vancouver. Our voices are lost within those of urban and wealthy voters.

I understand, however, that an alternative proposal has been presented to the commission, one that would instead divide the Sunshine Coast by shifting some voters over to the North Island/Powell River riding. I disagree with this proposal, for two primary reasons. First, it would become extremely difficult, and therefore far less likely, for those voters to make the long journey to consult with their MP. Second, to divide the Coast is to divide a rural community of shared interests and concerns – a few examples include ferry travel, local transit, community agriculture, watershed protection, health care access and building community with the First Nations on whose land they live. It seems crystal clear to me that of the three options this commission is faced with regarding the West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding boundaries, the original proposal is by far the fairest and most equitable. It would leave all communities within the riding intact, and result in minimal disruption for voters. To leave the riding as it is would diminish and undermine the value of each person's individual vote, while dividing the Sunshine Coast in two would be highly disruptive and drastically limit the access of certain voters to their own constituency.

Thank you again to the commission for your time and efforts,

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 9:24 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: WVSCS2S Riding

Sept. 29,2022

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 9:27 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: riding boundary

Sept. 29,2022

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 10:01 AM
To: BC-CB; Dalton, Marc - M.P.
Subject: Proposed Changes to Electoral districts.

Good Morning,

19(1)

I have a copy of the proposed changes of the Riding Boundaries for our area.

My thoughts:

- The Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge electoral district has been a cohesive district for many years. We share a very concise geographical area, and have many items of concern in common. Our respective City Councils and various City departments have worked together on many fronts. Over the years, we have shared in RCMP policing, Fire situations, Parks and Recreation, and in Transportation initiatives.
- The proposed boundary changes for both areas do not make any sense whatsoever. Our community of Pitt Meadows is separated from Port Coquitlam, Fort Langley, and Surrey by two large rivers, and bridges and major highways. To the best of my knowledge having lived in Pitt Meadows for over 40 years, our Community has never had to deal with Port Coquitlam, Fort Langley or Surrey.
- Please don't try to fix that which is not broken. The existing electoral boundaries of Pitt Meadows – Maple Ridge is working well.

Thanks very much,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 10:04 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution West Vancouver/ Sea to Sky Riding

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

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It seems crystal clear to me that of the three options this commission is faced with regarding the WestVancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding boundaries, the original proposal is by far the fairest and most equitable. It would leave all communities within the riding intact, and result in minimal disruption for voters. To leave the riding as it is would diminish and undermine the value of each person's individual vote, while dividing the Sunshine Coast in two would be highly disruptive and drastically limit the access of certain voters to their own constituency.

Thank you again to the commission for your time and efforts,

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 10:51 AM
To: BC-CB

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First, it would become extremely difficult, and therefore far less likely, for those voters to make the long journey to consult with their MP. Second, to divide the Coast is to divide a rural community of shared interests and concerns – a few examples include affordable housing, ferry travel, local transit, community agriculture, watershed protection, health care access and building community with the First Nations on whose land they live. It seems crystal clear to me that of the three options this commission is faced with regarding the West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding boundaries, the original proposal is by far the fairest and most equitable.

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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 11:04 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Boundary Adjustment - Sunshine Coast

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

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- First, it would become extremely difficult, and therefore far less likely, for those voters to make the long journey to consult with their MP.
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Thank you again to the commission for your time and efforts,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 11:07 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary preferences

In a perfect world, there would be a seat for the Coast that would include all voters from Gibsons to Powell River and this riding would be separate from West Vancouver.

Given that we live in an imperfect world, my preference is to advocate for making no change at all to the existing riding boundaries. After all, no change is legally required. Our current population is beneath the maximum threshold when change would be triggered. To me, splitting West Van at Ambleside is as crazy as splitting the Coast just north of Sechelt.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 11:38 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundary

please keep it the same for Sunshine Coast/Sea to Sky! Makes more sense.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 12:18 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Changes to Riding Boundaries

Hi:
I recently heard about the proposed changes to riding boundaries in Pitt Meadows/Fort Langley/Maple Ridge/Mission.

I completely disagree with the proposed boundaries, as this will lead to severely increased confusion with many or all constituents, with all of these communities then having at least 2 different ridings. This would make it very difficult for the elected representatives from all parties to effectively represent these cities. In addition, the needs of each of these communities are vastly different, given the differences in geographical location within the lower mainland, the different populations, and the commuting requirements of their residents, as well as the changing growth patterns of each area.

19(1) I would be very disappointed to see these proposed changes come to fruition.

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I love educating and empowering people to achieve maximum health and experience life!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 1:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: WestVan Sunshine Coast Boundaries

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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 1:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of West Van. etc. riding

Dear persons involved in redistribution.

I guess that you have to live in one of these areas to understand the implications of splitting the riding in any way but in West Van. We, on the lower Sunshine Coast, are a community - we have to take ferries to get anywhere else! If the constituency splits us, we would have to take 2 ferries to get too a meeting. Hence, an absolute lack of involvement in federal politics would be the unintended result. No one wants that, in this day of low voter turnout and extreme political views.

I ask you to understand the 'community' aspect of our lower coast. Dividing us up would be disastrous and unfair to those who would love to be involved in politics but would no longer be able to afford it, or have the mobility to travel so far.
I believe that the suggested changes (other than the movement of part of West Vancouver) are politically motivated and this is an affront to our democratic process. It would be so simple to move that part of West Van to the North Van constituency, but of course Patrick Weiler contests it, as it may have an implication on his voter numbers. DO NOT use political motivation to make this decision!

I am going to make the assumption that you are intelligent, fair-minded people and that you will take our local needs and interests into consideration when making your decision.

Yours sincerely

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 2:24 PM
To: BC-CB
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 2:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redefining electoral boundaries

To the members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission

19(1)

I am writing to urge you to CHANGE the boundaries by moving a little piece of West Vancouver into North Vancouver. This would be the fairest, least disruptive way of modifying the boundary. West Vancouver and North Vancouver are only a few minutes apart, have lots of transit options and have many shared issues.

Please do not divide the Sunshine Coast. We have no public transit north of Halfmoon Bay and so to get to a constituency office we would have to drive to Earls Cove, take a ferry, drive to Powell River, and then take another ferry to Comox. In all likelihood one would have to stay overnight, making this a costly and time consuming endeavour. We are also not upto speed on issues facing the folks on Northern Vancouver Island or Powell River because of our geographical division.
And we would be removed from our community.

Thank you for considering my input on this matter.

Yours kindly,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 5:02 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral boundaries WV

To Whom It May Concern:

We very much disagree with the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries for the West Vancouver-SunshineCoast-SeatoSky country.

Please do not go ahead with your proposal. With your proposal, our voice will be diluted and it will be harder for our MP to clearly help the constituents of West Vancouver, you should not be dividing a city into two, the current way has us clearly within our municipal boundaries which makes it easier for our MPs to facilitate outreach to their constituents.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 5:57 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Decision on West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky riding

Members of the Electoral Boundary Commission:
Thank- you for your proposal to reduce our current riding numbers by joining part of West Vancouver to a North Vancouver riding. It would seem to be the least disruptive solution to a riding that has grown too large. We understand some would like to keep the current boundaries but then our vote would be unequal or worth less in influence to those ridings with an average number of constituents.
Any rearrangement of the boundary has to make geographic sense for the constituents and for the MP. Your suggestion supports the least disruption for all.
19(1) feel strong connection to the whole of the Sunshine Coast.
Thank- you for your consideration in reading all submissions.
Sincerely,
19(1)
Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 7:13 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: proposed changes to Sea to Sky West Vancouver Constituency boundaries

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I understand, however, that an alternative proposal has been presented to the commission, one that would instead divide the Sunshine Coast by shifting some voters over to the North Island/Powell River riding.
I disagree with this proposal, for two primary reasons. First, it would become extremely difficult, and therefore far less likely, for those voters to make the long journey to consult with their MP.
Second, to divide the Coast is to divide a rural community of shared interests and concerns – a few examples include ferry travel, local transit, community agriculture, watershed protection, health care access and building community with the First Nations on whose land they live.

It seems crystal clear to me that of the three options this commission is faced with regarding the West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding boundaries, the original proposal is by far the fairest and most equitable.
It would leave all communities within the riding intact, and result in minimal disruption for voters.
To leave the riding as it is would diminish and undermine the value of each person's individual vote, while dividing the Sunshine Coast in two would be highly disruptive and drastically limit the access of certain voters to their own constituency.

Thank you again to the commission for your time and efforts,

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 7:45 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: Proposed Changes to West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country Riding

I would like to clarify my email below, as I've learned that John Weston has proposed splitting the Lower Sunshine Coast into two ridings.

I am in favour of pulling THE WHOLE of the Lower Sunshine Coast (from Langdale to Egmont) in with the Powell River and North Island riding.

I am NOT in favour of splitting the Lower Sunshine Coast into two parts. We are a tight-knit community and elections and governance in a ferry-bound location are challenging enough for residents and candidates as it is; let's not make it worse by splitting the area into two ridings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,
19(1)

On Friday, September 23, 2022 at 03:16:07 a.m. PDT, 19(1)

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19(1) I am writing to provide my input on the proposed boundary changes to this riding.

I support John Weston's suggestion (as noted in this article: https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/election-map-change-would-cut-out-the-heart-of-west-van-mp-says-5503195):

> "If the boundaries commission needs to make a change to the riding, it would make more sense to cut out the Sunshine Coast and add that to the North Island-Powell River riding than to cut out half of Ambleside."

The Sunshine Coast has more in common with Powell River and the North Island than with West Vancouver and Whistler. It makes more sense to add us to their riding.

Regards
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 8:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Van / Sunshine Coast riding redistribution.

Clearly, the Sunshine Coast (Sechelt, Gibsons, Powell River) should remain in its entirety as a part of the same riding. The responsible option is to instead move part of West Van into North Van. These communities share similar demographics and will not negatively impact either area. The Sunshine Coast is a unique coastal / rural area and must remain as one voting entity.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 9:24 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistricting Sunshine Coast

Dear Commissioner:

The purpose of this letter is to support the proposal to move 100,000 residents from the West Vancouver riding to the adjacent riding of North Vancouver. The alternative proposals to amalgamate half of the Sunshine Coast into the Powell River Riding or to maintain the size of the riding as is, are not desirable in my opinion.

Thank you for your consideration of this opinion

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 6:32 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky Riding

Hello,

19(1)

In order to allow all votes in our riding to have as much impact as they would in other ridings, I strongly support the redistribution of our riding to follow the original proposal of having Park Royal be added to North Vancouver riding. There are a number of reasons I have for supporting this option, including geographic proximity and density of population compared with the option that would have powell River added to the north island. I do not support leaving our riding as it is because it leaves the population of this riding significantly higher than other ridings and thus erodes the impact that each individual vote has.

Thank you for considering my perspective in your deliberation and decision.

Sincerely. 19(1)
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 10:12 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral redistribution

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the **Steveston-Richmond East** electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

The following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

2. The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through a 4-lane tunnel every day. None of these crossings include a dedicated transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have access to their elected official.

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4. Every township included in the proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centers and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don't divide our community.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 10:13 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Support for the Original Proposal

Good morning,

19(1)
19(1) I am writing to show my support for the commission's proposal to take 10,000 people from West Vancouver and move them into the North Van riding. This is the fairest and most rational approach to this important issue: both populations are dense, face the same issues (traffic, transit, development, etc) and belong to the same North Shore community.

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19(1) Keeping things "as is" means that our votes count for less than other BC ridings with populations closer to the average. Cutting the Sunshine Coast in half by moving half of the voting population into the Powell River/North Island riding, despite us being separated literally by the Salish Sea, is also not an appropriate response.

This is an important issue and I want to ensure that my vote matters.

Regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 10:39 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundaries

Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Sept 30, 2022

Dear Commission,

Re: Federal Boundary Commission on changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith

19(1)

19(1) I wanted to write the Federal Boundary Commission on the proposed changes released on May 2nd, 2022. I first want to thank the Commission for reviewing my submission and I hope to provide context and as someone who lives in riding on the changes proposed.

With the new boundary proposals, Nanaimo is being split up and the North End of Nanaimo cut out of the riding as well as the Municipality of Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation – these are all communities that currently fall within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

19(1) the changes put communities of the current riding into the neighbouring riding of Courtney-Alberni, where we have no community connection to. Nanaimo is where our kids go to school, where we shop and get groceries and access services in our community —not to mention the logistics of transportation services which see our communities linked.

A Member of Parliament serves not only as our voice in Parliament, but also as a federal service in our communities. The community office help residents with Employment Insurance, Immigration and navigating other federal services. The proposed boundary changes would make these services harder to access in the North End, Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation.

It should also be taken into consideration that Nanaimo-Ladysmith has experienced a high level of elections at all levels in the last few years and changing the boundaries to remove communities from the riding could increase confusion.

It is my hope that the Commission will consider the negative impact the proposed boundaries would have on the residents of Nanaimo-Ladysmith, their access to federal services, the community they feel a part of and the potential to confuse residents. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and for the opportunity to provide feedback during this public consultation process.

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Additionally, I would like to emphasize that I would like Nanaimo with all its attendant civic connectedness, services, celebrations, schools maintain its cohesiveness and preserve the sense of unity we share in this beautiful place. Community events, work opportunities, access to Vancouver Island University, collaboration designing, planning, and maintaining infrastructure, children and families access to join social groups for sports, learning opportunities and family events all factor into the pride we feel for our city. Political representation through our member of parliament has been very supportive of our entire federal riding. These interests fall on not just at the local municipal level, the provincial level and federal level, but in the intersection of how the responsibilities for governance are seen by our community.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 11:21 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution re Sunshine Coast

Dear Commissioners,

19(1) West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky federal riding, currently under consideration for redistribution. 19(1)

It is a wonderful place to live, and while accessing my MP's office requires a ferry trip, it at least can be done by walking onto the ferry. I understand one of the possible outcomes of redistribution is to take part of the Sunshine Coast and add it to the North Island-Powell River riding, which would be two ferry rides away from the MP's main office in Campbell River; with no option but driving, **this journey would cost $219.40 return** (car and driver with one adult passenger at current rates) in ferry fares alone. This may have support from some politicians, but makes no sense for the voters.

The competing proposal, to move a portion of the West Vancouver voters to North Vancouver, is the obvious solution, supported by geography and common sense. This will upset some in West Vancouver, but the negative impact for them is less than the alternative. **Please don't cut the baby (lower Sunshine Coast) in half!**

I thank you for your work, and acknowledge that you can't please everyone. I appreciate the Canadian commissions all the more when I read about redistricting in the U.S.

19(1)

Thankyou for your attention,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 12:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

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5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centers and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 1:34 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Chilliwack Electoral District

Dear Sir,

I am encouraging you to keep all of Chilliwack in one electoral district as in your first iteration.

Thank you for your attention,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 2:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: re: richmond bc changes

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns. I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 2:47 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of Steveston- Richmond East riding

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

19(1)

Steveston-Richmond has very little in common with Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta. You may as well match us up with Calgary or Saskatoon. And it will be impossible for constituents to visit the MP's office as our transit system would necessitate a 2-3 hour trip. I urge you to please reconsider this redistribution.
Thank you.
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 3:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: electoral boundaries - Richmond BC

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Sincerely

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 3:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please make no changes to the current boundaries.

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sincerely,

Cheers,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 3:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 4:13 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Steveston-Richmond East electoral area

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 4:41 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: parm.bains@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Steveston - Richmond East

Lumping in parts of New Westminster, Ladner and North Delta with parts of Steveston Richmond East is a way to break what is currently well fixed. Don't!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 5:31 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: boundary readjustment

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries commission

19(1) I support the boundary readjustment of the Soouth East Corner of West Vancouver be moved to the North Vancouver electoral district. This would be the least disruptive of all the proposed readjustments.

Sincerely

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 5:39 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Readjustments

19(1) I support the boundary readjustment of the South East Corner of West Van moved to the North Van Electoral district. This move would be the least disruptive of all prpposed readjustments.
Sincerely
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 7:37 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: parm.bains@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East Electoral Area

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia:

Commission Members:

This letter is to register my opposition to the addition of the electorate of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta into a forcible patchwork quilt with Richmond East and Steveston in British Columbia.

It is impractical, perhaps impossible, for some Canadians living in these disparate areas to be able to seek and obtain services when the areas may be so far removed from their representative, as it is for the MP representative to be available to deserving citizens as entitled to these services as those in more accessible locations.

In addition, please also note my letter as being from an elector who would like the seat distribution in Canada to undergo an historical review to bring about a more fair and representative distribution.

Yours truly,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 8:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: 2022 proposed redistribution of the Steveston-Richmond East electoral area

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The 2022 proposed redistribution of the Steveston-Richmond East electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official. 19(1) the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

2. The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through a 4-lane tunnel every day. None of these crossings include a dedicated transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have access to their elected official.

3. Every township includes unique pocket communities and traditional heritage or cornerstone events that are unique to the settlement of each pocket or corner of the city. All these unique areas are at severe risk of being underserved or given the attention they need to preserve the heritage of the area. These unique areas are also at risk of not receiving the necessary support and services which are unique to an area.

4. Every township included in the proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centres and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns. I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

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Please don't divide our community.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 8:55 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re-distribution of Electoral boundaries for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast, Sea-to-Sky. Country

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful consideration of our electoral boundaries.

19(1)

We are emailing you today to voice our support for the proposed boundary readjustment within our large riding of West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country, which will see the dense urban population in the southeast corner of West Vancouver moved into the North Vancouver electoral district. Given the vast geography within the riding and the great divergence of population densities , we believe it to be the most efficient, least disruptive option available to rebalance the population in favour of the electoral quotient. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

As it currently stands, this riding has approximately fifteen thousand people more than the average. That means that if we do nothing, if the boundaries of the riding do not shift, then the value of one vote in West Van - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky would be valued less than a vote in another riding. We know there are some advocating for that very approach, though to do nothing would undermine the very equality of the Canadian voices that participate in our democracy.

We understand, however, that an alternative proposal has been presented to the commission, one that would instead divide the *Sunshine Coast* by shifting some voters over to the North Island/Powell River riding. We disagree with this proposal, for two primary reasons. First, it would become extremely difficult, and therefore far less likely, for those voters to make the long journey to consult with their MP. Second, to divide the Coast is to divide a rural community of shared interests and concerns – a few examples include ferry travel, local transit, community agriculture, watershed protection, health care access and building community with the First Nations on whose land they live.

It seems clear to us that of the three options this commission is faced with regarding the West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding boundaries, the original proposal is by far the fairest and most equitable. It would leave all communities within the riding intact, and result in minimal disruption for voters. To leave the riding as it is would diminish and undermine the value of each person's individual vote, while dividing the Sunshine Coast in two would be highly disruptive and drastically limit the access of certain voters to their own constituency.

Thank you again to the commission for your time and efforts,

Respectfully,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 29, 2022 2:27 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: RE: 19(1)
Attachments: 2022-09-27 19(1) Remarks Redistribution.pdf

Hello Ms. McEvoy,

19(1) has asked that his remarks from Tuesday be submitted along with the power point as part of his submission to the commission.

I have included that here.

Thank you for your assistance,

19(1)

From 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 7:03 PM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: RE: 19(1)

Hello Ms. McEvoy,

Thank you for your quick response. Please find the compressed version attached which is less than 9MBs. Please let me know if there is anything else.

Best regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 7:57 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Division of Penticton, BC

The division of a smaller municipality like the City of Penticton doesn't make sense. The riding should be modified to allow a city of this size in one riding.

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Presentation to British Columbia Commission

Federal Districts Redistribution 2022

September 22, 2022

19(1)

19(1) Walnut Grove is located in north Langley and therefore would fall within the proposed electoral district of “Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley," which is the area of my concern.

Walnut Grove, Fort Langley, and indeed ALL of Langley north of Hwy 1 has far more connection—historically and currently—to the rest of Langley, including the City of Langley, than the proposed Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley electoral district. The Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley electoral district proposes a compilation of parts of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Surrey, and Langley. Not to forget the unincorporated Barnston Island.

The Fraser River is a natural physical boundary, and it’s quite common for locals to refer to regions as being “North of the Fraser” or “South of the Fraser.” This East-West orientation runs throughout the Fraser Valley. For example, I am familiar with issues in neighbouring Surrey and Abbotsford, but not so with cities north of the Fraser, and I believe this is common for most folks living in Langley.Even our commuter transportation hubs run East-West in the Fraser Valley, such as the SkyTrain extension from Surrey Central into Langley. Likewise, the people living North of the Fraser have commuter transportation running in an East-West direction in their districts such as the Evergreen Extension SkyTrain, running from Coquitlam to Burnaby, as well as the West Coast Express, which runs from Mission through Coquitlam, connecting to Vancouver.

Further, the combination of cities makes the work of the future Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley MP very difficult. That MP would be interacting with five different Mayors and Councils as well as several MLAs, Chambers of Commerce and Business Improvement Associations, the Regional District of Vancouver, at least two First Nations, and one Canada Border Agency port of entry.

I realize it is difficult to create an electoral district within the designated population range. But this proposed configuration simply does not work. I would make two suggestions regarding Langley: First, that the Fraser River become a natural riding boundary. I also suggest that the few blocks to the west of 200th Street, south of the freeway and north of the City of Langley limits at 62 Ave not be sliced and diced any further. This area is part of the Township of Langley, but was made to be part of the Cloverdale—Langley City electoral district. It feels like a poor school catchment decision. The proposed new iteration is worse: the same area would be divided into two ridings: Cloverdale—Langley City and the revised Fleetwood—Port Kells electoral district. Please consider rejoining this part of the Township of Langley back to an electoral district that contains the Township of Langley, where it belongs.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 7, 2022 4:16 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

Knowing how difficult these decisions can be when trying to weigh all the factors....
I propose that electoral boundaries should be set by computer....
Algorithms should try to make every seat be exactly the same number of voters....+- 1000
Every seat should have diverse groups represented ..race ..religion gender...
And every seat shall have both renters and owners...
And every seat shall have high income and low income people
Every seat shall have a mix of country and city

This means that the province will be split up into pie slices... the pointed end of the piece of pie will be in a centre of dense development... cities and regional centres
In vancouver the seat cannot have countryside... but dividing up by wealth...rent/own... diversity...
And density... will be the dominant determinants... probably making many long narrow seats...
Perhaps limited to some arbitrary minimum width and length... and including atleast one major artery....

The goal is to remove all class and personal bias from electoral politics... and make every riding somehow reflect canadian general population profiles

Thanks for listening

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Sent from my Galaxy

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 9, 2022 9:00 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: rsiemens@abbotsford.ca; ed.fast.c1a@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Redistribution of Abbotsford's Federal Electoral Boundaries

Re: Abbotsford Gerrymandering
Citizens' comments & feedback have been solicited, and here are my thoughts.
I have cc'd one of our local municipal councillors Ross Siemens and our Abbotsford MP Ed Fast, for their interest:

19(1)
19(1) Of many things in Abbotsford I'm proud of, one is great diversity: city, rural, industrial, residential, transportation, agricultural, cultural. 19(1)
19(1) I'm trying to understand how it might affect my vote being segregated and more divided from the city of Abbotsford, and misaligned instead with our good neighbours in Chilliwack.

Possibly the **biggest omission** I must object to is the fact that I see Abbotsford International Airport is no longer in Abbotsford. (Ref. 'City of Abbotsford Map 5') The Cartographer is trying to corral it inside a "Langley-Aldergrove"- themed boundary now. This makes it look like Metro Vancouver is trying to absorb this major transportation hub of Abbotsford and call it their own. I'd like to know what exactly are the reasons Abbotsford airport would not be known to exist within Abbotsford any more, and how Langley and Aldergrove would be better suited to democratically influence future flight services at YXX.

REF. (THE NEW PROPOSED CHANGED BOUNDARIES OF ABBOTSFORD). https://redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca/com/bc/prop/index_e.aspx#cama

If I could be Cartographer, I'd include ALL of Abbotsford's *actual* community boundaries within two Abbotsford-themed Electoral Districts; then assign Mission, the Fraser Canyon, and Chilliwack their very own distinct Districts.

Sincerely Yours,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 7:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re. Electoral boundary change

Hello,

19(1) I realize that the electoral boundaries need to change due to the increasing population, and I absolutely agree with your original proposal of taking that portion from West Vancouver. and adding it to North Vancouver. I read the article and I don't agree at all that it would take the 'heart and soul' of West Vancouver. West Vancouver and North Vancouver are very close to each other and any concerns can be addressed much more easily, than it would be on the Sunshine Coast. There are two ferries that have to be used to travel from the Sunshine Cost to Nanaimo.
There

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 1, 2022 11:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: submission re: proposed change to the federal electoral boundary for Port Coquitlam

To Whom it May Concern:

I think that the proposed boundary changes for the electoral district which includes the City of Port Coquitlam are absurd. The splitting up of the City of Port Coquitlam in such a way as to leave one tiny section in the current Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam riding, and move the bulk of the population, which includes the city centre, into a riding that stretches through Pitt Meadows to Fort Langley in no way respects "*the community of interest or community of identity in, or historical pattern of, an electoral district in the province*" which is an important part of the commission's remit. The current Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam riding uses the natural barriers of the Fraser and Pitt Rivers to designate borders of the riding. The proposed new one (Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley) completely ignores this, crosses both rivers and two bridges, and leads us out into the Fraser Valley to Fort Langley . Most people in Port Coquitlam would not feel we had a community of interest or identity with areas south of the Fraser or even Pitt Meadows, and certainly not to Fort Langley, whereas we do have very close ties to the Tri Cities area (Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam). I don't feel any MP, as representative of the people, could effectively represent this mish mash of a riding in Parliament.

It seems obvious that, to give the kindest interpretation, all the commission chose to do was draw lines around population numbers from the last census on a map, without paying any attention at all to city boundaries or natural features.

Yours faithfully,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 23, 2022 3:54 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

Importance: High

To the attention of the Commission for British Columbia
Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022

Please be advised that we are adamantly opposed to the proposed 2022 Federal Boundary and Electoral District redistribution for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country. Please reconsider your intention to change the existing eastern boundary to 15th Street in the heart of Ambleside. This change would cut off an important part of our district. It would literally cut in half the Ambleside community, an important West Vancouver business district, the School District, West Vancouver's renowned waterfront, the cultural district, transportation corridor, and residents and families. The geographically small area to be cut off and incorporated into the riding of North Vancouver is strategic to the overall business and residential planning and culture of West Vancouver. It includes at the welcoming entrance to West Vancouver, one of the largest shopping centres in Metro Vancouver, Park Royal, which is also the transportation hub of the North Shore - East, West and South- with Taylor Way the access from Highway 1 to the Lions Gate Bridge from the North, and Marine Drive from the West.

Please review your decision regarding changing the electoral boundaries of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country and maintain the current Federal Boundary and Electoral District in place, specifically consisting of part(c)…"commencing at the intersection of the northerly limit of said regional district with the Capilano River; "… which includes all the residents of West Vancouver.

Please do NOT make the proposed change.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter and keep the District of West Vancouver intact.

Sincerely yours,

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-03

RIM ID: 1651545347CLPYCEPZVE

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

While it would be ideal to not have any section of Burnaby be broken off into a Vancouver riding, I understand that there are challenges to keep population deviances low. If there is really NO way to ensure that Burnaby stays intact and separate from Vancouver I propose to add Burnaby to the title of Vancouver South as the people of Burnaby live in a different city and this should be recognized in some manner.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59040

Name to modify: Vancouver South / Vancouver-Sud

New name: Vancouver South-Burnaby / Vancouver-Sud-Burnaby

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-03

RIM ID: 1651599398JVPIYWRKNM

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The removal of the northern part of the riding and its adhesion to Skeena would decrease the deviation of both ridings

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59021

Name to modify: North Island—Powell River / North Island—Powell River

New name: North Island—Powell River / North Island—Powell River

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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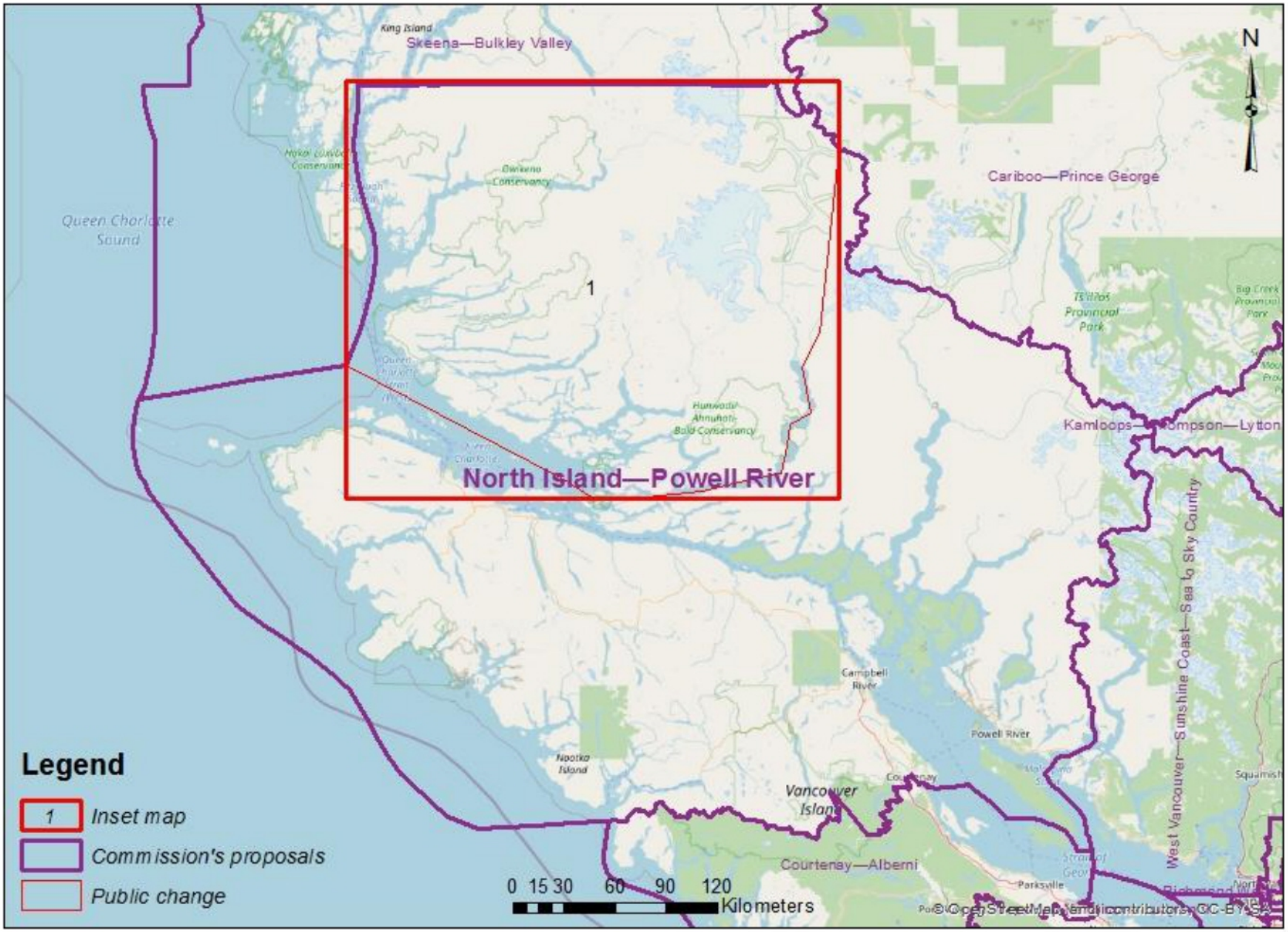

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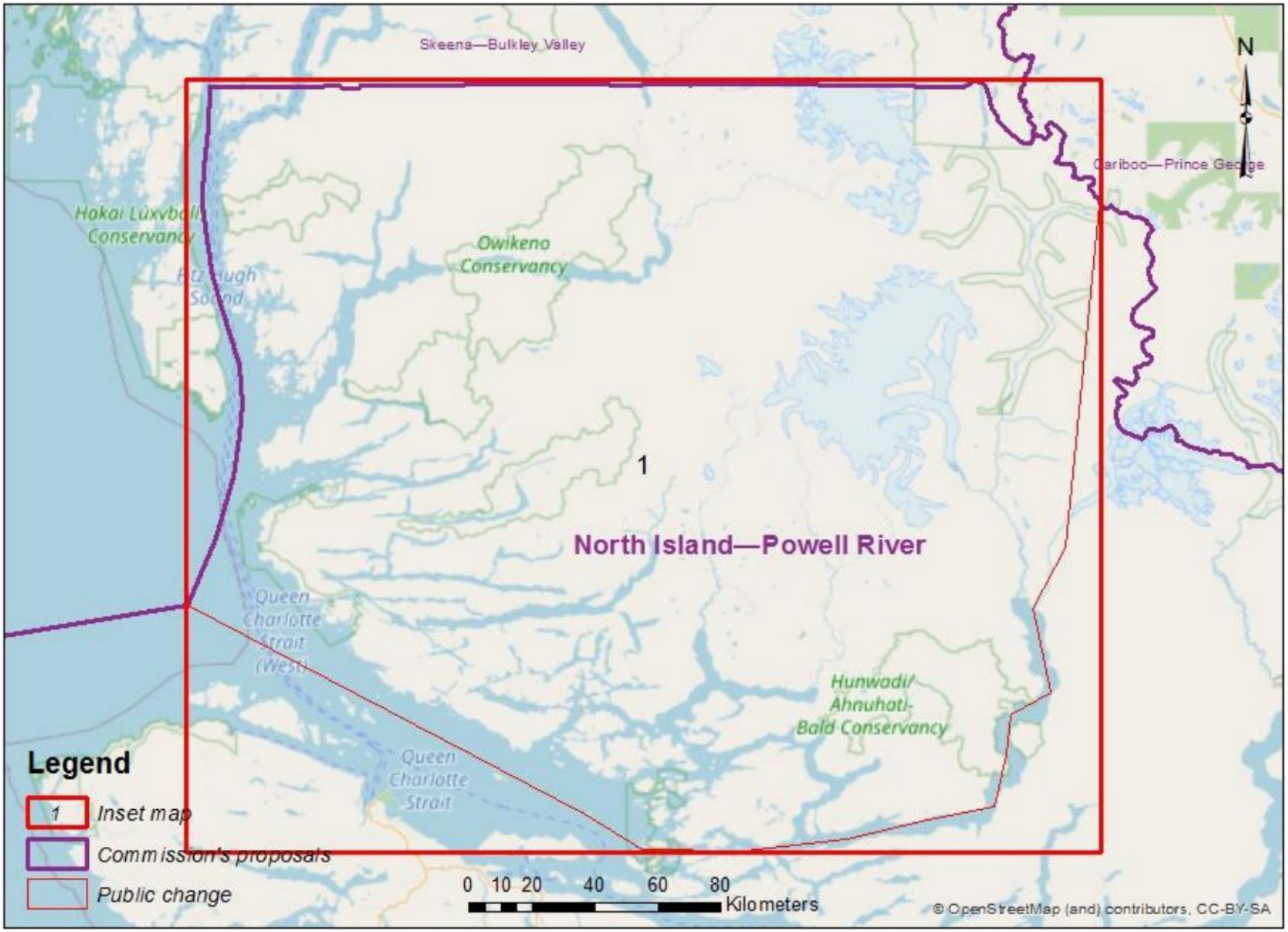

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-27

RIM ID: 1656351452GYZAVZWTLS

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The boundaries of this new district includes parts of Steveston, which was previously in the riding of Steveston—Richmond East, considering the name's significance in the local community, Steveston should be added in the name, hence naming the riding Richmond West—Steveston

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59028

Name to modify: Richmond West / Richmond-Ouest

New name: Richmond—Steveston / Richmond-Steveston

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 7:13 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) and learned yesterday of the need to remove 10,000 voters from that riding so that it is in line with the provincial average.

I also learned that in response to your proposal (to take those 10,000 voters from the West Van area), Liberal and Conservative representatives are suggesting that the Sunshine Coast be cut in half.

I strongly oppose the Liberal / Conservative suggestion. First because dividing the Sunshine Coast in half would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a community of shared interests and concerns (e.g. ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live). Third, because this part of the riding is historically quite progressive, the Liberal-Conservative recommendation strikes me as a blatant political power move.

Your original proposal to allocate a portion of West Van to the North Van riding makes much more sense to me. It neither divides a geographically delimited community, nor does it inhibit those reallocated voters from easily meeting with their elected MP. The Liberals' and Conservatives' redistribution proposal would sever the Sunshine Coast from approximately Sechelt north and have that portion become part of the North Island-Powell River federal riding! If successful the riding would stretch from Sechelt, up through Powell River, across the North Island to Port Hardy: two ferries and 375 km traveling north to south!

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 5, 2022 2:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Comments on proposed boundaries

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi,
I want to provide an outline of concerns and issues with some of the proposed boundaries. I do want to recognize that there are significant challenges to accommodate everything, but some of the choices that have been made seem to lack any comprehensible rationale, especially from the local perspective for people directly impacted. In particular, there seems to be too heavy of a reliance on parts of previous boundaries, even though with population changes retaining portions of those boundaries does not make sense.

Examples of this include:
-Substantially maintaining boundaries in Vancouver while taking multiple chunks of Burnaby, even though it breaks up the "downtown" core of Burnaby, and also doesn't respond to ongoing changes population and travel patterns, instead of reworking districts to create a single more cohesive district that straddles Burnaby and Vancouver.
-Maintaining the large geographic breadth of Burnaby South (including geographically isolated eastern sections) while taking substantial chunks of population from the core area of Burnaby South for other districts

I will focus on areas I am most familiar with, but realize there are other areas with similar boundary proposal choices that also seem problematic.

New Westminster-Bridgeview
Issues:
- Includes disparate areas of Surrey that are separate geographically and socially from rest of riding

Proposed Fixes:
-Exclude the areas south of Fraser River (Surrey)
-Include the Queensborough area of New Westminster and Hamilton area of Richmond
-Offset by adjusting the Richmond districts to have one include Ladner, and some knock-on rationalizations in the North Delta and western Surrey areas (as that area also seems like a mess of arbitrary division - like why is North Delta in 3 districts?)

Burnaby South
Issues:
-Includes south Lougheed and Government road areas that are geographically isolated from rest of the district
-Splits Metrotown area into 3 different districts and Brentwood area into 2 separate districts
-Western Metrotown included in the same district as Marine Gateway area that, within the context of the Metro Vancouver, are very separate, distinct areas

Proposed Fixes:
-Remove areas north of Burnaby Lake/Brunette River (Government road and south Lougheed)
-Include the Metrotown area that is currently split into Vancouver South

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-If possible also include the area just north of Metrotown proposed to be included in Vancouver Kingsway
-Adjust boundaries around Brentwood either by shifting the boundary south to the rail line or Hwy 1, or north slightly to include substantially all of Brentwood Town Centre
-If boundaries shifted to exclude Brentwood and more population is needed, look to either include some area around Edmonds from New Westminster-Bridgeview (with New Westminster gaining Lougheed south), or areas around Champlain Heights/River District from Vancouver South
-Knock on adjustments between Vancouver South, Vancouver Kingsway, and likely Vancouver East and Burnaby North-Seymour. The area in Burnaby north of Grange stand west of Willingdon ave may be included in a Vancouver district as makes sense (Likely Vancouver Kingsway)

Kelowna:
Instead of having 2 very geographically spread out districts that both spread far outside of Kelowna, consolidate one to be the central and southern parts of Kelowna (called the "Kelowna district") while the other district (called Vernon-Lake Country-Rutland) to include:

-Black Mountain
-Rutland north or Hwy 33 and east of Hwy 97
-West of Black mountain area, use the following boundaries: Hwy 33-Hwy 97-Sexsmith-Valley-Union-Glenmore to John Hindle dr. At Glenmore and John Hindle, use a line straight west to the lake as the boundary, so Mcklinley Landing is in the northern/eastern Vernon-Lake Country-Rutland riding. This should provide roughly equivalent population split between the two districts.

Overall desired outcomes:
-More compact districts that make geographic sense without major barriers between areas in a single district
-Allow local compactness, that allows a single dense core area to stay together as much as possible. This will prevent every single town centre in Burnaby from being split into multiple districts, and allow for a better, locally comprehensible districts (ie: why are the neighbours in Metrotown in different districts, but Burnaby south also include large parts of all the other town centres - Lougheed, Brentwood, Edmonds - as well as Metrotown)

Thanks,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 30, 2022 5:30 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Election Map Change - West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country Riding

Electoral Boundaries Commission

To Whom it May Concern

19(1)

and have actively participated in both our community and in federal elections. We appreciate the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and the careful thought currently being given to create an additional federal riding in BC; however, we are very unhappy with the recommendations made by some riding residents that, instead of the Commission's initial plan to divide West Vancouver, these parties advocate for the division of the Southern Sunshine Coast.

The South Sunshine Coast comprises rural and semi-rural communities from Langdale to Pender Harbour which are closely knit and share local governance and infrastructure. It is very important for us to have access to our MP. Incumbents have always been accessible, something we see as being considerably more difficult if we were to be part of a Vancouver Island riding either wholly or partially. We lobby the federal government for financial support for common projects such as infrastructure improvements and environmental issues, many of which we have in common with the Sea to Sky communities as well as West Vancouver.

We do not believe that any changes to our riding are necessary at this time and, therefore, write to you to advocate for no changes at all. If

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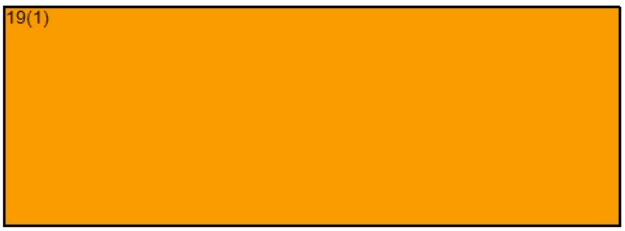
changes must be made we ask that any decisions do not impact the Southern Sunshine Coast in any way at all. It seems to us that an area such as West Vancouver can more easily adapt to any proposed changes than our small community. We are very concerned about the loss of accessibility to our federal representative for our rural area. This is a politically engaged and knowledgeable community that is quite satisfied with the current electoral boundaries.

Thank you for your work on our behalf and for taking the time to consider our input.



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 27, 2022 1:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

19(1) I am very against changing the boundaries of Delta and will not support any members of government that think this is a good idea. I feel this is another way for needed money to be wasted on something only the federal government thinks is a good idea. Please be sure my thoughts are shared with the people that need to take notice of what the residence of this community share.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 9, 2022 4:54 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

We are against this redistribution delta is a distinct area and have little in common with Richmond Mike and Charynne Armitage

19(1)
Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1) [redacted]
Sent: June 22, 2022 2:58 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Burnaby-North Seymour Riding

I wish to go on record as being totally against the boundaries that have been proposed for this riding, and indeed the adjacent ridings of West Vancouver and Port-Moody Coquitlam. The new boundaries are a complete mess, and not based on logic, or in consideration of natural boundaries created by water. Furthermore, demographics of the ridings are not being taken into account either. The proposed new boundaries are completely illogical, and create a hodgepodge that will make things very difficult and confusing for voters, which is what happens when you use population figures instead of common sense.

For the past ten years or so, we in Seymour have been lumped together with North Burnaby, an area of nice people, but we have little in common with them. 19(1) [redacted] and I can say that it is a challenge for us to meet, even without the COVID situation of the past two years. It becomes a challenge also for whomever is elected as the MP as half of his or her constituents must go over a bridge and pass through another riding to get to the offices of that MP.

The new boundaries are extremely unfair to the residents. Moving the western boundary to the middle of Lynn Valley Road and chopping off an eastern corner of the existing riding does nothing to improve the situation and only serves to chop up Lynn Valley and part of Burnaby. I won't even get into the situation that the proposed boundary changes will do to West Vancouver. I submit it makes more sense to keep West Vancouver a riding unto itself and shave off the Howe Sound portion. That area is already chopped up, so it won't make much more of an impact in managing the riding. In the past, when the Howe Sound/Sunshine Coast area was not included with West Vancouver, the MP at the time maintained two offices to accommodate voters.

In the case of the Seymour area of North Vancouver, I believe you should re-establish a riding that is entirely within the North Shore. Grand Boulevard might make sense as the boundary-- certainly more logical than the current proposal. I submit that the people of North Burnaby will agree. And I cannot imagine the blow-back you are getting from those in the Port Moody-Coquitlam area.

Population seems to be the determining factor here, but demographics and community must also be taken into account - I submit that those considerations should be given the greatest priority. About 30 years ago, the proposal was made to create a split riding in North Vancouver (after it had been done and later reversed many years prior to that) and the riding had a significantly larger population than what was considered ideal, but our objections were taken into account and the MP at the time, Ted White, made it work. So get back to the drawing board, and instead of pushing the boundaries primarily west, figure out a way to push them to the east where there are areas of lesser population, which may provide natural boundaries that keep communities together.

The current proposal does little to serve the needs of the population living in the areas I have mentioned, and I urge you to give higher priority to those residents who live here, rather than depending on some magic number to determine boundaries.

19(1) [redacted]

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 10:35 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Riding redistribution

To Whom It May Concern,

19(1)

oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up the Fraser Heights community. I believe that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding as other communities south of the Fraser River.

Yours sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 11, 2022 3:20 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Disagree with proposed electoral boundaries for Kamloops BC

Dear Commission Members,

I agree with the Mayor of Kamloops' comments as he as quoted in Radio NL on May 11, 2022.

“The difficulty that I have with this redistribution is that it takes the subdivisions of Campbell Creek, Barnhartvale, Dallas, Juniper Ridge and Valleyview and adds them to North Okanagan-Shuswap, which I believe is simply an exercise to create the sufficient number of bodies that are required for an electoral riding,” Ken Christian said at City Council this week.

“Issues related to EI, issues related to passports, issues related to immigration, and certainly issues related to the CRA will have to be adjudicated by your friendly neighbourhood Member of Parliament office in either Salmon Arm or in Vernon for those of you living in the southeast sector [of the City of Kamloops] and I find that inconsistent with what Kamloops is all about.”

Essentially the three-member Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia is proposing to move all Kamloops residents east of the Yellowhead Bridge to the North Okanagan-Shuswap riding.The rest of Kamloops will be part of the new Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton riding.

“My recommendation would be that there either be one riding for Kamloops or that if they are going to divide Kamloops they divide Kamloops either North South as they have done with the provincial ridings or East West but they don’t hive off a portion of the City in order to balance the books,” he added.

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Please leave our City intact within one riding.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 8, 2022 7:51 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

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Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned yesterday of the need to remove 10,000 voters from that riding so that it is in line with the provincial average.

I also learned that in response to your proposal (to take those 10,000 voters from the West Van area), Liberal and Conservative representatives are suggesting that the Sunshine Coast be cut in half!

I strongly oppose the Liberal / Conservative suggestion. First because dividing the Sunshine Coast in half would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a community of shared interests and concerns (e.g. ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live). Third, because this part of the riding is historically quite progressive, the Liberal-Conservative recommendation strikes me as a blatant political power move.

Your original proposal to allocate a portion of West Van to the North Van riding makes much more sense to me. It neither divides a geographically delimited community, nor does it inhibit those reallocated voters from easily meeting with their elected MP.

Please keep to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 4, 2022 11:54 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: 19(1)

Dear Ms. McEvoy,

19(1)

Also, I have amended my proposed B.C. riding map to bring some district populations closer to the provincial quotient. The latest map can be found here:

https://www.bit.ly/Canada343

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

19(1)

On Mon, 20 Jun 2022 at 21:08, BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your submission. I have forwarded it to the Commissioners for their review.

Best regards,

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Susan McEvoy

Secretary | Secrétaire

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From: 19(1)
Sent: June 15, 2022 4:48 PM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Re: 19(1)

Hello,

Attached are two zip files containing the shapefiles of the maps I wish to submit to the Commission.

Thanks again for all your help.

19(1)

On Wed, 15 Jun 2022 at 12:11, BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear 19(1)

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It would be useful to have the map as a shapefile.

Best regards,

Susan McEvoy

Secretary | Secrétaire

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From: 19(1)
Sent: June 15, 2022 8:42 AM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Re: 19(1)

Thank you very much.

Would the Commission prefer to receive my map as a shapefile or a kml file?

Sincerely,

19(1)

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On Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 11:39 AM BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for this notice of representation and for the link to the new federal electoral map you propose. I have forwarded the link to the maps to the Commissioners for their review. 19(1) 19(1) A link to the virtual hearing and instructions on how to attend will be sent to you closer to the date.

The Commission looks forward to your comments.

Best regards,

Susan McEvoy

Secretary | Secrétaire

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From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 4:18 PM

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To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: 19(1)

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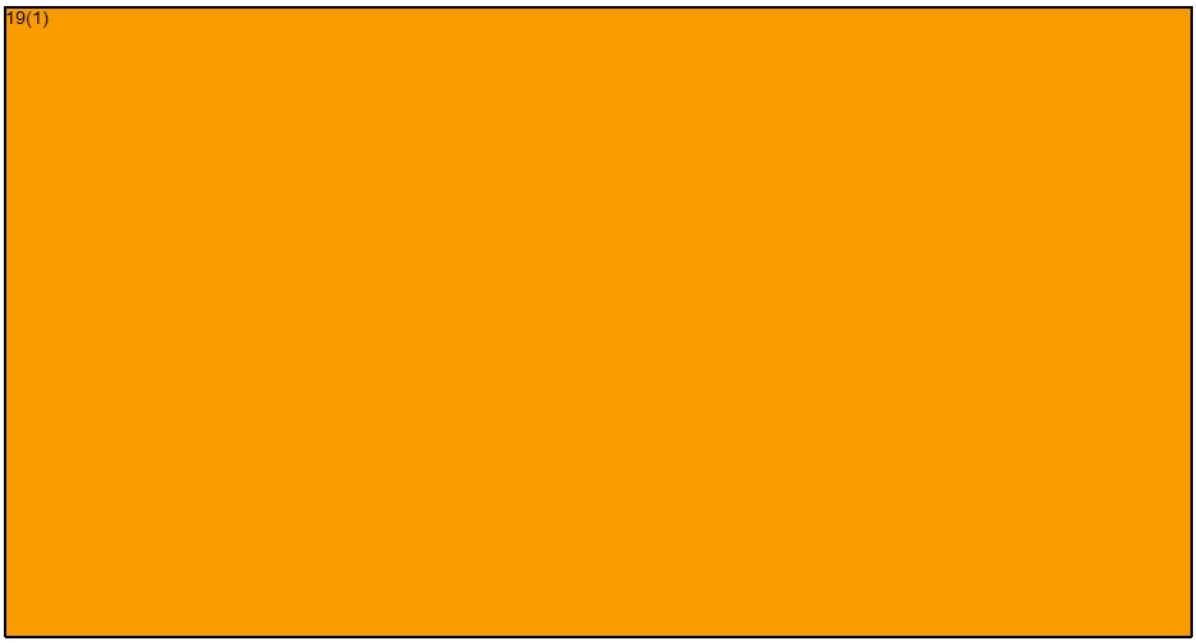

My proposal will:

- keep almost all seats within +/- 10% of the provincial population average

- avoid splitting municipalities (Delta, Port Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Kamloops, Penticton)

- follow existing federal riding boundaries to the greatest extent possible.

I look forward to seeing you in September.

19(1)

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New Electoral Map for C...

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- Mission--Matsqui--Abbotsford -- 118,841
- Nanaimo--Ladysmith -- 122,857
- New Westminster--Burnaby -- 114,270
- North Island--qathet -- 125,821
- North Okanagan--Shuswap -- 118,702
- North Vancouver -- 118,908
- Pitt Meadows--Maple Ridge -- 110,416
- Prince George--Peace River--Northern Rocki...
- Richmond Centre -- 107,707
- Saanich--Gulf Islands -- 119,803
- Skeena--Bulkley Valley -- 89,689
- South Okanagan--West Kootenay -- 122,710
- South Surrey--White Rock -- 116,441
- Steveston--Richmond--Queensborough -- 11...
- Surrey Centre -- 121,810
- Surrey--Cloverdale -- 116,604
- Surrey--Newton -- 118,426
- Vancouver Centre -- 107,225
- Vancouver East -- 118,675
- Vancouver Granville -- 116,188
- Vancouver Kingsway -- 108,054
- Vancouver Quadra -- 114,470
- Vancouver South -- 117,578
- Victoria -- 123,482
- West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast -- 115,369

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- Abbotsford--Aldergrove -- 122,887
- Burnaby North--Port Moody -- 113,647
- Burnaby South -- 110,146
- Cariboo--Prince George -- 111,226
- Central Okanagan--Kelowna -- 125,611
- Chilliwack--Hope -- 112,037
- Coquitlam North--Port Coquitlam -- 111,479
- Coquitlam South -- 114,373
- Courtenay--Alberni--Parksville -- 122,772
- Cowichan--Malahat--Langford -- 124,247
- Delta -- 110,721
- Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke -- 122,382
- Fleetwood--Port Kells -- 117,162
- Fraser Canyon--Coquihalla--Sea-to-Sky Coun...
- Kamloops--Thompson -- 119,704
- Kelowna--Lake Country -- 127,932
- Kootenay--Columbia -- 120,759
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- Mission--Matsqui--Abbotsford -- 118,841
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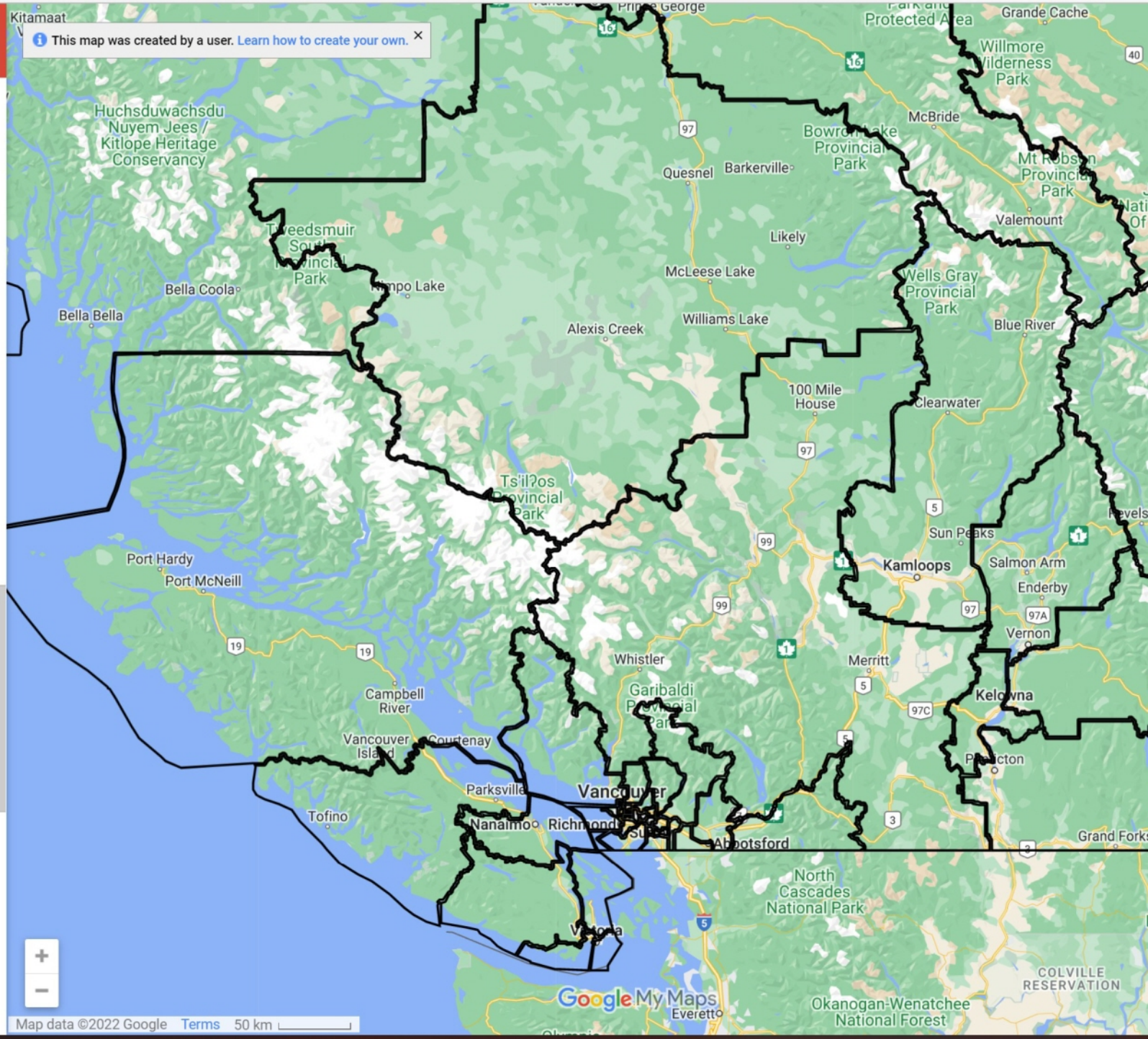

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 22, 2022 10:09 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Chopping up of Delta with proposed boundary changes

I view with alarm the proposal to chop the Delta into three different areas. It in my humble opinion will totally deminish this cities ability to stand up for the needs of our city. The disparity of the various regions being divided will make it almost impossible to have the the needs of this diverse city being adressed.
We are an agricultural area as well as a housing , manufacturing and transportation hub of the lower mainland. With our diverse make up and smaller population than Richmond and Surrey dividing chunks of our city off to these two adjacent cities will greatly deminish the ability to have our needs addressed. In my humble opinion, this is a divide and conquer step by our Federal authority.
I respectfully request you rethink this proposal and give The city of Delta it's due respect.

Yours truly,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 3:50 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: division of Fraser Heights in new electoral boundaries

19(1)

19(1) oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I believe that the entire Fraser Heights community north of Highway 1 to the Fraser River and from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, south of the Fraser River.

19(1) does have issues that affect some or all residents and it would be more cohesive and beneficial to have all the community under one riding where we have only one member of parliament to deal with. As it is, our small community is already cut off from the rest of Surrey by the #1 Highway and the Fraser Rivier. For 1/2 of us to be in a riding north of the Fraser River makes no sense - I so rarely cross the bridge to go to the other side of the river and this would be very inconvenient and meaningless as they have different issues to deal with that we do not. We have a very active community group - please do not divide our riding!
Yours sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 11:01 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Boundary Ridings - Fraser Heights Surrey

19(1) oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I believe that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, along with other communities south of the Fraser River.

Yours sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 3, 2022 6:25 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposal for adjusting boundaries of proposed Kelowna and Vernon-Lake Country ridings

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Dear Commission,

With a census 2021 population of 145K (up from 127K in the 2016 census; one of the highest growth rates in Canada) it is inevitable that the City of Kelowna will be part of two ridings. It is an improvement that the Southern Interior as a whole will have an extra riding (the rationale provided in the commentary is compelling). It is also a major improvement that the previous inclusion of parts of central Kelowna with the riding on the west side of the lake has been done away with; all of central Kelowna should be part of the Kelowna riding.

In that light, it is odd that most of downtown Kelowna -- including Kelowna city hall! -- would be in the Vernon-Lake Country riding, while half of Lake Country would be in the Kelowna riding.

One idea would be to ensure that all of the District of Lake Country is in Vernon-Lake Country riding, as well as certainly Ellison and probably parts of northeast Kelowna (including the airport and the area north of Old Vernon Road, which should probably be in the same riding as the UBCO
campus) and possibly the rest of RDCO East EA south to Highway 33 (or perhaps slightly further north). That would correspondingly allow all of downtown Kelowna (at least as far north as Knox mountain and as far east as Glenmore Drive, further northwards and eastwards to balance the population "loss" of Lake Country, Ellison, and parts of northeast Kelowna and RDCO East EA described above) to be in the Kelowna riding, rather than Vernon-Lake Country. Doing so would rectify the weird situation of downtown Kelowna (including Kelowna city hall) being in Vernon-Lake Country riding, while half of Lake Country is in Kelowna riding.

Thank you,

19(1)

19(1) If desired, I could correspond by email, but I am not available to attend public hearings. These views are my own and do not reflect on any association or organization, including but not limited to my employer.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 3:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: RON.MCKINNON@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Objection to Electoral Redistribution of Port Coquitlam

To whom it may concern,

I wish to very loudly voice my vehement opposition to the electoral boundaries redistribution plan – as it stands – for the City of Port Coquitlam. It is my opinion that electoral boundaries should take into account demographically-linked communities. The Electoral Boundaries Commission's plan for Port Coquitlam splits our small city in half and cleaves the South from our broader community of the Tri-Cities (the Tri-Cities in this context are Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, and Port Moody – I feel the need to mention this because it seems like no attention has been paid to the Tri-Cities as a distinct community whatsoever).

The Commission has taken the part of Port Coquitlam where I live and shoved it into an utterly bizarre smear of a riding which includes Pitt Meadows and part of Langley. These latter municipalities are driven much more by agricultural concerns, and have very different political leanings than much of Port Coquitlam. What on earth was the commission thinking?

This baffling reconfiguration makes me question the non-partisan integrity of the B.C. Commission. This smacks of gerrymandering, though I would like to believe otherwise.

Please immediately reconsider the choice to split Port Coquitlam between two ridings. At the very least, all of Port Coquitlam should be part of ridings which includes other parts of the Tri-Cities.

Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 20, 2022 11:43 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of the boundaries of the federal riding of West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

Hello there

As a resident of Garden Bay on the Sunshine Coast, I am very much in favour of:

- the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding
- all of Sunshine Coast staying together in one riding
- ensuring our votes don't count less than in other ridings

Thanks a million!

Kind regards
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 7:58 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

All provinces in Canada should have equal number of seats based on population. Western Canada should receive more seats and Quebec and the Maritimes less seats. Will this ever change? It looks like it won't because it's a political question. Quebec and the Maritimes are where the Liberal Party votes are.

Sent from my iPad

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 5, 2022 8:55 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

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Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

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I also learned that in response to your proposal (to take those 10,000 voters from the West Van area), Liberal and Conservative representatives are suggesting that the Sunshine Coast be cut in half!

I would like to voice my opposition to the Liberal / Conservative suggestion. First because dividing the Sunshine Coast in half would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a community of shared interests and concerns (e.g. ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live). Third, because this part of the riding is historically progressive, the Liberal-Conservative recommendation strikes me as a political move to minimize risk of losing districts.

Your original proposal to allocate a portion of West Van to the North Van riding makes much more sense to me. It neither divides a geographically delimited community, nor does it inhibit those reallocated voters from easily meeting with their elected MP.

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal. And please forgive the similarity of this letter to that of another constituent. I did not feel like I needed to reinvent the wheel here….

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to maintaining election fairness in a way that is non-partisan.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 4:46 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed riding boundaries
Attachments: Screen Shot 2022-05-11 at 20.43.27.png; Screen Shot 2022-06-27 at 16.38.31.png; Screen Shot 2022-06-27 at 16.43.22.png

To whom it may concern,

Please find my proposed riding boundaries for the Greater Vancouver area attached. I am proposing these boundaries as they better align with municipal boundaries than the commission's initial proposal, whilst keeping close to the average population by riding.

My proposals keep the ridings for Richmond intact, except that Richmond Centre takes in Marpole to become Richmond--Marpole. This means Vancouver's boundaries need to be realigned - I believe that a Vancouver--Broadway riding that is based on Broadway would make sense as there is a distinct community for commuters that commute via Broadway, or are linked by the 99-B line or Skytrain Broadway extension. The new Vancouver Southwest riding also makes more sense than current riding boundaries, as there is a more coherent community between the largely detached houses in southwest Vancouver.

My proposals also keep the two ridings representing the Tri Cities largely intact, without the need to create a riding that spans from Port Coquitlam to Pitt Meadows to Langley, as proposed by the Commission, which is undesirable as it spreads across a large area with few community ties. My proposal shifts the current New-Westminster--Burnaby riding eastward, as shown in the map attached, to include parts of Malliardville in Coquitlam as well as Surrey's north shore to create a New Westminster--Fraser riding.

I generally approve of the boundaries proposed for the rest of BC, and agree that the new additional riding should be allocated to BC interior. However, I propose that Skeena--Bulkley Valley should take in the rest of the Bulkley--Nechako census division, as well as communities within it like Vanderhoof in order to be within the permitted statutory population range. Even then, its population would be significantly below average, so I do not believe its large size justifies being below the 25% population deviation. Such a move would also allow Cariboo--Prince George to take in the rest of the Cariboo census division under Kamloops--Thompson--Cariboo.

Furthermore, please see the second attachment for my proposals for the Fraser Valley. I propose that the current Mission--Matsqui--Fraser Canyon become Mission--Langley--Fraser Canyon--Whistler. This new riding would reduce the overpopulation of West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast--Sea to Sky Country by moving Whistler to the new Mission--Langley--Fraser Canyon--Whistler riding, as shown in the third attachment. Lillooet and Squamish--Lillooet B would be moved out of the riding.

I would really appreciate it if you adopted my proposals and would be willing to answer any questions about these proposals.

Thank you very much,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 10, 2022 7:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Seats per province for voting

It is outrageous that Ontario and Quebec have more seats than all the other provinces combined. That is a clear misrepresentation of this countries citizens. The population in the western provinces have never been taken into consideration and in this past several years under the Liberals, our provinces population have greatly increased but we have no new hospitals, no new schools and no new roadways. The Liberals have paid tax dollars towards opening businesses in Ontario and East.... specifically our government gave 85 million tax dollars to fund buildings for a cricket farm run by AI, and it too was put in Ontario. I believe there was also a Moderna pharma plant both large employer's and I bet that too was funded by tax dollars. It may be time to fully examine spenditures by our feds in this term. There are many reasons why Canada has been falling apart, all related to our current government, over spending on non necessities. Over Taxing citizens and causing economic disaster. Closing schools, businesses, and mandating... discrimination directly from Trudeau. Canadians are not stupid, this can not continue.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 16, 2022 10:59 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of Delta

I am angry that you would even consider the breakup of the Delta Riding. The City of Delta including it's three Communities, North Delta, Ladner, and Tsawwasseen and the Farmland and Industry surrounding them, should be neither part of Richmond or Surrey.

Our Riding and Community within have don't have the population or issues of the other ridings. Our issues which would go to the Federal level would be buried amongst the issues of the other ridings. Unless we elect a MP who is actually living in Delta I feel we will not be represented. The chances of that happening with Richmond and Surreys greater population, will leave us with no voice.

Please reconsider any change in our Riding.
Leave the Boundaries within the City of Delta and allow our population the representation we deserve.

I trust you would reconsider this not well thought out idea.

Thank you for listening

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 10, 2022 8:21 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: "Redistribution "

Well, well, I saw the recent "redistribution" map. Once again it looks as though the west will NOT be properly represented. This looks like YOUR organization is working in concert with a corrupt to the core government to keep the current PM in place. Not like he would…cheat at all. 🙄
Canada needs fair, representative government. What part of that is too difficult for you to understand? Am I using BIG words? What's your excuse to once again cheat Canadian voters?
No-one in this country voted for this unholy NDP/LIB alliance! No -one! So, it begs the question then, if our very institutions are corrupt and do not represent the peoples voice, what purpose DO they serve? What purpose do YOU serve? WHY do tax payers pay for this? The time has come for change.

Canadians are crushed under the weight of bureaucracy. We need to carefully consider what we pay for going forward. An Institution that props up a corrupt government, serves no purpose for citizens. We don't need an "electoral college" that simply cheats Canadians of their vote. Time for it to go. I would seriously consider your position and whether you see yourselves as a viable, needful institution going forward. It's time to trim the fat, it's time for change, it's time to do away with agencies that don't represent citizens. It's time to let them fade into history and get on with the modern world. Where these corrupt and bloated institutions don't exist.
Have the good grace to be ashamed!

19(1) …one seriously PISSED off voter! 😡
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19(1) [redacted]

19(1) [redacted]

19(1) I can tell you that that was a great service, took the stress off of us. Quick and carefully done. We are able to ask about other sources of help and they told us what is available from Federal ,Provincial and municipal sources,

Now with the suggested changes to our riding many Deltans stand to lose some of these services. 19(1) [redacted]

19(1) [redacted] Some seniors will have to travel through the tunnel to Richmond to get services and many others to Surrey. 19(1) [redacted]

19(1) [redacted] I dread thinking of trying to take a bus to Surrey. We don`t feel any connection to Surrey.

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Presently our MP has to deal with ONE DELTA , with a well run city hall and two MLAs who seem to do their best for our city. Same with School Board, Chamber of Commerce police force ,etc. She can concentrate on our local Delta concerns while still being up to date on our place in BC and Canada

I am hopeful that we in Tsawwassen would still be in the Delta riding, even with a chunk of Surrey. Our MP would have to deal with Surrey`s MLAs and the chaos of the Surrey city council. But I am concerned about 19(1) seniors in Delta especially disabled seniors. Some don`t have much of a community of support. They need the help of the staff of the consistency office We have good neighbours, family and church friends .But still need their help. I think of many who live in poverty, don`t get help from others, and live in pain because they don`t have a good walker or wheelchair or a bath chair in their tub or can`t afford the pain pills they need. 19(1) need and deserve to keep a compassionate, helpful and well organized staff and MP in ONE DELTA.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 10, 2022 2:39 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: tako.vanpopta@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Proposed changes to Riding Boundaries

Dear Sir / Madam,

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19(1) Recently I received a paper notice of proposed changes arising from the ten year redistribution process.

I cannot believe that the proposal presented is to split the current riding in two, and create two (2) halves across a major river to its north , and on its south side to truncate the existing riding further along Highway One (TCH) which then separates the commercial and industrial area of North Langley, residential Walnut Grove & Fort Langley from their natural and current part of being within the Township of Langley.

The river itself apart from a physical barrier also highlights the fact that Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows have no existing administrative & historical connections apart from their all being members of Metro Vancouver (GVRD) along with Langley Township.

The north & south sides of the river have only one (1) means of connection, the Golden Ears Bridge.

Whilst the redistribution process due to population changes +/- makes sense, it misses many points.

I am utterly appalled.

Yours Truly,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 15, 2022 11:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kootenay-Columbia boundary changes

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission:

19(1)

I see that in your proposal for the KC riding, you suggest Revelstoke be tied into the current North Okanagan-Shuswap riding. I can see the thinking in this, and support it, as many of Revelstoke's residents often travel west to Salmon Arm and beyond, or southwest to Vernon and Kelowna for business, health, and/or personal reasons, following the major highways.

However, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE incorporate into the Kootenay-Columbia riding the following area: from Galena Bay to Trout Lake (which is the east side of the Shelter Bay-Galena Bay ferry crossing on the Columbia River south of Revelstoke), and south from Galena Bay to include Nakusp, Upper Arrow Lake (both sides), and the Slocan Valley. This change would reflect the natural geography of the region, as well as the flow of people up and down the Slocan Valley to Nakusp, and north to the Galena Bay ferry and south to the Needles ferry, and the little communities right across the lake from Needles. Essentially, please incorporate **all** the places that the newspaper the *Valley Voice* (based out of New Denver) delivers to.

19(1) travelling from e.g., Revelstoke to Nelson (both in the KC riding), it didn't make sense that from the Trout Lake turnoff just south of Galena Bay ferry to Crescent Valley (where Highway 23 South through the Slocan Valley meets Highway 3A between Nelson and Castlegar), 19(1) 19(1) even though the vast majority of the same issues affect the Slocan Valley and Nakusp as affect Trout Lake, Kaslo, and Nelson -- because they are all part of the Kootenays. This area, part of the current South Okanagan-West Kootenay riding, is often overlooked by SOWK candidates because it's not part of the natural route of travel and the population is low compared to e.g. Kelowna and Penticton.

Kootenay-Columbia is one of the largest ridings in BC by area, and road is the only way to get between communities unless you have a private plane (unlikely). To have that four hours where candidates (and the current MP) couldn't (can't) connect with citizens is inefficient, frustrating, and doesn't honour the reality of life in the area.

I and many others would greatly appreciate your implementing this suggested change.
Thank you for the work you are doing on this project.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 20, 2022 6:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Political boundary changes for Delta, BC

To whom it may concern:

19(1) are very concerned about the proposed upcoming changes to the federal political boundaries.
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19(1) There are stores in North Delta that are not in South Delta that people.

People in White Rock have little reason to come to South Delta as there are more amenities in their own area. These include stores, recreation, and beaches.

It appears the change would be taking place because of population distribution. Delta is rapidly increasing its population. In North Delta the 72nd St. Corridor as well as the Delta side of 120th St. are adding many new condo developments.
In both Ladner and in Tsawassen in South Delta there are also many new developments taking place.
Have you considered the number of new houses and condos that are being built on the Tsawwassen First Nations land close to the B.C. Ferry terminal?
Many new town houses and condominiums are being built in the Southlands area of Tsawassen.
As well as all the building developments taking place in the above two areas, Ladner is re-developing its downtown area as well as several other locations. There will be many more people in all the new developments.

The people in Ladner are connected to the southern part of Richmond by a tunnel. It is often very slow to get to Richmond through this tunnel because of all the traffic. Traffic is often backed during rush hour.

19(1) and the Delta Council have been working very hard to increase the connection between South Delta and North Delta. It is important for you to look at all that has been done in regards to this in the last few years.

Delta is a unique community that is very different from Richmond and Surrey which are both growing communities that have separate issues.

In closing I will summarize my main points:
- population growth in the Delta area
- all the new developments in the three areas of Delta
- present transportation corridors
- connection between north and south Delta
- growth development in Richmond and Surrey

Yours truly,
19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 18, 2022 12:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Doreen Cornford
Subject: Regarding the new proposed election federal boundaries

Hi there,

You need to return to the electoral drawing board with different boundaries for the next federal election. Keeping with traditional themes, like not dividing small cities like Port Coquitlam and having electoral borders that are along defined separations like city borders, rivers, mountains and highways should be maintained. And regionally, Port Coquitlam has zero in common with communities further in the valley.

What should be done, is another riding added to the tri city area (Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore and Belcarra) and another added in the valley. BC, in comparison to other regions in the federation of Canada, our population does not have the fair representation as other areas with much less population. If a federation is built on equality and the charter of rights and freedoms - and freedom of movement - then our MP representatives should be representing that as well in the House of Commons...

Regards

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 8:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution boundary between Coquihalla and South Okanagan -West Kootenay

Hello,

I notice that the proposed boundary between the ridings of Coquihalla and South Okanagan-West Kootenay slice the small city of Penticton in half, right along Main St. I feel this is a really bad idea. Many people would not know who their MP was. As is proposed, South Okanagan-West Kootenay has the second lowest population (108,971) of all the ridings in BC. If all of Penticton was to be included in this riding, it would bring it closer to the provincial average. I understand that this would make Coquihalla a smaller riding, but if this Commission also considers historical patterns and communities of interest or identity, then it makes much more sense to keep all of Penticton in one riding.

Sincerely yours,

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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia: Kamloops: June 16, 2022.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission for your consideration in reviewing the federal electoral boundaries for B.C. I want to acknowledge and thank all three of you for taking on this important and complex responsibility. It is a significant and demanding commitment. But your work is essential to preserving fairness in our democracy, particularly at a time of some societal divisions, cynicism about politics, and challenges to our institutions. Your dedication to this process is appreciated.

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My submission will consist of the following key points for your consideration:

1. The City of Kamloops should not be split whereby eastern neighbourhoods of the city are split from the rest of Kamloops and placed in the North Okanagan-Shuswap riding. This is a widely shared view among residents of Kamloops and I strongly urge that those eastern neighbourhoods (*Valleyview, Juniper Ridge, Rose Hill, Barnhartvale and Dallas) be brought back into the same riding with the rest of the city.*

2. Based on the provincial average or starting figure of 116,300 for 43 ridings, and bearing in mind the factors enumerated in the legislation, we submit you have the option of creating a riding of "*Kamloops-Thompson*", which just as it sounds, would be compromised of the City of Kamloops, certain rural areas west of the city, and continue to include all of the North Thompson for a total of 116,836 based on the 2021 census. (see Appendix "A").

Keeping the City of Kamloops intact in one riding can be accommodated by reasonably respecting the equality principle and governing legislation by shifting the following

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communities to the **Coquihalla** Riding (Logan Lake, Lytton, Spences Bridge = 2480 + Ashcroft 1672 + 42 = 4192)

And to **Cariboo-Prince George** Riding: Lillooet (2302 + 285 = 2587) + Squamish-Lillooet Regional District A & B (678) + Pavilion (48) + Fountain (181) + Marble Canyon (97) + Hat Creek (76) + Bonaparte (159) + Cache Creek (969) + Clinton (568) + 70 Mile House (1,162) = 6,525.

Total: 4,192 + 6,525 = 10,717 (see Appendix "B").

2021 Census: This proposal would:

City of Kamloops (97,902) + Kamloops Reserve1 (3,915)	**97,902**
Thompson-Nicola "J" (1,796) + Skeetchestn (242)	**2,038**
North Thompson	**12,981**
Our Proposal of "**Kamloops-Thompson**" Riding	**116,836**

Firstly, you should not split the City of Kamloops which would see the eastern neighbourhoods of Kamloops split from the remainder of the city and placed in the North Okanagan-Shuswap riding. Those neighbourhoods (Barnhartvale, Dallas, Juniper Ridge, Valleyview) are an integral part of the City of Kamloops, with strong linkages of community of interest and identity, family ties, transportation, services, employment, the courts, and items like banking, doctors, dentists, healthcare, hospital, school district, university, and governmental services. Those neighbourhoods have little to nothing in common with, for example, Revelstoke. It would be an anomaly and huge impediment for those Kamloops residents that have problems with employment insurance, passports, immigration documents and CRA to be seeking the assistance or adjudication of an MP with a constituency office out of town.

Splitting a community down a highway does not make good sense, nor good government. For example, past Ontario Commissions have decided they did not want federal ridings to unduly cut municipal boundaries, particularly for smaller cities or towns. Population was not the only deciding factor. Kamloops is surely a community of interest and ought to have a coherent and common representation. You may live on one side of our city and have a workplace or service on the other side of Kamloops. You shouldn't have to have a different MP to do so. People of Kamloops need a common perspective just as they have common needs and interests, integrally and deeply interwoven. Politics should build community, particularly at a time of increased individuality and polarization.

Secondly, it's my submission that communities like 70 Mile House, Clinton, Cache Creek and Lillooet share history, community of interest and identity with the Cariboo. They share many ties and transportation, routes such as Highway 97 and 99. Lillooet and these communities are on the historic Cariboo Wagon Road and Lillooet has previously been part of the Cariboo federal riding. Ranching, Indigenous community links, the Fraser River, and geography, are just some of the shared interior and northward links. I love the Cariboo but in fairness I do believe

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these communities should be united with the **Cariboo-Prince George** Riding which would modestly bring the total population of that riding to (117,160 + 6525) 123,685.

This proposal is a 5.5% variation for Cariboo-Prince George from the provincial average, far from the 25% permissible by the legislation and yet, at the same time it accommodates and incorporates community of interests, communities of identity, transportation routes and links, historical patterns and manageable geographical sizes. Similarly, we suggest adding 4192 to **Coquihalla** (110,820 + 4192 = 115,012). Lytton, Logan Lake, Spences Bridge and Ashcroft share as much in common with the Coquihalla, if not more so, than they do with Kamloops. And, this would bring that riding's numbers closer to the 116,300 average.

As for the North Thompson (Clearwater, Barriere, Avola, Vavenby, etc) we support this region remaining within a riding with Kamloops. Logically, they really have nowhere to go and there are links with Kamloops (services, transportation).

There is another aspect that I urge you to seriously consider. It's important to note that more demographically diverse communities have a more diverse set of political interests to represent, presenting another challenge to effective representation by an MP.

Beyond the impact on voters in urban centres in general, this imbalance has reduced the value of visible minorities because the urban centres are disproportionately home to racialized voters. Kamloops is an urban centre and home to these communities. The rural communities lack diversity and are overwhelmingly, sometimes exclusively "white". This is a sensitive and yet very pertinent issue in our modern Canada of 2022 and for our representation. The current configuration of Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton disproportionately affects the diversity of and interests of Kamloops. We in Kamloops have a substantial Indigenous population (10-11K) and large South Asian, Asian, Filipino, and growing African communities, along with immigration (including TRU international students) and also internal migration to our city from other parts of the province and the country.

The importance of minority representation as a factor to consider in effective representation was noted by Chief Justice McLachlin when she wrote:

> "Factors like geography, community history, community interests and minority representation may need to be taken into account to ensure that our legislative assemblies effectively represent the diversity of our social mosaic."

Although at the time Justice McLachlin was talking about factors that would justify deviation from parity, this principle also has application when considering whether a particular deviation from parity is or continues to be acceptable.

Being unaware or overlooking representation of visible minorities, by including a substantial number of rural communities, diminishes the needs, interests and representation of minorities and is an obstacle to ensuring that our elected bodies - the House of Commons - represents

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"the diversity of our social mosaic," to quote the Chief Justice. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to take a look at and see the difference in the representation from more rural ridings. 19(1)

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I'm hopeful that the Commissioners see the importance of addressing this in your deliberations and determining riding boundaries.

It's also important to consider population growth. Given the high growth in some parts of the province, including Kamloops, I believe it's a particularly important consideration. The boundaries are being drawn not just for the next election, but for the one after that. I urge the Commission to bear this in mind to ensure appropriate representation over the lifespan of these boundaries, through 2032 or 2033.

I close by thanking you again for all your work. I truly respect and hope that my submissions are helpful to you in your work and commitment to ensuring fairness in all meaning of the word in our federal electoral system.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Appendix "A":

City of Kamloops, Tk'emlŭps, Sun Peaks, TNRD 'P' & 'J', Skeetchestn, North Thompson

2021 Census:

City of Kamloops	
(8.4% increase in 5 yrs)	97,902
Kamloops Reserve 1 (urban)	3,915
	101,817
Thompson-Nicola 'P' (Rivers and the Peaks, includes Heffley, McLure, Knouff Lake, Whispering Pines, Pritchard, Pinantan)	4,098
Thompson-Nicola 'J' (Copper Desert, includes Six Mile, Savona, Lac Le Jeune, Tunkwa)	1,796
Skeetchestn	242
Sun Peaks Mountain, Village	1,404
Thompson-Nicola 'A' & 'B' (Includes Birch Island, Vavenby, Avola, Blue River and area)	1,803
Thompson-Nicola 'O' (Lower North Thompson, Includes Simpcw, Little Fort and area)	1,523
Clearwater	2,388
Barriere	1,765
	15,019
Total:	**116,836**

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Appendix "B":

DATA: 2021 CENSUS & KAMLOOPS FEDERAL BOUNDARIES REDISTRIBUTION:

Population 2021 Census for communities Commission currently proposes to be included in "Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton" and which we submit can be removed and placed into adjoining ridings of Cariboo-Prince George and Coquihalla.

Ashcroft:	1670
Ashcroft 1 Reserve:	42
Bonaparte:	159
Cache Creek:	969
Fountain Reserve:	181
Kanaka:	"0"
Lillooet:	2302
Lillooet Reserve 1:	285
Logan Lake:	2255
Lower & Upper Hat Creek: (61 + 15)	76
Lytton:	"210" (Lytton census numbers seem low, perhaps because
Lytton Reserve:	15" relocated and counted in other communities)
Marble Canyon:	97
Pavilion:	48
Squamish-Lilloooet Reg'l Dist "A&B"	678
Clinton:	568
70 Mile House (Bonaparte Plateau):	1,162

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Current Commission's Proposed Ridings by Population:

Kamloops Thompson Lytton	115,082
Cariboo Prince George	117,160
North Okanagan Shuswap	109,971
Coquihalla	110,820
Kelowna	109,006
Vernon Lake Country	111,205
Prince George, Peace River, Northern Rockies	116,962

Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

Rules

15 (1) In preparing its report, each commission for a province shall, subject to subsection (2), be governed by the following rules:

(a) the division of the province into electoral districts and the description of the boundaries thereof shall proceed on the basis that the population of each electoral district in the province as a result thereof shall, as close as reasonably possible, correspond to the electoral quota for the province, that is to say, the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the province as ascertained by the census by the number of members of the House of Commons to be assigned to the province as calculated by the Chief Electoral Officer under subsection 14(1); and

(b) the commission shall consider the following in determining reasonable electoral district boundaries:

(i) the community of interest or community of identity in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province, and

(ii) a manageable geographic size for districts in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions of the province.

Departure from rules

(2) The commission may depart from the application of the rule set out in paragraph (1)(a) in any case where the commission considers it necessary or desirable to depart therefrom

(a) in order to respect the community of interest or community of identity in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province, or

(b) in order to maintain a manageable geographic size for districts in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions of the province,

but, in departing from the application of the rule set out in paragraph (1)(a), the commission shall make every effort to ensure that, except in circumstances viewed by the commission as being extraordinary, the population of each electoral district in the province remains within twenty-five per cent more or twenty-five per cent less of the electoral quota for the province.

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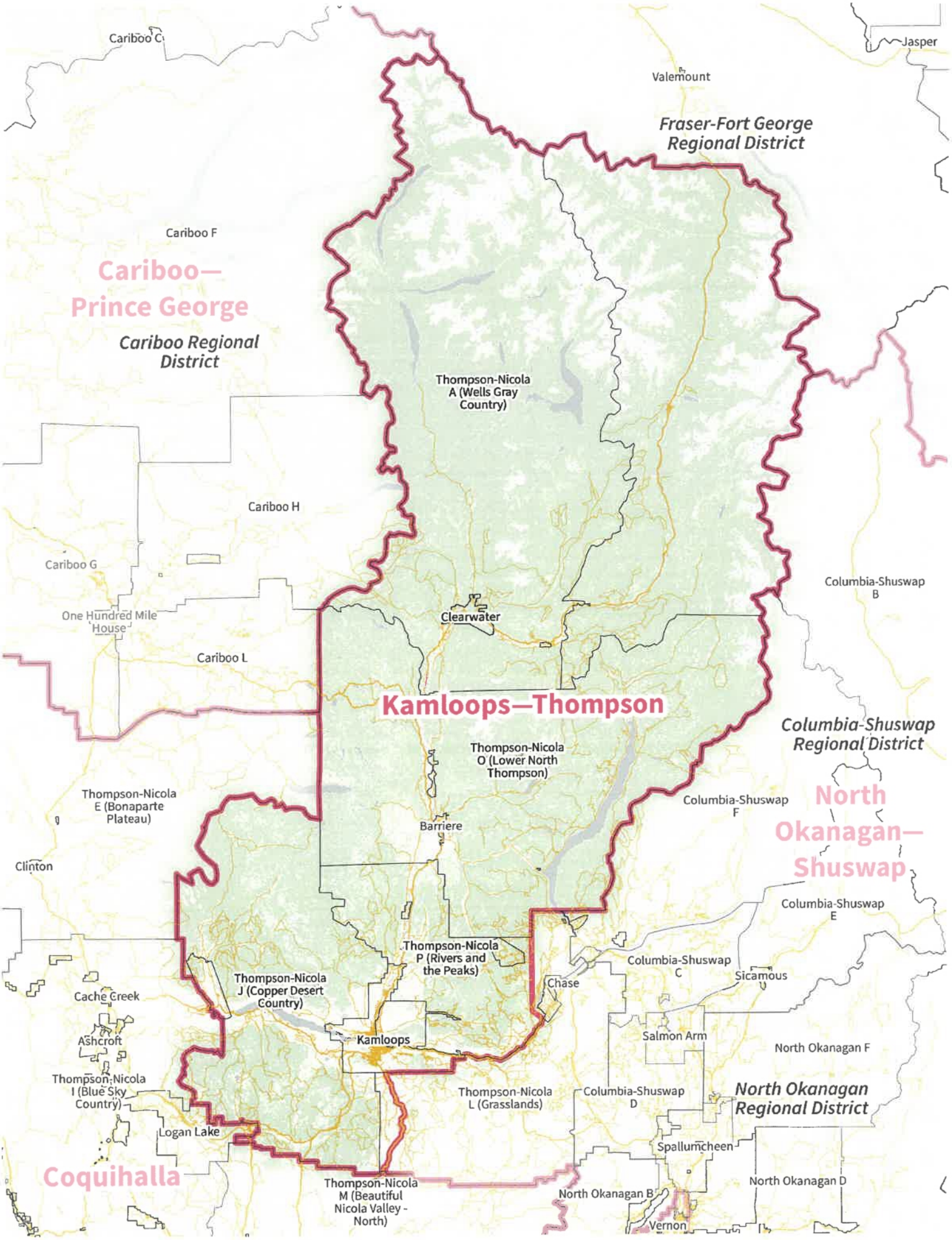

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 2, 2022 1:55 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: proposed new boundaries pitt meadows - fort langley

yo, the proposed new boundary for pitt meadows-fort langley makes no sence. im sure the people of langley are fine folks but us north of the river have little contact with them. Also, it seems part of poco has also been added to this political abomination. Again, fine people but why link them to pitt meadows - maple ridge.

first off, historically pitt meadows and maple ridge are far closer to maple ridge than any of our neighbors - pitt meadows even being a part of maple ridge in the yearly days of municipal amalgamation. we also shared some municipal duties (parks, etc) until very recently. many people - myself included - have lived in both with little, if any, noticeable change. in most minds the two enities are one unit with similar wants, needs, and problems.

moreover, coquitlam and langley while physically close seem quite different in my mind. i dont know who their mayors are, i don't know what their civil holidays (pitt meadows day is number one!!!), and frankly speaking are places i simple drive through on occasion.

i understand the need to compromise but this boundary proposal seems more like some nineteenth-century imperial re-drawing of the balkans or middle east splitting up like groups to empower the crown rulers (obviously an over blown exaggeration)

i would suggest linking poco with coquitlam and maybe north coquitlam with port moody. or langley with fleetwood. and expand pitt meadows - maple ridge past 224th. im not entirely sure why you made your choices BUT i would highly recommend keeping the rivers (pitt river and fraser river) in your mind and revisit this boundary.

keep pitt meadows and maple ridge ONE!
thanks for your time,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 2, 2022 4:18 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed New Elected Boundary

Who is the persons responsible for cutting a city's election boundaries into 4 different cities. This makes no sense for Delta, BC. Who ever is involved with this deception will have to deal with the fall out of the people who won't stand for brainless government meddling!

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Date received: 2022-08-15

RIM ID: 1660550594ADPWFJWYCM

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Bring all Upper Sumas 6 lands into one electoral district.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59001

Name to modify: Abbotsford / Abbotsford

New name: Abbotsford / Abbotsford

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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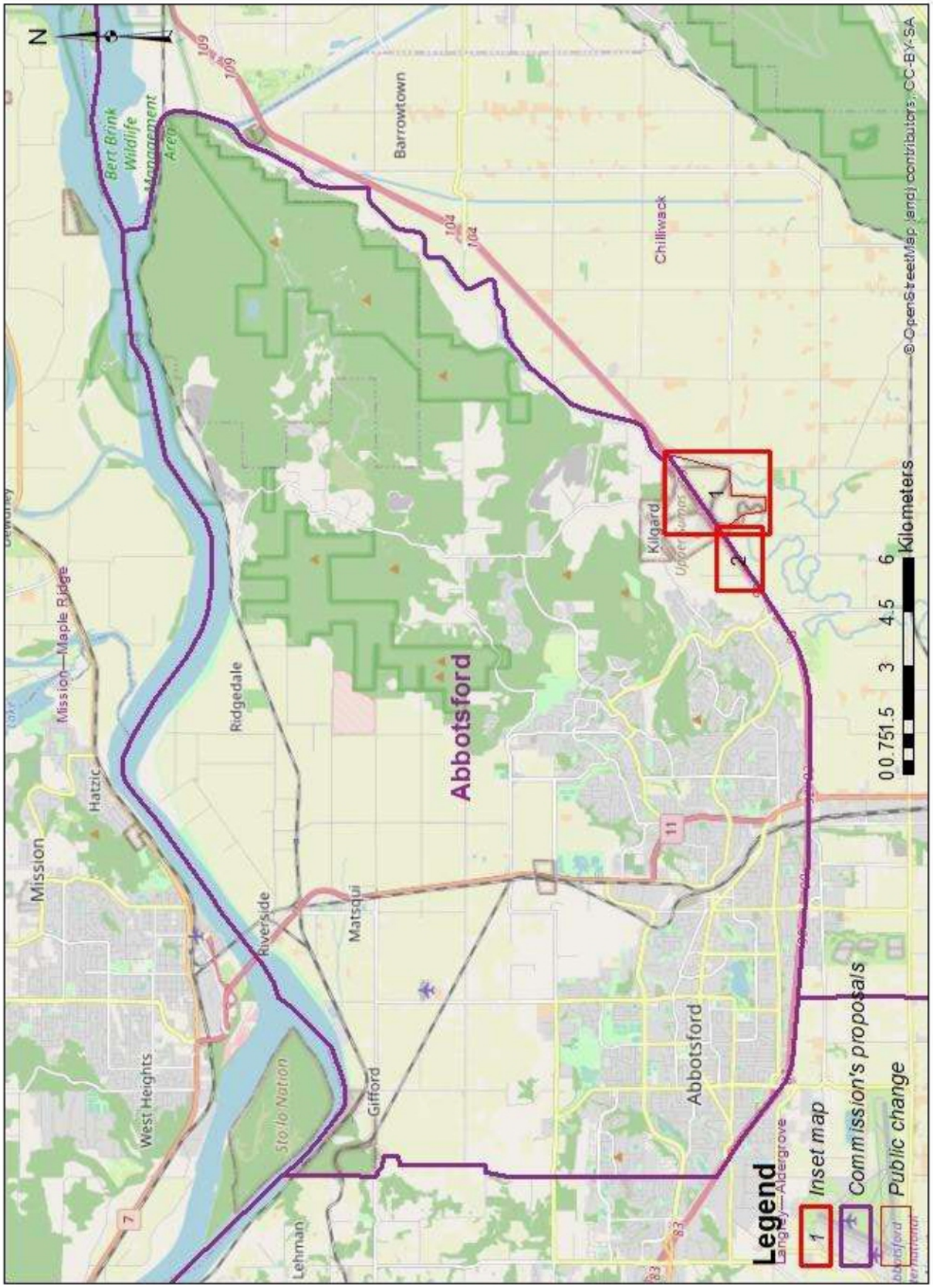

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 23, 2022 8:35 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Penticton

At first, I thought this was a joke...spam of some sort...

Are you serious? To cut a community in two? Brutal and divisive...

Have you no member with common sense?

Please, give your heads a shake and reconsider.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 8, 2022 10:09 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: redistribution proposals

I am not impressed with the redistribution proposals for the Burnaby/New Westminster/Surrey/Richmond areas.

There seems to be too little respect for natural boundaries, which are generally defined by the municipal areas. Parts of every municipality seem to be hived off to other, unnatural, ridings.

Notwithstanding the appropriateness of balancing population numbers I don't think many of the changes I am seeing make particular sense.

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Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone. - Oscar Wilde

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 6, 2022 1:15 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Burnaby redistribution

Your proposed re-distribution in Burnaby is wasteful and thoughtless. MPs should represent their neighbourhood and not zig-zag all over the Lower Mainland in 2-3 different cities.
This redistribution proposal reeks of America. Don't embarrass Burnaby to that level.

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September 9, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300 - 1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC
V6E 2E9

Dear Members of the Commission,

RE: Federal Electoral Boundaries Proposals for BC – Vancouver Kingsway
VIA EMAIL

19(1) [redacted]

19(1) [redacted] I wish to share my insight and feedback regarding the proposals put forth by this commission as relates specifically to Vancouver Kingsway. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the Commission.

I am deeply concerned with the proposed boundary redistribution and assert that the proposals, as currently drawn, will negatively impact my riding and my community.

19(1) [redacted]

I will be speaking specifically about Vancouver Kingsway and the proposal to include some of the city of Burnaby in the draft boundary redistribution.

My concerns are outlined below:

1. The proposed boundary changes include a portion of the city of Burnaby. The municipal dividing boundary between the cities of Vancouver and Burnaby is a large 6-lane road (Boundary Road). It is a very busy north-south truck route with many large trucks at all times of day. The intersection of Boundary and Kingsway is included in the draft proposal. This intersection would be the main transit and driving route into the rest of the Vancouver Kingsway riding. This intersection is the third most dangerous intersection in the Lower Mainland, with over 800 collisions a year on average. Because it is such a large intersection, and because, as previously stated, it is a truck route, it is particularly dangerous for pedestrians. That danger is amplified if the pedestrians trying to cross the intersection are disabled or elderly. I assert that the draft boundary redistribution as

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drawn, poses a significant safety risk to constituents who might try to make their way into the city of Vancouver to visit a constituency office or to attend riding events.

2. I would like to point out how different the cities of Vancouver and Burnaby are. They have different mayors, city councils, school boards, and different by-laws. I am very concerned that redrawing the boundaries as proposed will serve to cut off a portion of Burnaby from their established city, neighbourhood, and community. 19(1) 19(1) 19(1) I believe this will become a difficult, if not impossible, task if Vancouver Kingsway were to include a portion of an entirely different city.
3. 19(1) 19(1) This fosters a strong sense of community and togetherness that makes Vancouver Kingsway a particularly wonderful place to live 19(1) 19(1) Which community will be without their MP for these important city events?
4. In that same vein, I would like to point out 19(1) 19(1) 19(1) Including a small portion of Burnaby in the riding will not mean that he will only have to become familiar with a few streets in the city, but rather he will need to become informed about everything to do with the city of Burnaby in order to serve his constituents fairly. It does not seem tenable to think that two cities can have the same level of service and care as one.

The points above fall under Community of Interest, which I understand is one of the main points of consideration for the Commission when it comes to making this decision. I do not believe it is in either city's best interest to move forward as proposed based on these Community of Interest points.

As the Vancouver Kingsway EDA President, I have read and fully concur with MP Davies' submission to the Commission regarding these proposed boundary changes. It is clear to me that there are other ways to achieve the Commission's goal of better numerical balance within the

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ridings in Vancouver. 19(1) it may be occasionally necessary to cross municipal boundaries, but should be done so only when it is unavoidable. I respectfully submit that there are other ways to achieve the desired numerical balance between the Vancouver ridings within the permitted deviation of 25% while keeping all riding boundaries within Vancouver itself.

The suggestion of moving the Vancouver Kingsway boundary west from Main to Ontario Street resonates strongly with me, as the dividing line between the east and west side of Vancouver is Ontario Street. Residents of Vancouver identify deeply with whether they live on the West Side or in East Vancouver. Including that portion of East Vancouver in Vancouver Kingsway makes a lot of sense.

I would like to conclude by saying that I value the work you have undertaken, and I understand it is a gargantuan task. I know that the goal of the Commission to strengthen our democracy and I want you to know that I greatly respect that goal. I am very grateful for the opportunity to share my views and thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Respectfully,

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Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

"Port Coquitlam—Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley" is a better name as the proposed electoral district includes a significant portion of Port Coquitlam.

It also contains a significant portion of Maple Ridge, but perhaps "Port Coquitlam—Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge—Fort Langley" is too much of a mouthful. or is it? With names like Rimouski-Neigette—Témiscouata—Les Basques and Beauport—Côte-de-Beaupré—Île d'Orléans—Charlevoix maybe the full name is justified.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59024

Name to modify: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

New name: Port Coquitlam—Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Port Coquitlam—Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 7, 2022 3:29 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta Electoral Boundary

Good afternoon,

I noticed on your website that the current electoral boundary for Delta includes "Tsawwassen Indian Reserve". It has not been called Tsawwassen Indian Reserve since April 3, 2009 when a tripartite agreement between Canada, BC, and Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) came into effect making Tsawwassen First Nation a self-governing entity with its own legislature. This event was prior to the last electoral boundary change so it should have been updated at that time.

In this time of reconciliation, it is important to acknowledge the correct reference to our neighbours and I would hope that you would amend your website as soon as possible.

Thank you very much,

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Under the first proposal, “Chilliwack” is the name given to the electoral district encompassing Chilliwack and a large part of Abbotsford. This part of Abbotsford, south of Highway 1, is known as the “Sumas Prairie” with the name having First Nations origins. Naming this riding “Chilliwack-Sumas” would ensure that this part of Abbotsford included in the riding is represented in the name.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59005

Name to modify: Chilliwack / Chilliwack

New name: Chilliwack-Sumas / Chilliwack-Sumas

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Original name does not reflect Surrey portion of the riding.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59011

Name to modify: Delta /
Delta

New name: Delta - Panorama /
Delta - Panorama

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The new boundary contains a significant portion of the western part of the municipality of Abbotsford, even more than the current Langley-Aldergrove riding. The "Langley-Aldergrove" name already caused confusion among residents of the Abbotsford in the current boundaries when they changed. To properly represent the area, the name "Langley-Abbotsford West" would be much more suitable.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59017

Name to modify: Langley—Aldergrove / Langley—Aldergrove

New name: Langley—Abbotsford West / Langley—Abbotsford-Ouest

Attachments:

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RIM ID: 1651684160ZBOTXNFLYA

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Riding name does not reflect Port Coquitlam portions.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59024

Name to modify: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

New name: Port Coquitlam-Ridge Meadows—Fort Langley / Port Coquitlam-Ridge Meadows—Fort Langley

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Original name does not reflect parts of North Delta that the riding represents.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59027

Name to modify: Richmond East / Richmond-Est

New name: Richmond East - Nordel / Richmond-Est - Nordel

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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RIM ID: 1651684055MUWDDVFCLV

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Original name does not reflect Delta portions, and Scott Road is an important part of the riding.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59034

Name to modify: Surrey West / Surrey-Ouest

New name: Surrey West - Scott Road / Surrey-Ouest - Rue Scott

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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September 30, 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commissioners,

Electoral Redistribution: One Delta

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I would like to provide you with my comments on the proposed electoral redistribution as it impacts the electoral district of Delta. I am concerned that the proposal, which would divide the current district across three new districts, will have a serious negative impact

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Delta – A Unique and Unified Community

Delta is a thriving, diverse community with a unique identity in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. We are not Surrey or Richmond. We are farmers, fishers, and small business owners. We are police officers, firefighters, parents, and grandparents. Most of us live and work here in Delta.

Delta has a mosque, churches, and seniors' facilities. We have a peat bog, a bird sanctuary, beaches, the Fraser River, and the Pacific Ocean. We have an international border, two airports, and the largest container port in the country.

Delta has the two largest industrial parks in the Lower Mainland: Tilbury and Annacis Island; and a thriving business community. We have the Delta Chamber of Commerce, the Ladner Business Association, the Tsawwassen Business Improvement Association, and the North Delta Business Association.

We are one city with our own school district, Delta Police Department and Delta Fire Department. The City of Delta has facilities and services in both North and South Delta. Municipal Hall, the Delta Hospital, Fire and Police Headquarters are in the South. The Public Safety Building and the Centre for the Arts are in the North. City Council rotates their Council meetings between City Hall in the South and the Arts Centre in the North.

Delta is on the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam peoples, and the electoral district of Delta includes the Tsawwassen First Nation. While not part of the City of Delta, the Tsawassen First Nation is an integral and vital part of the community

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of Delta. The Delta School Board, Police Department, and Fire Department also provide services to the Tsawwassen First Nation.

Since 2015, all of Delta has been represented by one Member of Parliament. The electoral district boundaries are the same as the municipal boundaries, with the addition of the Tsawwassen First Nation. This has meant one point of contact for federal government services. One federal representative working with local and provincial governments, business leaders, community groups, and the Tsawwassen First Nation. Citizens know who their MP is, and that MP does not have to divide time and attention between different communities. Delta is the only priority.

The current electoral district works for our community and our citizens. One Delta mayor and council, one Tsawwassen Chief and legislature, one school district, one police department, one fire department, two Delta MLAs, and one Delta MP; all there for Delta, all the time. It is my hope that coming out of these consultations, you will agree that we need to keep the community of Delta together.

Impacts of the Proposed Redistribution

My respectful submission is that the proposed redistribution would unnecessarily fragment our community and threaten its cohesion. The redistribution chops Delta up across three different electoral districts. Delta would no longer have one MP, but three. The new electoral district of Delta would be half South Delta, half Surrey. North Delta would be partitioned from the rest of the city and divided between Richmond East and Surrey West. With this division, it is possible that no MP or federal candidate for any of the electoral districts representing Delta actually lives in Delta.

This worries me. The proposed distribution diminishes the ability of any MP from the proposed three new electoral districts to effectively represent their constituents. I believe the people of Delta, Surrey, and Richmond would not be well-served by the proposed carving up of Delta.

I have three main areas of concern: the impact on service provision, the impact on individuals, and the impact on community.

Service Provision

My first concern is the quality and level of service that a dedicated MP for Delta can provide. 19(1)

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Having a Delta focus on this work means that outreach and advocacy work is tailored to

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our community. At times, this work may be at odds with or even in competition with other surrounding communities, including Richmond and Surrey.

The impact on Delta of dividing time and focus on providing service to constituents from other communities would be significant. And the MP presence in Delta would necessarily suffer.

All three MPs for Delta under the proposed distribution would have to build and maintain relationships with twice as many community, government, business, and non-profit stakeholders. They would have to juggle competing priorities.

A concrete example of this is the Canada Summer Jobs program. MPs are very involved in this annual job creation program for youth. MPs determine local priorities and are involved in job distribution. Under the proposed distribution, the MP for Delta would have to establish priorities that serve both Delta and Surrey, and the priorities of North Delta would have to be incorporated with those of Surrey and Richmond. The MPs would then have to work with businesses and non-profits across two cities to get them to apply for positions, and then work with youth organizations and young people in two cities to get them to apply for the jobs. This would not benefit Delta.

The MP presence in Delta would necessarily also be diminished, as all three MPs would have to attend local events in two communities. Right now, the MP for Delta can attend all annual Delta celebrations and events, including Remembrance Day and Canada Day. There is no need to divide time between multiple communities. With three MPs serving Delta, there could be years where no one attends these events, and there would be no opportunity over years to build relationships and have an ongoing presence at these events.

Individuals and Community Organizations

Next, the impact on individuals and community organizations would be significant.

Constituents might not have their local MP office in their community. The Delta MP could have their office in Surrey. The two MPs with parts of North Delta could have their offices in Richmond and Surrey. From a Richmond perspective, this could involve the additional challenge of crossing the Fraser to see their MP.

This would disproportionately impact our most vulnerable citizens, including seniors and persons with disabilities. Regional transit can be difficult and inaccessible. These barriers could result in people being unable to get to their MPs office.

Let me give you another example. The Royal Canadian Legion has two branches in Delta, both in the South. Veterans from all over Delta come to these legions; they are a gathering point and a forum for discussion of issues that are important to the military and veterans. In the redistributed model, the Delta MP would not represent all the

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veterans from Delta. Veterans from North Delta would be able to participate in the work of legions but would have to bring their individual concerns to a different MP.

The people of Delta don't want this change. A poll conducted by the Delta Optimist newspaper found that 92% of respondents disagreed with the proposed changes. The citizens of Delta want our community to remain intact.

From the perspective of Delta stakeholders, their work would be tripled. Let me give you an example of how this could significantly complicate matters.

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19(1) With Delta divided in three, the School Board would have to work with three different MPs, potentially from different parties, potentially in both Government and Opposition. The School Board could be faced with a situation where Delta families have a home address in one electoral district and have kids attending school in another electoral district. A family could be dealing with one MPs office with respect to an immigration issue and another MPs office with respect to secondary school supports.

Another example would be the impact of moving Delta's two industrial parks into a combined electoral district with Richmond. The population of these industrial areas is minimal, but the negative impact of moving them into Richmond East would be significant. These Delta businesses, many of whose owners and employees live in Delta, would have to work with the Richmond MP to ensure that their issues are addressed. The same would be true for North Delta businesses – the North Delta Business Association would have to work with three MPs to have federal issues addressed.

A final example would be the Baitur Rahman Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at Mosque. This mosque is one of the largest in the province. Its members come from across the region but are primarily from south of the Fraser. It is an integral part of our Delta community, a gathering place for community religious, political, and non-profit leaders. It regularly hosts interfaith events. Its youth group organizes an annual Run for Delta to raise money for the food bank. It holds an annual Canada Day event. I meet regularly with the mosque leadership, discussing issues ranging from immigration to Islamophobia to temporary foreign workers to poverty. Under the redistribution proposal, this mosque would be in the electoral district of Richmond East.

Community

The impact on our community would be significant. The unique, united, and cohesive community would be divided.

- Both industrial parks would be in Richmond East.
- The mosque would be in Richmond East.

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- The Delta Public Safety Building would be in Surrey West
- The North Delta Centre for the Arts – where Delta City Council meets regularly – would be in Surrey West.
- Delta elementary and high schools would be in Surrey West and Richmond East.
- Delta police districts would be fragmented between Richmond, Surrey and Delta.

So much of who we are as a community would be lost.

The municipal boundaries are clean and clear. They include the natural boundaries of the Fraser River and Pacific Ocean, the US border, and the well-known major thoroughfare 120th Street that divides the distinct and different communities of Delta and Surrey.

Population and Electoral Quota

I would also like to address the matter of population and the electoral quota. As I have explained, this proposed redistribution would have a significant negative impact on Delta – an impact which I do not believe can be justified by the electoral quota.

For the 2022 redistribution, the electoral quota for British Columbia is 116,300. The current population of the existing electoral district of Delta is 110,721, which is 95% of the electoral quota, well within the accepted deviation. It is clear that maintaining the existing district will not result in residents of the City of Delta and the Tsawwassen First Nation being significantly over- or underrepresented in Canada's Parliament.

Looking at the broader redistribution proposal for the Lower Mainland, it is clear that Delta is being broken up is to address population and electoral quotas in other communities. Our residents are, in effect, being used as filler to bring these communities up to the quota.

I respect the principle of equal representation and I understand the necessity of ensuring all electoral districts have a similar population. But I believe it is best to do this without unduly disrupting or distorting local communities and municipal boundaries.

Delta can stand on its own as an appropriately sized electoral district. There are other ways to address the population and electoral quota issues in the surrounding communities.

For example, Delta and its neighbours – Richmond and Surrey – have a total population of 911,152. If eight electoral districts were created from these three communities, the average population per district would be 98% of the electoral quota. Including the Queensborough area of New Westminister, which borders Richmond on Sea Island, brings these eight districts to 99% of the quota.

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From there, it is possible to create one district in Delta, two in Richmond, and five in Surrey such that each district is within 5% of the quota. Only one of these districts (made up of a portion of Richmond plus Queensborough) would cross municipal boundaries.

I believe the residents of all three communites would prefer this to the proposed redistribution, in which they are spread out across ten electoral districts, only four of which are completely within the boundaries of one of the cities.

Conclusion

Prior to 2015 Delta was fragmented. 19(1) I heard over and over again that in South Delta they had been in competition with the bigger fish that is Richmond, and in North Delta they had been in competition with the bigger fish that is Surrey.

The proposed redistribution would negatively impact our community. Separating North Delta from South Delta – and further dividing North Delta between Surrey and Richmond – would be harmful.

I encourage you to keep our Delta community together, by maintaining the current boundaries of the electoral district of Delta.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 15, 2022 1:16 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundaries for east Van/Burnaby

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed federal electoral boundaries.

Looking at Map 12 in the householder I note that the Vancouver Kingsway and Vancouver South electoral districts will include portions of Burnaby.

While I support the notion of equal representation by ensuring each electoral area has about 116,000 people, I feel elected representatives are better positioned to help communities with similar needs.

I worry that the needs of those Burnaby residents, who may be more privileged/affluent but nonetheless deserving of representation, will be overshadowed by the needs of residents of southeast Vancouver.

They are not the same needs and constituency staff may be challenged to ensure that those Burnaby residents are heard.

Like you did when you created North Burnaby - Seymour, lumping two vastly different jurisdictions together, perhaps the Commission could look at including a portion of North Vancouver within the Vancouver East electoral district. This would allow you to adjust the Vancouver Kingsway and Vancouver South ridings within the City of Vancouver boundaries.

Including a portion of North Vancouver within the Vancouver East constituency makes just as much sense as putting North Vancouver and Burnaby North within the same constituency.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The name should reflect the major communities in the riding, Port Moody and Maillardville. The sliver of urban area stretching to the Fraser River and encompassing the neighbourhood around the Lougheed Highway in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam is strange, not well connected to the rest of the riding. Better would be to give this area to Port Moody-Maillardville and exchange it with the communities of Belcarra, Anmore and the northern parts of Port Moody to made up the difference. This would serve the two ridings better with more natural boundaries, one fully urban and the other a mix. Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam already has a large rural area, so to add on other rural and small town areas would be a better fit than splitting them between two heavily urban ridings. See the attached image for a rough idea of what the boundaries would look like. The concept is represented in the image. Blue = Port Moody-Maillardville, Red = Coquitlam-Belcarra, Green = Port Coquitlam-Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59025

Name to modify: Port Moody—Coquitlam / Port Moody—Coquitlam

New name: Port Moody—Maillardville / Port Moody—Maillardville

Attachments:

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Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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RIM ID: 1654233121IRGKXVZZAM

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

UBC is a major employer, travel destination, and in recent years has been converted from a distant campus to a live-work-study neighbourhood. It is also not within the bounds of the City of Vancouver, and therefore should be recognized as a significant component of the riding.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59039

Name to modify: Vancouver Quadra / Vancouver Quadra

New name: Vancouver-University / Vancouver-Université

Attachments:

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Date received: 2022-05-04

RIM ID: 1651686837SPLNRBLZYW

Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Boundary-Kingsway is more reflective of the 2 main thoroughfares in the riding, and keeps the retail areas, and the surrounding communities that support it, intact.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59038

Name to modify: Vancouver Kingsway / Vancouver Kingsway

New name: Boundary Kingsway / Boundary Kingsway

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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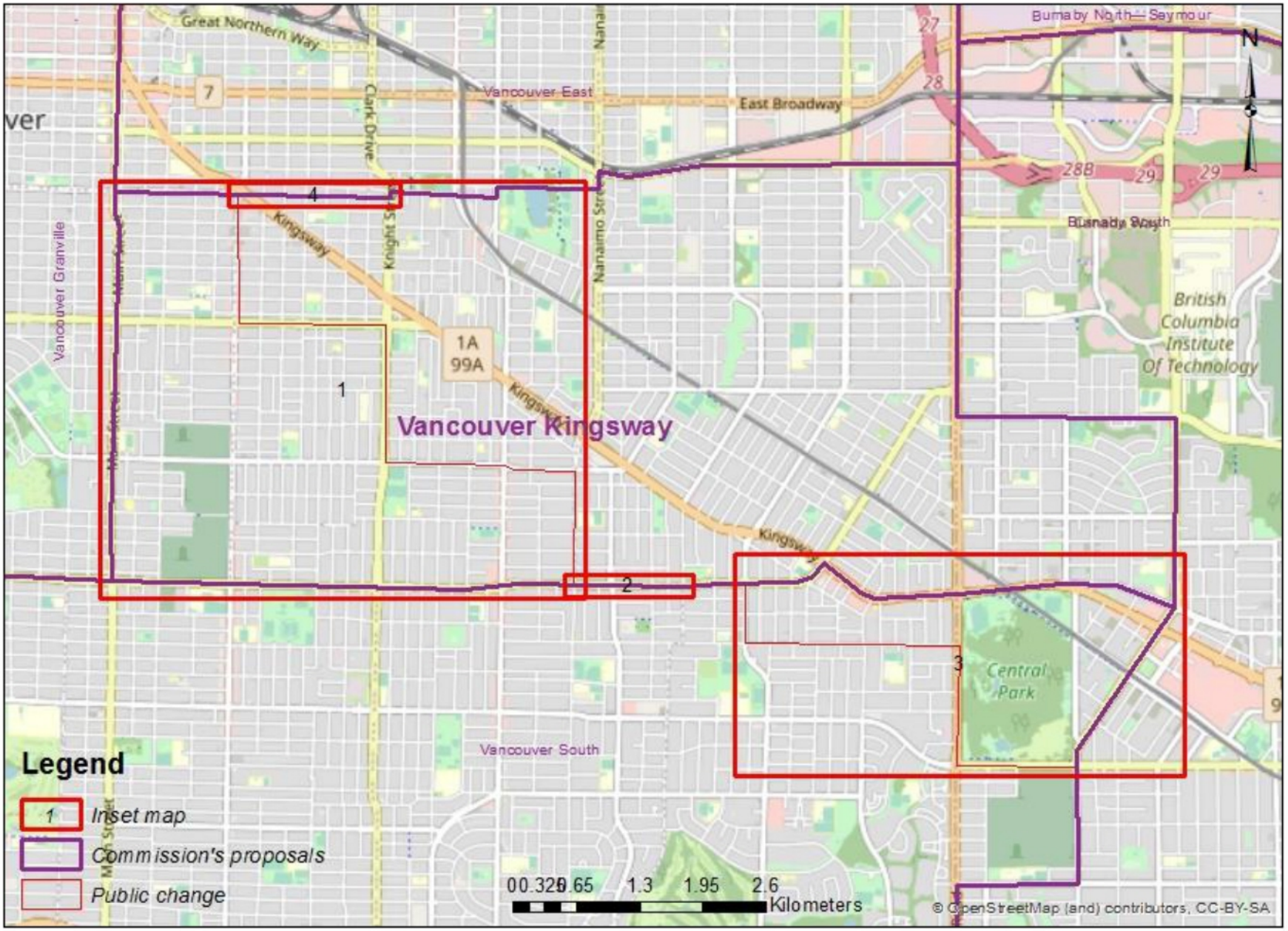

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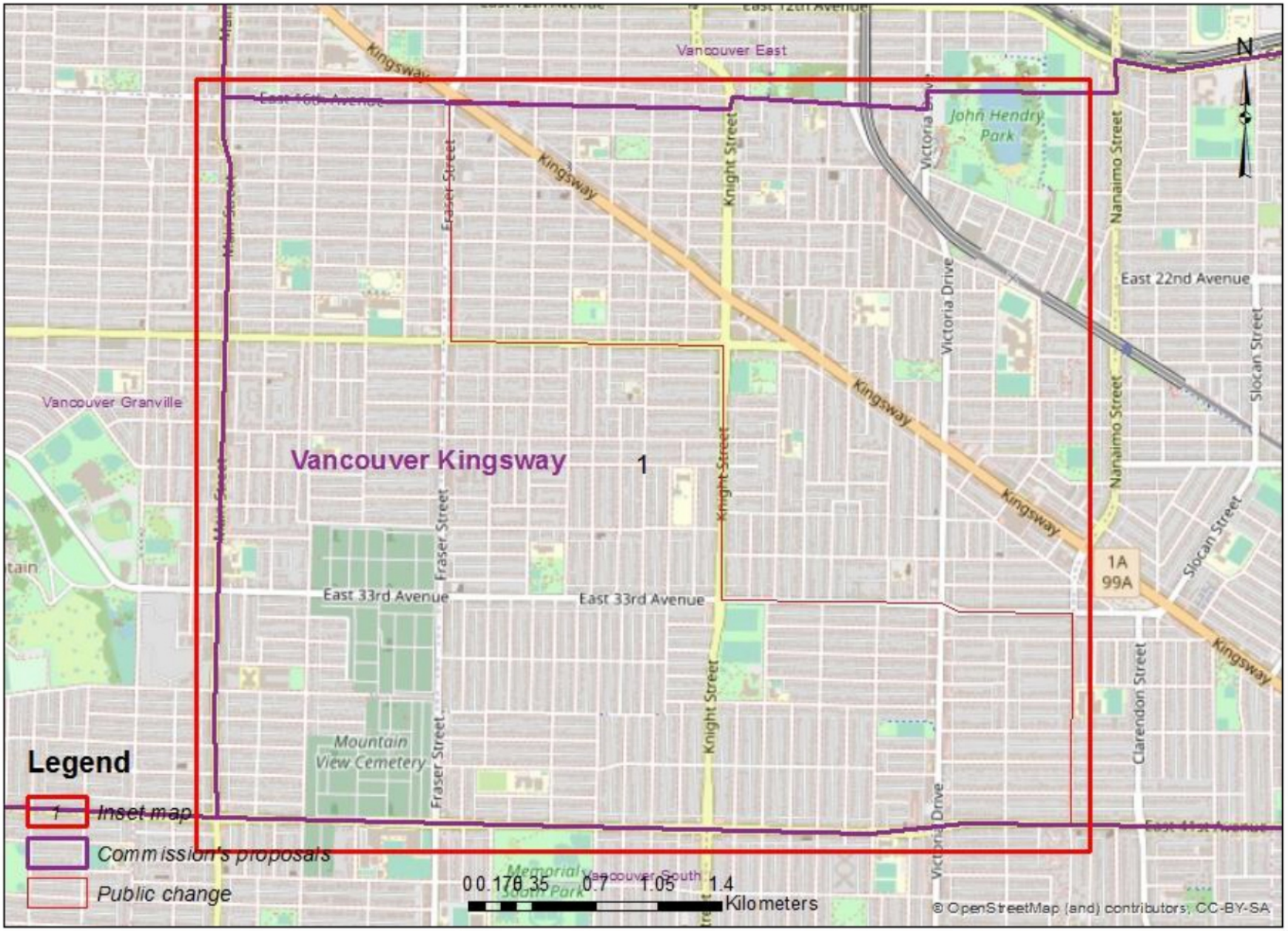

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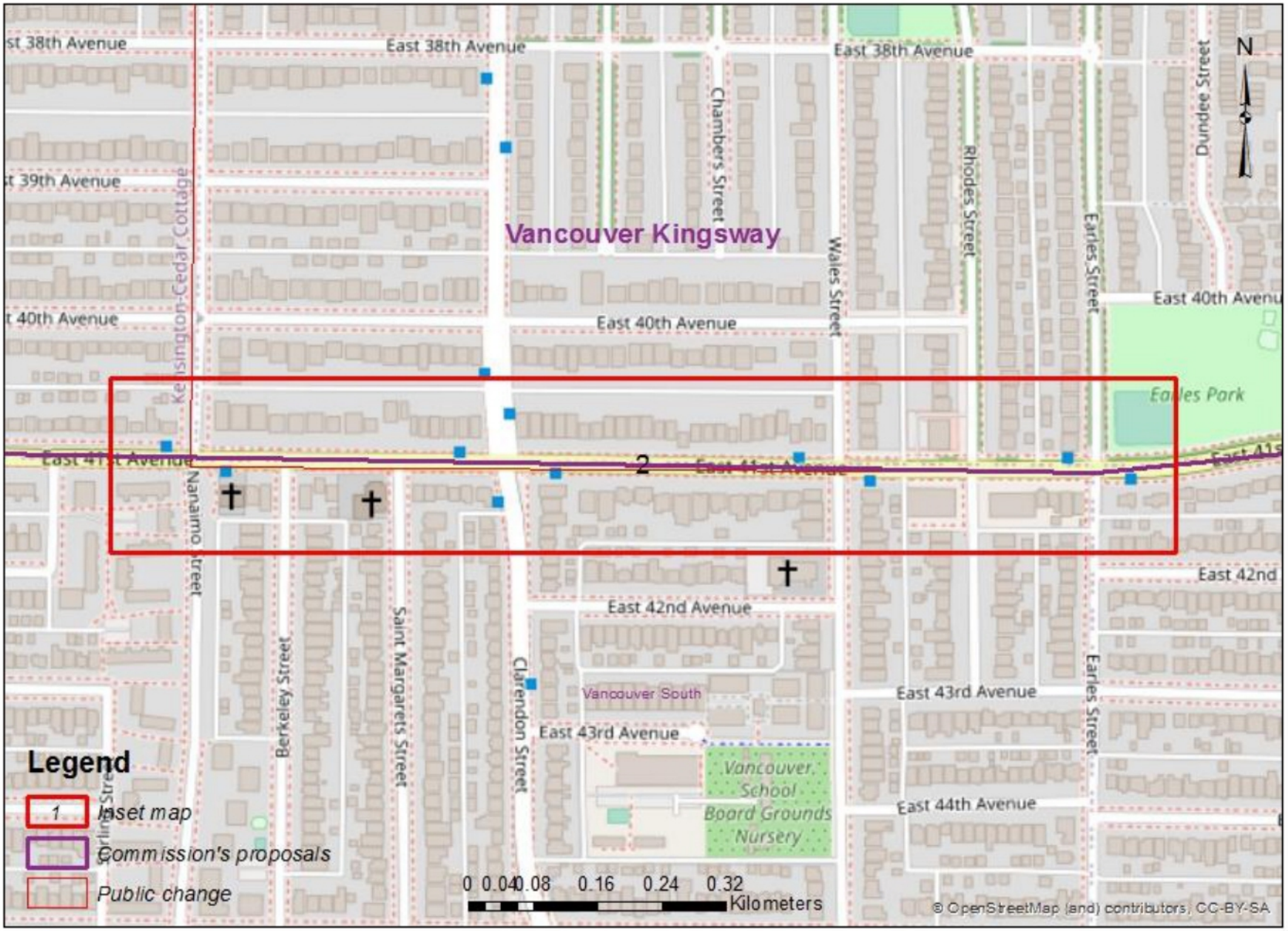

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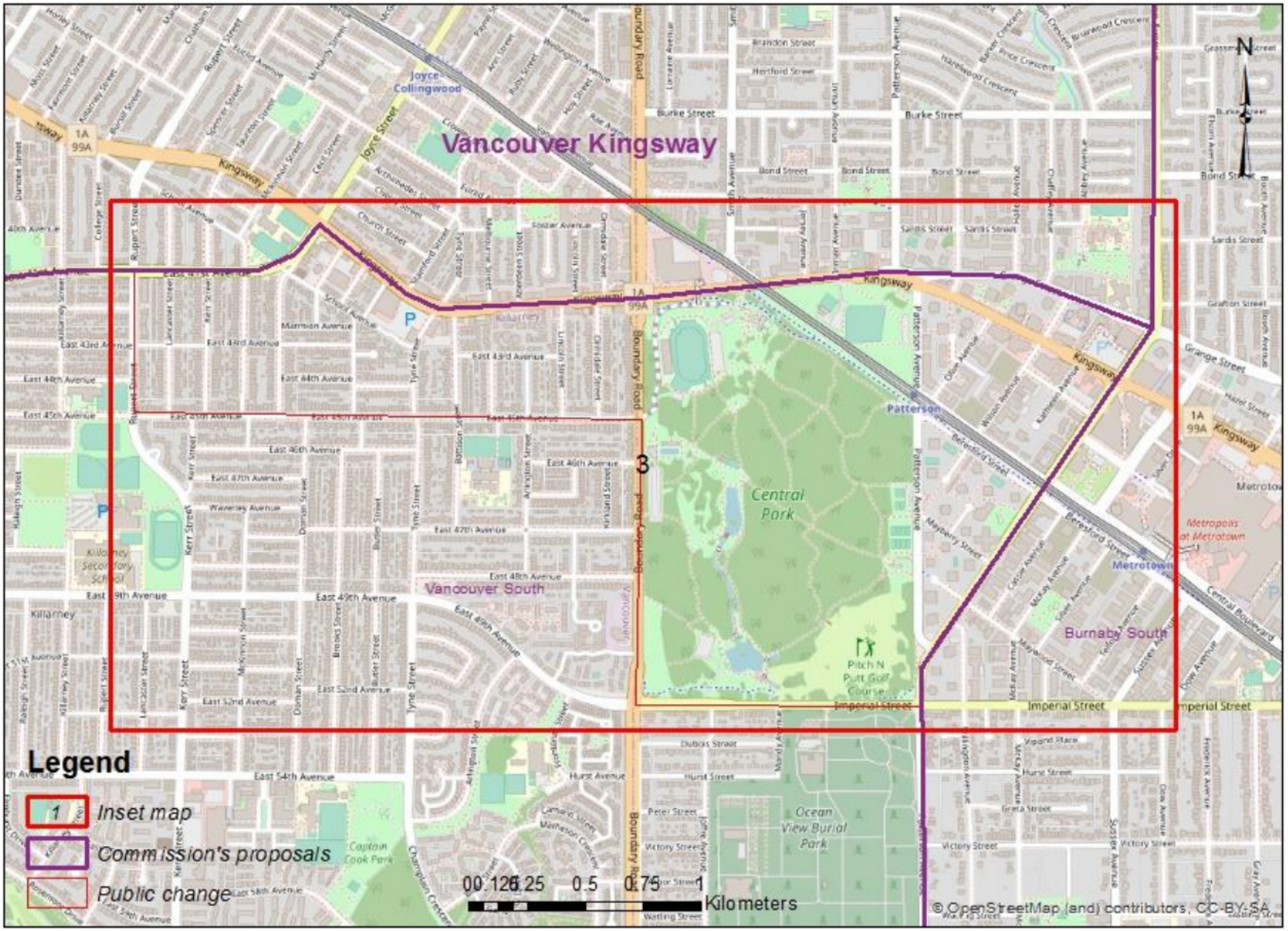

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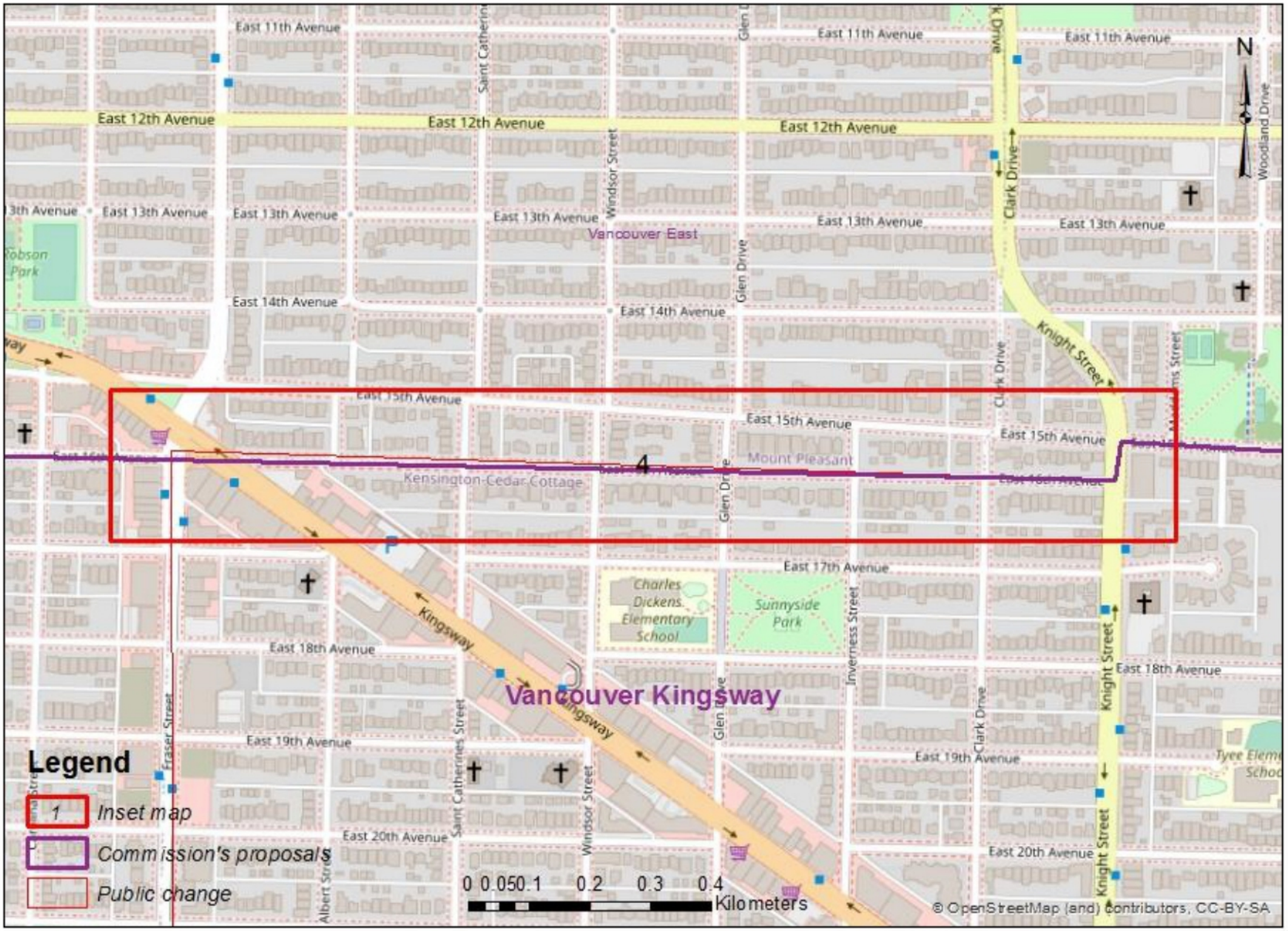

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Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Main-Fraserview better reflects the communities of Fraserview, Killarney, and the Main Street retail/residential areas.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59040

Name to modify: Vancouver South / Vancouver-Sud

New name: Main-Fraserview / Main-Fraiserview

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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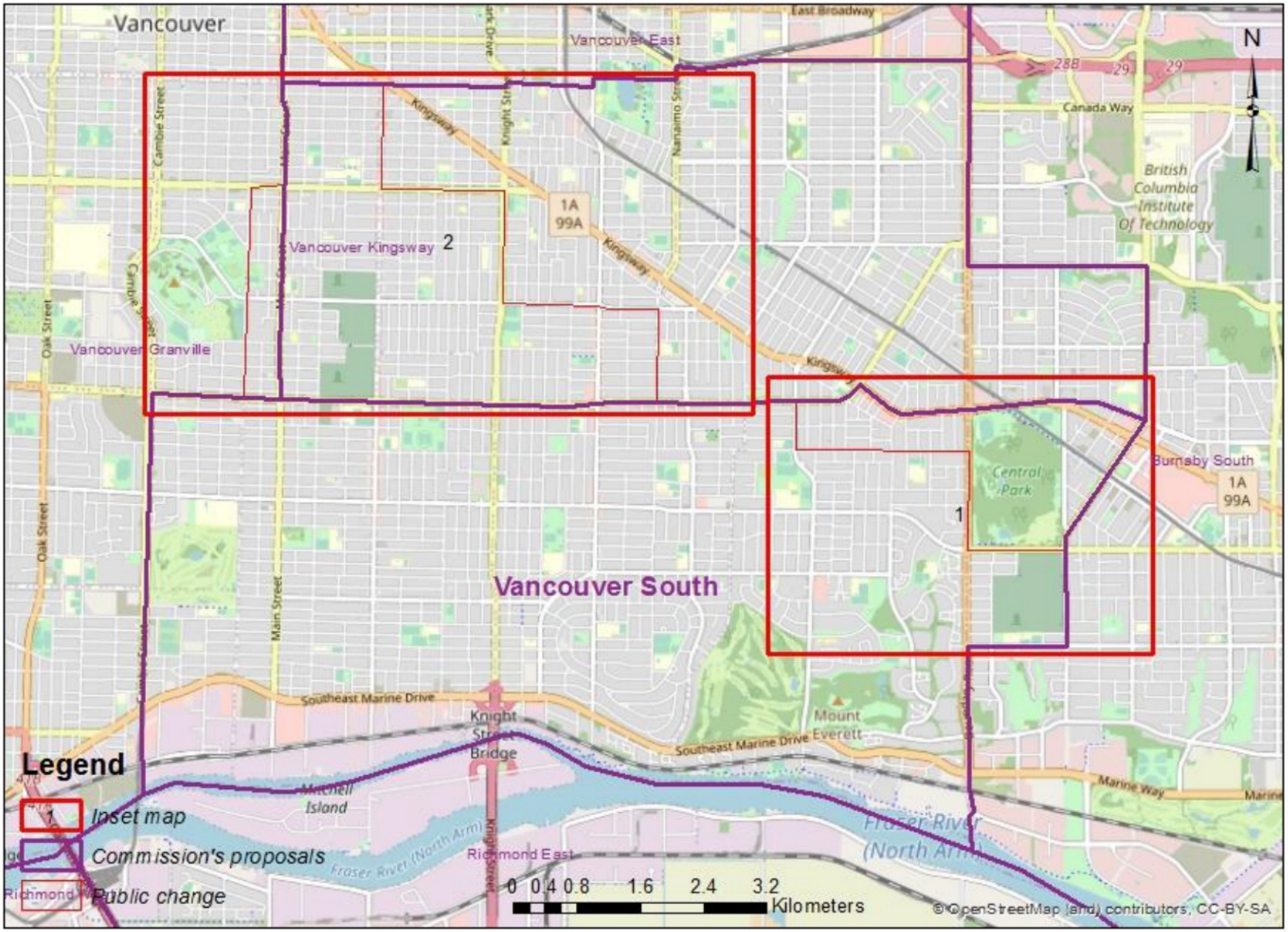

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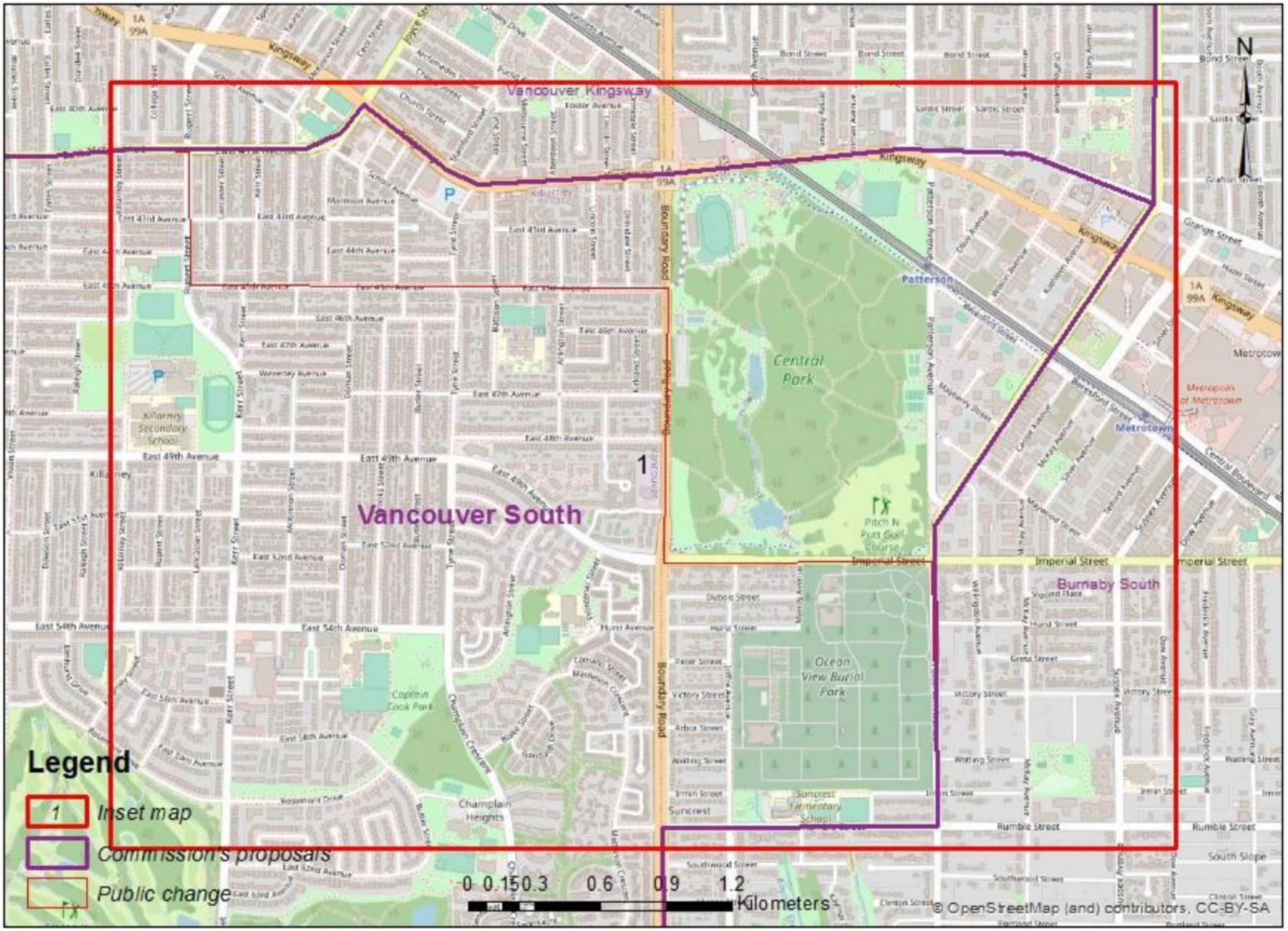

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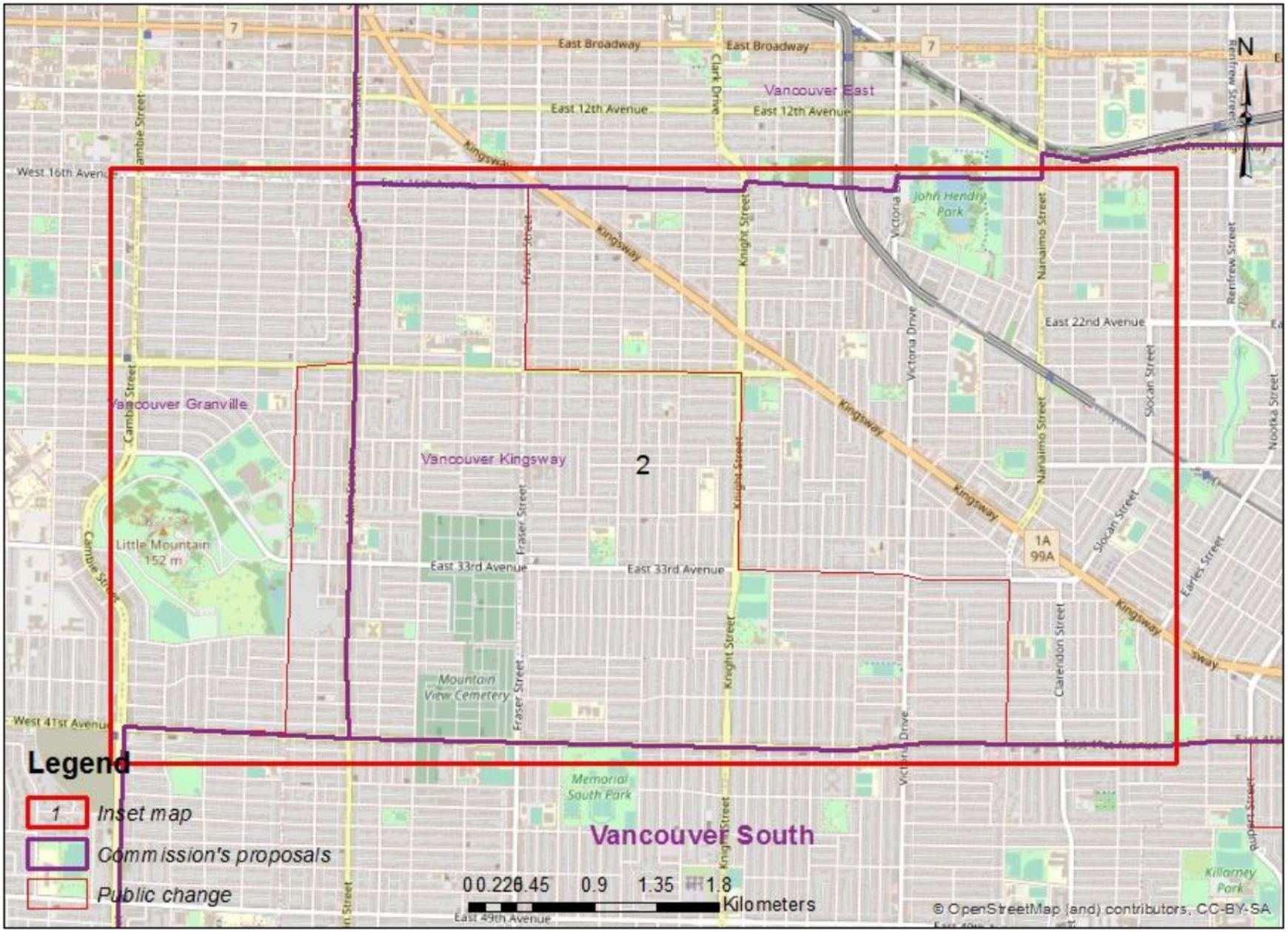

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 9:16 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Delta Federal Electoral Boundary Changes

June 8th, 2022.

To Whom It May Concern:

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19(1) When news of a proposed boundary and subsequent name change was recently brought to my attention, I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

For the proud North Delta residents who live in this community, we share a common bond over where we live. For reasons beyond comprehension, a proposal to have our name stripped and replaced with Surrey West, is utterly devastating and certainly not supported by the residents who call North Delta home.

Linking our area with Surrey will not serve the Delta residents any benefits. We will simply be lost in the shuffle amongst a larger community undergoing a long list of changes. Will the teachers 19(1) 19(1) be redistributed under the District of Surrey? 19(1) Will our arenas and community centres, such as Sungod Aquatic Centre and North Delta Rec Centre, be renamed under Surrey's jurisdiction, leaving our beloved and long-standing North Delta Sunfish Club to be rebranded under Surrey's terms? There are so many changes that would have to take place and for what reason? Who is this serving? None of this makes any sense.

Please leave us to live and enjoy our close-knit community, as we have been doing so for several decades. Please listen to what we have to say before you make such a life altering mistake. We love Delta, North and South, and we do not want to split apart into the proposed boundaries of Surrey West and Richmond East. To do so would be hurting the long-term residents who have called North Delta home their whole lives and those who have left the city of Surrey to move to Delta for a close knit, neighbourhood feeling that is sought after by so many.

Sincerely,

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

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The most logical thing to do is combine the lower sunshine coast (Gibsons, Port Mellon, Roberts Creek Sechelt Halfmoon Bay, Pender Harbour, Egmont, Salmon Inlet and Narrows Inlet, Gambier & Keats Islands, Thormanby Island, and possibly Bowen island depending on their sentiment)with the Powell River-North Island riding. West Vancouveristes' lifestyle, standard of living, perceptions, etc. are very different than the coastal and island mentality. I didn't attempt the other two remapping exercises because all those dots are just tedious and I don't have time. But basically I agree with the commission's proposal for the area:
Combine North Island + Powell River + Lower Sunshine Coast
Combine West Vancouver
into neighbouring city ridings
Combine Squamish/Whistler into the Mission/Matsqui riding or the new Kamloops etc.
proposed riding. (I don't really have an opinion of that area other than it probably shouldn't be combined with West Vancouver either.)

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59043

Name to modify: West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country /
West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

New name: West Vancouver—Sea to Sky Country /
West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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August 9, 2022

Regarding the riding of West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky:

It has been brought to my attention that an option for the Federal Boundary Commission to consider would be to divide the Sunshine Coast component of our riding between the ridings of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky and North Island-Powell River in order to meet the numerical Rep-by-Pop representation.

I believe this would be a poor choice as the Sunshine Coast Regional District is a unit, tied by many common interconnected components such as a hospital and health care facilities, a comprehensive public transit system, shared recreation facilities and organizations, integrated fire services along with a host of integrated community societies and organizations. Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such services as water and solid waste infrastructure. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, and recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are a community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. There was a time when our riding had both the Upper Sunshine Coast (Powell River) and the Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) together. But as the population grew, this was changed so that Powell River (qathet) became attached to the North Island and we were attached to West Vancouver. This has never made sense to us. We have so much in common with Powell River and little in common with West Vancouver.

If any change is necessary, you could consider attaching the **entire** Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to the North Island. But splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how an MP would be able to manage a riding such as the one being considered. It is also hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us. Having a Sunshine Coast partitioned into a small component of two federal ridings would result in a considerable loss in political representation to satisfy a numerical outcome.

A more appropriate reorganization of political boundaries would be to shift some of the West Vancouver population into the North Vancouver riding as posed by the Federal Boundary Commission. Unlike the Sunshine Coast there is little community distinction for the whole of the North Shore.

A still more favourable outcome would be to combine the Sunshine Coast with Powell River and a portion of northern Vancouver Island. This configuration has much more in common – ferry system, forestry, commercial fishing and largely rural-based communities— than the Sunshine Coast has with West Vancouver.

A Sunshine Coast - Powell River - North Island riding would allow a federal representative to concentrate on these values as opposed to the values of a highly urbanized, wealthy metropolitan landscape.

Sincerely,



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A BRIEF TO
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA
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REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

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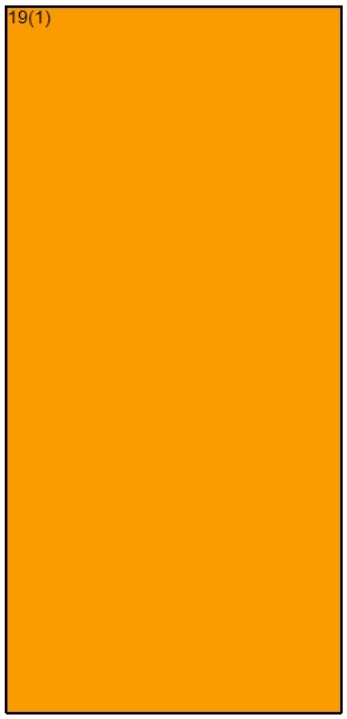

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MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSION

INTRODUCTION:

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I will address two aspects of the Commission's preliminary report that trouble me, the underrepresentation of Vancouver Island and the splitting of the City of Courtenay between two Electoral Districts. I will also offer a solution to what I see as problems. I trust that my words will find support across the political spectrum of Comox Valley voters.

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND REPRESENTATION BY POPULATION

The principle of representation by population for the House of Commons is imbedded in our constitutional history. George Brown, then the Leader of the Reform Party, made that a condition of his entering into the 1864 Great Coalition of the United Province of Canada which crafted the British North America Act of 1867. The BNA Act requires a census every 10 years starting in 1871 with the main purpose of determining how many seats a province will have in the Commons. There are recognized anomalies such as one seat for each of the territories and no province having fewer seats than it has Senators affecting Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. The other eight provinces must conform to the principle.

The 2021 Census counted British Columbia's population at 5.2 million and therefore we have been awarded an extra seat to bring our total to 43 Members of Parliament. That census put the population of Vancouver Island at near 865,000 and found that the Island was one of the fastest growing regions of the province. (I should also mention that in 2021, BC grew by another 100,000 some of which would not be caught by the census. Of that 100,000 at least 40,000 ended up in the Greater Victoria region.)

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By my calculations Vancouver Island has 16.6% of the province's population and that percentage of the 43 seats is 7.1. Using the average population of each of those 43 Electoral Districts (120,930) and dividing it into Vancouver Island's 865,000 people I also get 7.1. If rep by pop is fairly applied Vancouver Island should have 7 seats without any significant Mainland population added. The preliminary report has left the Powell River Regional District with its 20,000+ population attached to Vancouver Island. This creates a great inequity.

All seven seats on Vancouver Island have populations exceeding 123,000. My Electoral District , North Island/Powell River, has the largest population of all 43. At the same time there are Lower Mainland urban EDs with 115,000 or 116,000. The Commission is allowed a fudge factor in the allocation of boundaries but traditionally it favoured the larger rural EDs with lower than average populations since representing the larger area meant greater travel times, dealing with more local governments, and having more constituents with little access to government offices. These factors made the job of a rural MP more difficult. The preliminary report has reversed this traditional factor.

Boundaries adopted at this stage will be in place for at least the next ten years through possibly three federal elections. Since the population of Vancouver Island is growing rapidly with little prospect of slowing what are already the largest population EDs will become even more lopsided.

SPLITTING THE CITY OF COURTENAY

The preliminary report, if adopted, would split the City of Courtenay between two EDs, The Courtenay River would be the boundary between North Island/Powell River and Courtenay Alberni.

The impact on Courtenay would be to diminish its importance to either Electoral District. I fear it would become an afterthought to the MPs for the two EDs. As a united city within one ED it becomes a powerful political force that cannot be ignored.

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MY PROPOSAL

I would ask the Commission to revisit their proposals for Vancouver Island. I would suggest that they begin their planning at the north end of the Island because there is a solution that addresses the concerns I have raised.

If you take the 2021 Census figures for Mt Waddington Regional District (10,839), the Strathcona Regional District (48.150), and the Comox Valley Regional District (74,727) you would have the grand total of 133, 716. That exceeds the average by over 12,000. Therefore deduct Cumberland and Area A at the south end and the total comes to 120, 852 which is almost right on the average. That would put the City of Courtenay as a unified entity in one ED.

May I also suggest a return to the name Vancouver Island North.

I thank the commission for giving me this opportunity.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 14, 2022 10:37 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Submission

Dear BC Electoral Commissioners,

I am writing with comments on the proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries for British Columbia. I am not able to attend the oral hearing and therefore am submitting my comments in writing only.

First, I submit that population projection metrics could provide additional evidence to inform revisions to electoral boundaries. For example, 10 year historic population growth rates could be extrapolated forward by 5 and 10 years. While the 2021 population for each proposed Electoral District is a credible starting point, additional insights can be gained by considering what the populations might be in the future given the 10 year shelf life of your decision. While it is only anecdotal evidence, one or more population projection calculations could be used to illustrate the changing population balance.

Second, I note that every single Vancouver Island District has a population over 120,000 and none of the Districts in other parts of the province have a population that exceeds that amount. As such, I believe further adjustments should be considered, as the balance has not been achieved. I submit that the population imbalance for Vancouver Island versus other BC Districts could be exacerbated by continued significant population growth. Overall, this means that Vancouver Island is and will be underrepresented in Parliament.

Third, I highlight the merit of matching an Electoral District with a Regional District boundary and avoiding an electoral boundary that crosses inside a boundary of a municipality or First Nation reserve. Federal representation is a critical component for municipalities, Regional Districts and First Nation governments to seek critical infrastructure funds and those levels of government could benefit from having a single MP voice representing their interests in Parliament, as opposed to two or more fragmented voices.

I respectfully submit that the Commission consider moving the boundary of Skeena-Bulkley Valley further south, along with several boundaries of other Districts further south, in a cascading fashion to reduce the population for several Vancouver Island Districts and increase the population for Skeena-Bulkley Valley. A potential fix would be to move the Skeena-Bulkley Valley District boundary south to that of the Mount Waddington Regional District, incorporating northern Vancouver Island. This would evidently increase the geographic size of the Skeena-Bulkley Valley District which already has the largest land area in BC. It would also have a large geographic impact on the North Island-Powell River District which could be mitigated by moving its boundary southward to capture the entire Comox Valley and avoid fragmentation of the City of Courtenay and the Comox Valley Regional District. Additional cascading adjustments could be considered further south in order to redistribute the excessive populations of all Vancouver Island Districts.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 14, 2022 11:00 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution Abbotsford BC

Attached are my suggestions for Abbotsford. I do not wish to attend a public hearing. I found the web site very confusing and the Mapping Tool is not self explanatory.

19(1) I have found that the federal electoral boundaries have consistently failed to recognize the identity of the community of what is now the City of Abbotsford. It appears the people of this area are considered mostly as a convenient population pool that can be divided up to provide the adjacent communities of Mission, Langley or Chilliwack with the required numbers to meet their representation formula.

The proposed New Boundaries would see the geographical area of Abbotsford split between the three districts of Abbotsford itself, Langley Aldergrove and Chilliwack. The proposed boundaries ignore the fact that the Townline Hill community will be split between Langley and Abbotsford city and the Abbotsford International Airport which is a vital part of the community will be represented by the member of Langley Aldergrove, who in somewhat of a conflict, will also represent the Langley Airport. The communities of Bradner, Mt. Lehman, Aberdeen and Glen Valley are located in Abbotsford but would be represented by the member from Langley. They would be better served by a member with a majority from Abbotsford. Similarly, the area of Sumas Prairie within the City of Abbotsford boundaries has been attached to the Chilliwack riding. Recent flooding events in this area suggest that representation by an Abbotsford representative would be more beneficial and effective.

The proposed boundaries would indicate that the Abbotsford City district would have three representatives but in two of those area they would constitute a minority and may not be best served. It appears that the minimum population requirement for an electoral district is approximately 110,000. The population of Abbotsford within its geographical boundaries is approximately 150,000 and therefore would not qualify for two districts unless, for a change, some of the populations from Langley and Chilliwack were assigned to an Abbotsford district.

I feel the people of Abbotsford would be best served and the local community representation would be best kept intact if there were two Abbotsford districts. My suggestion would be that Highway Eleven from the Fraser River to the US border would constitute the split between Abbotsford East and Abbotsford west. The western boundary for the Abbotsford West could extend to 264 Street in Langley and the eastern boundary to Lickman Road in Chilliwack to ensure that the population requirements would be met. While this would impact the Langley and Chilliwack electoral districts, it is time to recognize the geographical and community identities of Abbotsford which have too often been dispersed and diluted into the neighboring districts.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 7, 2022 6:49 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: RE: Comments on proposed boundaries

Thank you Susan.

After some further investigation, I have a few additional comments/potential solutions I would like add around the problems with the Burnaby and New Westminster districts previously mentioned.

All of these solutions provide each district with approximately 116,000 to 117,000 people in their boundaries, ensuring equal representation for the population.

New Westminster-Bridgeview
-Noting the issues mentioned previously with including parts of Surrey in the same district with New Westminster and Edmonds (particularly the lack of connection between the parts of Surrey and the rest of the district)
-A potentially simpler solution (than the previously mentioned idea to include Queensborough/Hamilton areas to replace the Surrey portion), would be to include the whole of the Edmonds area in the New Westminster riding, roughly following Imperial St from Hwy 1 to Griffiths Dr, Byrne Creek, and Marine Dr as the boundaries with Burnaby South
-This has the benefit of uniting almost the whole Edmonds town centre in a single district, providing that local connection and a compact district with existing social relations

Burnaby South
-With the changes to New Westminster district taking more population in the Edmonds area, an elegant solution to allow the remaining town centres to avoid being split apart would be to have Burnaby South include the remainder of Burnaby south of Hwy 1, plus Brentwood town Centre
- The remaining area north of Hwy 1 or the rail line would be included into the Burnaby North district (Burnaby North-Seymour/Burquitlam)
-This ensures that Metrotown stays as a cohesive neighbouthood, and also reunites Brentwood town centre as a whole neighbourhood

Vancouver
-With the changes to Burnaby removing the portions of Burnaby from Vancouver South and Vancouver Kingsway, Vancouver districts should be slightly adjusted to allow for Vancouver East to take the Burnaby Heights area (everything north of Brentwood town centre - roughly Halifax St - and west of Willingdon Ave)
- This ensures only one Vancouver district will extend into Burnaby, allows a more cohesive approach compared to the existing proposal as Vancouver Heights and Burnaby Heights are closely linked neighourhoods, and prevents unnecessary splitting of core neighbourhoods

North Shore
Issues:
-The existing district containing North Burnaby and part of North Vancouver is a riding that lacks existing social ties between the northern and southern parts
-The North Shore of Metro Vancouver could easily fit within 2 districts (vs the 3 currently proposed), and would allow for more compact and cohesive ridings on the North Shore

Potential Solutions:
-Have one district fully contained on the North Shore, including all of the City of North Vancouver, and the eastern part of the District of North Vancouver, as far west as William ave

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-The 2nd district would encompass the remainder of the North Shore plus either the Sunshine Coast or a large part of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
-This allows more a more compact, cohesive districts with greater social ties for both districts

Burnaby North-Seymour
Issues:
-The existing district containing North Burnaby and part of North Vancouver is a riding that lacks existing social ties between the northern and southern parts
-The existing proposal splits both Brentwood town centre and Lougheed town centre in two

Potential Solutions:
-Have a newly named "Burquitlam" district include all of Burnaby that is east of Willingdon ave and north of the rail lines, excluding Brentwood town centre
-Include the Burquitlam and Mallardville areas of Coquitlam as they share many social connections with the Lougheed area
-This allows for both the Lougheed and Brentwood town centres to reunite their respective neighbourhoods

Alternately, if district split between north Burnaby and North Vancouver is determined to be kept, the boundaries should ensure that both the Lougheed town centre and Brentwood town centre remain as undivided entities, with Brentwood staying in Burnaby South and all of Lougheed going in Burnaby North Seymour.

For reference, here is a map that includes the approximate boundary proposals mentioned, ensuring all districts maintain a roughly equal population (~116-117k), while creating more generally cohesive, compact districts and trying to ensure they have strong existing social ties.

Thanks,
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---- On Fri, 06 May 2022 11:17:04 -0700 **BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>** wrote ----

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your submission regarding a number of federal electoral districts in BC. I have forwarded your comments to the Commissioners for their review and consideration.

Best regards,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: May 5, 2022 2:35 PM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Comments on proposed boundaries

Hi,
I want to provide an outline of concerns and issues with some of the proposed boundaries. I do want to recognize that there are significant challenges to accommodate everything, but some of the choices that have been made seem to lack any comprehensible rationale, especially from the local perspective for people directly impacted. In particular, there seems to be too heavy of a reliance on parts of previous boundaries, even though with population changes retaining portions of those boundaries does not make sense.

Examples of this include:
-Substantially maintaining boundaries in Vancouver while taking multiple chunks of Burnaby, even though it breaks up the "downtown" core of Burnaby, and also doesn't respond to ongoing changes population and travel patterns, instead of reworking districts to create a single more cohesive district that straddles Burnaby and Vancouver.
-Maintaining the large geographic breadth of Burnaby South (including geographically isolated eastern sections) while taking substantial chunks of population from the core area of Burnaby South for other districts

I will focus on areas I am most familiar with, but realize there are other areas with similar boundary proposal choices that also seem problematic.

New Westminster-Bridgeview
Issues:
- Includes disparate areas of Surrey that are separate geographically and socially from rest of riding

Proposed Fixes:
-Exclude the areas south of Fraser River (Surrey)
-Include the Queensborough area of New Westminster and Hamilton area of Richmond
-Offset by adjusting the Richmond districts to have one include Ladner, and some knock-on rationalizations in the North Delta and western Surrey areas (as that area also seems like a mess of arbitrary division - like why is North Delta in 3 districts?)

Burnaby South
Issues:
-Includes south Lougheed and Government road areas that are geographically isolated from rest of the district
-Splits Metrotown area into 3 different districts and Brentwood area into 2 separate districts

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-Western Metrotown included in the same district as Marine Gateway area that, within the context of the Metro Vancouver, are very separate, distinct areas

Proposed Fixes:
-Remove areas north of Burnaby Lake/Brunette River (Government road and south Lougheed)
-Include the Metrotown area that is currently split into Vancouver South
-If possible also include the area just north of Metrotown proposed to be included in Vancouver Kingsway
-Adjust boundaries around Brentwood either by shifting the boundary south to the rail line or Hwy 1, or north slightly to include substantially all of Brentwood Town Centre
-If boundaries shifted to exclude Brentwood and more population is needed, look to either include some area around Edmonds from New Westminster-Bridgeview (with New Westminster gaining Lougheed south), or areas around Champlain Heights/River District from Vancouver South
-Knock on adjustments between Vancouver South, Vancouver Kingsway, and likely Vancouver East and Burnaby North-Seymour. The area in Burnaby north of Grange stand west of Willingdon ave may be included in a Vancouver district as makes sense (Likely Vancouver Kingsway)

Kelowna:
Instead of having 2 very geographically spread out districts that both spread far outside of Kelowna, consolidate one to be the central and southern parts of Kelowna (called the "Kelowna district") while the other district (called Vernon-Lake Country-Rutland) to include:

-Black Mountain
-Rutland north or Hwy 33 and east of Hwy 97
-West of Black mountain area, use the following boundaries: Hwy 33-Hwy 97-Sexsmith-Valley-Union-Glenmore to John Hindle dr. At Glenmore and John Hindle, use a line straight west to the lake as the boundary, so Mcklinley Landing is in the northern/eastern Vernon-Lake Country-Rutland riding. This should provide roughly equivalent population split between the two districts.

Overall desired outcomes:
-More compact districts that make geographic sense without major barriers between areas in a single district
-Allow local compactness, that allows a single dense core area to stay together as much as possible. This will prevent every single town centre in Burnaby from being split into multiple districts, and allow for a better, locally comprehensible districts (ie: why are the neighbours in Metrotown in different districts, but Burnaby south also include large parts of all the other town centres - Lougheed, Brentwood, Edmonds - as well as Metrotown)

Thanks,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 15, 2022 10:32 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Input to Redistribution 2022

Hello,

I wish to participate in Redistribution 2022 by sending feedback via this email. I do not wish to make a representation at a public hearing. If this email is made public as part of reporting out of the consultation process, I request that my name and address are removed. Alternatively, if my name is required to be included then I request that I am only identified as being from British Columbia.

I support the non-partisan process that is being undertaken. It is of paramount importance to our democracy that this process is neutral and evidenced- based on population. I appreciate the information that has been provided and the mail-out that I received.

Every Canadian should have reasonably comparable representation in the federal government. I reviewed the proposal, specifically looking at whether the population distributions between electoral districts are relatively equal.

I believe the BC Commission has done a reasonable job of adjusting boundaries to evenly distribute seats based on population. I do not have any input regarding specific boundaries. It seems that the BC Commission has done a reasonable job given the parameters set out by the representation formula.

I have concerns about the representation formula and the resulting unequal representation between provinces. A different approach, one based on the principles of proportional representation should be implemented in Canada. The very significant differences in population per electoral district that results is unequitable. For example, the population of my electoral district is 115,759. In comparison, the four districts in PEI have populations of approximately 38,000. People living in PEI have much more representation in the federal government than people in British Columbia.

Thank you for your work and review of my input.

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To ; Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia

I am in review of your **Electoral Boundaries** *-redistribution 2022* document for BC and particularly for Southern Vancouver Island.

I would point out that the Capital region is primarily an urban region that includes approximately half of the population of Vancouver Island and as such properly is represented by 4 MPs. I do appreciate that grouping the various census population clusters can be a complex numbers game and your provincial quotient would appear to average about 120,000 residents

However, I would suggest that the current map suffers anomalies pertinent to both assigned boundaries (E-Bs) and particularly to their names. I have reached this conclusion on basis of 3 assertions:

First where possible the boundaries and the name of each E-B should self-identify. The election of your local MP should bear some relationship to the community they represent and how they identify with and represent the voters to the rest of Canada. In that respect, the names of at least two of our E-B misrepresent and confuse as to where your voters live. Most notably the boundaries and nomenclature for **Esquimalt Saanich and Sooke is** both confusing and illogical and the name ignores residents of rapidly growing Colwood. To include Sooke ignores over half of the adjacent population who live in the 5 municipalities we commonly refer to as Westshore. (Colwood, Langford , Metchosin, Highlands and View Royal. Re-configure this logical cluster and their populations fall nicely within your target range.

Further three of your E-Bs include **Saanich** into their name but the actual E-B boundaries bear no relationship to the locations of 3 separate communities named Saanich. Further, your map transfers a large portion of residents of Saanich to the Victoria E-B. This 4 way split of the populace of our largest municipal entity is confusing to everybody. Surely Saanich deserves its own identity.

Second your proposed boundaries should reflect a relationship to the community structure of our region particularly at the municipal level where we have 13 separate municipalities. Currently your boundaries are a hodgepodge of census tracts but in doing so you either include only portions of a community or worse distort any sense of identity or adjacency. Anyone with familiarity with our Capital Region understands we generally identify ourselves as residents of one of three natural clusters: *Westshore. Peninsula and the urban core/downtown* of the city; the latter includes the 4 core municipalities of Victoria, Saanich and Oak Bay. Surely your map should reflect that reality.

As long-time resident and keen observer of urban affairs your map simply confuses even me.

Third the boundaries should reflect and strengthen the relationship between local elected officials, residents, and their federal representatives. i.e. under your configuration Saanich is fractionally served by

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3 MPs. Elected officials in Esquimalt have little in common with those from rural Metchosin and Sooke. Who does the MP represent?

I did some quick number crunching and found a relatively simple solution to reconfigure the E-Bs for Southern Vancouver Island in a manner that addresses the above shortcomings. And by fortuitous coincidence, the distribution of that municipal populace, with a bit of tweaking approximates your targets of 120,000 each. The CRD region is growing rapidly and 4 of our municipalities (Saanich, Victoria, Colwood and Langford.) will see significant growth in the next 5 years. (the developments have been announced and even housing starts are underway so adjustments to EB is warranted. .

I offer the following configuration for our regions. :

Saanich- approximates the municipal boundary of our largest municipality; in both size and population.

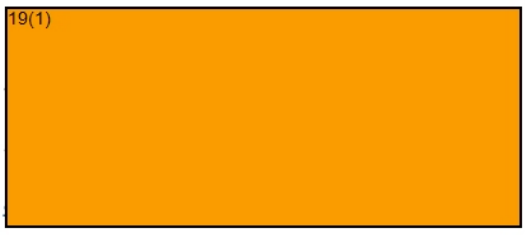
Victoria/ Oak Bay/Esquimalt -common boundaries and urban populace/affinity and Vic West and Esquimalt are generally indistinguishable.

Westshore /Juan de Fuca - the 5 adjacent municipalities plus Sooke share common interlocking boundaries and residents identify themselves as separate from both downtown Victoria/Saanich.

Peninsula /Gulf island/South Cowichan.-this population base is bit small so you would add CVRD Electoral A, B and C (otherwise known as the Malahat) . This semi-rural area has a natural affinity, adjacency and similar pattern of living, housing, employment with those on the Peninsula or Gulf Islands etc.

I urge your earnest consideration of this proposal for restructuring which looks and sound logical and reflects how residents view themselves and would have a common relationship with their elected representatives at both the local and federal level. In general, changing the E-B boundaries of the bottom 4 on Vancouver Island would not require significant adjustments to rest of the Island.

Prepared and submitted by:



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 8, 2022 8:41 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New The Pitt-Fort Langley Riding

Hello,

I am writing to voice my complete disagreement with the proposed The Pitt-Fort Langley riding. Pitt Meadows should be aligned with Maple Ridge – local residents like me call the area "Ridge Meadows" since we have so much in common. We share RCMP resources, school board resources and so much more.

Alternatively, Pitt Meadows and Langley have only one thing in common and that is the bridge that connects the two areas.

Please keep Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge in the same riding so that we can get representation that reflects the community and how we feel about our home.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 10, 2022 3:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New boundaries for Port Coquitlam

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you today to express my concern over splitting our city into 2 different ridings. This will not meet the needs of Port Coquitlam as the southern part of our city is very different than the rest of the communities in the new riding.

I strongly suggest that a city, in this case Port Coquitlam, stays whole in one riding. This way those representing that riding can truly represent the needs of their riding. The proposed riding is too large an area, with too many diverse needs to be truly and fully represented.

Please do not split Port Coquitlam into two separate ridings,

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Secretary,
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300,
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

The great distinction of the Commissioners has produced an electoral map proposal for BC that is, within the limits of federal rules and geographical contortions, broadly fair.

However, I note that Vancouver Island, with seven seats, has the seven largest populations among the proposed seats. Those seven ranged from 120,606 to 125,964 in 2021. No other riding, whose populations range from 115,956 to 119,857, has a population as large as the smallest Island riding. One of those ridings, Cowichan-Malahat-Langford, has (I believe) the most rapidly growing population in BC.

That said, I think the honourable Commissioners have done well to keep riding sizes within 5,000 of the provincial median.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 31, 2022 4:51 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

Importance: High

19(1) 19(1) 19(1) I have concerns about the availability and level of services for those vulnerable people (PWDs, unemployed, immigrants, seniors etc) if they are represented by an MP removed from their area. I have also seen how helpful it has been to have all levels of Government work together. As it is now, Delta & TFN have the same Mayor, MLA's,School board and MP and this has proven to be very effective.
My comments will be in: English

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 13, 2022 7:56 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Map 12 - New Westminster- Bridgeview

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC,

A quick note to voice my concerns about the proposed boundaries for my area in North Surrey.

First concern, the Fraser River should act as a natural boundary when designing electoral boundaries. This has been done through the natural history of border locations, whether it be Mountains, Rivers, or Seaways.

Second concern, the City of surrey, which is the second largest City in Canada in terms area, has opposing points of view with the City of New Westminster in development of traffic lanes leaving Surrey and entering New Westminster, so we have a major divide in our planning preferences.

Third Concern, we are bordered by Delta to west, which is a logical boundary, but your electoral design has cut through the heart of our City Centre. I believe cutting through the centre of the Surrey City Centre is simply a bad idea when it comes to future planning and development for this specific area.

Fourth concern. The proposed Federal Electoral boundary becomes very confusing for those who vote in the provincial elections, as we have always been Whalley.

My suggestion would be to increase our population threshold by moving the electoral boundary to the south, where it is more of the same sort of existing suburbs which naturally meld together.....or encompass the entire Surrey City Centre into one common electoral district.

Thanks for taking the time to consider my concerns.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 10:46 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast riding ---potential boundary change

It has come to our attention that there is a consideration to adjust the boundaries of our riding so that the Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into 2 parts with one part being part of the riding as it stands now (i.e. with West Vancouver) and the other being part of the Powell River North Island riding. We would like to go on record as being completely opposed to this notion. The community of the Sunshine Coast which we have called home since the 1970s is a quasi island being accessible only by ferry. Although it is attached to the mainland, there is no road access. This makes the Sunshine Coast one cohesive community with small community hubs dotted along its length. Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such things as water and solid waste infrastructure. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are a community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. There was a time when our riding had both the Upper Sunshine Coast (Powell River) and the Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) together. But as the population grew, this was changed so that Powell River became attached to the North Island and we were attached to West Vancouver. This has never made sense to us. We have so much in common with Powell River (quatet) and little in common with West Vancouver. If any change is necessary, you could consider attaching the **entire** Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to the North Island. But splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how an MP would be able to manage a riding such as the one being considered. It is also hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

We hope that this proposal will not gain traction and will be abandoned.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and for the work that you are doing.

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Date received: 2022-09-08

RIM ID: 1662602877NKSPWYMEET

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Consideration of our First Nations territories should be had even in naming the electoral boundaries

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59012

Name to modify: Esquimalt—Saanich—Sooke / Esquimalt—Saanich—Sooke

New name: Esquimalt—Saanich—Sooke-Songhees / Esquimalt—Saanich—Sooke

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 5:12 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast Electoral Boundaries

Dearest Commission Members,

I have recently been informed about the proposal to redistribute votes from our riding to the North Vancouver riding.

While redistricting is never an easy process, I'm writing to express my support for this initiative. More to the point, I want to make clear my opposition to any proposal that would see the Sunshine Coast divided in any way.

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Whether you live in Pender or Port Mellon, Davis Bay or Garden Bay, Earl's Cove or Secret Cove; whether you enjoy sailing, golfing, fishing, or farming; whether this is your forever home, a summer home, or even your first home; we all know the joys of waiting for a ferry, chasing down a sunset, or spotting a fine furry friend in the wild.

I can't speak for the folks in West Vancouver, but based on my experience here on the Sunshine Coast, I believe splitting this electoral district would be a real disservice to this community and would undermine the integrity of our democratic process by creating an artificial and illogical representational divide.

I urge you to consider the Sunshine Coast's unique historical and geographical attributes as you plan for redrawing of the boundaries in a riding that is already very diverse and dispersed.

Thank you for your ongoing service and efforts towards effective representation across the province.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 13, 2022 2:43 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: discrepancy of numbers at Courtenay meeting

Hello Commissioners Saunders, Carty and Ladyman,

I attended the electoral boundary reform meeting at Crown Isle in Courtenay, B.C. The meeting proceeded smoothly and was informative to me, however, I was left with a perplexing feeling about the numbers of electors in the Vancouver Island Ridings. You will recall that the numbers provided to the Commission by Election Canada were approximately 115,000 per riding. When compared to the numbers calculated by the first presenter, a Mr. Doll, his numbers were approximately 121,000 per riding; a significant difference of 6,000.

At the time of the meeting there was no explanation for the difference. Subsequent research by myself cannot explain the difference; the 121,000 number does seem to be the accurate one. The only possibility I see is that the numbers from the Province of Alberta may have been passed on by mistake; the Alberta numbers calculate to about 115,000.

Whatever the source of error may have been, the actual number of voters Vancouver Island require accuracy. A difference of 6,000 would likely tip the scales for a new riding for Vancouver Island. Thank you for your attention given to this matter.

Sincerely yours,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 24, 2022 7:12 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam Electoral Riding

Attention Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission:

19(1) I think it is absolutely incredible that you would consider placing a riding boundary on a highway that runs through our city, actually really splits our city in two! The City of Port Coquitlam has worked for years to unite the North and south communities and deal with our communalities. For the southern part of our city to be randomly split off and bundled in with other Fraser Valley communities with different concerns seems purely for your numerical convenience. It is certainly not in our best interests.
Please reconsider this "supposed better representation" decision.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 27, 2022 3:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Feedback on proposed new ridings for City of Kelowna

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed new riding borders and labels for the City of Kelowna.

19(1) I am dismayed that representation of the City of Kelowna would be divided in such a way and our city of residence left off the label for the new riding.

The core of Kelowna should remain in a single riding to best represent the issues related to the city.

If the division must be maintained due to population location and balance, then the new Vernon-Lake Country riding should at least also include the name "Kelowna" to accurately represent the geography included in the new riding. (As was done in Prince George, for example.) One riding should be "Southeast Kelowna" and the other should be "Kelowna--Lake Country--Vernon".

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 4, 2022 11:38 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast, Electoral Boundary Redistribution Submission

Hello,

I have become aware off your boundary redistribution proposal 19(1) 19(1) i have also been informed about a counter proposal which apparently would sever the Sunshine Coast into north and south, likely somewhere through Sechelt. Sechelt South would stay in our current riding and Sechelt North would be allocated to North Island-Powell River, creating a riding 375 kilometres land two ferries long from north to south. This would cut off citizens in Sechelt North from from any practical participation in the political life of the newly configured North Islands-Powell River Riding.

19(1) and have watched our effective political voice diminish with redistribution over the years. Currently the existing riding boundaries have us paired with West Vancouver which shares little connection, socially, economically or geographically with residents of the Sunshine Coast community. This situation is not positive for citizens off the Sunshind Coast who do not deserve to be dominated by other citizens separated from our population by ferries and community concerns. Nonetheless, the counter proposal would exacerbate this unfair representation problem even more and thus I ask that you not accede to this grossly unfair redistribution counter-proposal which would effectively further disenfranchise the Sunshind Coast.

Thank you for the opportunity to make input into your process.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 2, 2022 10:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

19(1) totally opposed to the proposal of changing the boundaries of our federal riding so that the Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into 2 parts with one part of the riding as it stands now (i.e. with West Vancouver) and the other being part of the Powell River North Island riding. Our community is like an island accessible by ferry only. Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is only one regional district, one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries and recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop, volunteer, play and move easily thorough the area. We are essentially one community.

So it makes no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. We feel that we have so much more in common with Powell River (quartet) than with West Vancouver. If any change is necessary, you should consider attaching the entire Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to North Island. It is hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

We hope that this proposal will be abandoned.

Thanks you for your consideration of our concerns and for the work that you are doing

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 23, 2022 8:25 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral boundaries

To Whom It May Concern:
It makes absolutely no sense that the electoral boundary for Courtenay-Comox should be affiliated with Powell River. One only has to look at the map to see the disparagement in that practice of the split where it is. Rather the distinction should be placing Courtenay-Comox with a Vancouver Island electoral district, not a mainland district just to give some votes to Powell River.
Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 9:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Cowichan Malahat Langford

The size of this riding is enormous. There is no way an MP can cover the whole area. Langford is one of the fastest growing cities in BC and should have its' own riding

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 2, 2022 7:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Ron.McKinnon@parl.gc.ca
Subject: changes to Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam federal riding

To Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am opposed to severing the City of Port Coquitlam in the proposal for the new federal riding to be called Pitt Meadows - Fort Langley. One portion of our City would be included with Pitt Meadows and communities south of the Fraser River. This would not lead to fair and equitable representation at the federal level for any of us.

Please reconsider and create a plan which keeps Port Coquitlam whole and grouped with other municipalities that share our priorities federally.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 21, 2022 11:25 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Concerns re Lynn Valley re-districting

To whom it may concern,

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19(1) People who live on the North Shore have a very strong sense of community linked to the fact that we are almost "on an island" being connected to the rest of Metro Vancouver through two bridges.

The proposed new border between North Vancouver electoral district and Burnaby-Seymour runs right through Lynn Valley Road. This makes no sense at all given that Lynn Valley is firmly within the central part of the North Vancouver community. In fact, it is the geographical centre of North Vancouver with issues that are relevant to those within the rest of North Vancouver.

The proposal will put half of Lynn Valley together with Burnaby and Seymour. It does not make sense to lump Burnaby and Seymour together in the first place - but now adding a third distinct area (central North Vancouver) into it makes even less sense. The Seymour-Deep Cove area has issues that are different than that of more central North Vancouver. As mentioned, the North Shore identifies strongly as a "community" and having it lumped together with a community that is across the bridge does not reflect the reality of issues on the ground. For example, one of the top issues in North Vancouver is "transit" and traffic congestion due to our isolation and reliance on two bridges. This topic is much less pressing for Burnaby as a community.

Due to the current lack of transit, it means that getting to and from a constituency office is much more challenging as well..

If redistricting is happening I would highly support the North Shore communities being consolidated rather than chopped up and combined with random other communities (e.g. West Van with Sunshine Coast and Squamish and Whistler - very very different issues) and already Burnaby-Seymour which will be made even worse with this change.

Why not instead create one North Vancouver riding. Or else one West Vancouver and western North Vancouver and a second North Vancouver-Seymour - demographically and related to issues this makes way more sense!

Thank you for taking the time to consider these concerns.

Best regards,

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Date received: 2022-06-09

RIM ID: 1654814094HFXLFUZZCN

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The current City of Delta has one Mayor and Council, School Board, Fire Dept and Police Dept. Currently we have work in collaboration with MLA from Victoria and one federal MP to receive funding and grants for capital and community projects. The current electoral boundaries serve all residents of Delta very well. Dividing up the city allows for multiple MPs (3) potentially from different parties. This risk could easily prevent Delta and its tax payers from receiving the benefits from Federal programs. Getting 3 levels of government to agree is a challenge, 5 politicians is likely impossible, robbing us from funding due to political differences, not the value or merit of the request. Delta would definitely be underserved with Federal support. The current boundaries work well for our growing and unified City. Do not carve up Delta and connect it to Richmond and Surrey. I know I speak for the large majority including a unanimous position from the Mayor and Council. Thank you.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59011

Name to modify: Delta / Delta

New name: Delta / Delta

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 10:48 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Please do not split our community!

It has come to our attention that there is a consideration to adjust the boundaries of our riding so that the Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into 2 parts with one part being part of the riding as it stands now (i.e. with West Vancouver) and the other being part of the Powell River North Island riding. We would like to go on record as being completely opposed to this idea. The community of the Sunshine Coast which we have called home since 1990 is not an island but is only accessible by ferry. It is attached to the mainland, but there is no road access. This makes the Sunshine Coast one cohesive community with small community hubs along its length. Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such things as water and solid waste infrastructure. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are a community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. If any change is going to be made it would make more sense for all of the Sunshine Coast be part of the upper Powel River district and North Vancouver Island. We have much in common with Powell River and little in common with West Vancouver. But splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how an MP would be able to manage a riding such as the one being considered. It is also hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

We are defiantly not in agreement with this new proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and for the work that you are doing.

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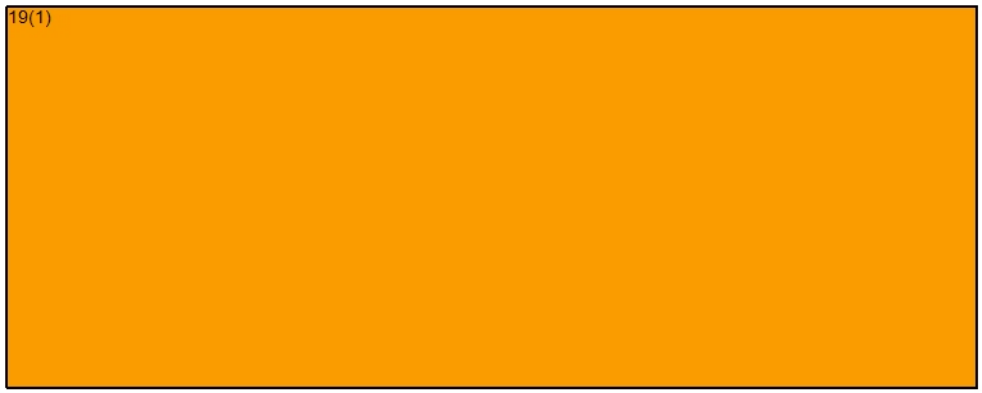
Redistribution 2022. Proposed Revised Electoral Boundaries for Delta Electoral District



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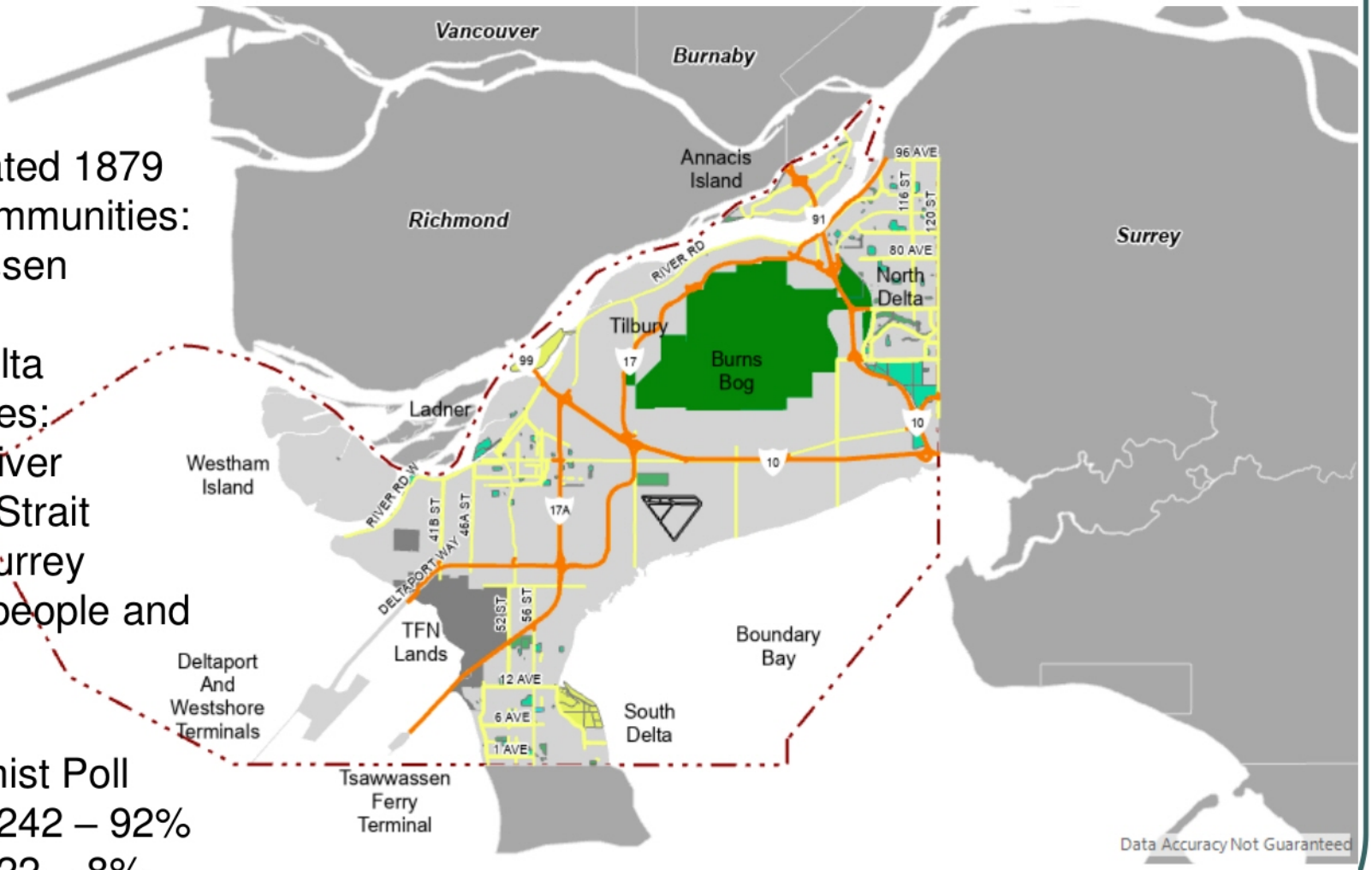
The City of Delta – One Federal Riding

1. Incorporated 1879
2. Three communities:
   - ✓ Tsawwassen
   - ✓ Ladner
   - ✓ North Delta
4. Boundaries:
   - ✓ Fraser River
   - ✓ Georgia Strait
   - ✓ City of Surrey
5. 110,848 people and growing



Delta Optimist Poll
Opposed - 242 – 92%
Support - 22 – 8%

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City of Delta Riding

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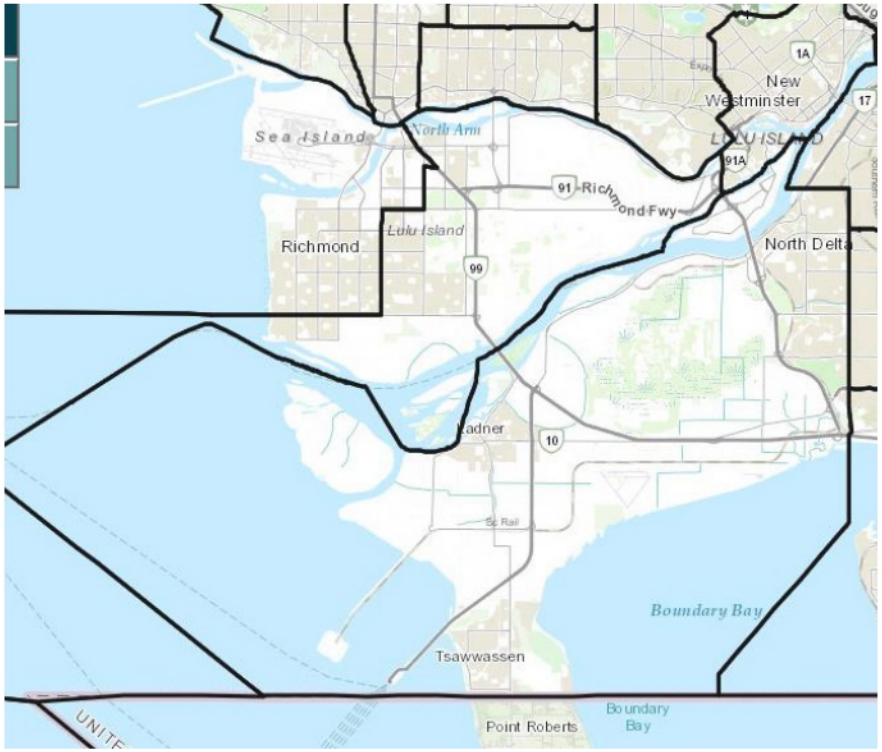
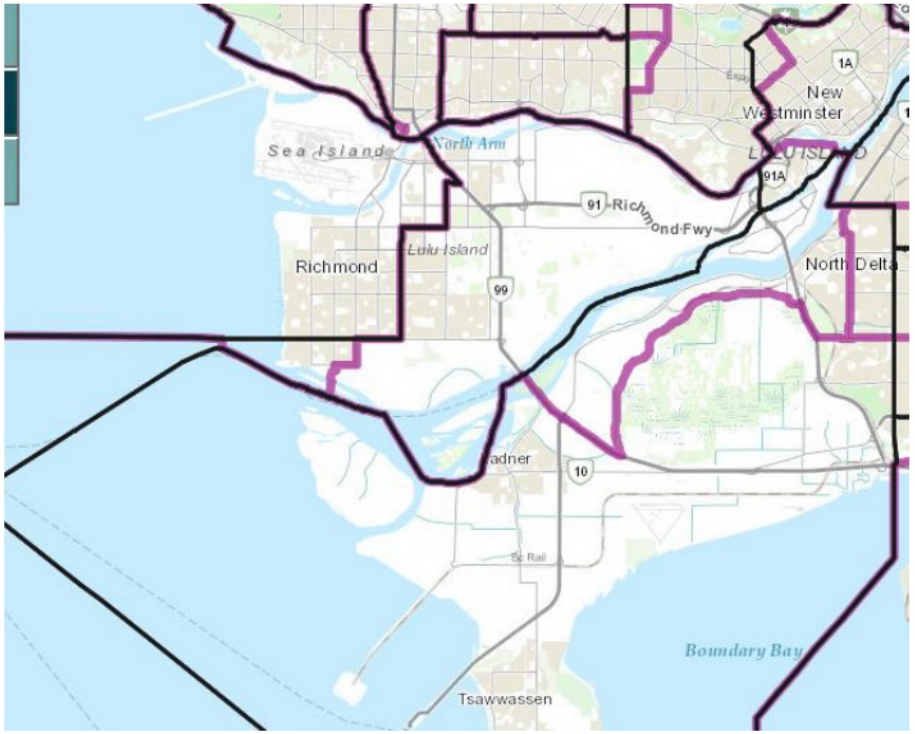


- Natural boundaries - Fraser River
- One MP
- Communities intact

Proposed



- Artificial boundaries – Highway 17
- Three MPs
- Divides Ladner and North Delta communities, with both communities represented by 2 MPs
- Adds a part of Surrey to Delta

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Delta's revised electoral boundaries

- Ignores considerations in the Electoral Boundaries Redistribution Act – *15 (1)* ***(b)*** *the commission shall consider the following in determining reasonable electoral district boundaries:* ***(i)*** *the community of interest or community of identity in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province*
- Has no logic, makes no sense and weakens Delta's position
- Artificial boundaries
- Ignores community history and culture
- Divides and splits communities and links them with other communities with whom they have nothing in common
- Result in confusion for Delta residents and businesses
- Lessens Delta's representation in Ottawa
- Increases City of Delta administration costs
- Federal touch-points more complex

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Federal Touch-points

- Delta Council
- Provincial MLAs  MPs
- Delta Chamber of Commerce
- Local businesses
- Service Clubs
- Local Environmental and Other Groups
- Charities
- Media
- Interactions with federal agencies
- Delta events with federal MPs representation

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Leave Delta Alone

No justification to sacrifice the integrity of Delta's federal riding for the "bigger picture"

if it ain't broke, don't fix it -

And

Delta and its residents believe it ain't broke

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 1, 2022 10:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: carla.qualtrough@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Proposed changes to electoral boundaries

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing in opposition to the proposed changes to the current Delta riding. I understand that populations change but fragmenting Delta's industrial and residential/city areas would be undermining the City of Delta and proper representation of home and business concerns. This would be confusing to voters and be a disadvantage for a united Delta community.

Kind Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 2, 2022 7:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Division of current Delta Electoral District

We are writing this to voice our opposition to the proposed federal redistribution to divide the current Delta Electoral District into 3 parts.

The current Delta Electoral District is a homogenous area with common concerns and issues. We feel these concerns would be lost in the split – not to mention that the citizens of Delta would now have to compete for resources and attention with 3 different and diverse municipal areas, not to mention that as a city our mayor would have to deal with 3 mayors and councils, and 3 MPs and 7 MLAs (all of whom could be from different parties all with different agendas).

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 4:44 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Public Hearing Participation 19(1)

Importance: High

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19(1) Why is Delta being marginalized?
My comments will be in: English

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 26, 2022 2:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Riding Redistribution

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I have reviewed the proposed redistribution of Federal Riding Boundaries as published and must register my concern and disapproval at what is proposed for Delta, BC.
Unfortunately I am unable to attend the public hearing in Delta (Tsawwassen) on 9th June, but wish to register my opposition to the proposed redistribution.
Splitting the City Of Delta between three electoral ridings makes no sense at all. The sections of Delta which would be allocated to both Richmond and Surrey have little in common with those other cities,and the elected representative for the new ridings would find it difficult to represent those citizens of Delta within their ridings.
The whole of Delta is governed by a single municipal council, who would need to liaise with three separate MPs if this riding redistribution was to proceed.
There are approximately 130,000 citizens living in Delta, which should comprise sufficient electors to warrant its own electoral riding.
Please make this objection known to the promoters of the Riding Redistribution plan.
Regards
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 1, 2022 11:45 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

I strongly oppose redistribution of Delta, putting a large portion of North Delta under a Richmond East Riding. Richmond East has no common concerns with North Delta, and Delta itself should remain considered to be one entity,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 1, 2022 10:58 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Comments on Delta riding redistribution

Hello,

My comments are in regard to the proposed changes to the Delta, BC electoral boundaries. I believe the proposed changes would be harmful to the community of Delta, creating division in, what is now, a disparate but unified group of 3 communities. This unified group has much more in common with each other than they do with the surrounding communities of Richmond or Surrey. 19(1) I know that the priorities and issues of these two communities are very different. I don't believe that any MP responsible for both these communities could adequately represent both. My huge concern is that the areas of Delta annexed to either a Richmond riding or a Surrey riding, would not be adequately recognized due to smaller population numbers. Our voices would not be heard, either in voting or in other matters of concern to our community. The demographics and the politics of these three communities (Delta, Surrey and Richmond) are all significantly different, but Delta voices and votes would be swallowed up by larger groups of voters in other communities. This is especially true in the way our electoral system works currently.

If you find it necessary to adjust boundaries due to uneven population growth, it would be best to treat Delta as a unified whole. It would make more logical and logistical sense to annex parts of Surrey or Richmond to Delta, rather than divide up Delta, essentially taking away our unified community voice.

I am firmly opposed to the proposed changes to our current federal electoral boundaries for the above outlined reasons.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 10, 2022 12:19 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Reconfiguration of City of Delta, B.C. riding - STRONGLY AGAINST

The proposed change is to split North Delta into 3 ridings. There is a City of Delta
that consists of N/Delta, S/Delta, E/Delta, Ladner & Tsawwassen which is "Delta Riding" represented by one MP 19(1)
19(1)
Proposal splits N/ Delta in 3 different ridings!

-1/3 stays in Delta ridings with E/Delta, Ladner & Tsawwassen One MP

- 1/3 Western Part becomes part of "East Richmond" another City across a river no logic different needs on 2 sides of river. 19(1)

-1/3 Eastern Part becomes part of "West Surrey" Another City that is a larger riding proposed 115,780 19(1)
19(1)

Currently "City of Delta Riding" is 109,000
which has One MP 19(1) and represent all of Delta people.

This will give N/Delta POOR to NO Representation.

No rational reason to split City of Delta Riding putting 1/3 of residents into larger "Surrey West Riding" with 19(1)
19(1)

We talk about "unity" keeping neighborhoods & Cities together to solve geographically problems.....but you want to take apart a good functioning City/Riding?

This is NOT Positive Redistribution of a Federal Riding!

Please listen to the "People of Delta" public hearing tonight June 9 ,2022 along with the voices of myself and other Delta residents that have taken the time to email against this Propose Change.

Thank you,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 31, 2022 1:12 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition to Splitting Fraser Heights (BC) Riding

Good day -

19(1)

19(1) I cannot stress strongly enough how opposed I am to the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings that would result in the splitting of my community. I believe the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, and that we should remain with other communities south of the Fraser River. Our concerns are unique to those who live south of the Fraser River - one prominent difference is the issue of infrastructure for the movement of people and goods. I am extremely concerned that the splitting of the riding will result in a tremendous dilution of the united voice residents of the current riding, Fleetwood - Port Kells, have. Our neighbourhood is a strong community, as evidenced by our Fraser Heights Community Association. The line as proposed effectively cuts our neighbourhood in two. Neighbours across the street from each other cannot approach the same MP about an issue that could exist within feet of that line on a map. If boundaries are to be drawn, the Fraser River or Highway 1 could be used - but please, do not cut our neighbourhood in half through this proposal.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 24, 2022 5:59 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: riding redistribution

19(1) I am writing to share my disagreement with the proposed change of electoral boundary for Delta. I don't believe that splitting our community into three adjacent ridings offers the residents of Delta the appropriate level of local representation.

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Date received: 2022-05-25

RIM ID: 1653501876GNGNVEUGHD

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

you have moved part of very urban saanich (including saanich hall and police and fire department) out of the Saanich-gulf islands riding . it needs to be moved back; if there is too much population, then move part of the more suburban/couuntry areas into the esquimalt-saanich-sooke

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59029

Name to modify: Saanich—Gulf Islands / Saanich—Gulf Islands

New name: Saanich—Gulf Islands / Saanich—Gulf Islands

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 12, 2022 7:08 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Cowichan Electoral District

Hello.
I see Facebook comments about how Communities are not represented as a community, but are often split in two and then combined with neighboring communities. This tends to dilute representation. Democracy requires that specific areas be represented by specific single representatives. It would be unthinkable, on a larger scale, to have one part of Ontario split and include some of Quebec, and and another part of Ontario have some of Manitoba as well. Do you see my point? Ontario issues should not be mixed with other territories and diluted.

This issue has been raised with the Comox Valley, and now 19(1) the Cowichan Valley. We are split in two and recombined with unrelated communities. In our case, that is Nanaimo and Greater Victoria.

Thank you for hearing us.
Respectfully
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 16, 2022 12:56 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Potential redrawing of Port Coquitlam riding to split the city in two

The possibility of redrawing the electoral border to split the city of Port Coquitlam in two and making The southern portion part of the city to be aligned with FORT LANGLEY. Really, do these people even Know the geography of this area. The people making these recommendations sadly just lack the basic Knowledge to make these kinds of recommendations. 19(1)
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 11:30 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Riding Split

Hello

It has come to my attention that there is a consideration to adjust the boundaries of our riding so that the Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into 2 parts with one part being part of the riding as it stands now (i.e. with West Vancouver) and the other being part of the Powell River North Island riding. I would like to go on record as being completely opposed to this notion.

The community of the Sunshine Coast 19(1) is a quasi island being accessible only by ferry. Although it is attached to the mainland, there is no road access. This makes the Sunshine Coast one cohesive community with small community hubs dotted along its length.

Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such things as water and solid waste infrastructure. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are a community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. There was a time when our riding had both the Upper Sunshine Coast (Powell River) and the Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) together. But as the population grew, this was changed so that Powell River became attached to the North Island and we were attached to West Vancouver.

This has never made sense. We have so much in common with Powell River (quatet) and little in common with West Vancouver. If any change is necessary, you could consider attaching the **entire** Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to the North Island. But splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how an MP would be able to manage a riding such as the one being considered. It is also hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

We hope that this proposal will not gain traction and will be abandoned.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and for the work that you are doing.

Sincerely,

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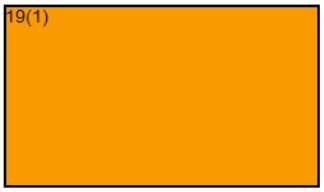

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 9, 2022 3:23 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta Riding in British Columbia

To Whom it May Concern:

I am dismayed at and opposed to the proposal to change the Federal Electoral Boundary for the Delta riding in which I reside.

I understand that a commission of only three people has arrived at the decision to change Delta's boundaries by removing a portion, and adding it to Richmond, and then removing another portion and adding it to Surrey West, and also taking a portion of what is Surrey and adding it to Delta.

This is insanity! Having the industrial areas of Tilbury Island and Annacis Island join with Richmond is not logical! These two areas are vital parts of Delta and when our Mayor and MLA speak to Ottawa about issues pertaining to Delta's industrial areas they would need to ask Richmond for support? Really? The Delta Chamber of Commerce would now be in a federal riding together with part of Richmond? Yikes!

Surrey and Delta have differing needs and desires. How would Delta's Mayor and Council feel about having to consult Surrey Mayor on federal issues? Surrey has enough and distinct issues of its own.

How much is it costing taxpayers to chop up varying areas of the province? If another riding is needed it would make most sense to simply split a large riding into two, I.e. Surrey West and East or Surrey North and South. Does each riding have to have the exact number of voters?

I think it is especially important to maintain the industrial islands within Delta riding. Years ago we shared an MP with Richmond East and I do not feel it was successful.

Deltans have been well served as one federal riding over the last few years. **I urge the Commission to keep it this way. Is it even lawful for people who are not elected by citizens of Canada to have a say which would change the City of Delta in such a dramatic way?**

19(1) do not wish to attend in person at the public hearing, 19(1) 19(1) It does not seem to me that at this critical time in a world pandemic our government should be trying to chop us to pieces.

Please take care when making final decisions on this matter. Please acknowledge receipt and thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 5:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam redistricting

I am writing to express my displeasure at the proposed redistricting plan that splits the city of Port Coquitlam into two separate ridings. This will make Port Coquitlam residents a minority in both ridings and effectively give us no voice in the federal elections.
This is a huge disservice to everyone who lives in the fine city of Port Coquitlam. Listen to Mayor Brad West. Listen to our M.P. Ron McKinnon. Do not do this.

Sincerely yours:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 1, 2022 8:53 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution

Dear Sir/Madam:
I am writing with concern about the new proposed Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution list showing the number of seats per province. I have noted that the greatest number of redistributed seats is in the current Liberal leaning provinces. My concern is that seats should be based on population - period. Our Government is solely in place to represent the people and make decisions on our behalf. This current distribution model is not fairly distributed by population. The West is always under represented, even though our population has grown and we hold a large amount of natural resources. I would like to see BC - where I live, to have our fair share of 47 seats based on our population - which is growing every day. I implore you to fairly recalculate to represent the population which is served. This is the fairest and most indisputable way to allocate seats. I realize that our current Government does not want to serve all of the people of this country but in order to maintain a fair democracy this is the only true and fair way to allocate seats now and going forward.
Please rethink this distribution and amend it.
Sincerely, A voting member of a still democratic country, 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 7:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary change

Dear sirs/Mesdames

19(1) cannot imagine our riding being split within this coastal area. Already we are strung along the coast in a thin line. Already we must deal with a federal riding that includes Whistler, West Van and the Coast. I understand that this riding is too large. Dividing it in West Van is the ideal solution, 19(1) 19(1)
The division in West Van would make no difference to anyone's life. Here on the Coast we already have an MP's office in West Van, and our fellow voting area folks spread out in one of the largest geographical ridings in southern Canada. Divide West Van and make this an easy choice - do not disrupt our entire lifestyles with a silly division down an already small community.

Sincerely
19(1)
Sent from my iPad

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 10:20 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Pitt Meadows - Fort Langley

Good morning,

19(1) strongly oppose dividing the community into two federal ridings and lumping part of it to the proposed Pitt Meadows - Fort Langley electoral district.
The needs of the communities on either side of the river are completely different and this will divide the community and dilute our voices. I have spoken to numerous residents and no one can make sense of this.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 9:21 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposed to Port Coquitlam Division

19(1) strongly oppose dividing the community into two federal ridings and lumping part of it to proposed Pitt Meadows - fort Langley electoral district.

The proposal would divide our city, dilute our residents voice and potentially require people to drive to Langley to get federal services from their Member of Parliament.

What are you thinking? PoCo is already a small community and to divide it even further is ridiculous.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 8:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: proposed redistricting of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

BC Electoral Boundaries Commission:

If changes have to be made to my riding of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast- Sea to Sky Country, please do not move any of the Sunshine Coast out of our riding and add it to North Island- Powell River 19(1)
19(1)

19(1) we definitely have far more in common with West Vancouver and the rest of Howe Sound area than we do with North Island-Powell River. Howe Sound issues like fisheries and federally regulated BC Ferries are Sunshine Coast issues.

The only thing we share with Powell River is the name Sunshine Coast (lower and upper) and Vancouver Coastal Health; if I were to have a major medical emergency I would be taken by helicopter to the lower mainland not Vancouver Island . The lower Sunshine Coast has a lot of former W Vancouver and N Vancouver residents and is a growing bedroom community for Vancouver. Many of our residents commute daily to Vancouver for work, make day trips to the Northshore and Vancouver for medical specialists/surgeries/cancer treatments, shopping, cultural and sports events. We share the same weather report and tides.

Our vital ferry link is with West Vancouver, not Comox. It takes two ferries and an all day trip to get to Comox from here and no same day return.
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If the Sunshine Coast was attached to a huge rural riding our ability to advocate and be heard politically would be diminished to a whisper.

In contrast, West Vancouver Ambleside has much more in common with North Vancouver than the Sunshine Coast has with North Island-Powell River.

Please do not be influenced by any campaigns by past or present politicians to change your proposal.
Our former MP, John Weston, has publicly said that his former electorate here should “go" before any part of West Vancouver and I am disappointed with this blatant display of political expediency. I can understand why Mr Weiler kept his voters here in the dark about meetings etc on the proposed changes and how any changes to the EBC proposal could have an effect on our status.

Stick to your guns!

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 8, 2022 10:06 AM
To: BC-CB

Hi,

I'd like to know why the boundary for North Vancouver is being changed from Capilano River to 15th St in West Vancouver. Ambleside is a distinct community and should not be bisected. In addition to this, what would the cost of this change be?? Addresses for all the businesses and people who live in this area will have to be changed. This is a cost that is completely unnecessary considering government finances all over the country are in the red. I'm unable to attend the meeting in person but I would like to say I am opposed to this change.

Thank you,

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-05

RIM ID: 1654449468SZDMFQYGCX

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The Okanagan has little in common with the Kootenays and should not be bunched together.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59031

Name to modify: South Okanagan—West Kootenay / Okanagan-Sud—Kootenay-Ouest

New name: West Kootenay/Columbia / Kootenay-Ouest/Columbia

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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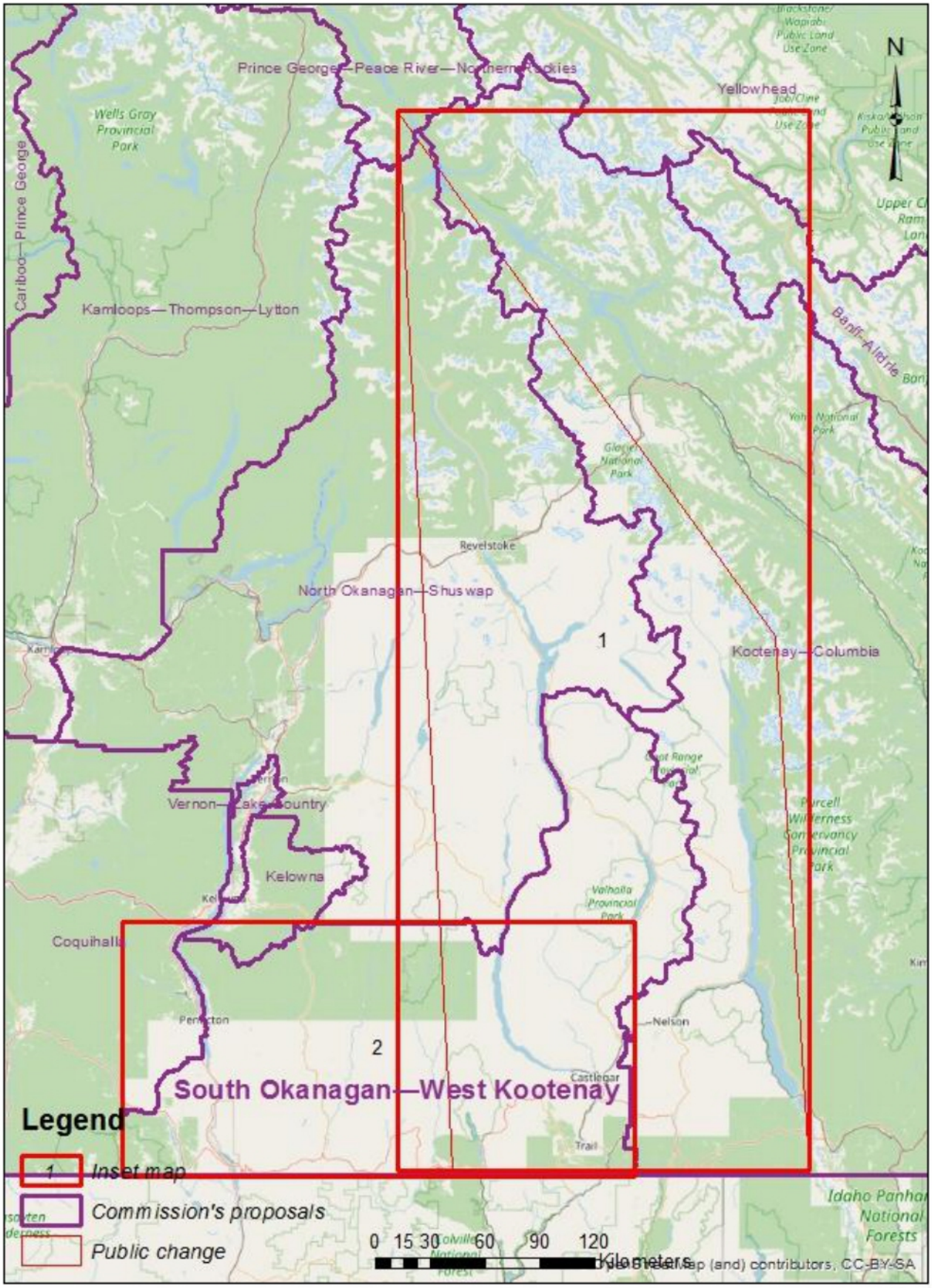

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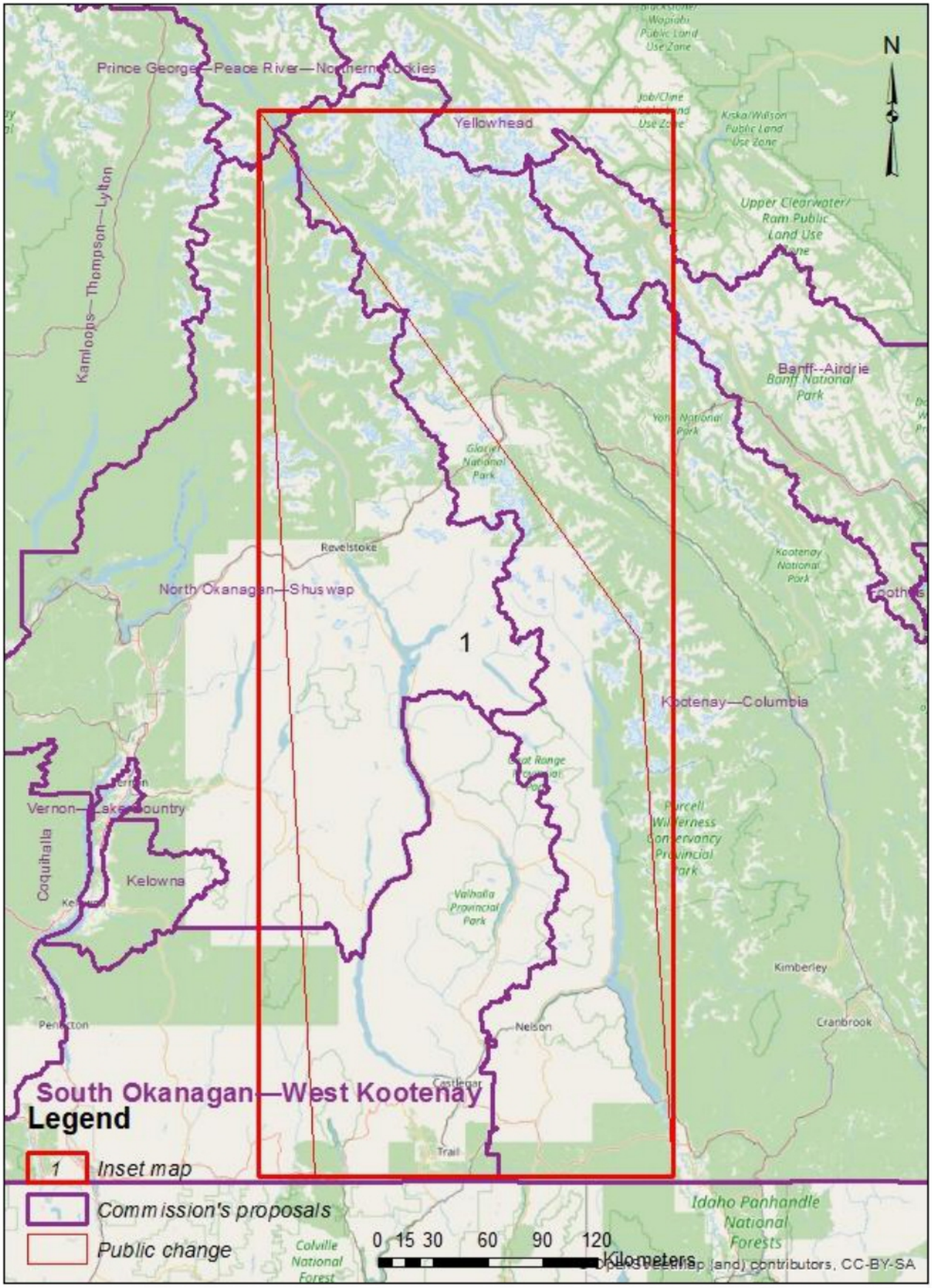

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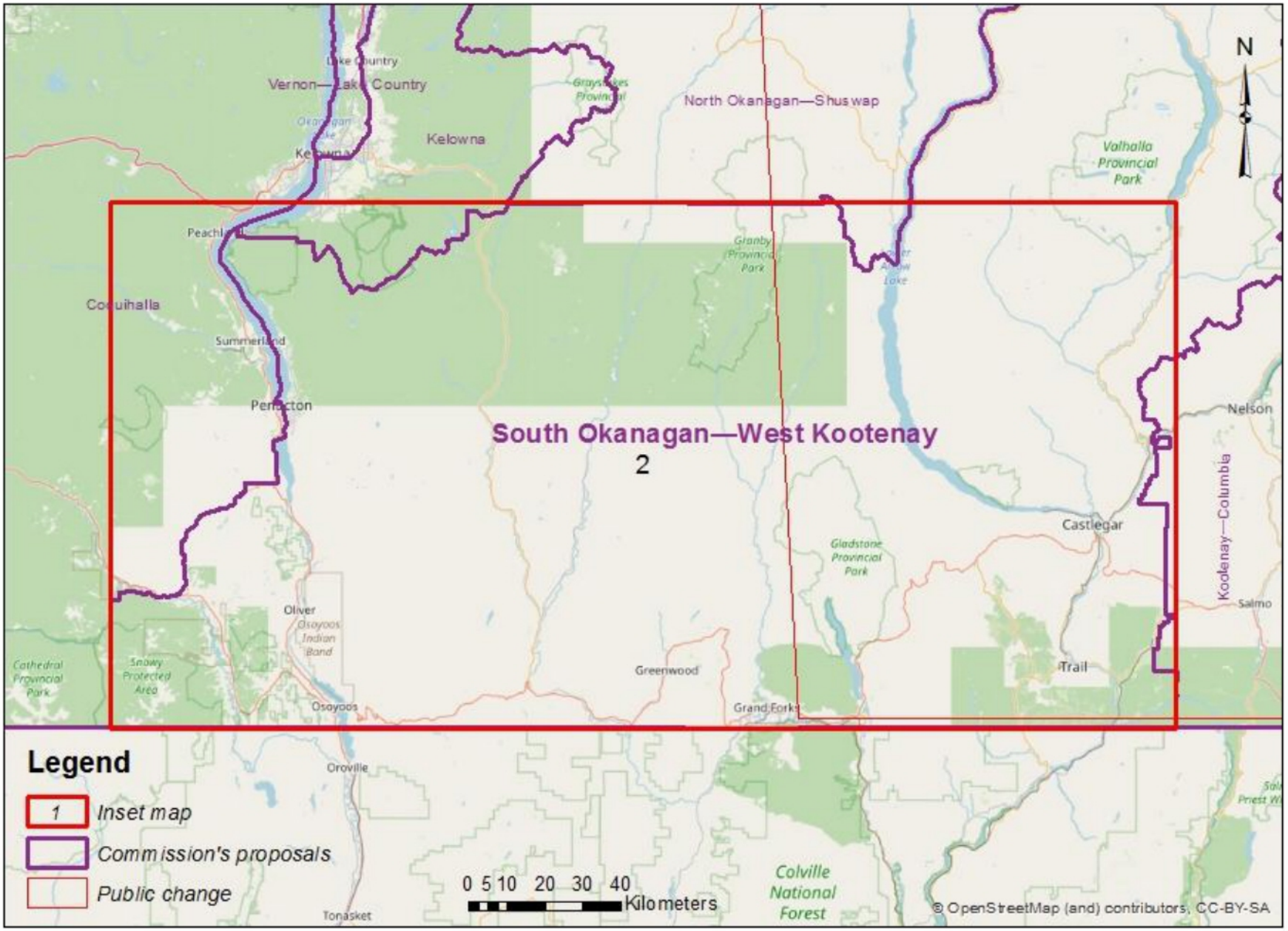

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 25, 2022 5:46 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Leave the federal riding for West Vancouver intact!

Do NOT carve off an eastern segment, & lump it with North Vancouver

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 5, 2022 8:35 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of electoral district

Hello, I l19(1) have come to love the diversity found within our electoral district. We have farm and ocean, suburban and rural with a rich history. This keeps us mindful of the needs and delights of being neighbours in our flourishing community. We have a mixed identity and I love it. Please do not change our boundaries for the electoral district as that gives us a voice to our identity.
Yours sincerely,
19(1)
Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 30, 2022 6:43 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistricting Sunshine coast

19(1)

I am opposed to any idea of cutting the Sunshine Coast into different ridings as proposed by the Liberal and conservative groups.

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We “Coasters” share many of the same interests and concerns. Our schools, roads, environment, health care including the hospital and a related medical services are shared issues.

Moving our seat to Nanaimo would seriously disenfranchise most of our population who would be forced to take two ferries to visit an MLA office there.

Your current new proposal makes sense in that the North Shore has other issues than those of the Sunshine Coast and would be better represented by remaining there.

Please do not change your current proposal.

Thank you for your work and consideration of the various communities

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 24, 2022 9:09 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver Federal Election Boundary

I am shocked that the electoral boundaries commission intends to change the West Vancouver Federal Election Boundary by moving the easternmost part of West Vancouver – including Park Royal, Sentinel Hill and half of Ambleside (everything east of 15th Street) – would be cut from the West Vancouver electoral district and added to the North Vancouver riding.

I am against such a change 19(1)
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Do not change the West Vancouver Federal Election Boundary

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 29, 2022 9:56 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

Delta is a city. We are not Richmond. We are not Surrey. Do not chop us up and throw us out. We are DELTA.

Sent from my iPad

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 4, 2022 5:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Do Not divide the Sunshine Coast!

It has come to my attention that the boundaries of 19(1) (the Sunshine Coast part of WVSCSSC... MP Patrick Weiller) are under consideration for division into two parts: the southern part remaining as it now stands (i.e. with West Vancouver) and the northern part becoming joined with the Powell River North Island riding, which is, I believe, also agglomerated with the Comox area on Vancouver Island.

19(1) I am completely opposed to this notion for the simple reason that no one who lives here wants to see it! It must never be realized without a rigorous referendum of the resident taxpayers of this community. I challenge the bureaucrats, or whomever takes on this decision, to come up with a single rational reason why we should digest his senseless proposal to divide our community in terms of federal representation.

Our riding has already in recent memory (2003) been split into Upper Sunshine Coast, Powell River being lumped in with Comox, and the Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) grafted onto West Vancouver, creating a single riding with the longest name in history of the country: West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea-to-Sky Country. We in the southern part have much more in common with Powell River than with West Vancouver, and if any change is necessary, it would be to integrate the **entire** Sunshine Coast, from Powell River to Langdale/Port Mellon, as one federal riding.

Apart from private plane or forest service roads, the Sunshine Coast is effectively accessible only by ferry. Although a portion of residents commute to Vancouver or elsewhere for employment, the Sunshine Coast is one single cohesive community with smaller community hubs dotted along its length. There are 2 small municipal governments and several smaller, unincorporated communities, there is one Sunshine Coast Regional District which manages water, solid waste infrastructure, and numerous other services. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, recreation centres. People live, work, shop and play fluidly between these parts of the Lower Sunshine Coast .

Splitting our community in half for a second time in about a decade is unworkable. One single Member of Parliament will be very hard pressed to represent a riding such as the one being considered. And how could we, the electorate, be able to effectively engage the government on our issues of importance?

We are a self-created and self-sufficient community! We do not want to be swallowed by West Vancouver with its mammoth priorities. Please don't let this proposal gain traction. I urge you to abandon it with haste.

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I thank you for your consideration of our concerns and for the work that you are doing.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 9:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022 - Comments

I have concerns that this electoral boundary reorganization cuts Penticton in half. This seems totally illogical and should not happen. Senior governments are often lobbied for funding for infrastructure and it would make it pretty confusing for all involved if the City of Penticton was represented Federally by two different elected officials. I would like this comment and map shared at the Public Hearing as part of the record against the current proposal. I will not be attending the public hearing.
Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 4, 2022 2:57 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver

Dear Members of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

I am writing to you as I understand there is consideration of a change to the boundary of our constituency. 19(1)
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I feel it would be a terrible mistake to move the federal boundary to divide our community. The current boundaries while I am sure challenging for our Member of Parliament have served well for a very long time.

I hope that you can see the merit in leaving in place something which is working and serving the public well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Your truly

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 9:52 PM
To: BC-CB; 19(1)
Subject: Cowichan Malahat Langford on Vancouver Island, BC

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I have looked at the map for the proposed boundaries of the electoral district "Cowichan Malahat Langford" on Vancouver Island in British Columbia.

Once again, the river at Jordan River is proposed as a boundary. This divides the community of Jordan River. At this time, most of the residents are on the west side of the river, in the Cowichan Malahat Langford electoral district.

With the boundary in this place, residents on the west side of the river have the option of voting by mail, travelling 51 km. to vote in the advance poll, travelling 41 km to vote on Election Day, or voting at the nearest polling place in the neighbouring electoral district, Esquimalt Saanich Sooke.

The advance poll in Sooke ia a 29 km.drive for Jordan River residents. If the polling place in Shirley is kept, the nearest Election Day polling place for Jordan River resident would be Shirley Community Hall, a distance of 13 km.

Residents on the east side of the Jordan River are in the Esquimalt Saanich Sooke electoral district.

I strongly recommend that when this redistribution takes place, the western boundary of the Esquimalt Saanich Sooke electoral district be extended to the current boundary of the Shirley Official Community Plan area. This would match

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the current settlement pattern of the area. The actual river has been used as a boundary for various purposes. It is not suitable for this purpose in 2022.

The first election that the west side of the Jordan River community was divided from the east side, I made a point of visiting the Elections Canada office for the Cowichan Malahat Langford electoral district in Langford and pointing out this anomaly. The staff had not noticed it before I pointed it out. It is absurd.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 20, 2022 5:37 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: South Okanagan-West Kootenay riding

19(1) and would like to add my opinion regarding the proposed changes to our riding to those expressed by the speakers at that hearing. The speakers were unanimously opposed to the proposed change that would move the riding boundary to Main Street in Penticton, thus dividing our community down the middle. I agree with their opposition. 19(1)
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19(1) how their traditional territory has been manipulated to their detriment by the Government of Canada at various times in the century and a half since they came under the Indian Act, with valuable land taken from the reserve that was created for Penticton Airport and for World War II veterans' land grants on West Bench, among others. The boundary presently proposed would result in their reserves number one and two being in separate ridings, posing challenges to their development plans.

I agree, also, with the first speaker, who argued that the division of Penticton between two ridings would make it very challenging to run effective elections and to encourage people to turn out to vote, as these can be organized most effectively on a community basis.

Penticton is a relatively small and cohesive community, and the proposed division is counter-intuitive for all who spoke at the hearing, as well as for me, although I did not speak but listened and agreed with their arguments.

I agree, also, with their expressions of respect for the work of the commission and appreciation for the challenges they are facing in trying to achieve fair representation in the electoral process for all British Columbians, given the complex topography of this province. I hope the commissioners will be willing and able to face the challenge of addressing our riding again and trying to reach a solution that does not divide either the town of Penticton or the traditional territories and reserves of the Penticton Indian Band.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 9, 2022 7:55 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re Penticton BC

I strongly object (as does every Pentictonite I have spoken to) the redistribution which divides our relatively small city of Penticton. There is a need for flexibility. You must consider the needs of the community, not just that arbitrary numbers are equal in each riding. Half of Penticton is less than 20,000 people. Please have another look and reconsider your proposed distribution.
On another note, you compare population with number of seats in the US and Canada, it appears we already have more than enough! Each new member adds to the federal cost of government and comes from our pockets at a time when inflation and post covid is making living very difficult for a large percent of our population. 19(1)
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 8:11 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: westb@portcoquitlam.ca; MP Ron McKinnon
Subject: Electoral boundaries Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam riding

To whom it may concern,

The recommendations recently proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission make no sense at all to sever Port Coquitlam into two and combining it with Fort Langley, parts of Surrey, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge is simply not workable.

19(1) the Coquitlam–Port Coquitlam riding which falls under Liberal MP Ron McKinnon and I oppose this split. 19(1) I am extremely concerned my electoral district is possibly changing to fall under the Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley electoral district. As a result of the proposed split, Port Coquitlam residents living south of Lougheed — including the downtown and the Mary Hill and Citadel Heights neighbourhoods — would fall in the Pitt Meadows–Fort Langley electoral district.

What do these other cities have to do with Port Coquitlam? Why fracture Port Coquitlam? Port Coquitlam should not be split.

I am copying my mayor and my MP

Regards,
19(1)

c Port Coquitlam Mayor Brad West, Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam MP Ron McKinnon

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 4, 2022 10:27 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposed to Electoral Boundary Redistribution

To the Electoral Commission,

19(1)

I am opposed to splitting the Sunshine Coast's electoral boundaries. This is a particular community and it deserves to have its interests brought forward as a whole. Fragmentation will affect our ability to bring our needs and priorities to the attention of the federal government.

Thank you for all that you do to consider the needs of all electors in the various communities.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 25, 2022 6:30 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022 - re: Delta, BC

Dear Commissioners,

19(1)

I am opposed to the changes outlined in the draft map for the proposed redistributed federal ridings as they pertain to Delta, BC for a number of reasons, including the following:

1. Delta as a riding currently works well and is the right size. Dont mess with success.

2. The idea of all of Delta under one riding works very well as it gives Delta's Mayor Harvie only one person that he has to talk to when he wants to bring concerns to the federal government.

3. Delta is a unique place with unique interests. That is why we are our own city, and why we should have our own riding. There are unique interests, such as Delta's agriculture community, that need to be properly represented.

4. The proposed changes would split our riding into 3, with 2 of the ridings containing a minority of Delta residents and majority of residents from other areas. Meanwhile, the new Delta riding will contain a slice of Surrey. This does not make sense. Delta residents and Surrey residents live in very different communities and have very different things they care about. Each should be represented by their own MPs, not some crudely manufactured mixture.

5. Democracy is not just about a simple translation of one person to one vote. It is a complex netowrk of interacting governing bodies that works best when it is simple enough for the average person to understand the process. Aligning ridings with the municipal boundaries not only makes it easier for different levels of government to work together, but also builds trust in the system because it is easier and simpler for the average voter to understand.

Please do not proceed with the proposed changes with respect to Delta.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 25, 2022 3:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: westb@portcoquitlam.ca; Ron.McKinnon@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Proposed Electoral Boundaries Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam Riding

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my concern over the proposed change to the electoral boundaries for Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam. I do not see the rationale for grouping Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam in with Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley. These are very distinct and diverse communities and I do not believe the unique needs of each area could be effectively managed if combined.

19(1) would be directly affected by this change. I do not support this proposal.

Regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 23, 2022 8:50 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Splitting of Port Coquitlam & tri-city areas

For the record 19(1) I am NOT in favour of this separation. Please do not move forward with the change.

Regards
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 13, 2022 10:37 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam riding

Hello
19(1) feel the City should not be lumped in with Pitt Meadows and Langley. Our issues are localized to North of the Fraser, west of the Pitt's natural boundaries.

Thank you

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 9:08 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary changes. North Island.

Dear Commission,

I suggest that the Comox Valley, consisting of Courtenay, Comox,,Cumberland remain within one boundary, as the communities are interconnected with critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water, waste And schools. Common issues in all three communities including housing, homelessness, policing, medical services. All of these communities are more connected to Campbell River than Alberni and share a common landfill and hospital board.

It would be more sensible to connect Coastal communities to Alberni, and the Islands which may have similar issues, perhaps more common issues with Indigenous people. Although not serviced by Ferries, Alberni is a coastal community,as is Powell River.

In any case, please do not separate the Comox Valley communities of Courtenay, Comox, Cumberland.

Respectfully

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July 3, 2022

Secretary

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia

We wish to state our total opposition to the proposed 2022 Federal Boundary and Electoral redistribution of the West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky electoral district.

This proposal would effectively sever the West Vancouver business community, the major portion of the Ambleside waterfront and eliminate the opportunity of a significant percentage of the population to vote for their West Vancouver representative.

It would also exclude West Vancouver's major retail tax base, Park Royal Shopping Centre, which continues to expand, primarily on indigenous ceded land.

Although the riding currently includes three distinct areas (Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky and West Vancouver), our understanding it that the total population is within federally accepted limits which has been well represented by both Liberal and Conservative Members of Parliament for many years.

Our contention is that the proposal to alter the eastern boundary of the riding to 15th St. should not be further considered.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue regarding the retention of West Vancouver as a single, intact federal electoral district.

Respectfully,

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Date received: 2022-07-03

RIM ID: 1656884500YLRWKNNHVS

Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Splitting Burnaby up into six different ridings is ridiculous. The easy fix is to restore Boundary Road as the border between Burnaby South and Vancouver Kingsway. Ditto Vancouver South. Four ridings is still questionable, but a lot better than six. Yes, I understand the principle of equal populations, but after seeing what the Saskatchewan commission is proposing in their north we can safely say that the population principle is not as important as community unity.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59038

Name to modify: Vancouver Kingsway / Vancouver Kingsway

New name: Vancouver Kingsway / Vancouver Kingsway

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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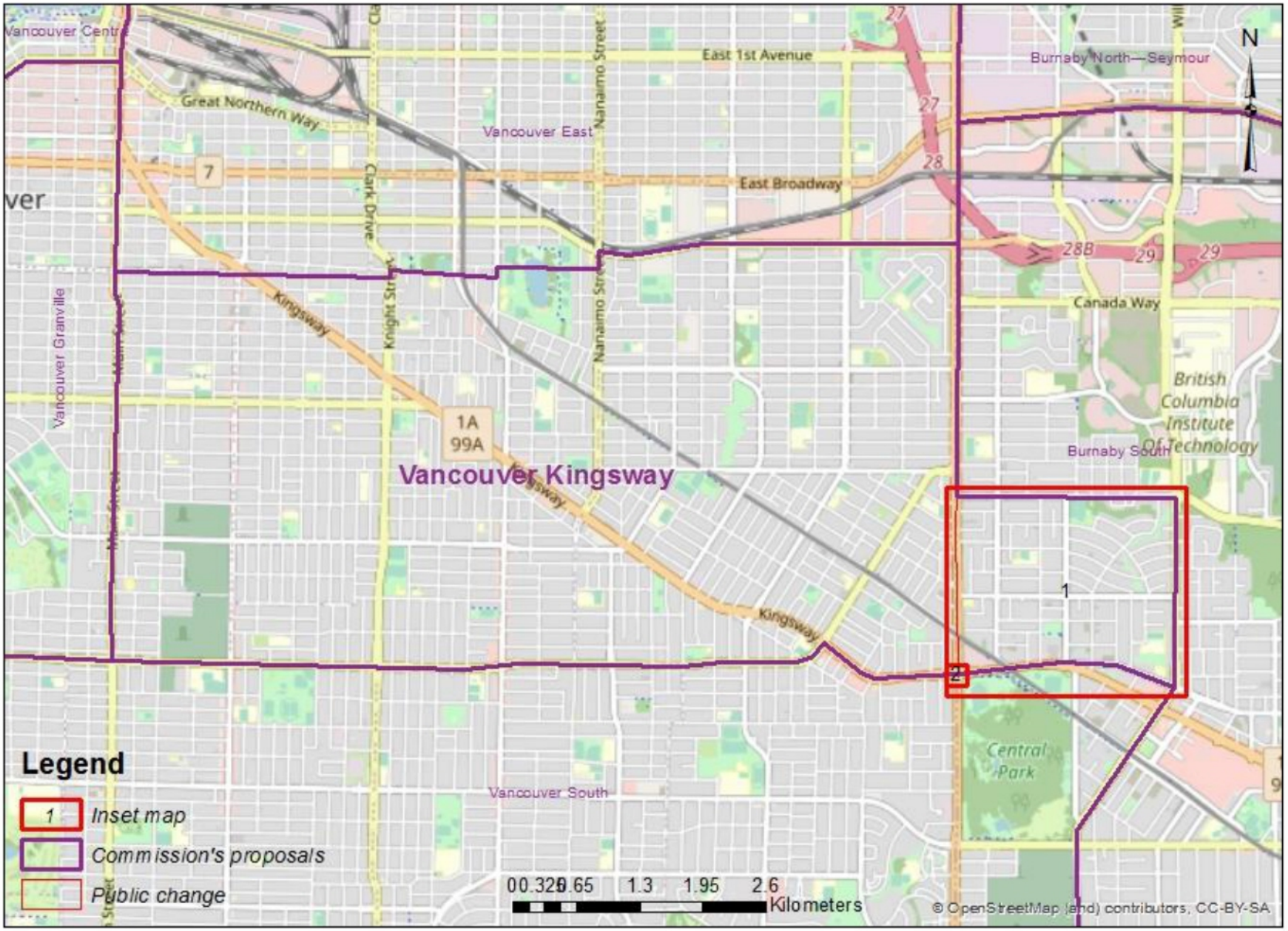

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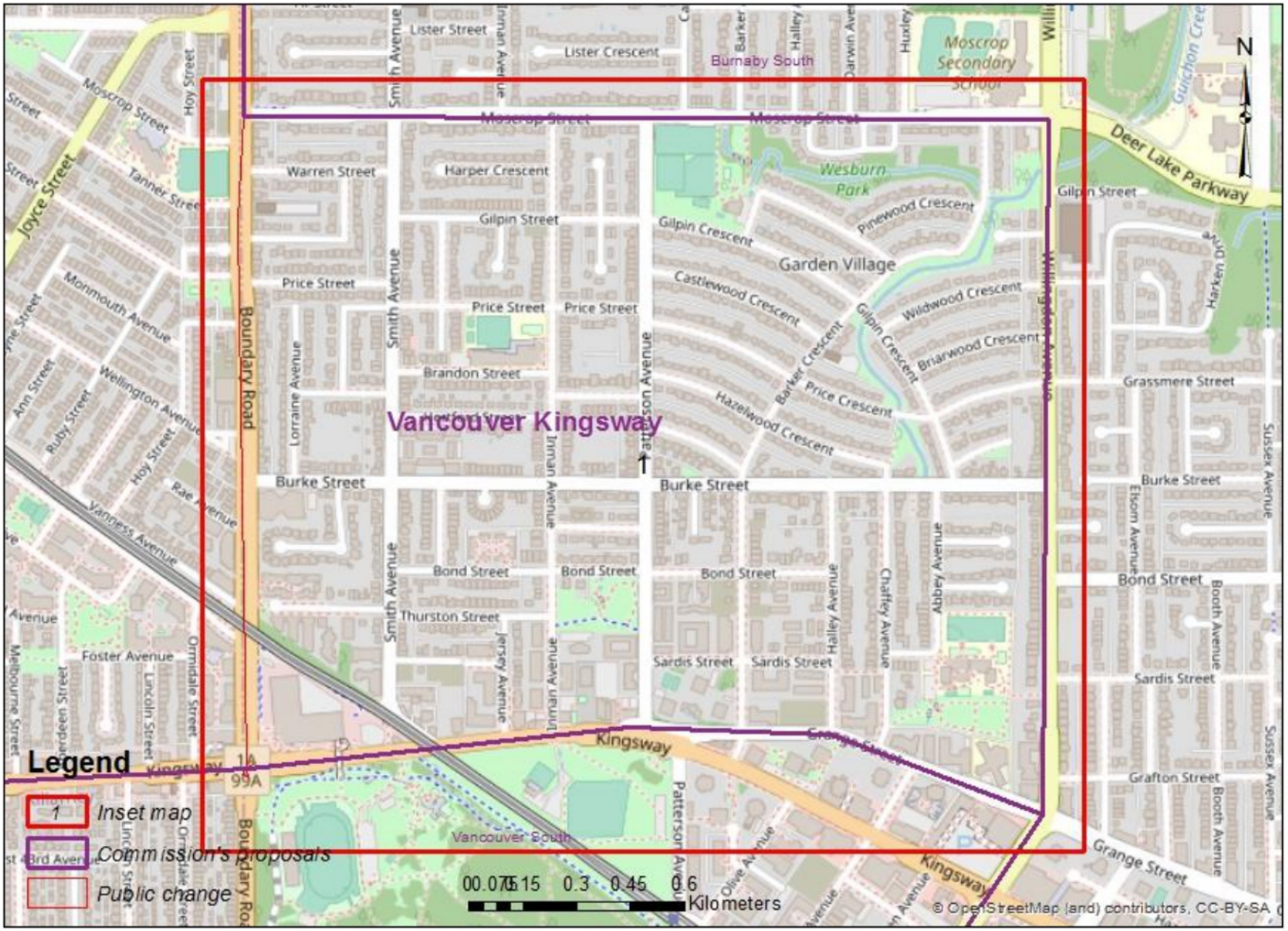

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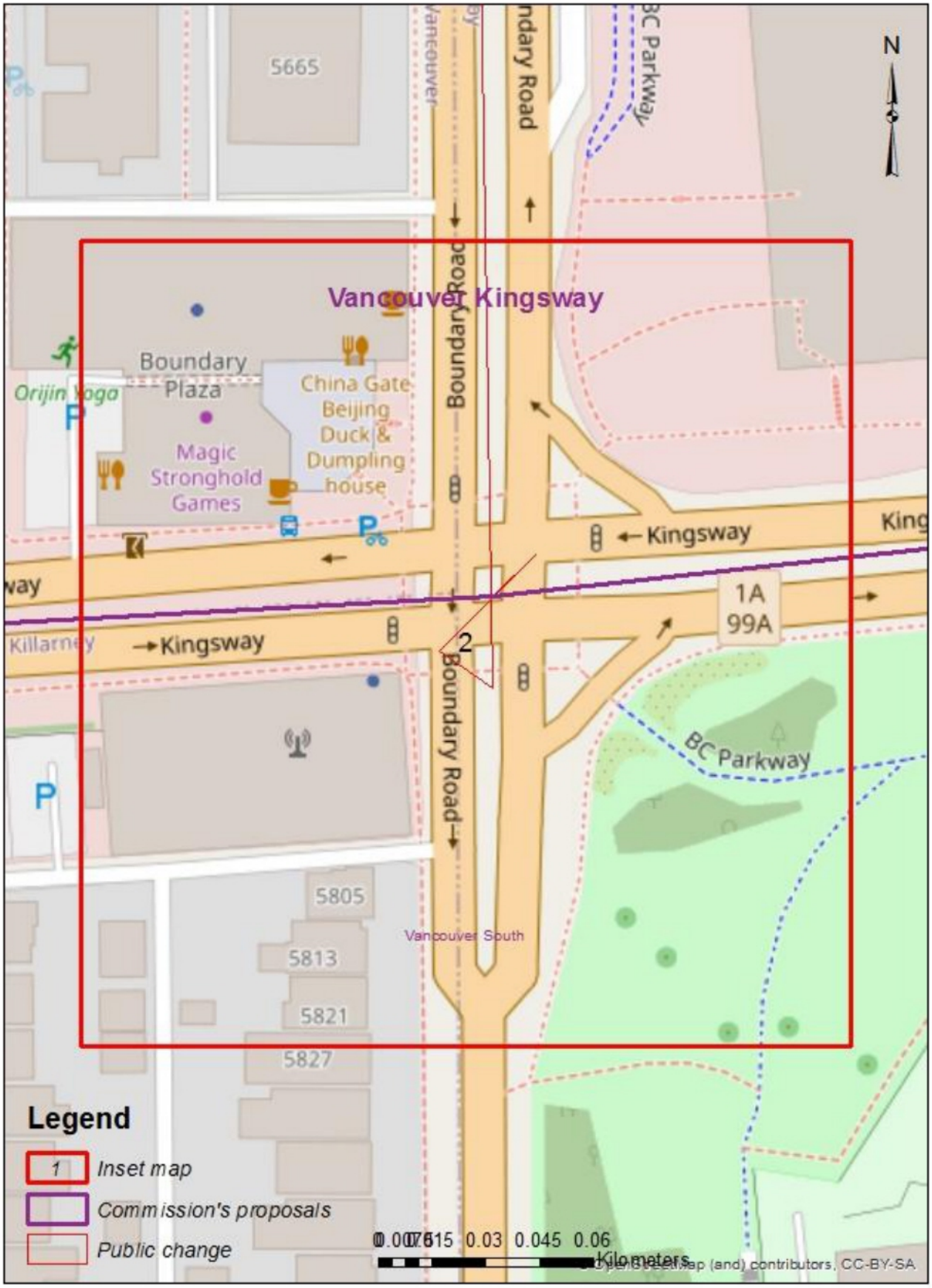

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 25, 2022 8:51 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New electoral boundary

I understand the committee has a job to do. BUT! For goodness sake, you simply can't chop a village, town or any kind of community up willy-nilly . Rethink this idea, please!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 10:40 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fraser Heights Community

I am opposed to Elections Canada splitting the community of Fraser Heights into two ridings. I wish to have it remain intact as it has been for many years.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 8:09 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops Federal Electoral Boundary revision

I understand that the electoral boundary is proposed to split the City of Kamloops in two. If this is indeed the case, I do not agree and I am incredulous that the committee would think this to be a good decision. I understand that this is undoubtedly a difficult exercise when trying to meet numbers for a district and maintain reasonable access to the elected member by citizens. However, is seems a no brainer that a large urban centre outside the Lower Mainland would be situated within a single district. Those who live in the rural areas throughout the province already travel to the large centres for shopping, education, health care and other services.

Please re-consider this decision.

Regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 11:07 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral boundaries

Hi there;
it has come to our attention that there is a consideration to adjust the boundaries of our riding so that the Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into 2 parts with one part being part of the riding as it stands now (i.e. with West Vancouver) and the other being part of the Powell River North Island riding. We would like to go on record as being completely opposed to this notion. The community of the Sunshine Coast 19(1) is a quasi island being accessible only by ferry. Although it is attached to the mainland, there is no road access. This makes the Sunshine Coast one cohesive community with small community hubs dotted along its length. Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such things as water and solid waste infrastructure. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are a community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. There was a time when our riding had both the Upper Sunshine Coast (Powell River) and the Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) together. But as the population grew, this was changed so that Powell River became attached to the North Island and we were attached to West Vancouver. This has never made sense to us. We have so much in common with Powell River (quatet) and little in common with West Vancouver. If any change is necessary, you could consider attaching the **entire** Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to the North Island. But splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how an MP would be able to manage a riding such as the one being considered. It is also hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

We hope that this proposal will not gain traction and will be abandoned.

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Date received: 2022-07-03

RIM ID: 1656884104NEXALRELTO

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Metrotown should not be split up as in the original proposal.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59040

Name to modify: Vancouver South / Vancouver-Sud

New name: Vancouver South / Vancouver-Sud

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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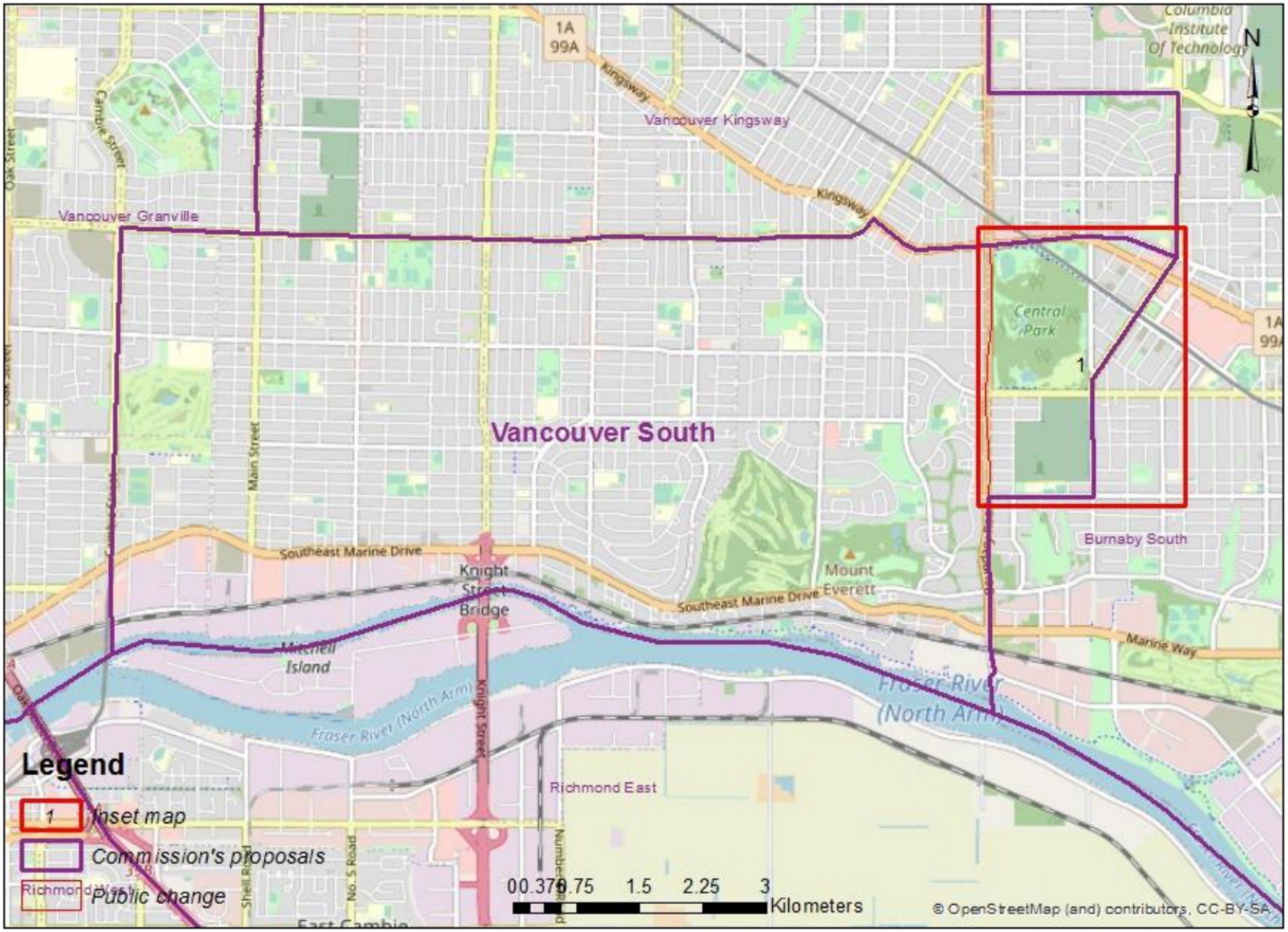

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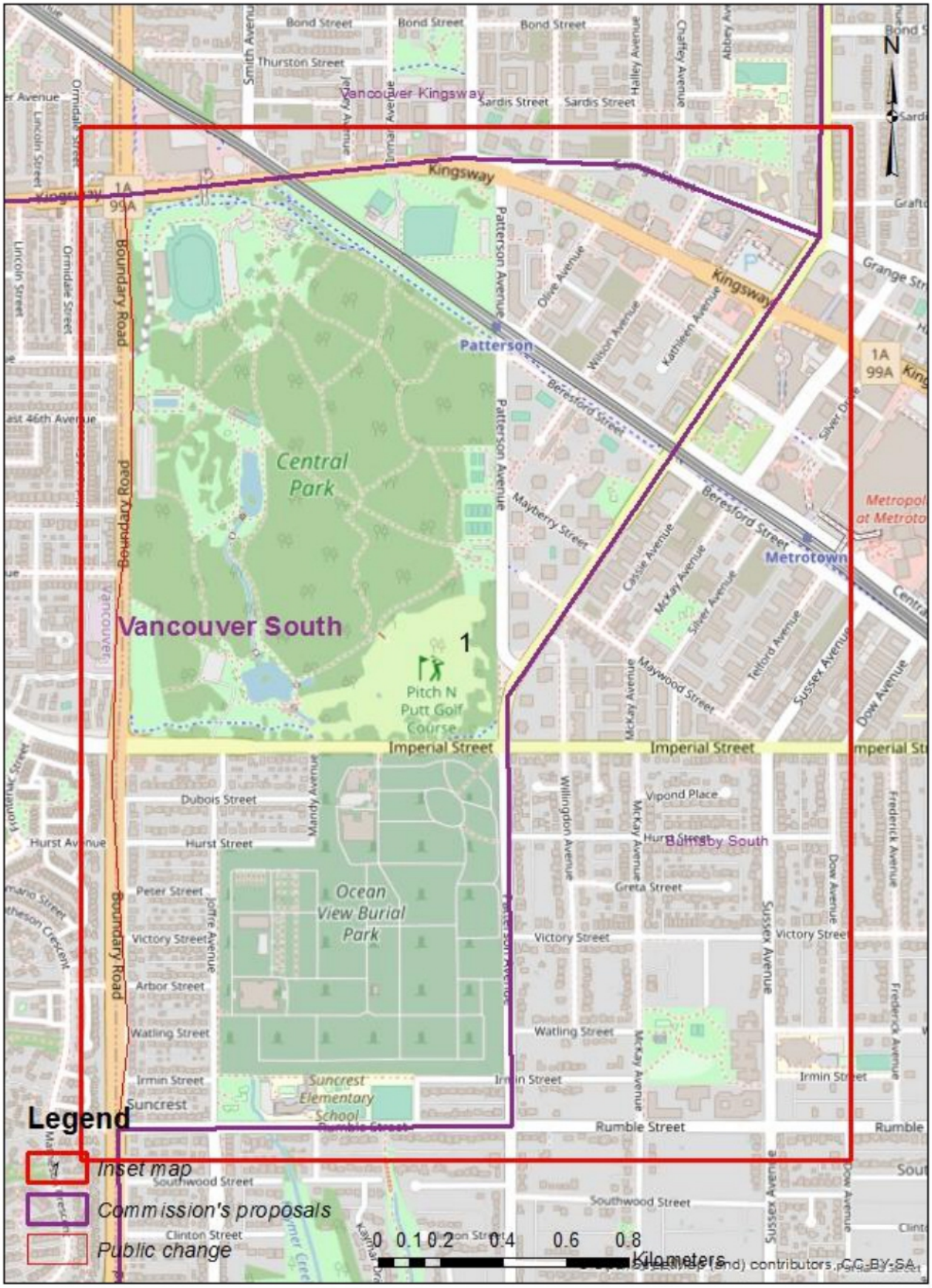

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 22, 2022 1:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Do not split West Vancouver as a riding

Hello,

19(1) We are a relatively small municipality. There is no need to split our riding and tack a large portion of it onto North Vancouver. North Van and West Van are different municipalities. I am in a part of West Van that would not be split off but dividing it seems bizarre. If you want to reduce the West Van riding, then split off Sea to Sky and the islands, which are themselves of distinct character and concerns. That would help ensure broader viewpoints are able to be communicated in the House of Commons.

Kind regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 25, 2022 6:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed boundary change in West Vancouver

Appointed Officials,
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission,
British Columbia

Dear Chair and Commission Members,

I am respectfully requesting a reconsideration of boundary changes that split West Vancouver and separates the economic heart of the community from the rest. We are a small District with a population of about 43,000 – surely this small number can be kept intact. Within the current riding, we have a balanced urban-rural split which I believe gives us a healthy perspective – while challenging for our representative to traverse, it is more manageable than many other BC ridings.

While I appreciate the challenge of balancing the population for all federal ridings, I do not support carving up our small communities to meet this end.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 7:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Boundries - Redrawing our riding

Hello. I understand that changing and chopping up communities is a very difficult decision and unpopular for those affected by the change in voting boundries.
19(1) I think it is important that all of us living and voting on the Sunshine Coast remain in the same riding. Please do what you can to keep us in tact.
Thank You. 19(1)

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Date received: 2022-05-18

RIM ID: 1652909423UDXFBSQKMW

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The boundary for this proposed district doesn't make much sense. It comprises portions of 5 different municipalities (Langley, Surrey, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and Port Coquitlam), which are all quite different from each other. I think the commission should look at reworking the boundaries of districts in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley to something that makes more sense.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59024

Name to modify: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

New name: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 11, 2022 7:29 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: sunopinion@vancouversun.com ; communication@cef-cce.ca
Subject: Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts in BC, due to population.

Doing this within the borders of BC is absolutely wrong.

1 – Majority of population resides within the South-west corner of BC, and they definitely do not represent the views of the interior, and the Northern half, of BC.

2 - Due to the large numbers of new immigrants to this province over the past 25 years, living within the south-west area, their wants and needs are very different than the rest of the province, and reflect where they came from, and not necessarily where they are.

Doing this, represents a total disregard by the Political Left, against the Political Right, and Constitutes the beginning of a Political War, that will only end, when one side decimates the other.

Stop the “One Party Movement”, before our much loved relatives, who died protecting this great land, in WW1 and WW2 and all the preceding wars before them, be given in vain.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 10:24 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Splitting the Sunshine Coast

Hello.

19(1)

When I learned that some are suggesting to split the Sunshine Coast in half to balance out riding populations, I was appalled. The middle of Sechelt is a great place for many things, but a riding boundary isn't one of them. The populations of the north and south of the Sunshine Coast have more in common with each other than we do with any other population and should not be split apart in my opinion. Right now we have a unified voice on many issues that affect all of us. It would be a travesty to dilute our voices by splitting us up.

I understand that you did not propose to split us up. Thank you for that.

I am writing to tell you that you made the right decision for us at that time. Please do not anyone talk you into changing your mind.

Thank you for the job you do on behalf of all us.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 9, 2022 5:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Delta Federal Electoral Boundary Changes

Afternoon

Please do not change deltas boundaries. We are a unique area with our own set of needs. Our MLA's realize this and they focus on our needs, We do not need to become part of surrey electoral ridings.

thanks
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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-04

RIM ID: 1651643942HZVQHSNZAO

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Crossing over the Fraser River is unnecessary

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59027

Name to modify: Richmond East / Richmond-Est

New name: Richmond East / Richmond-Est

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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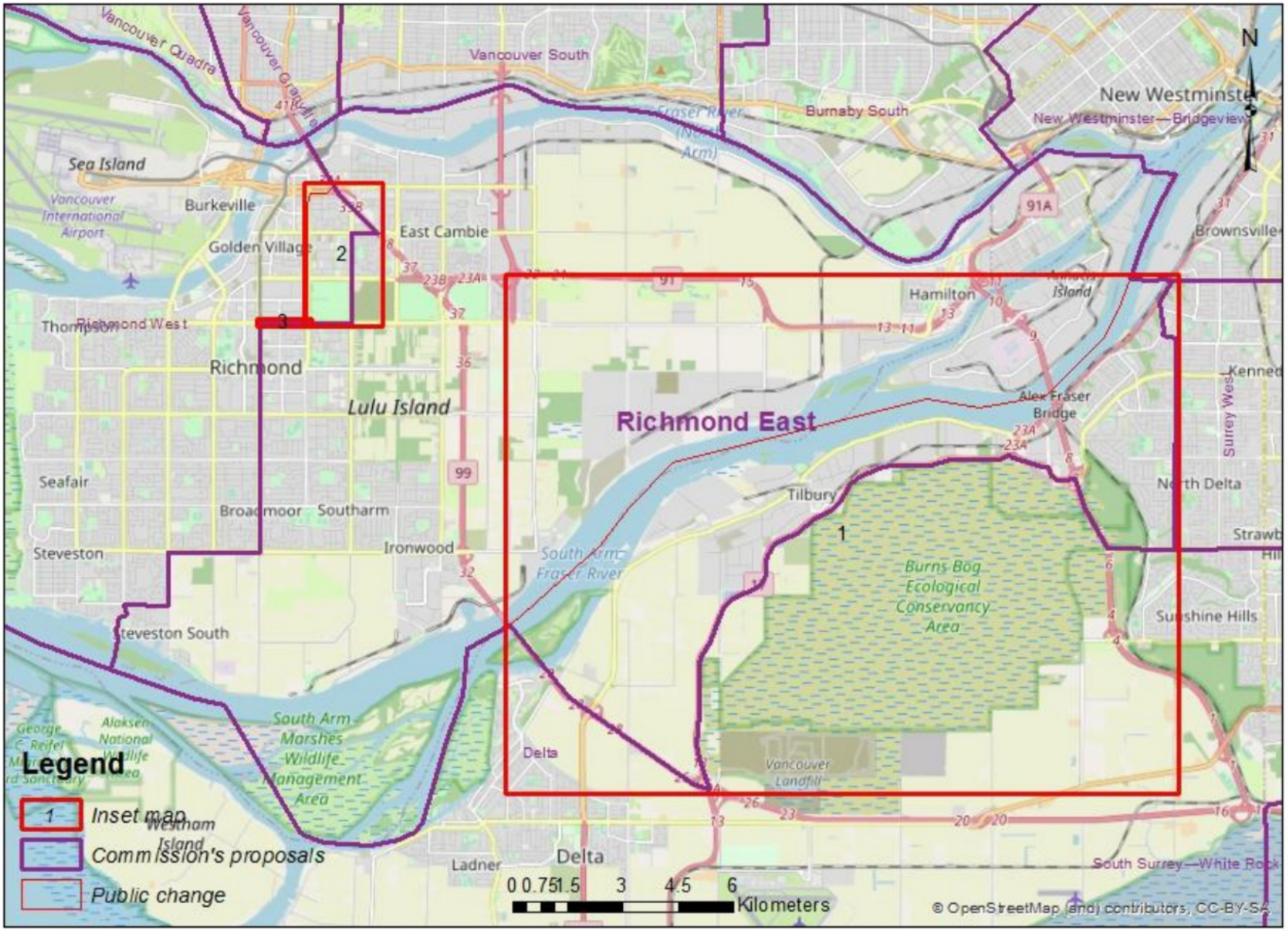

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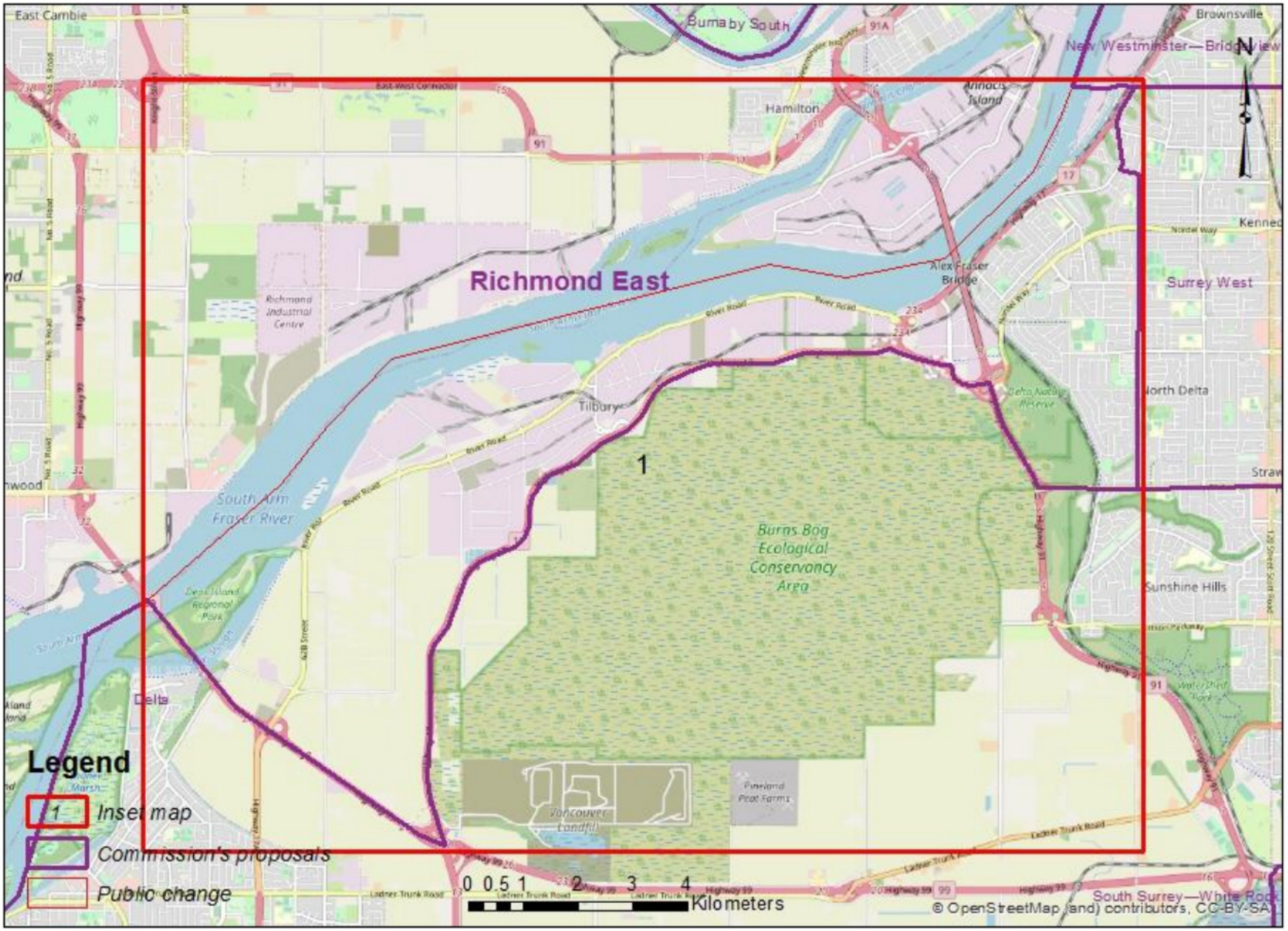

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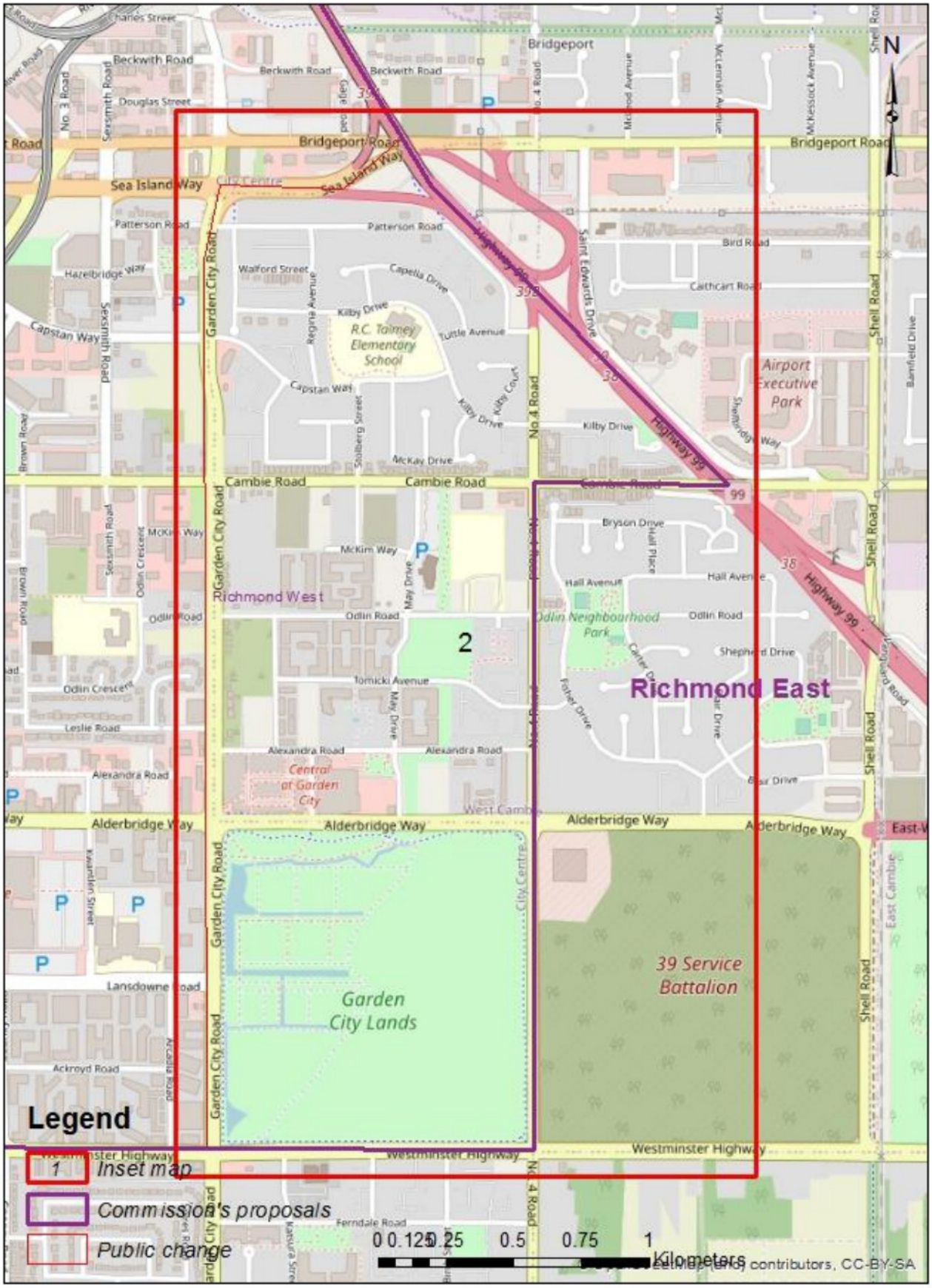

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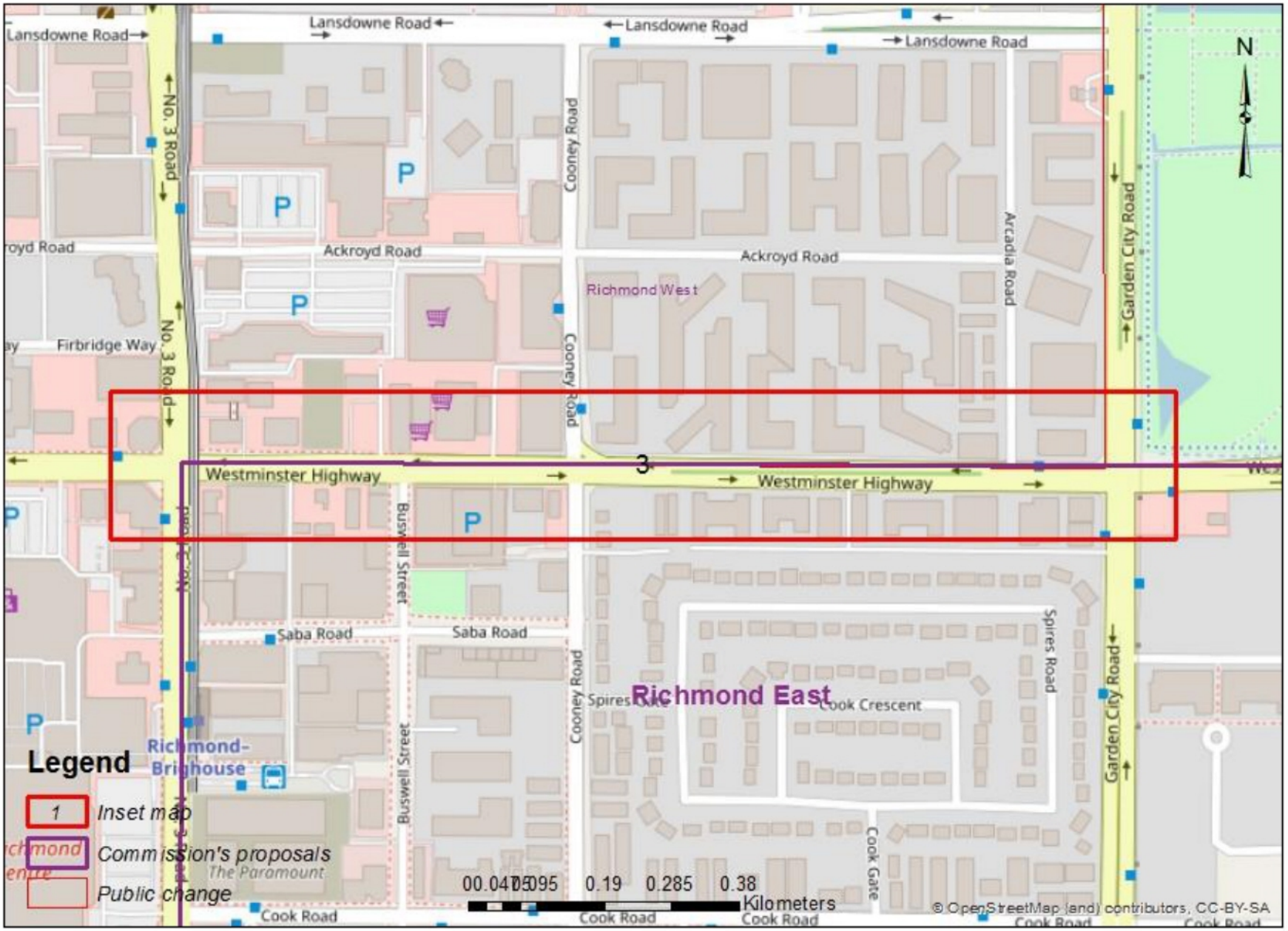

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 6:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral District Redistribution

Hello,

19(1)

I see that the proposed electoral boundary redistribution will affect a small area of West Vancouver / North Vancouver, however some people are calling for the new boundary to cut the Sunshine Coast in half, instead.

I believe cutting the Sunshine Coast in half would be a huge mistake, because it would split the communities and significantly reduce the representation that we have at a federal level.

Please proceed with the current proposal.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to providing the best layout for fair and equitable representation for Canadian citizens.

Best regards,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 10, 2022 7:25 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redoing the electoral borders??

Please note that the divide between North and West Vancouver is Capilano Road and NOT 15th street. A DIVISION ON 15th Str would meld n and w banners AND divide Ambleside(very much West van)down the middle. WHY WOULD EITHER BE GOOD

19(1)

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-11

RIM ID: 1652293642ZYLZEKKQNJ

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

I strongly disagree with dividing Delta into 3 representative areas and moving part of Surrey into the new Delta riding. The division is clearly based on population without considering local considerations.

19(1) The politics and needs of my community are very different from Surrey /Newton even though we are in very close proximity. 19(1) We had these divided ridings in the past Federally and I am always poorly represented by a politician who is inevitably from Surrey and often has different values related to environmental protection, public transit needs, funding for housing, and health care. We moved away from that in the last redistribution and have been very well represented by 1 MP especially in matters where coordination between Federal, Provincial and Local government to address the needs of Delta is required. I respectfully request reconsideration of the changes.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59011

Name to modify: Delta / Delta

New name: Delta / Delta

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 3, 2022 5:50 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Cloverdale - Langley City

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hello,

It appears that North and South Cloverdale are being separated in the new proposed electoral boundaries. Just as the previous (and recent) change to include Langley City as part of Cloverdale, I do not feel that this proposal represents the best interest of residents. Why include Langley City with the Cloverdale riding but isolate North Cloverdale from South Cloverdale?

Can we keep North and South Cloverdale united in the new boundaries?

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 12, 2022 12:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Redistribution in Penticton, BC

We object to redistribution as presented because the map shows Penticton as being divided right down Main Street. This hardly seems like an appropriate way of redistributing our community.

19(1)

Thank you for considering our input.

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 18, 2022 7:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops change

To whom it may concern,

You can't have 1/5 of a city the size of kamloops represented by someone on Vernon or Salmon Arm. Splitting the city in 2 would be acceptable, our MLA's are split down the middle. Do not hive off a portion that makes no sense!

Cheers,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 20, 2022 3:14 PM
To: BC-CB

The distribution of proposed boundaries for the North Delta voting area is a huge slap in the face to those of us living raising families here.
Lumping us into buckets with Richmond, and Surrey smacks in the face of our own identity.
If this propsal goes through we lose atonomy over our needs, and we swallowed.

Please scrap this plan

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 16, 2022 7:20 AM
To: BC-CB

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There is not a single sense of logic removing the eastern part of Kamloops and hooking it into a riding of other communities. None. I suspect it's proposed just to work the numbers required and if so, that is a disservice to the city of Kamloops.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 9:53 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Representation

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Dear Commission Secretary,

I am writing to provide my comments and feedback on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names.

This is my representation. I will not be able to attend the public hearing at the West Vancouver Library on June 23, 2022.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed boundaries that would change my electoral district.

The proposed boundary involves the loss of much of Ambleside to the North Vancouver riding. The proposal to shift the western boundary of the North Vancouver riding from Capilano Rd. to 15th Street, effectively cuts Ambleside in half. This will affect over 10,000 constituents who traditionally have voted in the West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky Country riding.

This a very bad idea.

The Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act recognizes that "historical patterns and communities of interest and identity must be given great weight," while trying to address serious over- and under-representation. West Vancouverites have a strong and distinct identity with their community: culturally, historically, and politically. People pay taxes, use community services, and raise their children in the District of West Vancouver and send their children to school within School District 45 that embraces all of Ambleside. 19(1) 19(1) I have viewed myself as distinctly part of West Vancouver (and not North Vancouver) since this community was established over 110 years ago.

I am strongly opposed.

Kindly confirm that my representation has been received and recorded.

Thank you,

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-07-13

RIM ID: 1657670685OIRFLSXEDB

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

I understand the need to redraw boundaries to reflect population patterns. I don't believe it is as simple as using a ruler on a map. There needs to be some kind of commonality in the area. To move the densest part of West Vancouver into North Vancouver (and without any name change) means that the voters on the whole of the North Shore of Vancouver (given the other odd boundaries) have no cohesive sense of where they belong. It could be argued that this means that their electoral distribution is more likely to represent the country/province/area as a whole. On the other hand, this is also more likely to mean there is never any clear sense of what the electorate wants. There's little in common between Ambleside and Norgate for instance. Unlike ridings which clearly represent the constituents with clear opinions on one party or another. The result is likely apathy and low voter turnout, as it won't matter.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59023

Name to modify: North Vancouver / North Vancouver

New name: North Vancouver / North Vancouver

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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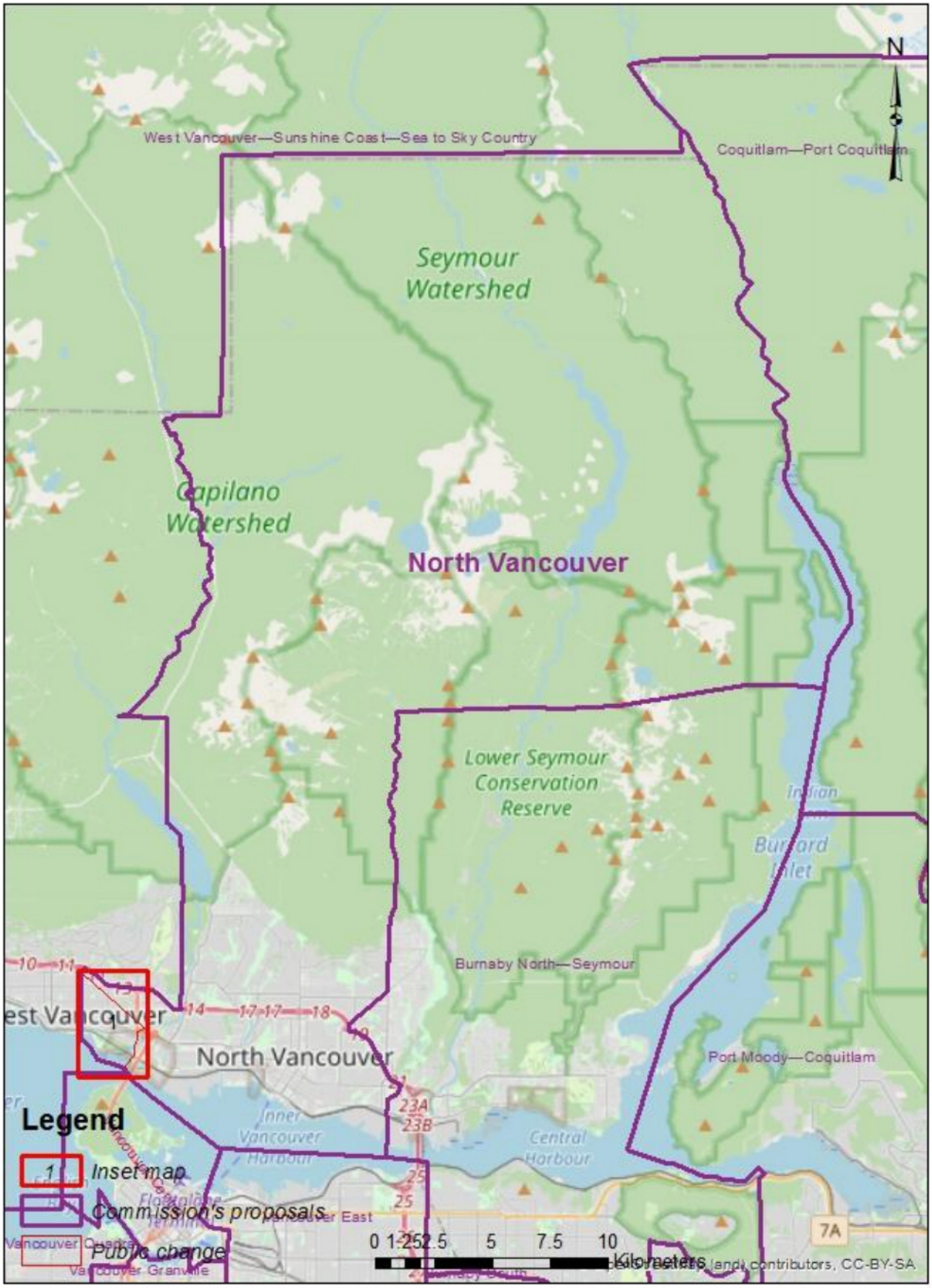

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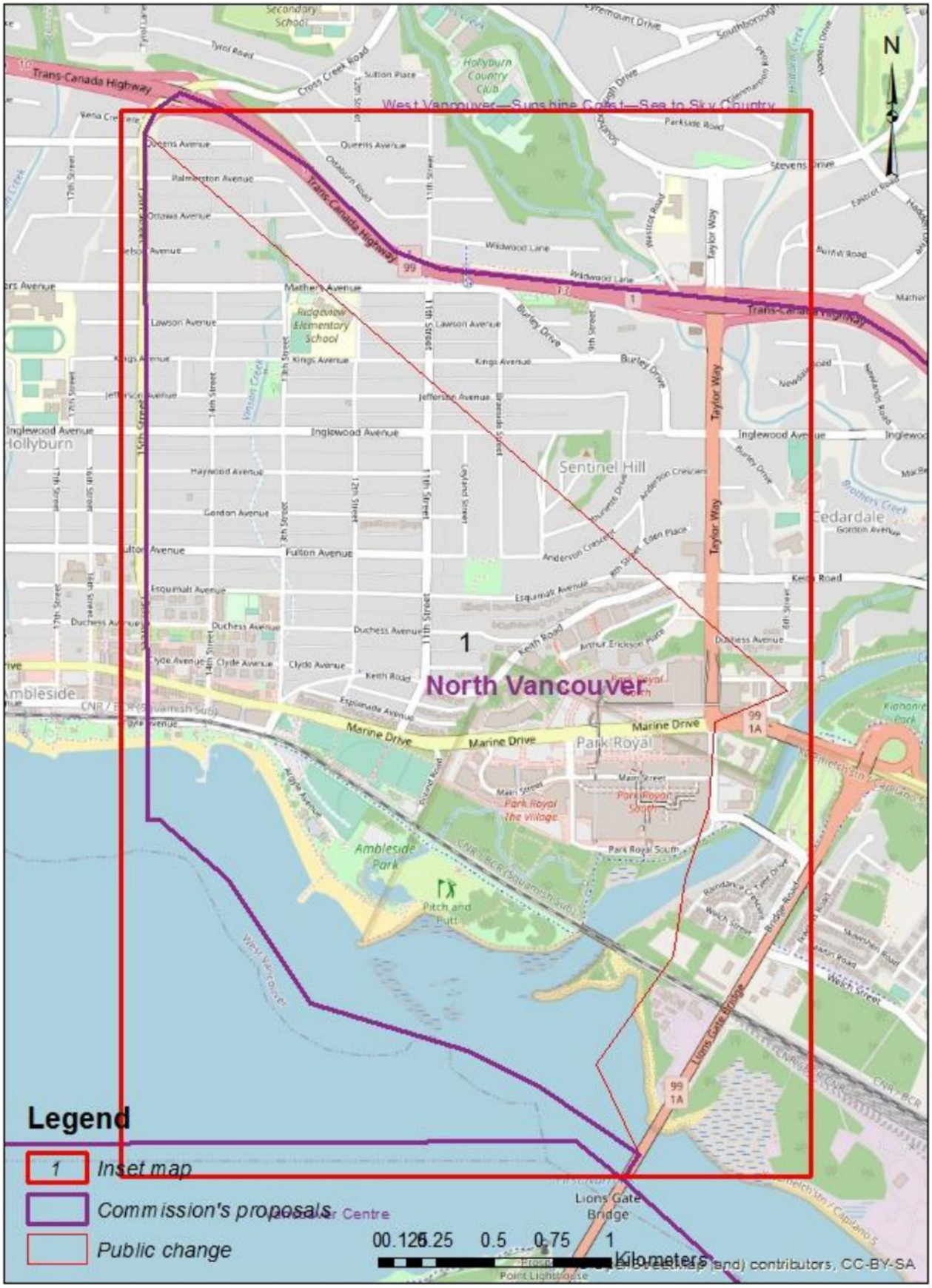

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 8:07 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Against redrawn lines

Hello,

19(1) I am strongly opposed to the proposed change to the federal electoral lines. If my electoral area gets grouped with Prince George 19(1) my area will be completely ignored. Prince George will get all of the attention at election time and we will never get funding for our area. Right now being apart of the Kamloops area Kamloops issues are aligned with ours in our area 19(1) 19(1) The thompson/nicola/kamloops areas are tightly interconnected with the southern cariboo in terms of electoral issues. Changing these lines would be detrimental to our small community and the larger 100 Mile community we are apart of.

19(1)
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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-02

RIM ID: 1651526184BJKTMCBVVA

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information 19(1)

Comments provided:

It makes zero sense to include Burnaby in the New West riding, if you're including Bridgeview. We are already a very high population for a single riding, and the new riding name doesn't include Burnaby either.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59020

Name to modify: New Westminster—Bridgeview / New Westminster—Bridgeview

New name: New Westminster—Bridgeview-Burnaby / New Westminster—Bridgeview-Burnaby

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Submission by telephone from 19(1) *on Friday May 6, 2022:*

Don't put Courtenay with Port Alberni because they have nothing in common and the NDP controls Port Alberni. Port Alberni is bigger and will overwhelm the interests of Courtenay.

Weatherman talks about everywhere in BC and this is annoying.

Keep everything as it was before. This applies both federally and provincially.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 7:16 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Changes to the Burnaby/north Seymour riding

Hello,
19(1) these proposed boundary changes would affect me.
I do not want the boundaries to change.
I don't feel I would be represented properly as Burnaby is not even close to my neighbourhood and community! I've visited Burnaby 1x in 3 years.
Leave things as they are please.

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 13, 2022 8:03 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Lynn Valley

19(1) I am absolutely, positively against changes that would have me included with North Burnaby in a new federal riding!
I have nothing in common with the people across the inlet, totally different concerns.
I am so mad, so livid!

19(1)

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-14

RIM ID: 1652486068NYZMLEMJSJ

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

There is NO commonality between North Burnaby and North Vancouver/Seymour other than the most superficial need to encompass as much area as possible.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59002

Name to modify: Burnaby North—Seymour / Burnaby-Nord—Seymour

New name: Burnaby North—Seymour / Burnaby-Nord—Seymour

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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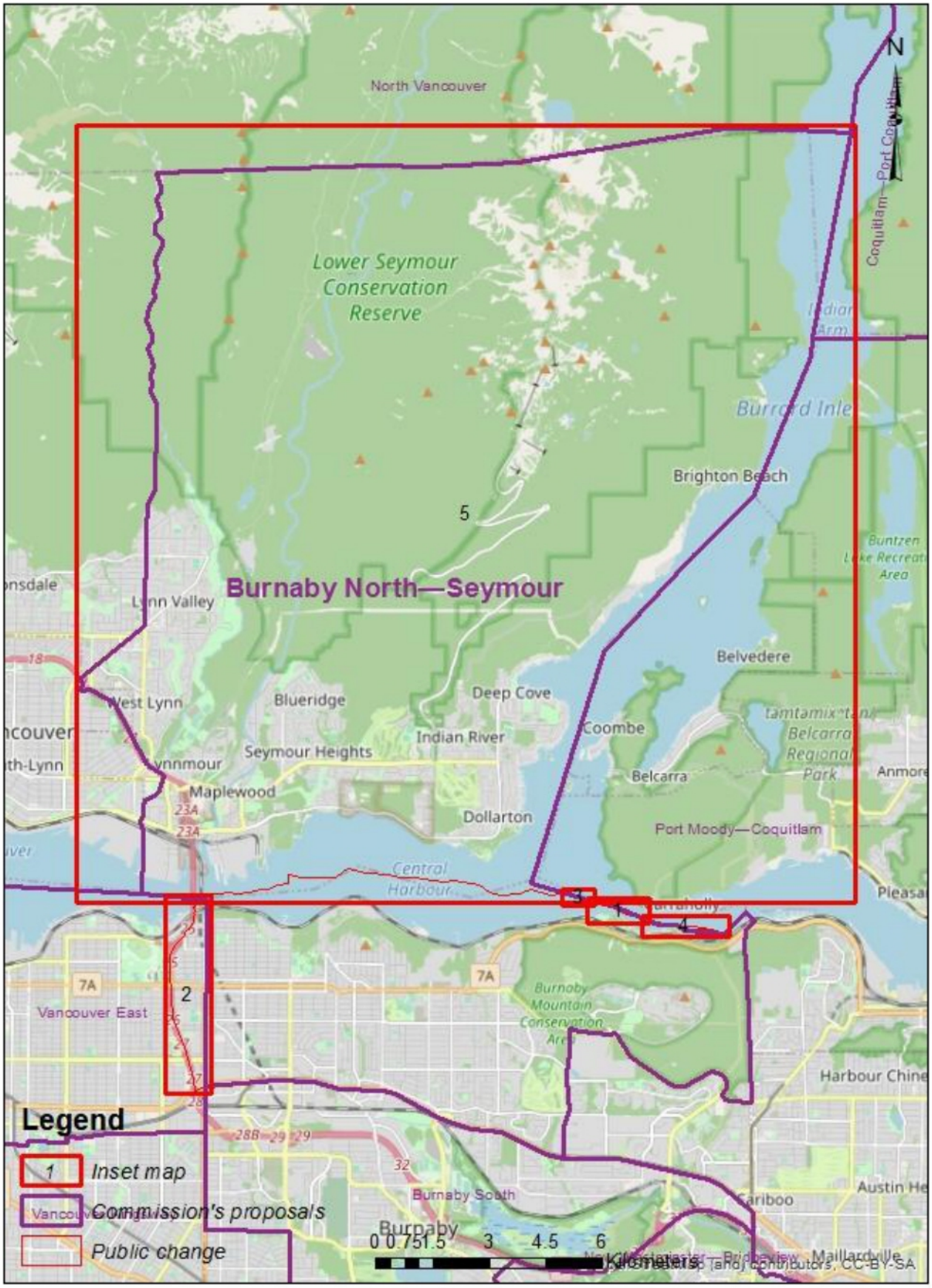

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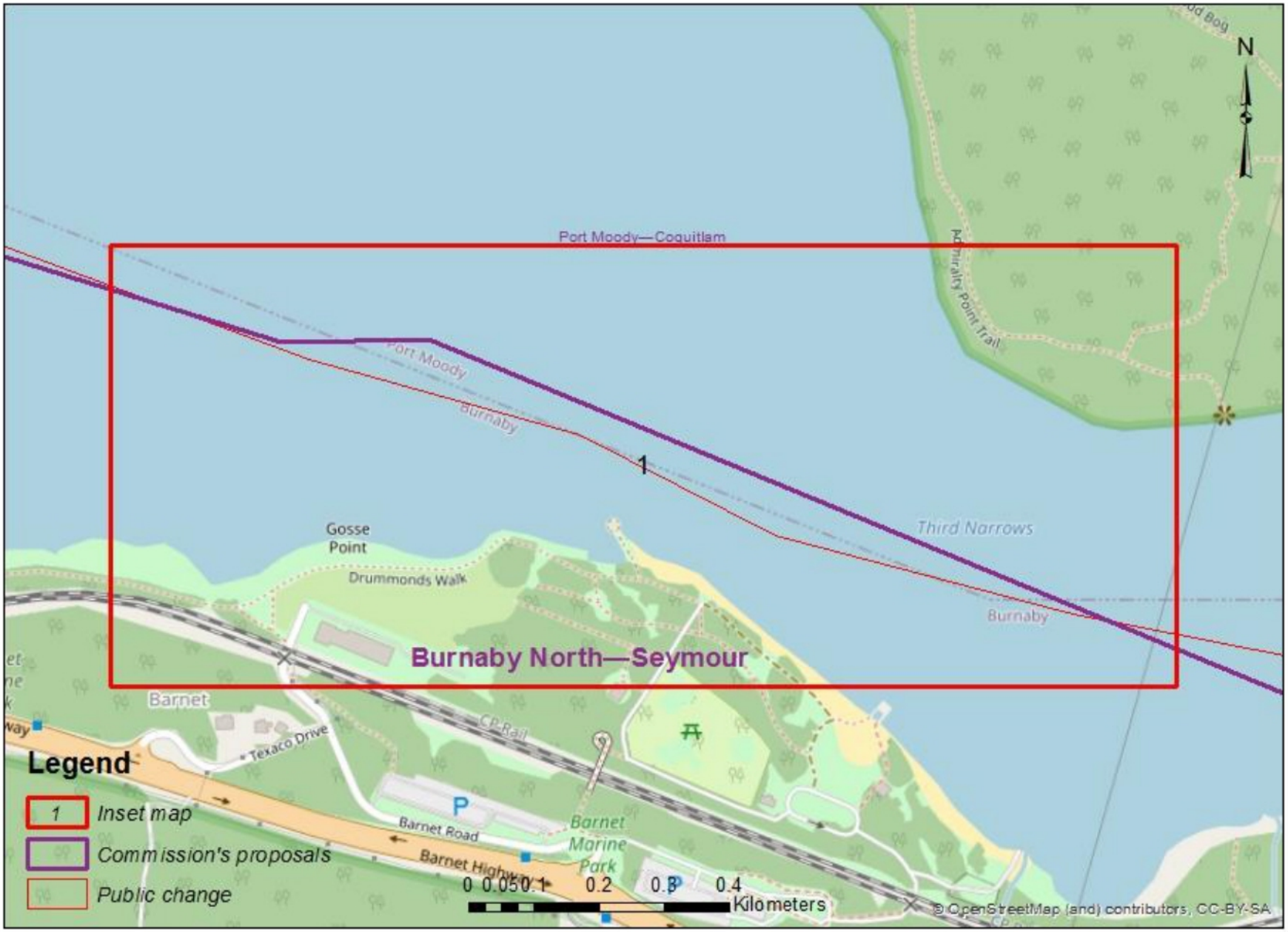

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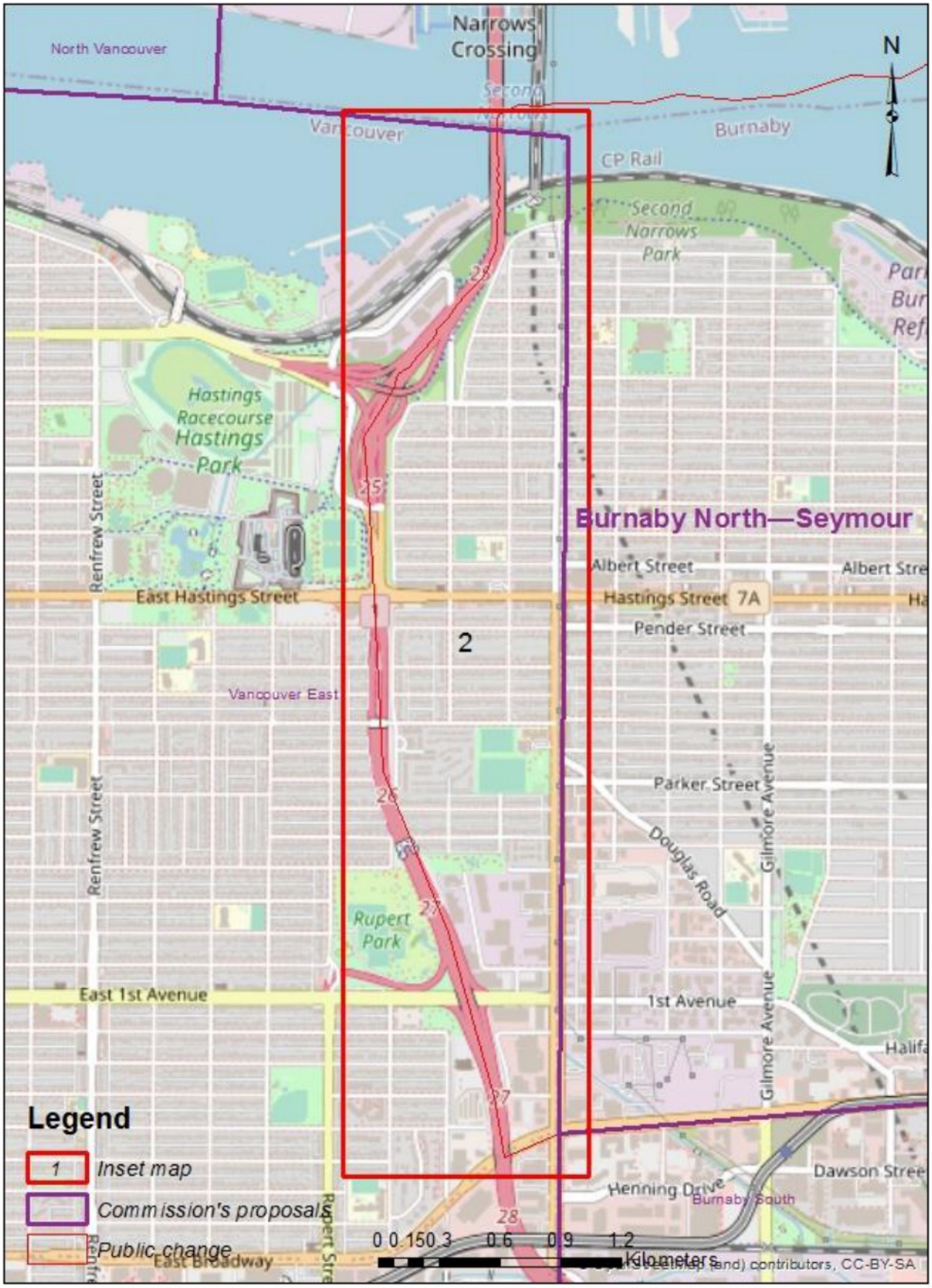

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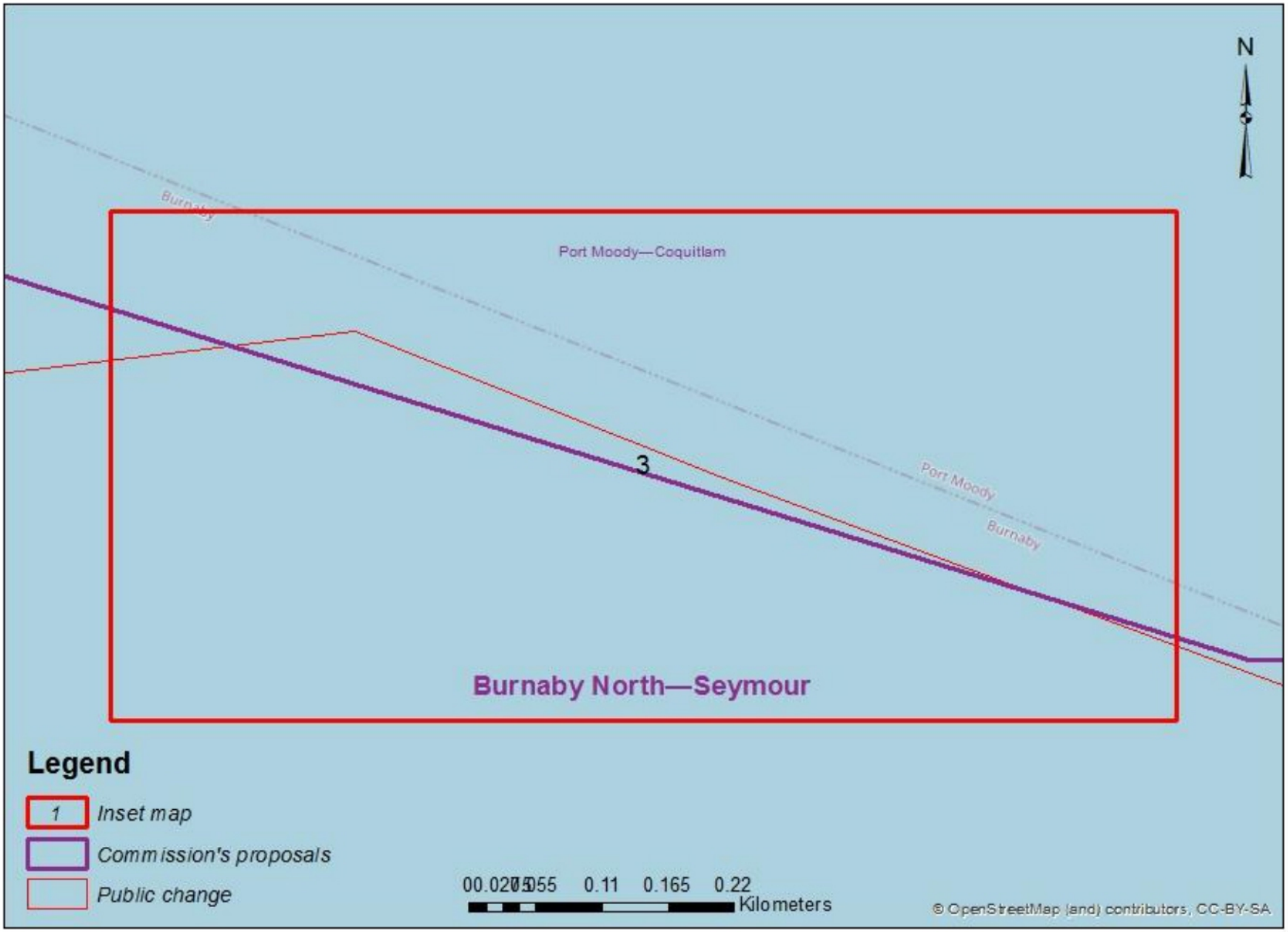

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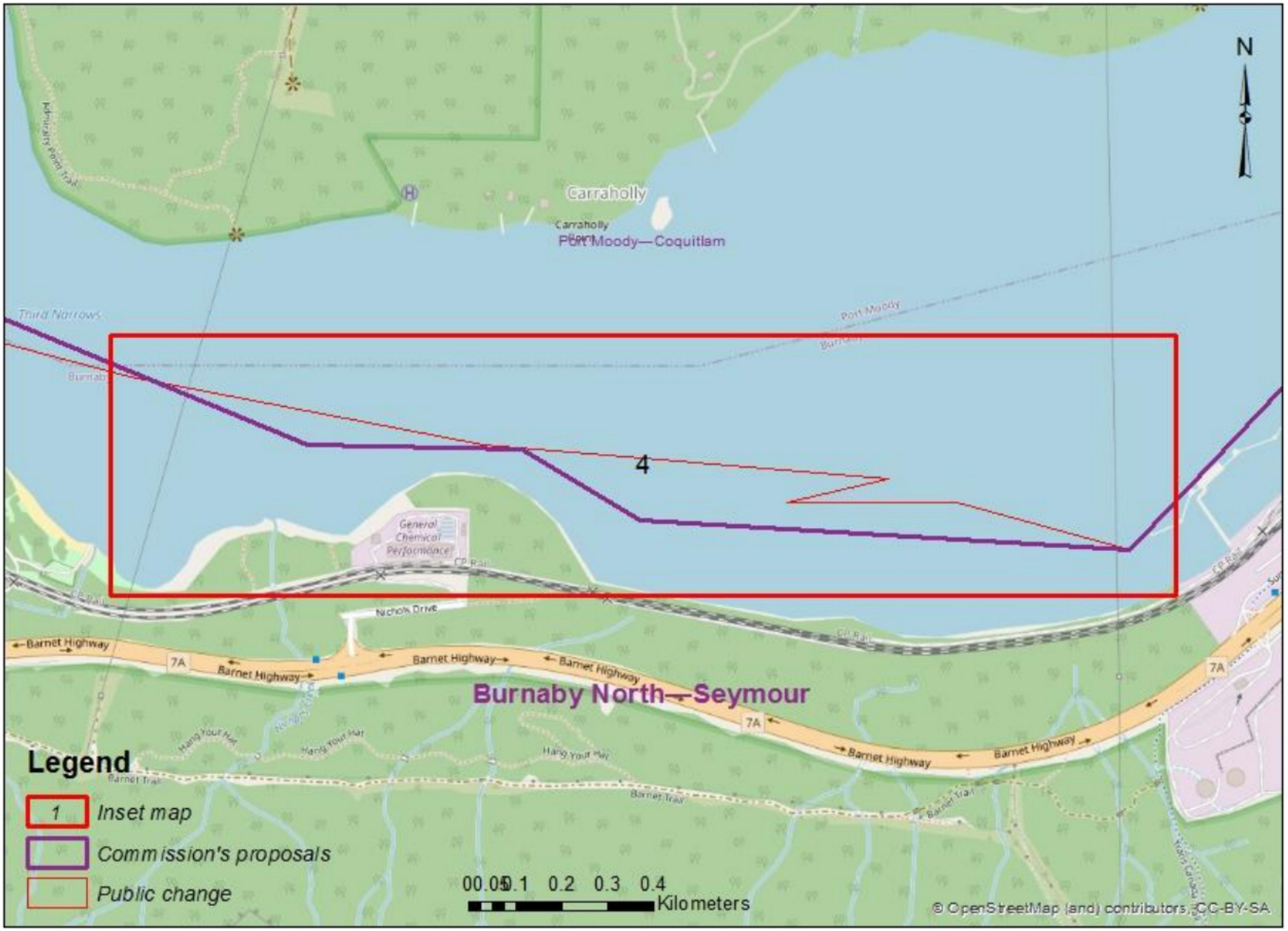

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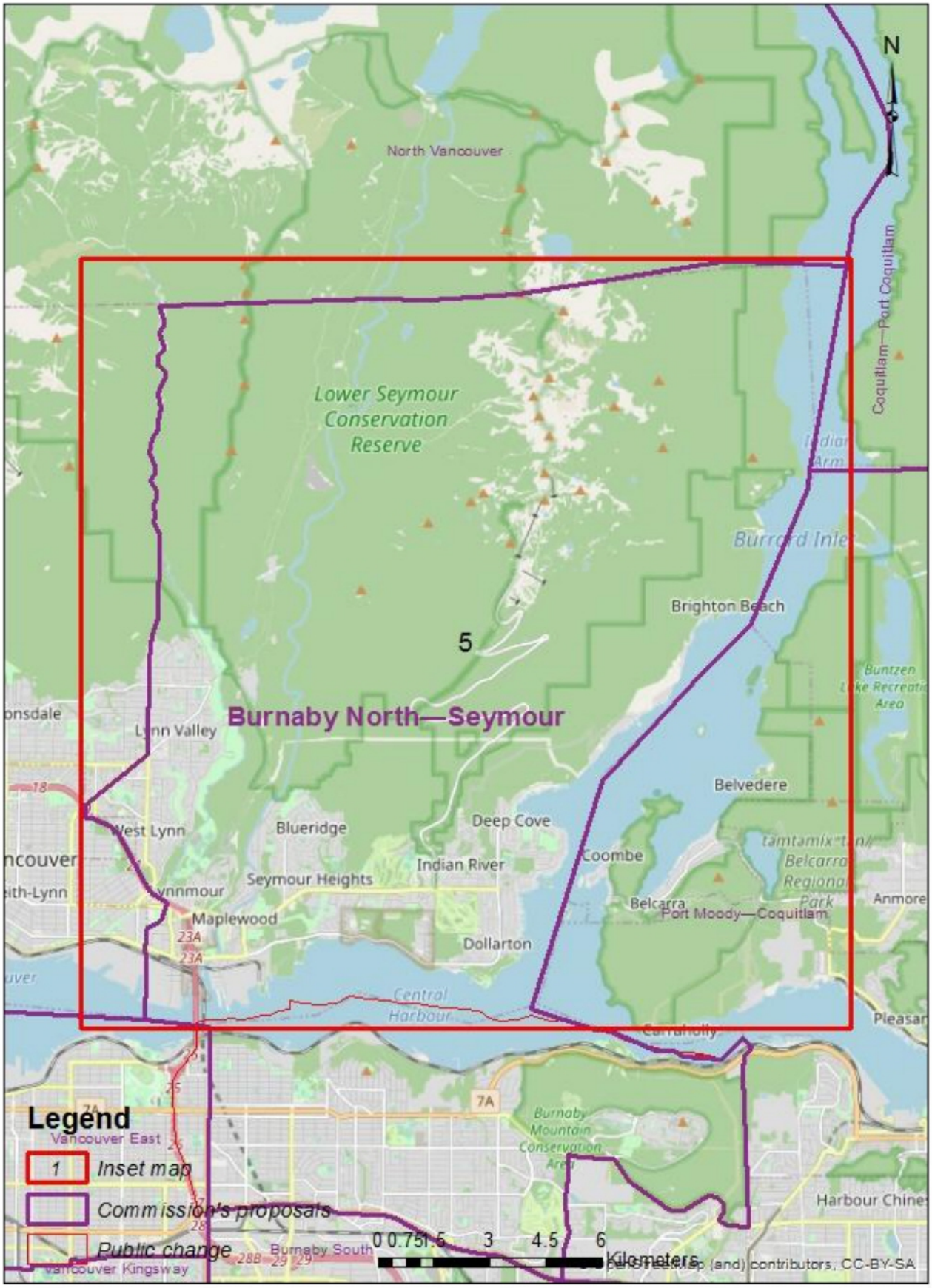

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 6, 2022 3:18 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary Change North Delta

To whom it may concern,

We have learned through the, “North Delta Reporter” that your committee proposes to have my North Delta family be represented by a “Richmond East” MLA.

No. An MLA in Richmond would not represent us. It is an entirely different community a world away. We have gone to Richmond possibly twice in the last decade.

The numerical logic is irrelevant as the whole point of having an MLA is representation.

Your committee desires our input. Logically, to allow our people the best opportunity to attend, the meetings should be changed to North Delta venues. Not one of them is here.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 3, 2022 8:44 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Who draws these lines?????????

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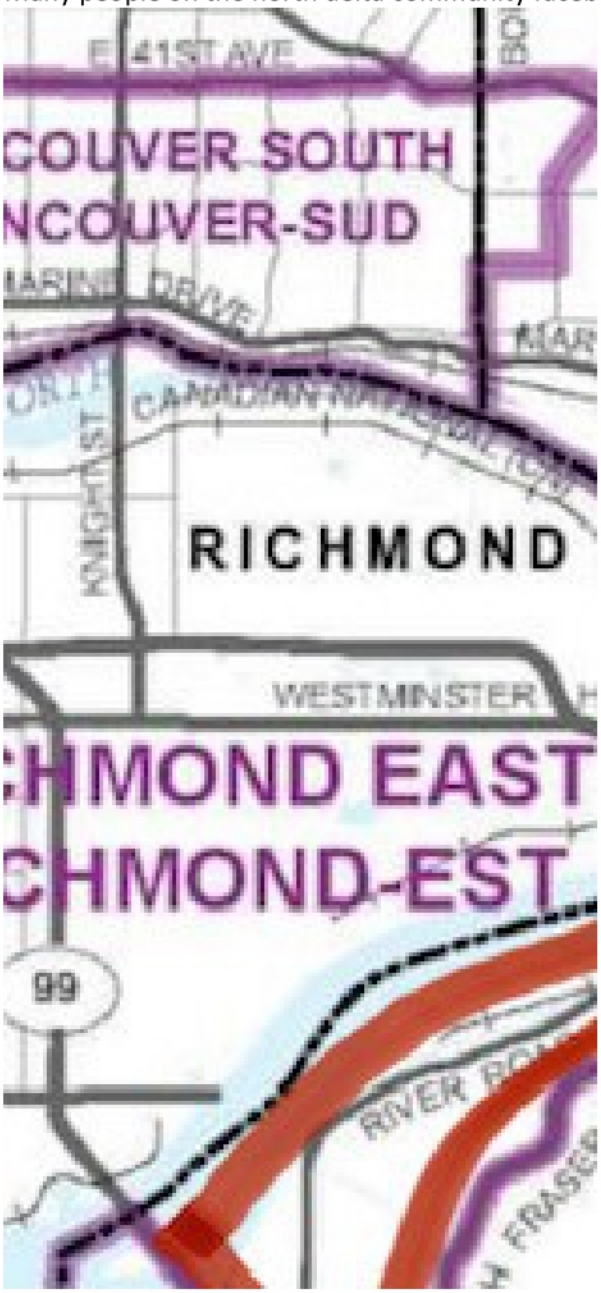
I really think its crazy to include the bottom part of nordel/ river road in the Richmond riding. Its across the bridge. We are more commonly linked to delta or surrey as far as voting would go. It doesn't make any sense.

Many people on the north delta community facebook agree with this.



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Not in favour of this boundary. Do we get to vote on it????

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 23, 2022 8:31 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Boundary Changes

Hello, 19(1) will be affected by redrawing the electoral lines.
We will go from North Delta to East Surrey representation.
We dont see how a surrey rep can see to my needs in the Delta area, with out Delta concerns. Our Delta voice will be a minority. Riding boundaries matter.
We dont support this change!

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-11

RIM ID: 1652292161BLOYEWJGNS

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The small portion of Burnaby that has been carved out and redistricted to Vancouver Kingsway should be returned to Burnaby South. It doesn't make much sense to take out this small portion of Burnaby and add it to a Vancouver riding which will have an MP primarily to serve residents of Vancouver (who will make up the vast majority of that riding) vs keeping it as part of Burnaby South (which makes sense as this area is still physically part of Burnaby).

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59003

Name to modify: Burnaby South / Burnaby-Sud

New name: Burnaby South / Burnaby-Sud

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 11, 2022 9:39 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistricting Vernon Out of the North Okanagan -Shuswap

To whom this may concern,

I have looked at the proposed new redistricting of the North Okanagan-Shuswap (NOS) which removes the Vernon area and combines it with Lake Country. I am not in favour of Vernon being lumped in with Lake Country. There are some compelling reasons that Vernon should remain in the NOS.

Vernon is an integral part of the North Okanagan -Shuswap, with Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Enderby, Armstrong and Vernon region interacting as a very close network of communities. Two issues stand out on this regard. Many people from Salmon Arm commute and work in Vernon, and Armstrong. A lot of people from Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Enderby and Armstrong frequently shop in Vernon. Many people have families in these communities and frequently travel between the communities within the region. As a result of the integration of the communities with work, families and shopping, people in the region experience the same social and environmental issues. The biogeoclimatic zone in Vernon is more similar to the Shuswap than to Kelowna and Southern Okanagan regions. It makes no sense to separate these communities electorally with all the links that bring us together geographically, environmentally, economically, and socially.

I hope that you will take this into consideration as you change electoral boundaries in the region.
Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 10, 2022 2:25 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Comments

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my comments on the current redistribution proposal for BC.
I will make this short: my concern is with the inclusion of West Vancouver in the WV-Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky Country riding. West Vancouver has greater shared interests (such as transportation, infrstructure etc) with the rest of the North Shore than with places like Naniamo and Whistler. I realize that the committee is concerned about population within ridings but surely some higher level of consideration needs to be placed on shared concerns with a riding.
I mentioned it would be short but I do hope it will have some impact on your final decision.
Thanks.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 6, 2022 2:29 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed electoral map North Vancouver

Have your say! It is in my opinion very stupid to put a significant part of West Vancouver into the North Vancouver Electoral District. Try again. Surely you are not so hide bound as to put the main business district east of 15th street into the North Vancouver Electoral District. Then you include a lot of area away north in the West Van Sunshine Coast Electoral District where the interests of the population is markedly different than those who live in the south of the District. Once again it seems that politics has trumped good judgement. What you have done is to have removed any effective representation in the Parliament of Canada that the residents of the District of West Vancouver deserve which may well have been your intention. Unkind words, I know. 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 5, 2022 1:20 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Rachel.Blaney@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Keep qathet with North Island

Hello,

19(1) I strongly object to the proposal to return our community to the West Vancouver federal riding and demand that our community remain in its current riding configuration of North Island-Powell River, and that the name be changed to North Island - qathet to better reflect our region.

Our community is an isolated, ferry-dependent, working-class community that has absolitely NOTHING in common with West Vancouver. We were never served or represented (or even visited!) by our MP as long as we were lumped in with West Vancouver. Everything changed when we were finally allowed to cast our votes with other rural working-class communities whose interests we share. It is an insult to our community, as well as to 19(1) 19(1) to even suggest that we return to a situation in which we were never represented properly by our MP.

Gerrymandering our riding into West Vancouver would once again make the votes of qathet residents irrelevant and should not even be considered by the Commission.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 20, 2022 8:36 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops proposed boundary change

Not too sure about separating off Valleyview, Dallas, Juniper, Barnhartvale. Looks like this was an arbitrary decision based on the easiest way to get numbers. How will this affect these residents for Federal services? Will they have to travel all the way to The Okanagan now for some services? if so, this is entirely not acceptable for a boundary change.

Sent from my iPad
Cheers 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 6:54 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: CHANGES TO PORT COQUITLAM BORDERLINES

Hello

19(1) I have just become aware of the proposed changes to which you are making to this city.

With all due respect, it makes no sense to me to put parts of Port Coquitlam into a riding of Surrey and Langley when this city resides on the opposite side of the bridge. Moreover, Pitt meadows and maple ridge are more than capable of becoming or dividing into more risings. There is no need to separate Port Coquitlam into 3 (fort langley, Pitt meadows and Surrey) additional ridings, Port Coquitlam is not a HUGE city like Surrey in which you can separate then into south, east, west; there is only a north and south side of Port Coquitlam. It's bad enough that parts of Coquitlam is taking over Port Coquitlam and now you want to take away our rights to vote for our own ridings? No.

From,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 6, 2022 6:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: My displeasure

Hello,

19(1) I am voicing my displeasure on the proposed redistribution of my riding. As a small community, why on earth would you think separating North from South Port Coquitlam a good idea?

I would like to attend the Public Hearing in Coquitlam at the end of September.

Regards,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 5, 2022 11:47 AM
To: 19(1)
Cc: BC-CB
Subject: Re: Request to change the federal electoral boundary that impacts the Comox Valley

I couldn't agree more. I'd very much like to hear the reasoning behind the present boundaries, because they make no obvious sense to me.

19(1)

From: 19(1)
To: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 10:30:06 AM
Subject: Request to change the federal electoral boundary that impacts the Comox Valley

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia ,

RE- https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/a-new-federal-electoral-map-is-taking-shape-for-british-columbia-867331398.html

From our perspective, and simply put, please reconsider the current split of the Comox Valley electorate into two voting regions.

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From: 19(1)
Sent: May 5, 2022 12:22 PM
To: 19(1)
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 26, 2022 10:28 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops BC boundaries

Hello,
The attempt to split Kamloops into two districts is silly.
Kamloops is functioning well by including neighborhoods on both sides of the Thompson Rivers and outlying neighborhoods 19(1)

There is NO WAY I am going to Salmon Arm if I need federal service in person!!

Be smart and do these boundaries again. Really.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 4, 2022 4:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed riding change for Kamloops

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Hello,
I understand it's quite complicated to balance the numbers. However, the proposal to split Kamloops into two ridings needs to be revisited. 1. A city the size of Kamloops needs to have focused representation. 2. Kamloops, in the Thompson Valley is nowhere near the Shuswap or Okanagan, no matter what your map may show.

Why are so many municipalities in southern BC being split? Is there a reason that isn't clear to me? I'm always more receptive to new ideas if I understand the reason.

Thank you,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 20, 2022 11:46 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: federal boundary redistribution

I am extremely upset at the proposed boundary changes for the City of Kamloops. 19(1) 19(1) We are not even near to the North Okanagan Shuswap area. How can you split the southern part of the city into 2 electoral areas? It is ludicrous. Especially when this split makes absolutely no sense. I urge you to reconsider this appalling decision. If the riding must be split perhaps a Kamloops West and Kamloops East riding might make some sense.

Please reconsider! 19(1)

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19(1) [redacted]

Date received: 2022-05-07

RIM ID: 1651900529UQTASEUUKO

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

As Port Coquitlam is not large enough, in land nor in population, to warrant allowing it to be split in half, and as Port Coquitlam shares it's culture, lifestyle, and identity far more with Coquitlam than it would with Pitt Meadows or Fort Langley, I assert that the proposal to split Port Coquitlam between two separate ridings, especially into a riding crossing the Pitt Meadows river, is a bad one.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59008

Name to modify: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

New name: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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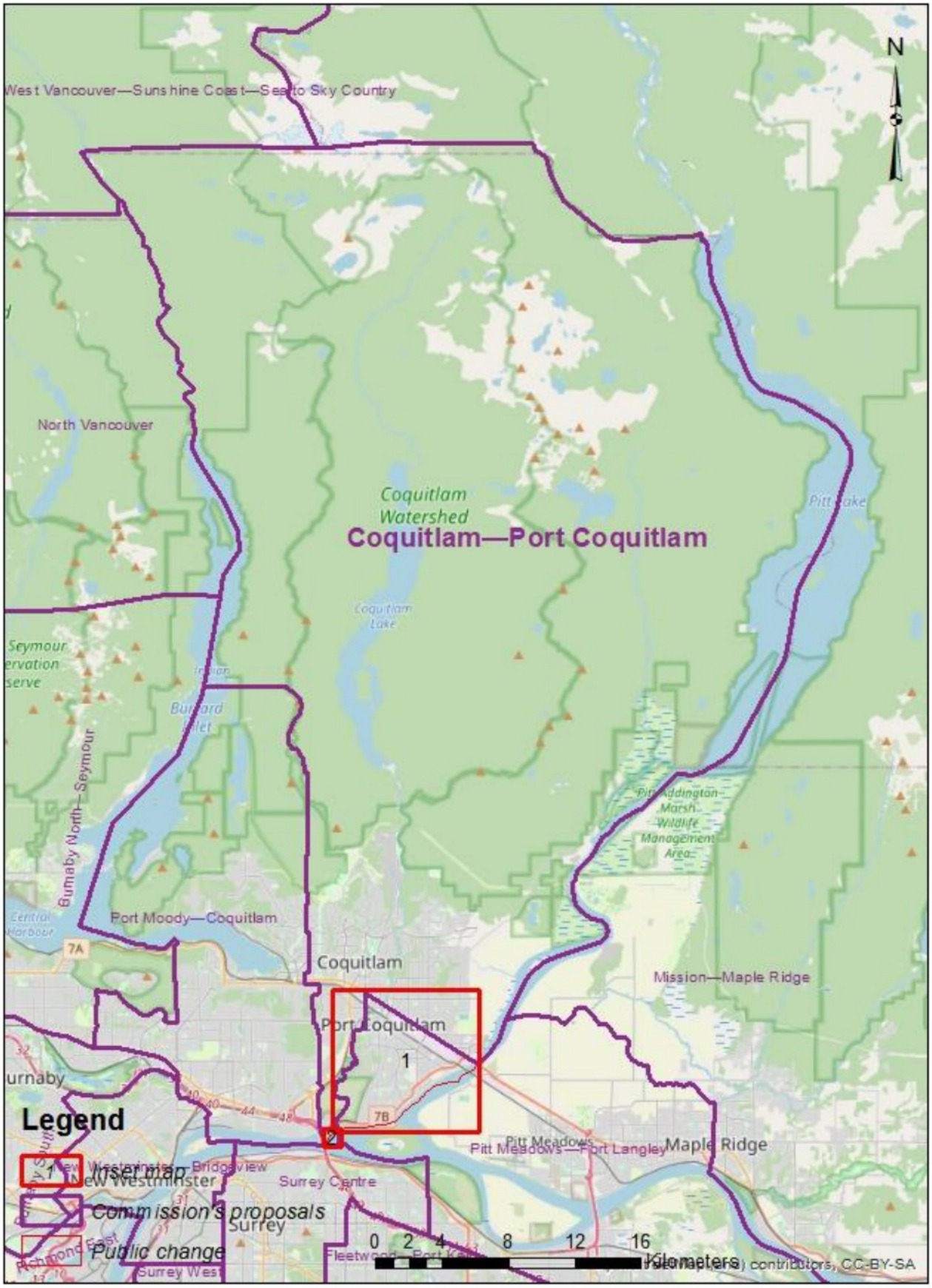

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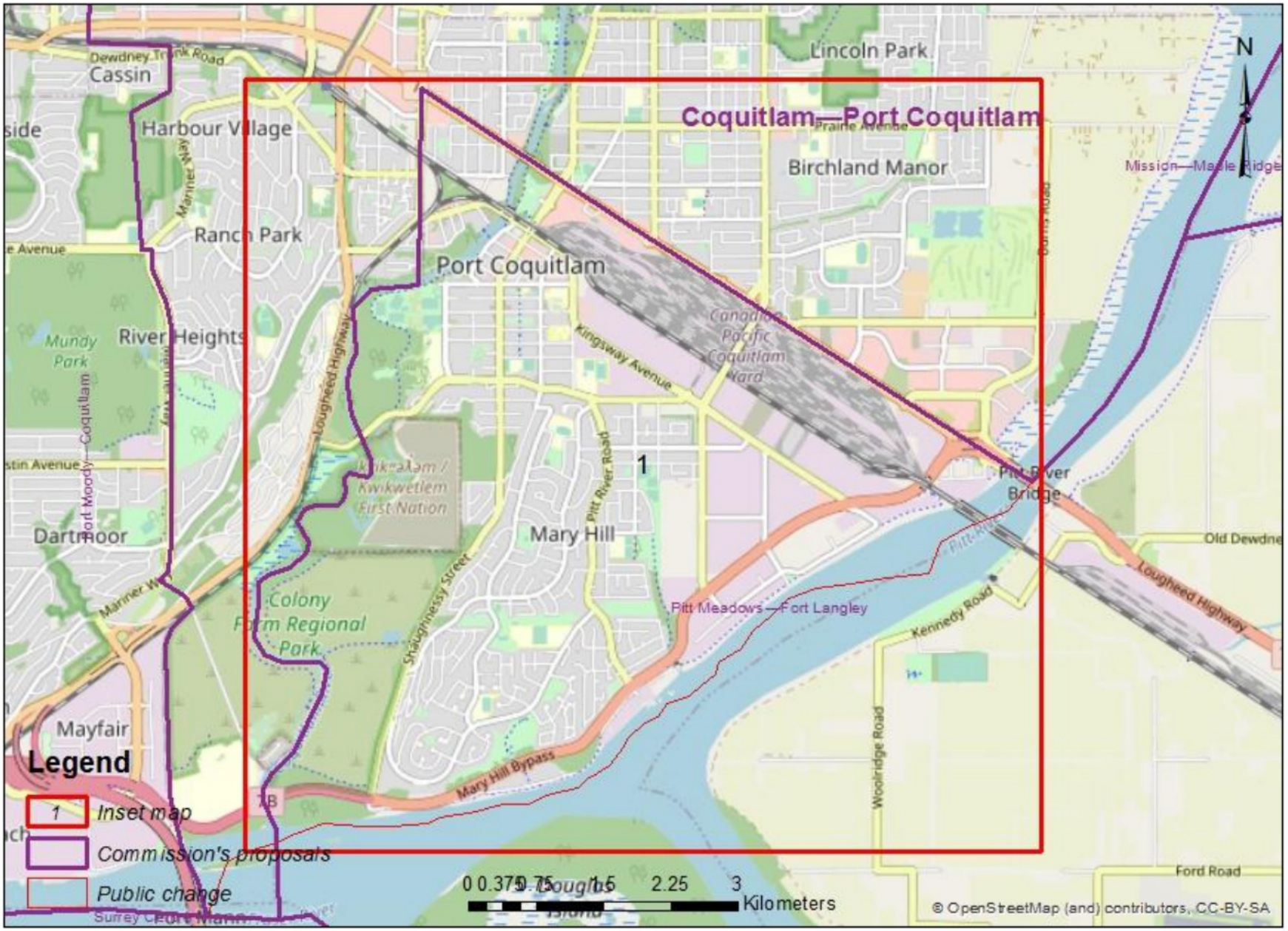

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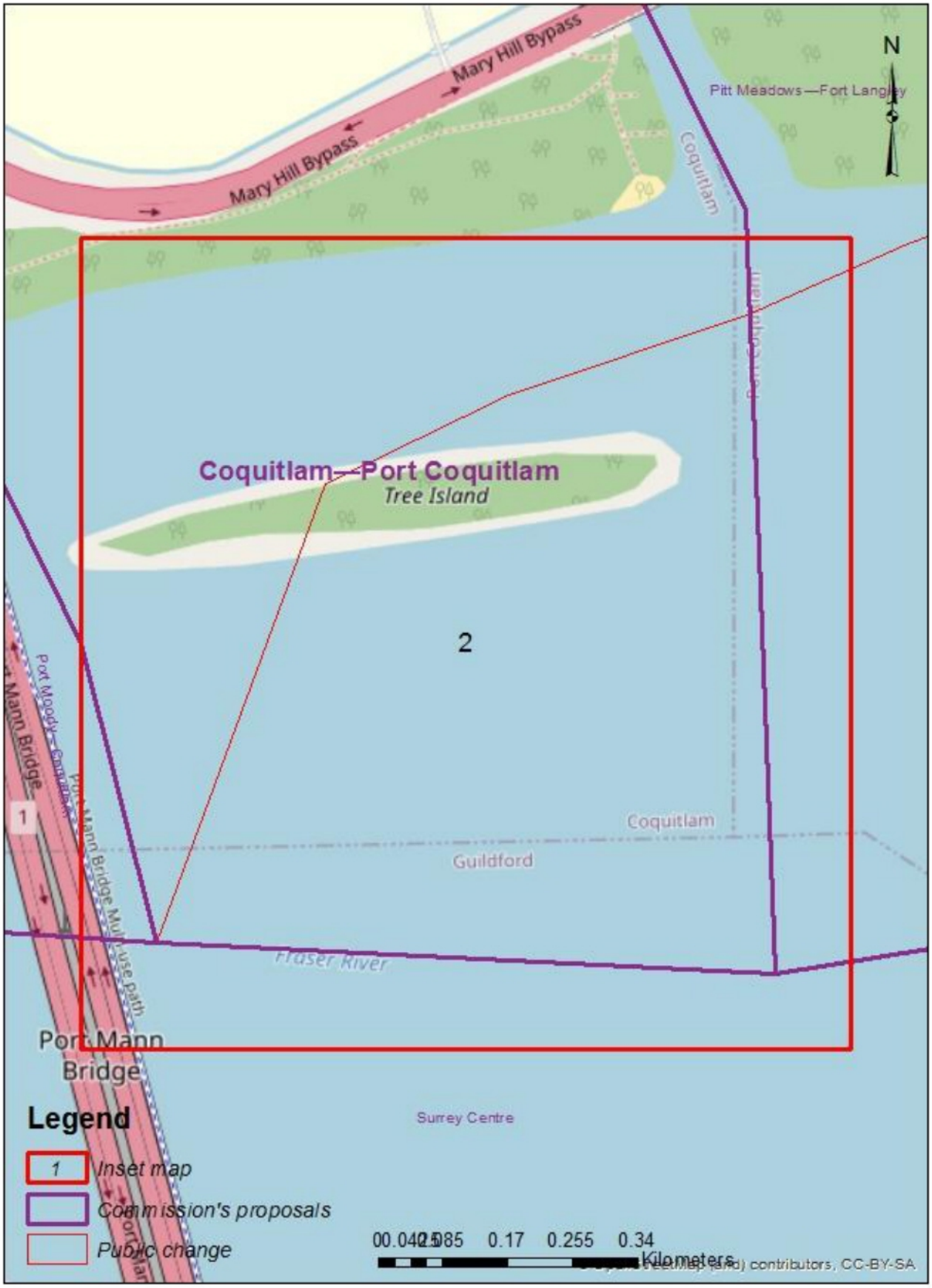

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 1:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky Federal Redistribution

To whom it may concern,

The redistribution for the riding of West Vancouver ,Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky has apparently become an issue for two political parties. 19(1) the impact of slicing the Lower Sunshine Coast in half is an alarming alternative .This rural community would be negatively impacted by slicing the closely knit community in half. We were previously divided from the Upper Sunshine Coast and a further cut will do harm to a fast growing under resourced rural population. To divide it further will mean the local issues of representation will disappear. Our community will fall into further disrepair and neglect. The geography is challenging as it is. Why divide it further?

The alienation from Gibsons and Roberts Creek will make it more difficult to represent our population. The Sunshine Coast Regional District will have two federal riding associations to deal with. Our MP would be two ferry rides away if the riding is redrawn in this direction. As it is, our community is challenged by inadequate ferry service which has become privatized. The result is challenging our infrastructure needs.

My plea is for you to remain steadfast in the logical decision to redraw the line in West Vancouver in the existing proposal.

Respectfully, 19(1)
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 6:31 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast/West Van/Sea to Sky riding

Dear Electoral Boundaries Commissioners:

Re: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

I understand that you are in the midst of re-proportioning BC Federal ridings to reflect population growth. 19(1) 19(1) I read yesterday in the *North Coast News* of the need to remove 10,000 voters from that riding so that it is in line with the provincial average. I understand that you propose to move voters from West Vancouver into the North Vancouver riding.

I also read that in response to your proposal, Liberal and Conservative representatives – including our own MP - suggested that the Sunshine Coast be cut in half instead.

The Liberal/Conservative suggestion is clearly politically motivated and smacks of gerrymandering. If it were to happen, Sunshine Coast residents would be forced to take two ferries and spend all day travelling to meet with their MP in Nanaimo or to engage in any kind of on-the-ground democratic participation related to the riding, such as canvassing during elections. In addition, the suggested split would divide a community with a host of common interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; area transit; local agriculture; water access and sustainability; health care; and reconciliation with our First Nation neighbours).

Your proposal to allocate a portion of West Vancouver to the North Vancouver riding makes more sense. The Sunshine Coast already exists at a distance from a large section of the current riding; to slice it in half and relocate half to Vancouver Island would rob the Coast of the smaller voice it already has.

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you for your work. A non-partisan commitment to this process is essential.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 3:51 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky redistribution

Dear Commissioners:

19(1)

I understand that the commission has to reduce the population of the riding, and is considering transferring a portion of West Vancouver into the North Vancouver riding. This seems reasonable, to transfer the necessary population from one urban area to an "adjacent" urban area. Change is never easy of course, but the impact on West Vancouver voters would be limited – their MP would be a few blocks east, they're regional interests on the North Shore would be similar.

However, some in West Vancouver are proposing instead to take the necessary population from the Sunshine Coast and transfer it to the North Island-Powell River riding. This would require virtually cutting the lower Coast in half, severing what is a remarkably cohesive community that stretches from Gibsons to Pender Harbour and Egmont...a collection of rural communities with common interests, connected by ferry to the Lower Mainland. It's bad enough having an MP based in West Vancouver; the idea that some of us would have an MP based in Powell River (one ferry) or Campbell River (two ferries) is highly objectionable.

I thank you for your work: you have Solomon-like decisions to make and I know you can't make everyone happy. But I would urge you to stay with the urban transfer in West Vancouver.

Yours truly,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 10:41 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fraser Heights community new Federal Riding boundaries proposal

As a member of the Fraser Heights community, I am opposing the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I believe that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, along with other communities south of the Fraser River.

Yours sincerely,
19(1)

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-03

RIM ID: 1651551271GAAASFCHLW

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Splitting the municipality of West Vancouver is unnecessary and ineffective. This map also overwhelmingly disadvantages Conservatives in the area.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59043

Name to modify: West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country / West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

New name: West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country / West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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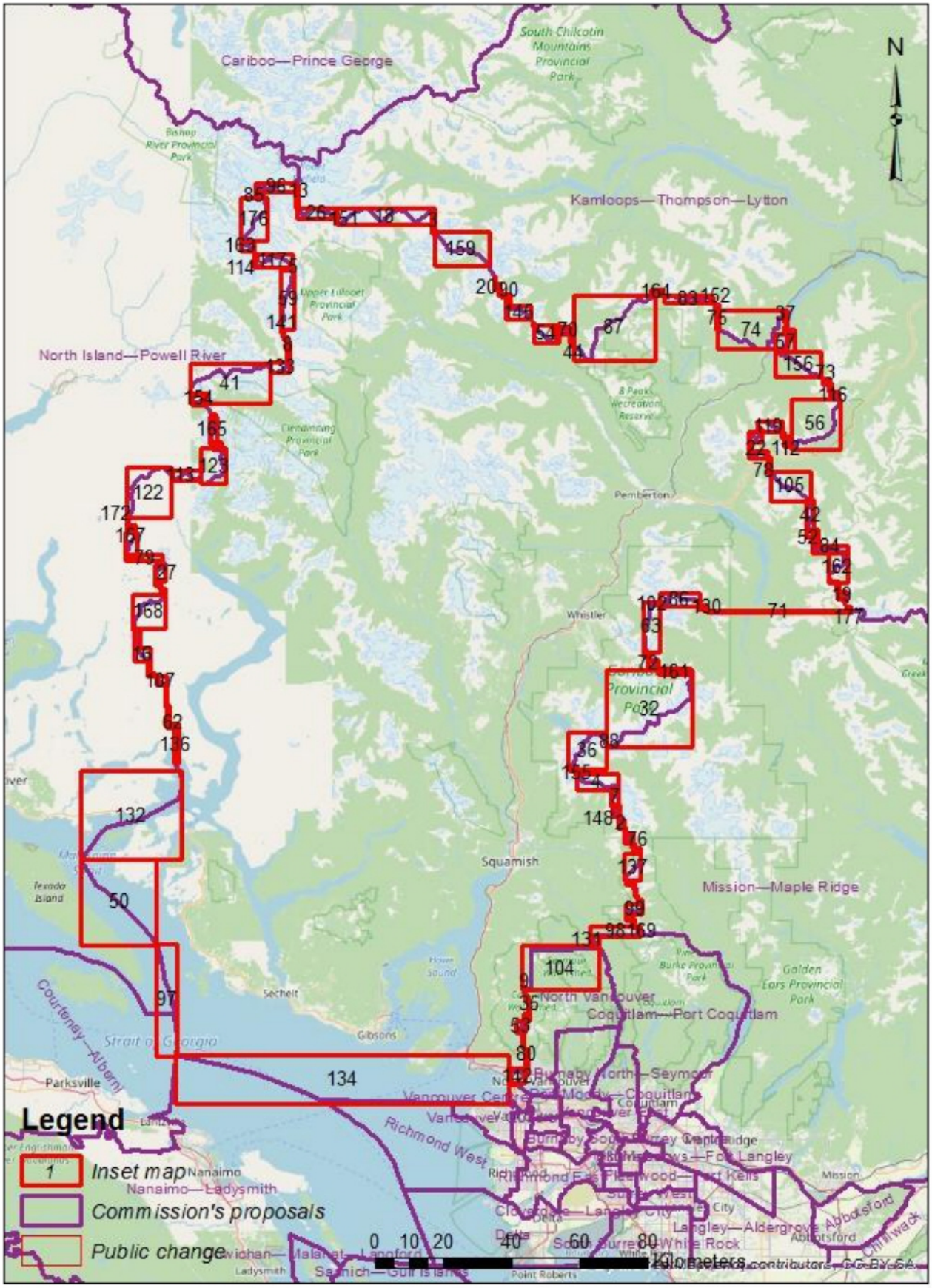

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 6, 2022 9:58 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kelowna

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I am very upset with the suggested new boundary that makes downtown Kelowna part of a new Boundary called Vernon – Lake Country.

19(1)

19(1) have absolutely nothing in common with Princeton, Merritt or any other communities in that riding. My MP lives in one of those communities in that riding.
I believe that downtown Kelowna should be in the riding of Kelowna. I do not know what you are thinking. Lake Country is a Municipality of it's own and why would Kelowna be part of it or Vernon.
I object strenuously to this new riding and would hope that you take a second look at what you are doing. This kind of action may result, for the first time in my life, deciding not to vote. What a shame and the shame is on you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 20, 2022 4:55 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: RE: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1) Letter Submission from 19(1) w/Map Attachment
Attachments: 19(1) Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission Letter September 20 2022.pdf; 19(1) Map Attachment - Electoral Boundaries Commission Submission 19(1) pdf

Hello Susan,

Thank you for the opportunity to present this evening.

Please see attached letter with our feedback from 19(1) I am not sure how long we will have to speak but I anticipate about speaking for 5 minutes drawing from the attached letter with our key messages.

Best,
19(1)

Dear Susan,

Thank you for the opportunity to present this evening.

Please see

From: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 11:10 AM
To: 19(1)
Subject: RE: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for this notice of representation. 19(1)
19(1)

The Commission looks forward to your comments.

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Best regards,

Susan McEvoy
Secretary | Secrétaire
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia |
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From: 19(1)
Sent: September 14, 2022 10:24 AM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Public Hearing Participation from Katerina Anastasiadis
Importance: High

19(1)

My subject: Feedback and comments regarding the proposed electoral redistribution for Abbotsford specifically significant communities of interest for Abbotsford and related topics for the neighboring electoral districts. We will be proposing new boundary redistribution options/direction for consideration reflecting feedback from our members, stakeholders and community discussion on this matter. Thank you.
My comments will be in: English

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 26, 2022 9:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries North Okanagan-Shuswap and Vernon-Lake Country
Attachments: ElectoralBoundary_NOS_26092022.pdf

I would like to make a submission to the commission regarding the proposed electoral boundaries of North Okanagan-Shuswap and Vernon-Lake Country.
Please find my letter attached.
Sincerely
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 21, 2022 4:56 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sept 21 Letter to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
Attachments: Sept 21 Letter to the commissioner.pdf

Good day,

Please find attached a letter to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia.

If you have any questions or need for clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 1:47 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission - Redistribution of the Delta electoral district
Attachments: 19(1) Written Submission on Electoral Redistribution.pdf

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia

Dear Commissioners,

19(1)

I would like to provide you with my comments on the proposed electoral redistribution as it impacts the electoral district of Delta. I am concerned that the proposal, which would divide the current district across three new districts, will have a serious negative impact on my community 19(1)

Please find attached my complete written submission.

Best regards,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 7:31 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: Westminster-Bridgeview Riding Comments

Hello,

Please find the letter attached below regarding comments on New Westminster brickview riding under proposed boundaries.

Sincerely,

19(1)

New Westminster-Bridgeview Riding

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October 3, 2022

To whom it may concern,

19(1) [redacted]

part of Surrey center riding. Moreover, it's in the Bridgeview area that is being given to New Westminster-Bridgeview riding under the proposed boundaries. Furthermore, anytime students or teachers had concerns, conflicts, or requests for community assistance, they went to their Surrey local MP. Unfortunately, due to the redistribution of riders, this will be challenging for both faculty and staff. In addition, Surrey is where the majority of the students at 19(1) [redacted] from.

Therefore, I humbly request you that the concerns of our school, students, and staff continue to be acknowledged and that Surrey, rather than New Westminster, continue to be in charge of this area.

Sincerely,

19(1) [redacted]

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 1:07 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: FW: Vernon-Lake Country District

Good afternoon,

I am writing in regards to the Vernon-Lake Country District proposed by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission. 19(1) 19(1)



The Vernon-Lake Country District, as currently proposed, is confusing and irrational from a local perspective, and suggests that such a proposal was submitted by persons not living within the local area. It is recommended that any proposal remain consistent with municipal or regional boundaries, or neighbourhoods or unincorporated areas that may have at one-time been an independent village or town. The proposal to include part of the City of Kelowna into the proposed Vernon-Lake Country makes no sense, nor does expanding the boundary into the Thompson-Okanagan region, and into the outlying settlements of the City of Kamloops.

I would concur with the Green Party's revised proposal to include the City of Vernon, District of Coldstream, the RDNO in its entirety, and unincorporate areas up to and including Fintry. That would be much easier for the general voting public to understand and rationalize as which electoral district or area in which they are located as it would be consistent with both Provincial and Municipal boundaries. To encourage people to participating in the Electoral Voting Process in the face of declining voter turnout and apathy, the Commission should be focused on making it easier to vote rather than more difficult. If it's more difficult, people will disengage. Speaking professionally, 19(1) keeping things simple and easy to understand is vital to facilitating public engagement and transparency in government. Also, 19(1) the current proposal bugs me to the core as it is somewhat irrational and not well conceived.

I don't live in Kelowna or West Kelowna, but that realignment also is a bit of a debacle. My suggestion is to keep the City of Kelowna whole, or split the municipality between old Kelowna and Rundle. If Rundle and Lake Country became one Electoral Boundary, and old Kelowna and West Kelowna became another, that would make sense too.

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That's just my two cents on the matter.

Cheers.

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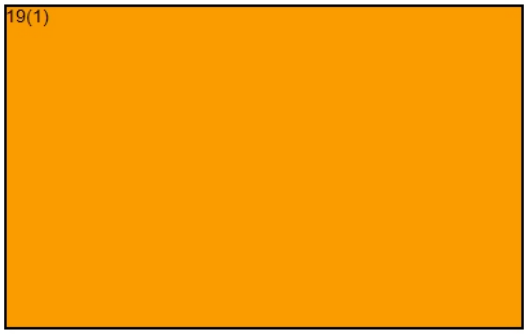

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 13, 2022 3:59 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Comments re: proposed boundary of Vernon-Lake Country riding
Attachments: Electoral Boundary Submission.docx

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached please find a letter containing my comments with respect to the proposed riding of Vernon-Lake Country of which I will be a resident.

19(1)

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 10, 2022 11:52 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Vancouver Quadra Resdistricting

Re: FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION 2022

To: Commission Secretary BC

I have followed the process of Redistricting with interest and I greatly appreciate the work of Elections Canada in carrying out this task. As Canadians we benefit from the democratic and unbiased system that has been enacted.

On reviewing the proposed redistricting of Vancouver Quadra and its possible impact, based on the results of previous elections, I note that there would be little change on the vote distribution among the political parties. I therefore wish to endorse the redistricting of Vancouver Quadra as proposed by your Commission.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 2, 2022 5:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution City of Delta BC

Importance: High

To the Commission:

RE: Redistribution City of Delta, BC

I would ask that this be read at the public hearing to be held in the City of Delta, BC.

The entire City of Delta, BC, should be included in one federal electoral district. If the district does not contain enough population, then add from an adjacent city. A person who does not live in this area might not realize why all of Delta should be in one district. The reasons for the requested change in your proposal follow:

The City of Delta is unique. It has a very large area (180 square kilometers), but the population is divided into several communities which are separated by large distances. The City of Delta has a massive job of keeping the people of the city connected with each other. Each of these communities identify as "Delta."

When you erase one of the areas of Delta from our electoral district, you are doing a disservice to the people who live in that "erased" area. They have NO identity with the adjacent city where your pen stroke has placed them. In one case, you included one area of Delta with a city ACROSS THE FRASER RIVER! This makes no sense at all. They would NEVER have any representation from the person elected on the other side of the river!

The representative for Delta electoral district should have the ENTIRE City of Delta included in the district. In that way, all the citizens of Delta would know that they are represented sufficiently.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 17, 2022 11:36 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta BC redistribution feedback

Hello there,

I am strongly opposed to the Delta redistribution proposed by the Federal government.

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We are not Richmond or Surrey and should not be lumped in to more populous areas with different priorities and ideals.

Please leave Delta alone as its own unique riding. Everyone I know here is opposed to the change.

Thank you,
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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-08-22

RIM ID: 1661138309TJEKTXJFDC

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

It is hard to split Richmond into half and since the line dividing the two riding is mainly going down No. 3 Road, it does make sense to extend the boundary to split it down No. 3 Road pass Steveston Highway; this also accounts for the future growth of the city population as more multi-families developments are happening in Richmond and expanding east-ward.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59028

Name to modify: Richmond West / Richmond-Ouest

New name: Richmond West / Richmond-Ouest

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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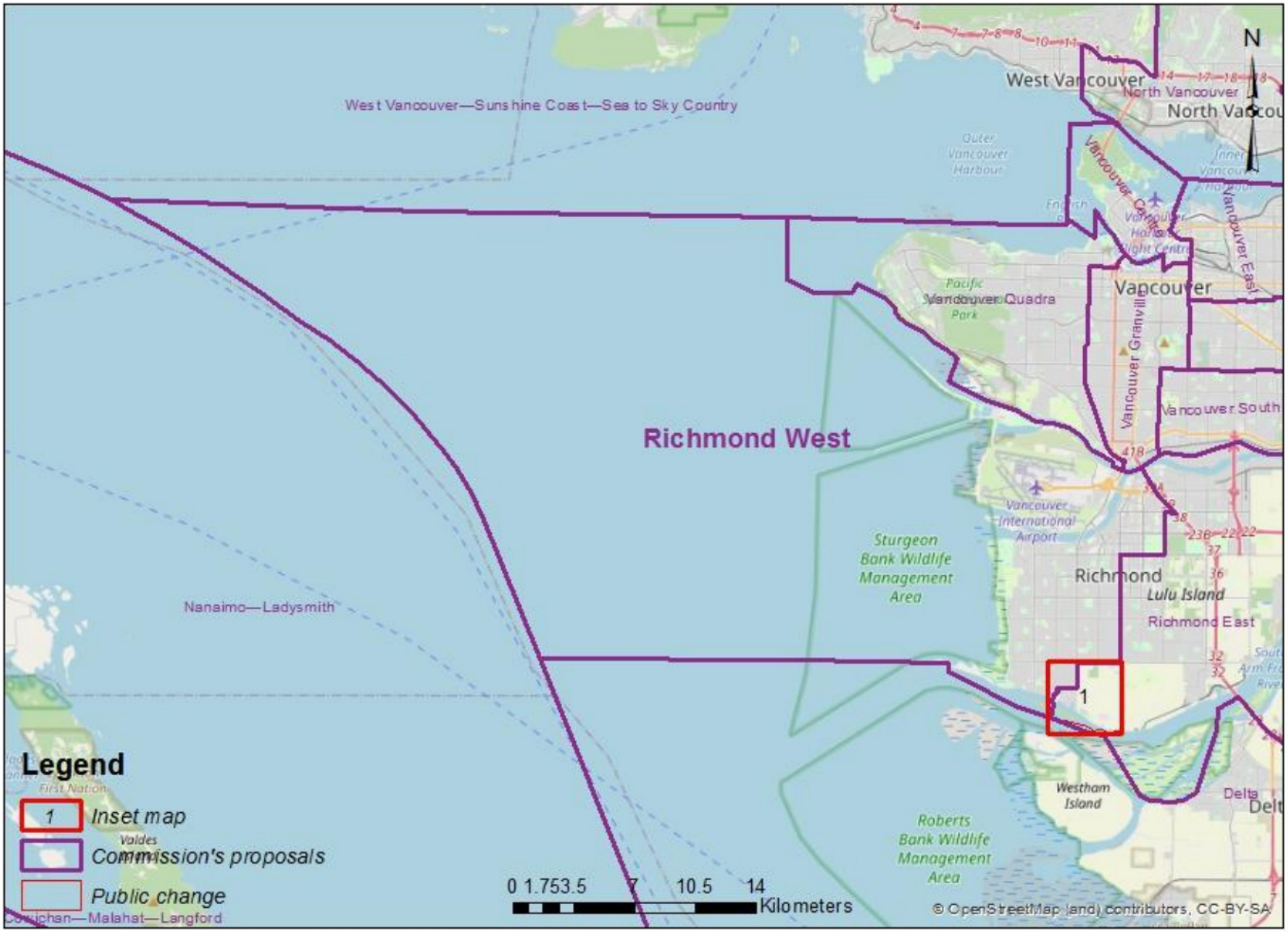

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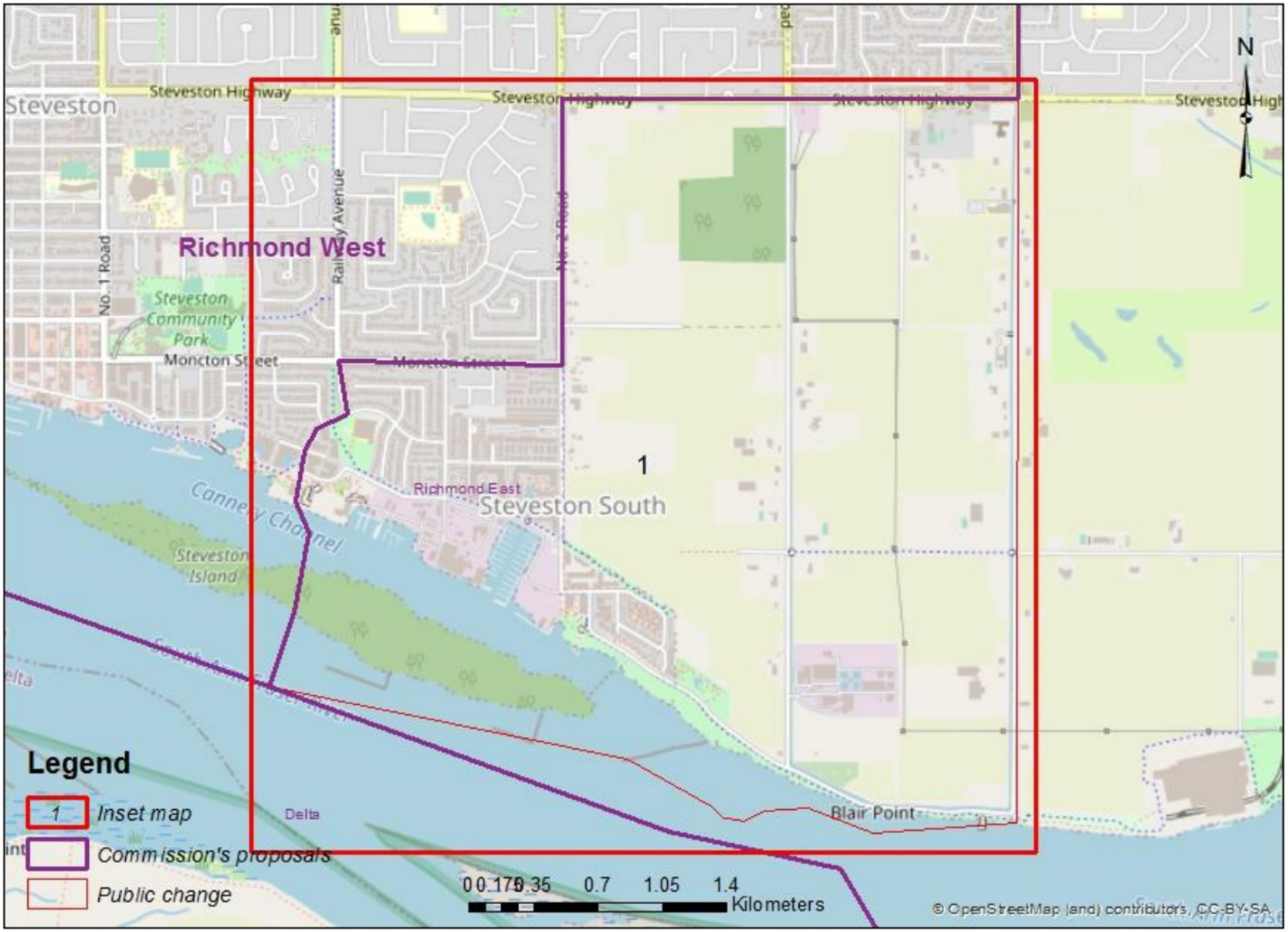

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 10, 2022 7:12 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

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19(1) the concerns of those living in semi-isolated coastal communities are FINALLY being heard! We are noticed. We are recognized for our unique way of life in Powell River, an "end of the road coastal community whose highway is ferries!!!! Ferries that are regularly cancelled during severe weather systems. Flights out of and into the community are regularly cancelled during severe weather systems. That is anywhere from October to April/May. Although we are considered part of the sunshine coast, we are like the poor relations of the sunshine coast.

19(1)

Powell River is on the mainland. Due to the inlets between Powell River and the Lower Mainland, our highway is by ferry. A road does not exist between Powell River and the Lower Mainland.

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

Many residents of the qathet region take the single direct ferry to Comox for certain health services and other amenities as it is the closest larger centre.

As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island than we do with West Vancouver.

Powell River has NOTHING in common with West Vancouver. It is uniquely different from the peninsular communities of the Sunshine Coast. Powell River was once included with the West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast riding, and we were constantly NEGLECTED. Our NEEDS and ISSUES were NEVER considered important. "Oh, you know, you're a small coastal community".

I am EXTREMELY happy we are now part of North Island-Powell River district, and that Rachel Blaney is our elected representative. 19(1)

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Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 6, 2022 6:43 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral boundaries of the North Okanagan/Shuswap

I just read a update from the GPC about their suggestions to the changes to my electoral boundaries.
19(1) These communities are all closely linked. I also frequent Enderby, Lumby and even north west side rd. But Lake Country is not a part of our community in any way.
I am not a member of the GPC but I am on their mailing list. I totally agree with the proposal they put forward to you and hope you'll see how these areas should stay together as a voting block. We have so much in common in all areas of living. Medical, financial, commerce etc.
Thank you for your time

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-09-02

RIM ID: 1662083866CVJUGONWRH

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Farm areas are a better match with Delta

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59011

Name to modify: Delta / Delta

New name: Delta / Delta

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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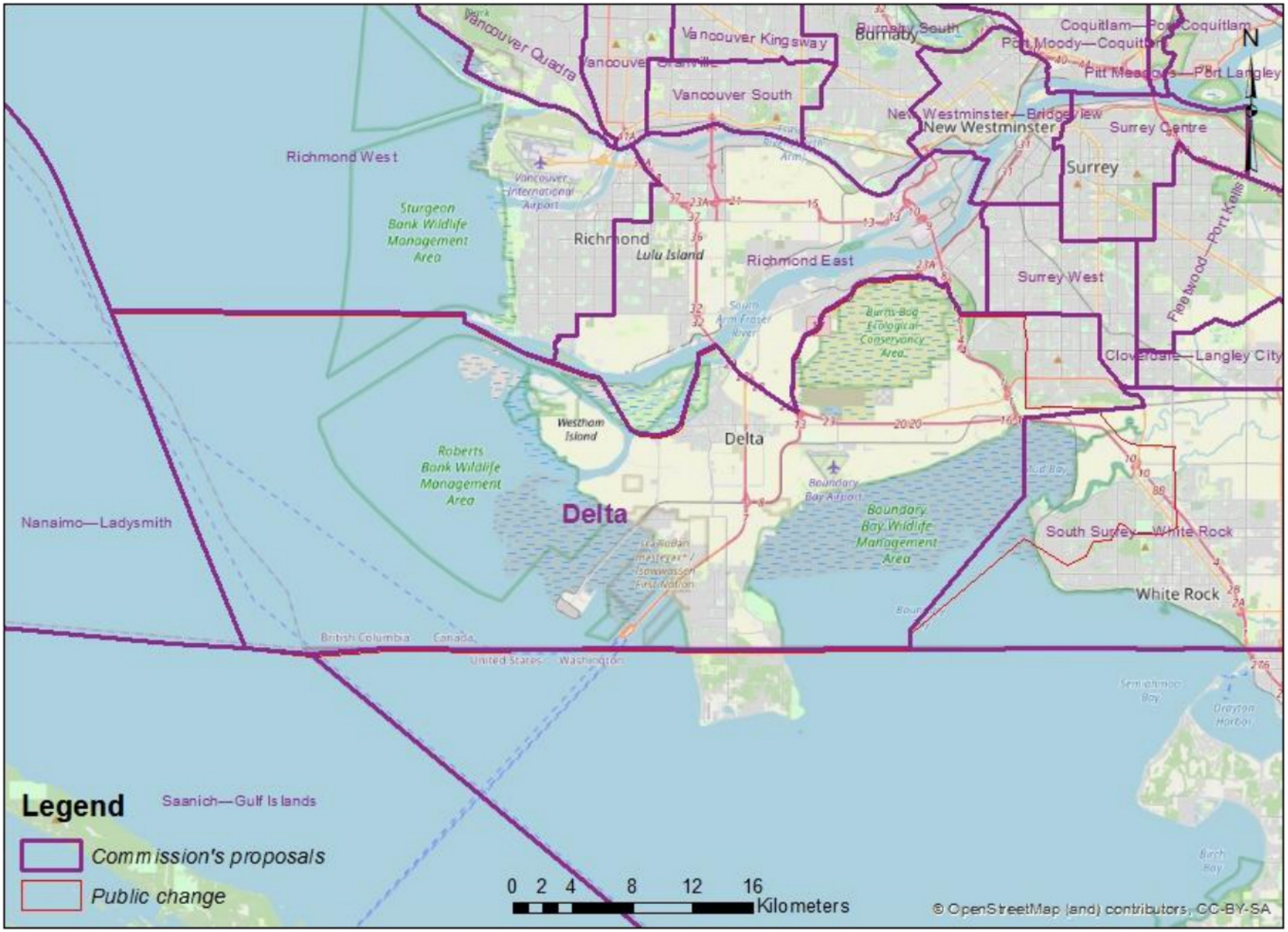

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Soumission du public concernant la proposition de la commission pour : Colombie britannique

19(1)

Date de réception : 2022-05-13

ID RIM : 1652409670MWUBNGKLSH

Type de commentaires reçus :

Nouveau : O Carte : O Changement de nom : O Pièces jointes : N

Participation aux audiences publiques : N

Coordonnées :

Commentaires fournis :

circonscription actuelle est trop grande. Nous fesons pas face au meme enjeux.

Changement de nom de circonscription (Français/Anglais) : 59030

Nom à changer : Skeena—Bulkley Valley / Skeena—Bulkley Valley

Nouveau nom : Skeena—Bulkley Valley / Skeena—Bulkley Valley

Pièces jointes :

Disponibilité de la personne à participer aux audiences publiques suivantes:

Cette carte présente un trop grand nombre de zones de modification. Il n'est donc pas possible de fournir le détail de chaque zone dans ce rapport. Demandez à votre spécialiste en géographie d'extraire l'information détaillée de cette soumission.

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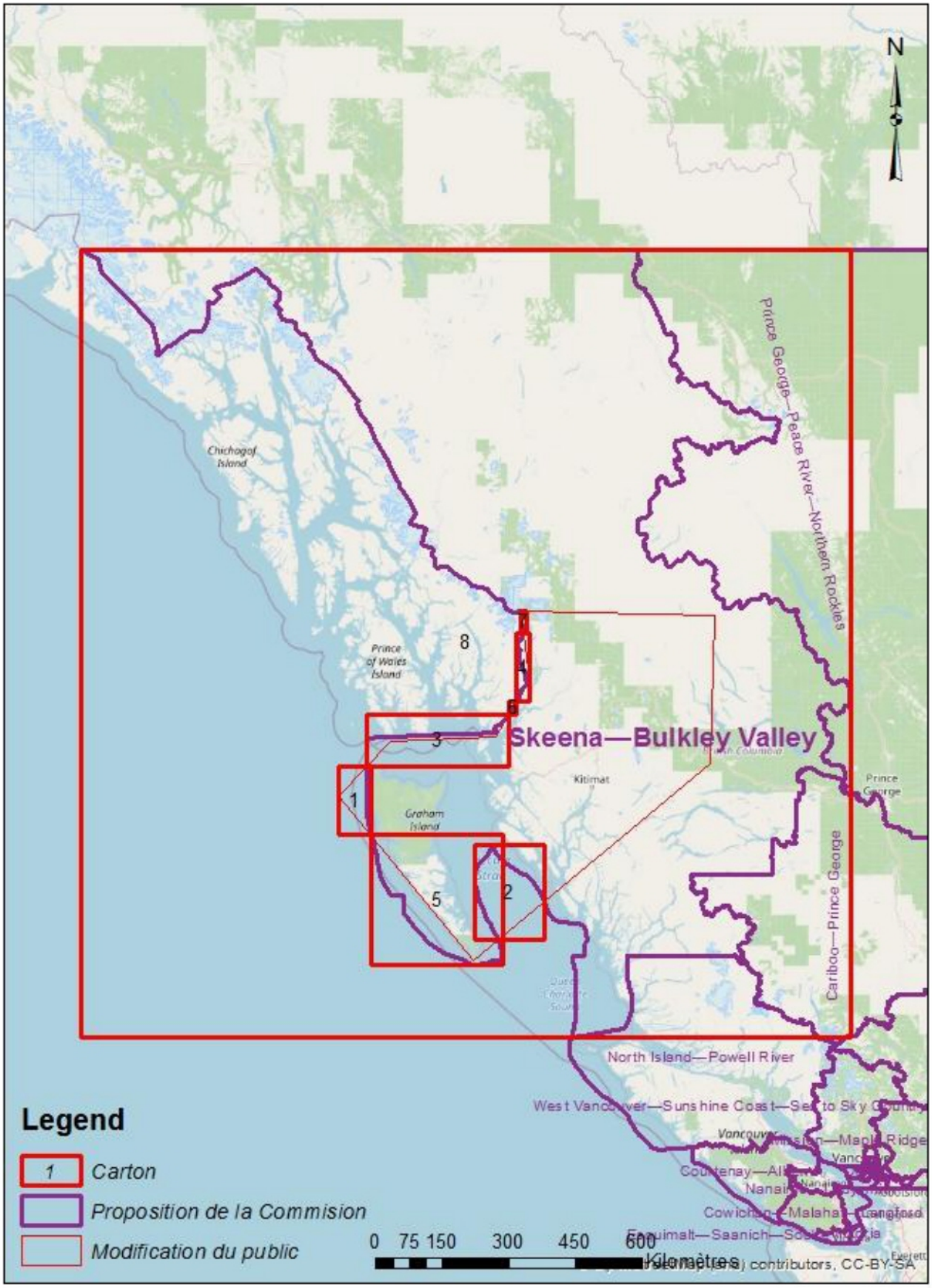

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 7, 2022 12:53 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: redistribution

Whatever you do, don't create more MP's If anything ridings should be larger and we should have less MP's. Parliament would be much more efficient with less people having to have their say. Look to more people in each riding and fewer MP's

19(1)

Sent from Mail for Windows

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 3:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: reorg ridings in British Columbia

Which fool imagined this change for West Vancouver---who sits on this hallowed panel and their appointee—where are the residents summary

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 6:46 AM
To: BC-CB

Dear Executive Members,

You will receive the following email.

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Please email the Electoral Commission before the *Monday, October 3rd Deadline.*

▪ The Electoral Boundaries Commission has proposed changes to our electoral area.

▪ Please review my thoughts on the redistribution challenges below.

▪ I am committed to serving our community in Richmond.

▪ The Commission needs your feedback. Have your voice heard.

Commission Email:
BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

If you share the concerns below, feel free to submit the message below on behalf of yourself.

_____

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the *Steveston-Richmond East* electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official.

19(1) the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

2. The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through a 4-lane tunnel every day. None of these crossings include a dedicated transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have access to their elected official.

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3. Every township includes unique pocket communities and traditional heritage or cornerstone events that are unique to the settlement of each pocket or corner of the city. All these unique areas are at severe risk of being underserved or given the attention they need to preserve the heritage of the area. These unique areas are also at risk of not receiving the necessary support and services which are unique to an area.

4. Every township included in the proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centers and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns.

I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don't divide our community.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

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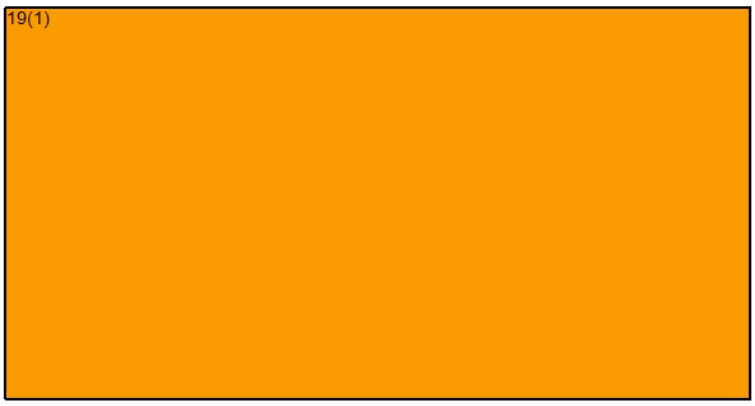

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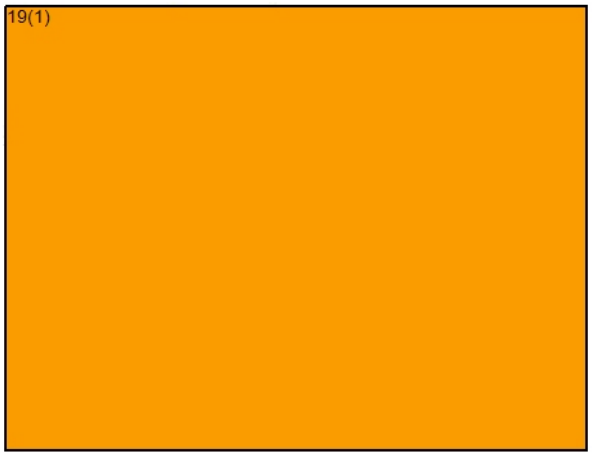

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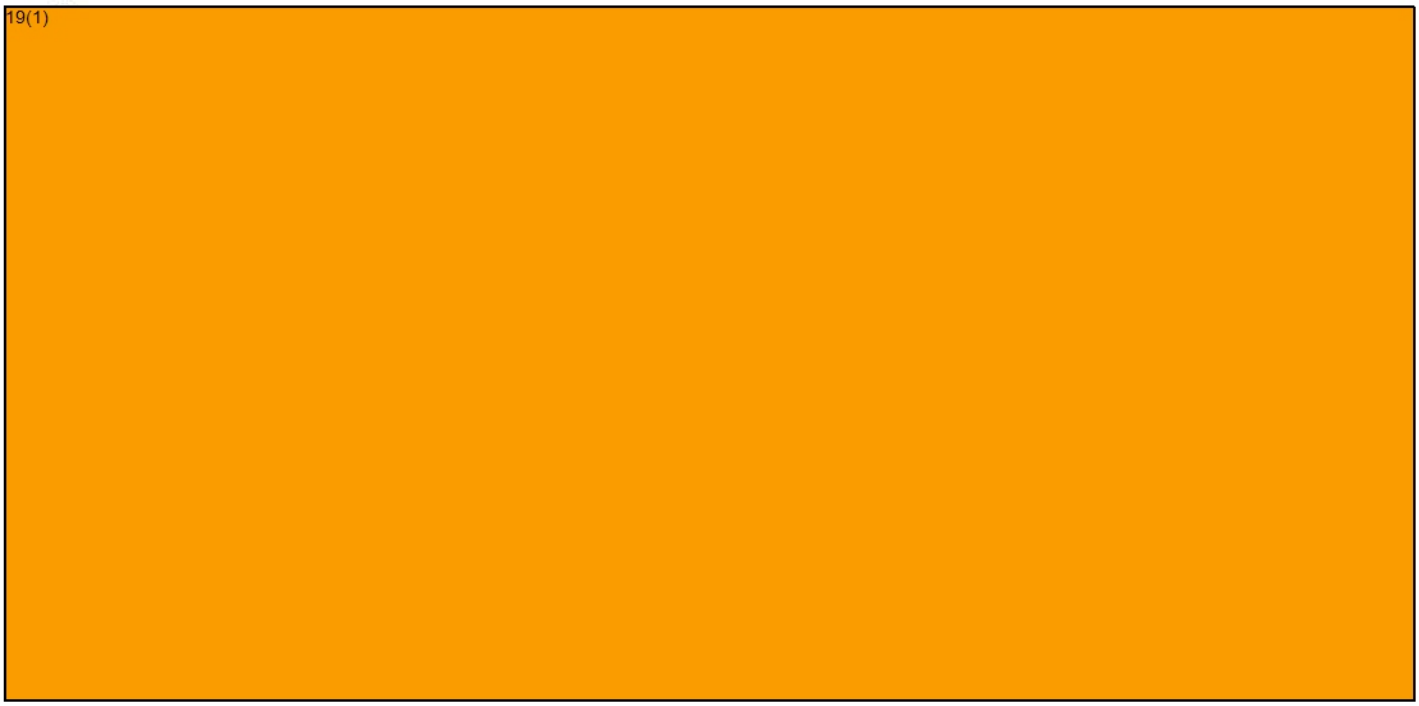

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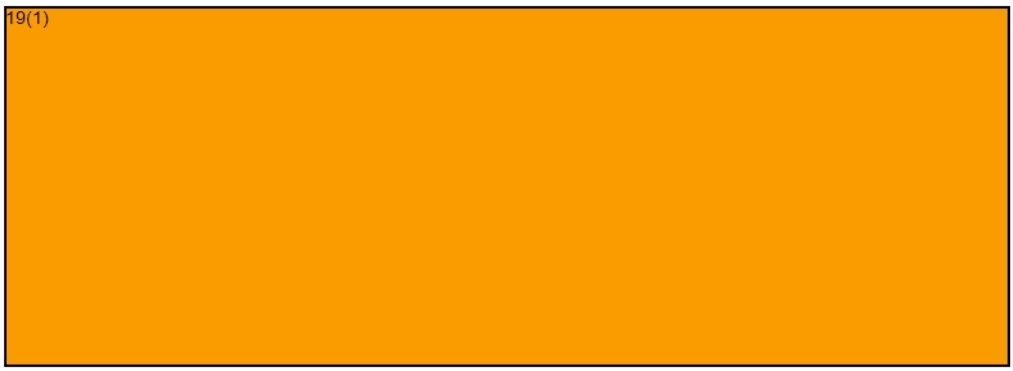

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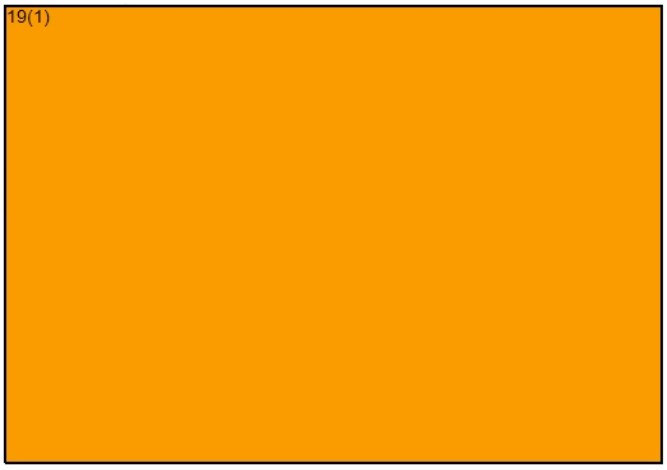

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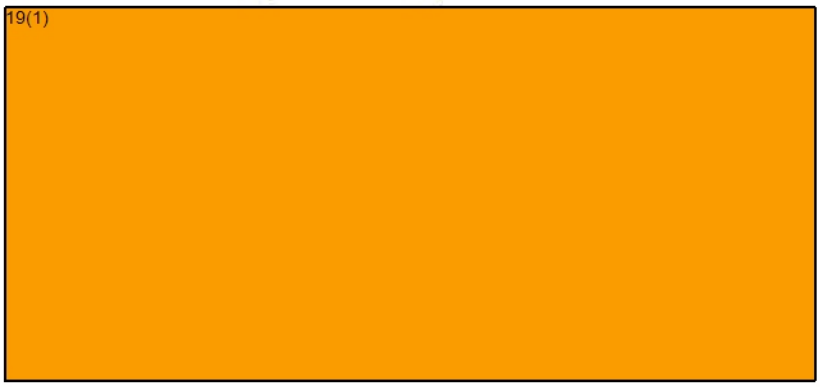

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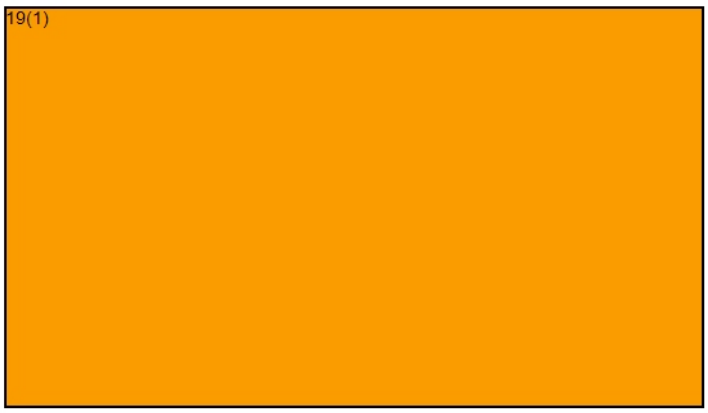

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 1:14 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Redistribution affecting Fraser Heights, Surrey, BC

As a member of the Fraser Heights community, I oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I believe that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, along with other communities south of the Fraser River.

Yours sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 3:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redrawing of new Federal Ridings

19(1)

I oppose the redrawing of new Federal ridings in such a way as to split our community.
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Sincerely 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 3:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fraser Heights voter redistribution

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From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 6:59 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: riding refinement

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Subject: New Federal Ridings

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Sent: August 30, 2022 9:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Breaking Up Fraser Heights

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Subject: Keep Fraser Heights

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From: 19(1)
Sent: August 31, 2022 7:18 AM
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Subject: Fraser Heights Community Federal Riding Splitting

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From: 19(1)
Sent: August 31, 2022 9:25 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fraser Heights Surrey BC redistributing

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 31, 2022 11:38 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: FHCA - proposed new Federal Riding Boundaries

19(1) I oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our Community.

I believe that the entire community North of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding along with the other communities South of the Fraser River.

Sincerely,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: September 1, 2022 5:52 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Keep Fraser Heights

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From: 19(1)
Sent: September 1, 2022 6:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Keep Fraser Heights

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Thank you for your kind consideration.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 2, 2022 1:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re-drawing offend Federal Riding for Fraser Heights

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 2, 2022 5:33 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Riding Boundaries - Fraser Heights Community

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From: 19(1)
Sent: September 4, 2022 10:33 AM
To: BC-CB; BC-CB
Subject: Fraser Heights

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 4, 2022 5:11 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fraser Heights Federal Riding

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 7, 2022 2:44 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Reditribution of Federal ridings/Surrey/Fraser Heights

To whom it may concern:

19(1) Oppose the redrawing of Federal Ridings, which splits our community The entire community from Hwy. 1, to the Portmann Bridge, to Golden Ears Way, should stay in the same riding Thank You

Respectfully
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From: 19(1)
Sent: September 8, 2022 6:19 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Division of Fleetwood port kellis constituency

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 11, 2022 12:04 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Riding will split our community - oppose

19(1) oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I join the position of many in our community who expect that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way remain in the same riding, along with the adjacent communities south of the Fraser River.

Yours sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 11, 2022 12:05 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Riding split-ups - opposition

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 12, 2022 11:06 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fraser Heights

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Yours sincerely.
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 13, 2022 1:48 PM
To: BC-CB; 19(1)
Subject: Change of community Riding Boundaries
Attachments: 19(1)

To Whom it may concern

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 13, 2022 2:19 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Jeff Lorenzetti
Subject: Re: Proposed riding boundaries
Attachments: BC ridings for submit (ignore Vancouver Island).csv

Hello Susan,

Please find the excel file that can be uploaded here for the map. Please ignore the ridings for Vancouver Island, as they aren't relevant.

Thank you,
19(1)

On Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 9:03 AM BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Hello 19(1)

Further to your recent submissions, our geographer Jeff Lorenzetti is having a look at the maps you produced. Do you happen to have them as Shapefiles you could share with us? I have cc'd Jeff on this email so that you can correspond directly more easily.

Best regards,
Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: Sunday, July 3, 2022 1:00:12 AM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Re: Proposed riding boundaries

To whom it may concern,

In addition to my previous email, I would also like to provide the following maps for my proposed riding boundaries for BC interior, as the proposals in my previous email would impact the average population and boundaries for BC interior.

In addition to the justifications for my proposed riding boundaries for Greater Vancouver in the previous email, I would also like to add that my proposal keeps the City of New Westminster and Delta under a single riding, without splitting those cities, unlike the map proposed by the Commission. My proposal also does not split West Vancouver. Another justification for my proposed Richmond--Marpole riding is that Richmond is linked to Marpole by road bridges and SkyTrain, which are contained within the riding. Marpole is also demographically similar to the Richmond part of the riding, which strengthens the case that the riding forms a cohesive community. Under my proposals, Cloverdale--Langley City would take as little territory in South Newton, as it makes more sense for such territory to be part of Surrey--Newton. Cloverdale is separated from South Newton by greenfield land, so it is undesirable to lump parts of South Newton in the same riding as Cloverdale. Burnaby South should be renamed Burnaby Centre under my proposal, as it would be a more geographically fitting name.

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Under these proposals, Skeena--Bulkley Valley extends to Prince George to bring its population closer to provincial average while still being significantly below the average to account for its large area. This helps reduce the large size of Prince George--Peace River--Northern Rockies.

Cariboo--Prince George would take in the entirety of Cariboo census division.
Kamloops would be split into two ridings, namely Kamloops--Nicola and Thompson--Kamloops--Columbia--Shuswap to provide adequate representation to Kamloops. Kamloops--Nicola would include the part of Kamloops west of the North Thompson River, as well as most of Kamloops south of the South Thompson River, excluding downtown. The riding would stretch all the way to Lillooet and include Lillooet. South or Lillooet, the Fraser River would serve as the riding's western boundary.
Thompson--Kamloops--Columbia--Shuswap would include downtown Kamloops and the parts of Kamloops east of the North Thompson River and north of the South Thompson River.

The riding boundaries in Kelowna would remain largely unchanged, but Lake Country would go to a new Vernon--Lake Country--Castlegar riding.
The existing Kootenay--Columbia would lose its existing territory in Columbia, so its new name should be Kootenay.
South Okanagan--West Kootenay would lose Castlegar and gain Summerland.
The boundaries for Abbotsford as well as Chilliwack--Hope would remain similar to existing ones to maintain existing community ties.
The boundaries for Langley--Aldergrove are modified to bring it in line with the average and to account for future population growth.
The existing boundaries for Pitt Meadows--Maple Ridge are maintained.
The current Mission--Matsqui--Fraser Canyon will become Mission--Langley--Fraser Canyon--Whistler.

The average population for my proposed BC interior ridings are lower than the provincial average to account for the large size of the ridings, the region's rapid population growth, and because BC interior is the region that deserves the additional BC riding most due to its population growth.

I would really appreciate it if you adopted my proposals and I would be willing to answer any questions about these proposals.

Thank you very much,
19(1)

On Wed, Jun 29, 2022 at 12:54 PM BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your submission. I have forwarded it to the Commissioners for their review.

Best regards,

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Susan McEvoy

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From: 19(1) [redacted]
Sent: June 27, 2022 4:46 PM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Proposed riding boundaries

To whom it may concern,

Please find my proposed riding boundaries for the Greater Vancouver area attached. I am proposing these boundaries as they better align with municipal boundaries than the commission's initial proposal, whilst keeping close to the average population by riding.

My proposals keep the ridings for Richmond intact, except that Richmond Centre takes in Marpole to become Richmond--Marpole. This means Vancouver's boundaries need to be realigned - I believe that a Vancouver--Broadway riding that is based on Broadway would make sense as there is a distinct community for commuters that commute via Broadway, or are linked by the 99-B line or Skytrain Broadway extension. The new Vancouver Southwest riding also makes more sense than current riding boundaries, as there is a more coherent community between the largely detached houses in southwest Vancouver.

My proposals also keep the two ridings representing the Tri Cities largely intact, without the need to create a riding that spans from Port Coquitlam to Pitt Meadows to Langley, as proposed by the Commission, which is undesirable as it spreads across a large area with few community ties. My proposal shifts the current New-Westminster--Burnaby

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riding eastward, as shown in the map attached, to include parts of Malliardville in Coquitlam as well as Surrey's north shore to create a New Westminster--Fraser riding.

I generally approve of the boundaries proposed for the rest of BC, and agree that the new additional riding should be allocated to BC interior. However, I propose that Skeena--Bulkley Valley should take in the rest of the Bulkley--Nechako census division, as well as communities within it like Vanderhoof in order to be within the permitted statutory population range. Even then, its population would be significantly below average, so I do not believe its large size justifies being below the 25% population deviation. Such a move would also allow Cariboo--Prince George to take in the rest of the Cariboo census division under Kamloops--Thompson--Cariboo.

Furthermore, please see the second attachment for my proposals for the Fraser Valley. I propose that the current Mission--Matsqui--Fraser Canyon become Mission--Langley--Fraser Canyon--Whistler. This new riding would reduce the overpopulation of West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast--Sea to Sky Country by moving Whistler to the new Mission--Langley--Fraser Canyon--Whistler riding, as shown in the third attachment. Lillooet and Squamish--Lillooet B would be moved out of the riding.

I would really appreciate it if you adopted my proposals and would be willing to answer any questions about these proposals.

Thank you very much,

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Riding Names:

1 Abbotsford
2 Burnaby North--Seymour
3 Burnaby Centre
4 Cariboo--Prince George
5 Central Okanagan--Similkameen--Nicola
6 Chilliwack--Hope
7 Cloverdale--Langley City
8 Coquitlam--Port Coquitlam
9 Courtenay--Alberni
10 Cowichan--Nanaimo
11 Delta
12 Fleetwood--Port Kells
13 Kamloops--Nicola
14 Kelowna
15 Kootenay
16 Langley--Aldergrove
17 Mission--Langley--Fraser Canyon--Whistler
18 Nanaimo--Parksville
19 New Westminster--Fraser
20 Thompson--Kamloops--Columbia--Shuswap
21 North Vancouver
22 Pitt Meadows--Maple Ridge
23 Port Moody--Coquitlam
24 Prince George--Peace River--Northern Rockies
25 Richmond--Marpole
26 Colwood--Langford--Sooke
27 Saanich--Gulf Islands--Esquimalt
28 Skeena--Bulkley Valley
29 South Okanagan--West Kootenay
30 South Surrey--White Rock
31 Richmond East--Steveston
32 Surrey Centre
33 Surrey--Newton
34 Vancouver Centre
35 Vancouver East
36 Vancouver Southwest
37 North Island--Powell River
38 Vancouver Granville
39 Vancouver Broadway
40 Vancouver Southeast
41 Victoria
42 West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast--Sea to Sky Country
43 Vernon--Lake Country--Castlegar

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 9:04 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Protect Sunshine Coast Electoral Boundaries

I understand there is discussion taking place about splitting up our federal electoral riding here on the Sunshine Coast. The proposal being considered would split the riding so that Sechelt and north would become part of the Powell River North Island riding and those of us living south of Sechelt would remain with West Vancouver.
I would like to express my strong opposition to this proposal. 19(1) we are one community from Port Melon to Egmont . At one time the entire Sunshine Coast , including Powell River was one riding until someone decided that we should be split with the southern part becoming part of the West Vancouver riding. This has never made sense to most of living here . We have a lot more in common with Powell River than West Vancouver. If a change is necessary then please put the entire Sunshine Coast in one riding along with Powell River and the North Island.
We are sincerely hoping that the proposal to further split the Sunshine Coast is abandoned. It is a very bad and unworkable plan.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 7, 2022 6:44 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

To: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission For BC
As everyone knows the voting system in Canada is failing because it does not represent the concerns of all the provinces from the East to the West coast in Canada.
The boundaries you are imposing/proposing needs to be upgraded to a completely different system to represent the variety of environmental, cities, and differences of lifestyles throughout Canada to here in British Columbia.
Having boundaries that over favour city lifestyles of population gives to voice to many who have no idea what it takes to live in the other parts of BC or Canada for that matter.

The biggest problem with the boundaries is they do not give BC the same federal voice as in Ontario. I know that when I vote, it is usely in the long run, because Ontario has already made the counting of seats useless in British Columbia. Does the commission really think BC or any other province that has less than 100 seats will be heard???

Ontario's voice is for big city living and is not equal to the people that live in BC. When Ontario votes the people are take into account the rest of Canada provinces. We are being short changed. First past the post clearly shows how effective and unbalanced the boundaries are.
I would prefer to see a new system that equates every province with equal or a balanced set of seats. The system being used today is outdated. Yes every person that votes deserves to be heard but only with the same number of MLA's per province. So

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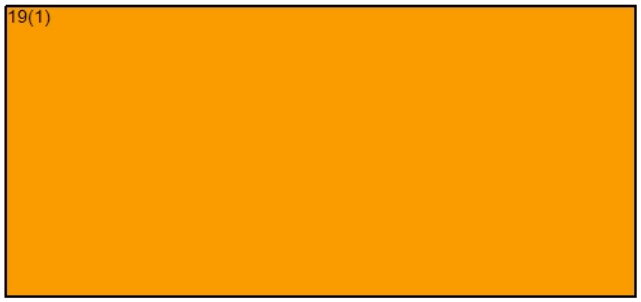
the boundaries are way wrong in British Columbia when divided by population.

It's just insane to believe people want to vote for their country when all the decisions are made by people of Ontario even before the rest of the Canadian Provinces can vote or even get enough seats in the house to make a difference. It's time to change how to divide the country into seating arrangements so that one province is equal to another.

In British Columbia the boundaries you've outlined do not include Langford as a major city. The boundaries are too large an area for one person to reasonably cover the people's needs in BC. I would prefer to see small areas with a few more MlA seats for BC.



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 9, 2022 5:11 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Richmond electoral districts

Hello!

I believe Richmond should just have two full districts while North Delta may join another area in Surrey to form a new district. Thank you!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 2:38 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: North Burnaby-Seymour

Hello!
I will not be able to attend the public hearing in June. This is what I would say if I could attend. I strongly disagree with the current boundary that puts North Burnaby and North Vancouver together. They are two very different places with very different demographics and very different concerns. Rather than a slight change there should be one that gives back voice to North Burnaby and voice back to North Vancouver. Perhaps in Burnaby some boundaries can change, and perhaps in North Vancouver boundaries can change that better represent the people that live in the areas.
Warmly,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 5, 2022 9:23 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Federal Electoral Boundary changes

Dear Boundary Commission,

We have just heard through the grapevine that there is a boundary changed proposed for Sea to Sky riding. Splitting the lower Sunshine Coast in half goes beyond stupidity. This smells of gerrymandering.

The lower Sunshine Coast has more in common with Powell River than West Vancouver. The lower coast has one school board, one regional district and provincially our MLA covers both the lower and upper Sunshine Coast. We are a semi isolated community who work and play together, If you must spilt a riding for population reasons, put us back with Powell River.

Sincerely

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Presentation

19(1) I am requesting your consideration of the following issues regarding the redistribution in the West Vancouver-Sea to Sky riding. My **great concern** is that the proposed boundary separates the two halves of the Sunshine Coast. We may be different in some aspects however, many more things connect us than divide us. We have common values, shared economic interests and we are currently represented Provincially, as the constituency of Powell River-Sunshine Coast. Our Provincial MLA represents both Regional Districts. We need to maintain and enhance these shared interests at the Federal level. Dividing this area into two Federal Ridings will diminish our ability to receive appropriate Federal representation. I believe that the division of our community would have a negative impact on all the work that has been done over the years to bring us together.

The bulk of the population in your proposed new riding will reside in the urban area of West Vancouver. Including various small rural communities in the same riding creates a fundamental difficulty for the MP to give fair and due attention to the different needs of the minority rural areas. Urban and rural areas have very different concerns when dealing with Federal jurisdictions. For example, the policies and programs at the Federal level around use of oceans have great impacts on communities around the Salish Sea but are of only minor concerns compared to other pressing issues for citizens of urban West Vancouver.

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With respect to our Demographics…

We share so much with the Powell River and North Vancouver Island communities and not so much with our West Vancouver urban neighbours. With regard to income levels, occupations, population density, population make up, we are quite different communities. This is an important issue, and we need to take a very careful look at our differences and our similarities.

Recent figures from Statistics Canada show that in such areas as average income, industry, and business and financial to name a few, we are very different to urban West Vancouver, but extremely similar to Powell River and North Vancouver Island.

In closing I would like to thank the Commission very much for its consideration of these concerns. I do appreciate the difficult task that you have ahead in determining the boundary changes. Perhaps it should not be forgotten that in the past the riding of Comox-Powell River included both the upper and lower Sunshine Coast. As proposed, the boundary changes would split the Sunshine Coast into two separate regions. My hope today is that you will appreciate that the greater Sunshine Coast region should not be cut in half by a federal riding boundary.

We are a unique coastal community bonded by history, cultural similarities, economic alliances and a common united vision for the future.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 6:02 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: WestVancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky District

We are in the West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country District. The Sunshine Coast is a **rural community** with a demographic of **35% of the 29,000 population being over 55 years of age.**

Looking at the Electoral District Map we can see how we ended up grouped with West Vancouver from a population only perspective, but from an issues and representation point of view feel we are at a distinct disadvantage. Even Squamish and Whistler demographically and from a rural perspective is not well aligned with the Sunshine Coast. In addition, the Sunshine Coast in marketing and mapping includes Powell River, it is the upper coast and between Earls Cove and Langdale, we are the lower coast. We understand the selections are made based on population for equal representation, but if West Van has an issue it will have more weight than our issues for a representative and therefore community/city composition should have bearing on redistribution.

It makes more sense to have the Sunshine Coast including Upper and Lower portions grouped with Courtenay. One major element these communities have in common is the BC Ferries service and that combined with the rural aspects of these makes for a better representation of the electorate.

This feels futile, but we can't complain about what we perceive as an inequity if we don't stand up and say what we think, for whatever it may be worth!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 4:21 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast riding redistribution

Dear Gentle People of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

19(1)

I recently learned of the proposal to change the boundaries of the Sunshine Coast/Sea to Sky Riding.
I fully support the proposed change to move the West Vancouver portion of the riding, together with the North Shore riding.
This makes sense for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the proximity and easy access of West Vancouver to North Vancouver and their shared interests.

I have heard that there has been pressure instead, to cut the Sunshine Coast riding in half, so that the Coast from Sechelt would be included in the Nanaimo riding. This would mean that people living in Sechelt would need to travel on 3 ferries to access their MP! This makes no sense and would be a hardship to residents. As well, it makes sense to keep the Sunshine Coast as one riding, as it is a distinct area with common interests and concerns.

Thank you, for the fine work that you do and for making the fair and well-considered decisions that are necessary to keep our democracy intact.

Take care,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 1, 2022 8:59 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal riding of the Sunshine Coast

To whom it may concern
We have heard that there is consideration being given to changes to the West Vancouver/Sunshine Coast/Howe Sound riding. It appears the change would result in the Sunshine Coast section being split in two__ the Northern part (Sechelt to Earls Cove) being added to the North Island/Powell River riding and the Southern part (where we live) remaining joined politically with West Vancouver.
19(1) The Sunshine Coast is a community that is effectively an Island because although geographically joined to the Lower Mainland we are a ferry dependent community, with no roads connecting us to the Lower Mainland. The Sunshine Coast is a single cohesive community, even though it has separate small communities within it. The Regional District and other entities service the entire Lower Sunshine Coast. Therefore creating two Federal ridings that cover a single community is basically unworkable both from the point of view of the Federal MP and from the point of view of the electorate. The local Regional District would be working with the Provincial MLA and two Federal MPs.
If a change has to be considered, it would make more sense to join the entire Lower Sunshine Coast with Powell River/North Island due to the fact that the Upper and Lower Sunshine Coast have much more in common with each other than with West Vancouver.
We thank you for your work in evaluating Federal ridings and sincerely hope that the splitting of our community does not occur.
Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 10:56 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral District Bourndaries-Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminster BC

Good morning,

I am writing to you today with deep concern about the proposed boundaries of five Metro Vancouver Electoral Districts. I also believe these considerations should be considered when looking at urban areas across Canada. The legislation allows for some variance by % population in districts, and this should be used to ensure equitable access to representation, particularly for seniors, persons living with disabilities and new Canadians, who more often require services provided by Member of Parliament offices and staff.

1. Vancouver Kingsway, Vancouver South and Burnaby South. The EDAs of the city of Vancouver almost perfectly divide by population into six. As the largest city centre in British Columbia with a separate Parks Board in addition to Council and School Board, it does not make sense to burden staff with requiring knowledge of what complimentary or additional services may be available to constituents at the local level in both Vancouver and Burnaby. Adding two pieces of the City of Burnaby to Vancouver Kingsway and Vancouver South makes the constituency office less accessible for those on a fixed income or with mobility challenges. Transit in Metro Vancouver is divided by Fare Zones, and crossing a municipal boundary means an increase in fares per trip. Even with a concession fare there is still an increase in cost. If the constituency office is in Vancouver, any senior, new immigrant or person living with a disability living in Burnaby will have to cross a fare boundary and pay more to access services or meet with their MP. I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reconsider the proposed changes in Vancouver and to not unnecessarily add pieces of Burnaby to those EDAs, thus burdening constituents with increased costs and travel to access their elected representative.

2. The same situation can be seen in the proposal for EDA #20, which includes parts of three different Metro Vancouver cities (Burnaby, New Westminster and Surrey). Not only does this proposal include an additional transit fare zone by adding part of Surrey and require staff to be familiar (unnecessarily) with three different city governments rather than two, it also includes the geographical and psychological boundary of the Fraser River. Constituents on the opposite side of the river from the EDA office will face barriers to accessing the office, including crossing the Patullo Bridge, a notorious traffic choke point in the Metro region which is currently undergoing replacement, meaning the area will also be under construction for several years. While the skytrain does cross the river, it is still an additional fare upgrade, and seniors and persons living with disabilities will almost certainly need to combine part of the trip with a bus ride, adding burden to constituents and barriers to democracy.

I thank you for consideration of my input. As someone who works with community groups to build inclusion and resiliency in fourteen cities in Metro Vancouver and hears regularly from workers and non-profits in the social service and health sectors I feel these are important considerations to ensure equitable access to democratic engagement and representation for the most vulnerable in our society. I believe the allowed variances in population between EDAs can and should be used to ensure that the lines we draw are not just on a map, but make sense on the ground for citizens and residents in our communities. Members of

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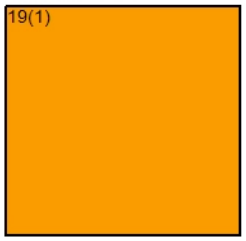
Parliament, their staff and offices are important community hubs and resources, we must ensure that the electoral boundaries do not disenfranchise those who already face barriers to inclusion and access.

Sincerely,



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 20, 2022 12:26 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley proposed riding

The proposed riding for my area is so illogical, I don't know how anybody could have suggested it. The proposal would mash up completely disconnected areas from what are currently 4 different ridings of very different character that are separated by 2 rivers. I can only suppose that whoever suggested this riding shape does not know this area at all. Shouldn't people in a riding have some kind of commonality? I don't know how any politician could represent all the different populations in that area with any success.
Yours truly
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 10:21 AM
To: BC-CB

- the I am in favour of the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding and I want to ensure that all of Sunshine Coast staying together in one riding
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 7:20 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Message for the Boundaries Commission

Good afternoon. This email is for the team at the boundaries commission.

Please note that I am in favour of:

- the current boundary redrawing proposal for the Sunshine Coast Riding;
- all of the Sunshine Coast staying together in one Riding; and
- ensuring that our votes don't count less than in other Ridings.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 7:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast Riding in its entirety

To: The Boundaries Commission

I am in favour of:

- the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding
- all of Sunshine Coast staying together in one riding
- ensuring our votes don't count less than in other ridings

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 10:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Current boundary redrawing proposal

I'm writing to let you know that I am in favour of the current boundary rezoning proposal for our riding, West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky.
It is important for all of the Sunshine Coast to stay together in one riding ensuring that our votes don't count less than in other ridings.
Yours truly, 19(1)

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From: 19(1)
Subject: **sunshine coast ridings**
Date: June 27, 2022 at 3:16:13 PM PDT
To: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistibution.ca

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I am opposed to any idea of cutting the Sunshine Coast into different ridings as proposed by the Liberal and conservative groups.

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We "Coasters" share many of the same interests and concerns.

Moving our seat to Nanaimo would seriously disenfranchise most of our population who would be forced to take two ferries to visit an MLA office there.

Your current new proposal makes sense in that the North Shore has other issues than those of the Sunshine Coast and would be better represented by remaining there.

Please do not change your current proposal.

Thank you for your work and consideration of the various communities

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 13, 2022 12:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundaries Sea to Sky

This is to let you know that I am in favour of:

- the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding
- all of Sunshine Coast staying together in one riding
- ensuring our votes don't count less than in other ridings

Thanks,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 9:14 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Input on New Boundaries in the Kelowna-Lake Country Area

Dear Commission,

I strongly suggest that all of the District of Lake Country be included in the new Vernon - Lake Country riding. It makes absolutely no sense to have the Winfield area of Lake Country with Kelowna and the downtown area of Kelowna within Vernon - Lake Country. Hwy 97 may make a tidy boundary but it makes little sense politically or geographically.

Please add more of Kelowna into the Kelowna riding and include all of Lake Country in the Vernon - Lake Country riding.

Sincerely,
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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1) [redacted]

Date received: 2022-06-05

RIM ID: 1654457787NZVCDHTXQH

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

By adjusting the boundary Eastward to include Shackan Indian Band in the new riding of Coquihalla you are making the Scw'exmx Tribal Council whole again. The current boundary assigns Shackan to Mission Matsqui Fraser Canyon which is incorrect and thus severs one band from its traditional alliances and territories. Correct this boundary error will correct an historic wrong and move Elections Canada in the direction of Truth and Reconcilation by acknowledging the traditional and unceded territories of the Shackan First Nations as part of the greater Scw'exmx Tribal Council.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59007

Name to modify: Coquihalla / Coquihalla

New name: Coquihalla / Coquihalla

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

Thursday June 16, 2022 7:00 PM

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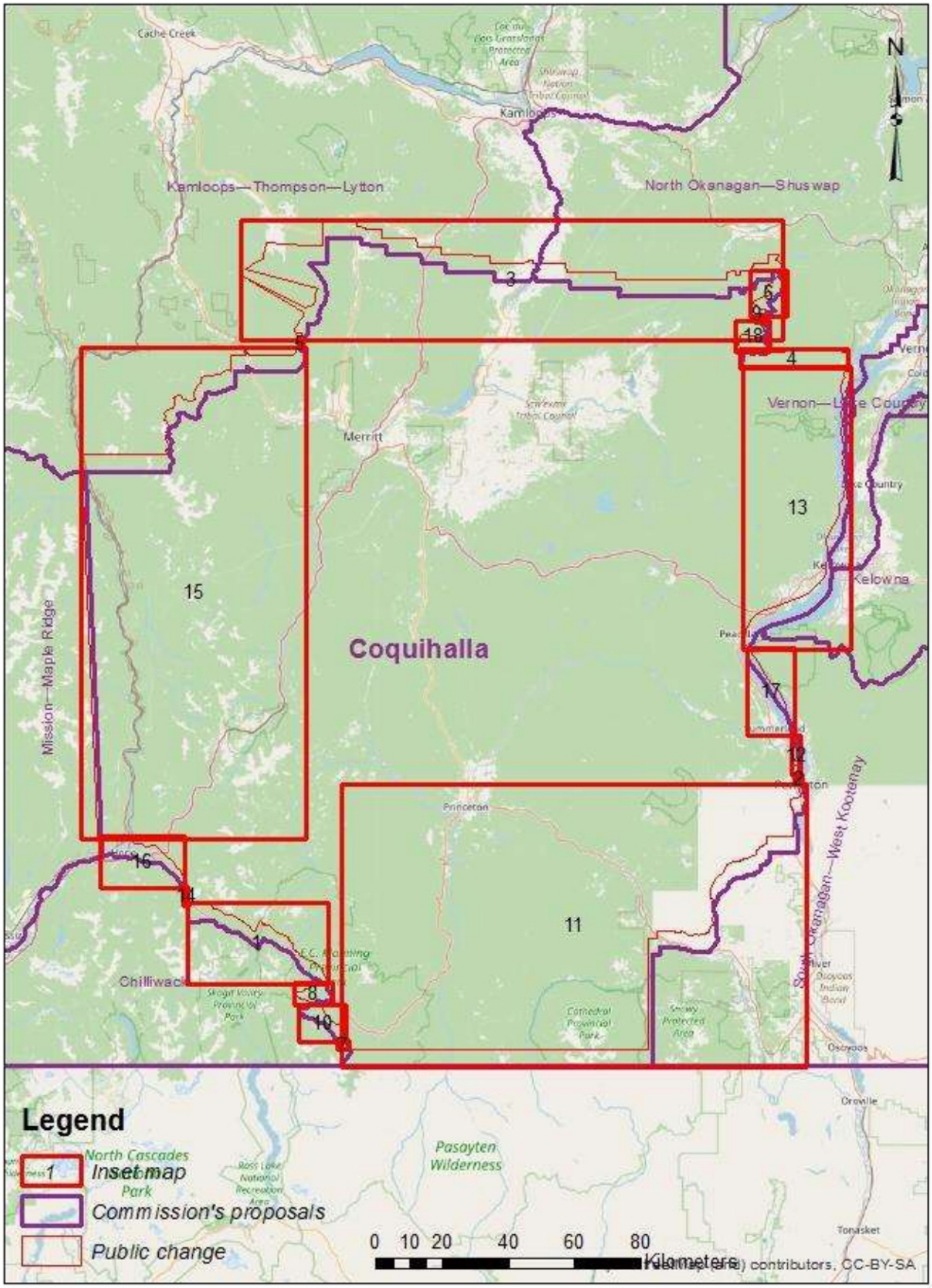

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 22, 2022 1:53 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: ron.mckinnon@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Port Coquitlam Electoral Boundary Change

19(1) I strongly oppose the proposed boundary redistribution impacting my federal riding

Splitting Port Coquitlam, an already small community, is simply wrong.

Combining us residents of south Port Coquitlam with the residents of three other municipalities (Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and Langley) is asinine. We have little in common. South Port Coquitlam is suburban. Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, and Langley are dominated by agriculture and farmland. We are separated from Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge by the Pitt River, and from Langley by the Fraser River.

With all due respect, whoever came up with this proposal is incompetent or engaged in distasteful gerrymandering.

I trust this proposal will be summarily discarded. Please do not hesitate to contact me as needed.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 5, 2022 9:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed redistribution in Port Coquitlam

Good evening,

I wish to voice my opposition to the proposed boundary changes in the City of Port Coquitlam. These changes will result in me and my family, and our broader community, being less represented. Pitt Meadows (and east toward Maple Ridge) is completed different from Port Coquitlam from its geography and economic and environmental interests, to its local government priorities, planning decisions and land use. These cities are distinctly different in every way. I value voting for a representative who is from my community, not someone who lives in a community not reflective my my values or interests. We are separated by a bridge over a major river that is not even efficiently connected by transit. Will I have to drive 30 minutes to a constituency office?

The proposed boundary changes will leave myself and my community less represented, disconnected from our community, and at a disadvantage compared to other communities. The proposal did not sufficiently provide a rationale for the change nor prove value added for residents. I urge you to reconsider these changes and leave the City of Port Coquitlam together and within the current electoral district.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 2, 2022 12:26 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: 2022 Federal Electoral Boundary Redistribution

I am writing to contribute to the above by e-mail, not as notice of representation at a Commission hearing.

I wish to state that the boundaries should be adjusted taking into account existing technology improvements developed since the current boundary adjustment principles and practices were conceived centuries ago.

Citizen representatives are now able to realistically engage and inform many more people with electronic meetings and "push" technology tools. Technology is now a given and few to no excuses are accepted in modern society, including by government agencies, for not having the tools necessary to use electronically based services and the requisit knowledge and skills; witness the current requirement to use the ArriveCAN app whether travellers wish to own an electronic mobile device or not and the obligation to find a desktop device if they don't own a mobile device (and one with a relatively new operating system on which these services are based).

Briefly, my proposal is that a reasonable number of people be determined who could be effectively represented using modern technology and practices, say around 200,000, and use this number to readjust federal electoral boundaries, as needed.

I also propose that the number of MPs and seats needed in the Federal House of Commons be capped at the current or appropriate lower number (depending on the number determined for how many people can be effectively represented by a Federal public representative), perhaps 300.

If my e-mail contribution cannot be considered and only a representation at a Commission is accepted please let me know before June 3, 2022 so that I am able to make alternative arrangements.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 25, 2022 10:24 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Submission

Dear Redistricting Committee,

19(1) to oppose the plan to redraw the lines of the current "Kamloops-Thomson-Cariboo" riding in order to carve out a new "Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton" (KTL). The City of Kamloops should not be divided into two ridings for the reasons which follow.

Breaking the City of Kamloops into two separate ridings with a portion of the city allocated to the North Okanagan-Shuswap riding and another to the KTL, risks unnecessarily weakening or diluting the representation of citizens of the City of Kamloops, a key regional center with major public and private sector employers, concentrated minority communities and other diverse urban populations less well represented outside the city in surrounding rural areas. Kamloops is logically a single contiguous riding.

Beyond weakening the representation of important interests represented in the city, a concentrated growing urban pocket in a more rural part of the province, dividing the riding also risks undermining the economic growth and dynamism of Kamloops as a city transitioning into the knowledge and service economy. Together, the university and the hospital mean that a fair number of healthcare, high skilled workers and students collectively regard Kamloops as their city home. They should not find themselves divided by riding lines when they cast a ballot or seek out their elected representative on issues of common and enduring interest. They should also not find that it is mathematically impossible to elect representatives which reflect their values and agenda in office because the interests of the urban voter are so consistently diluted by the interests of the rural one. Finally, the City of Kamloops is home to a significant urban Indigenous population whose unique needs, community, and voice risks dilution in any division of the city into separate and more generally rural ridings

Any redrawing of riding boundaries is subject to s. 3 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*,

"Every citizen of Canada has the right to vote in an election of members of the House of Commons or of a legislative assembly and to be qualified for membership therein"

Few guarantees in any Constitution are as elemental. But it is important to flesh out what this means. First, it is to be read purposively with a broad and generous intent, like all other Charter rights. Second, it does not guarantee a "one person one vote" system to Canadians.

In the now classic decision of the Supreme Court of Canada treating the meaning, scope and application of s. 3, *Reference re Prov. Electoral Boundaries (Sask.)*, [1991] 2 SCR 158 the Court addressed the question of whether s. 3 guaranteed a "one person one vote" electoral system and found that it did not. Instead, the Court held that the drawing of electoral boundaries was more art than science, an exercise of guided by prudential wisdom as to what is most conducive to a free and democratic society. Helpfully, the Court left little doubt as to what values should guide this consideration. Rather than sheer majoritarianism, careful attentiveness to the representational interests of minorities is at the core of the assessment. Writing for the majority, Justice McLachlin (as she then was) stated the matter thus,

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It is my conclusion that the purpose of the right to vote enshrined in s. 3 of the Charter is not equality of voting power *per se*, but the right to 'effective representation'. Ours is a representative democracy. Each citizen is entitled to be represented in government. Representation comprehends the idea of having a voice in the deliberations of government as well as the idea of the right to bring one's grievances and concerns to the attention of one's government representative."

Rejecting the rigid or formalistic view of electoral boundary setting as a question of mathematical parity and instead emphasizing its socially situated qualities attentive to the real communities which require representation,

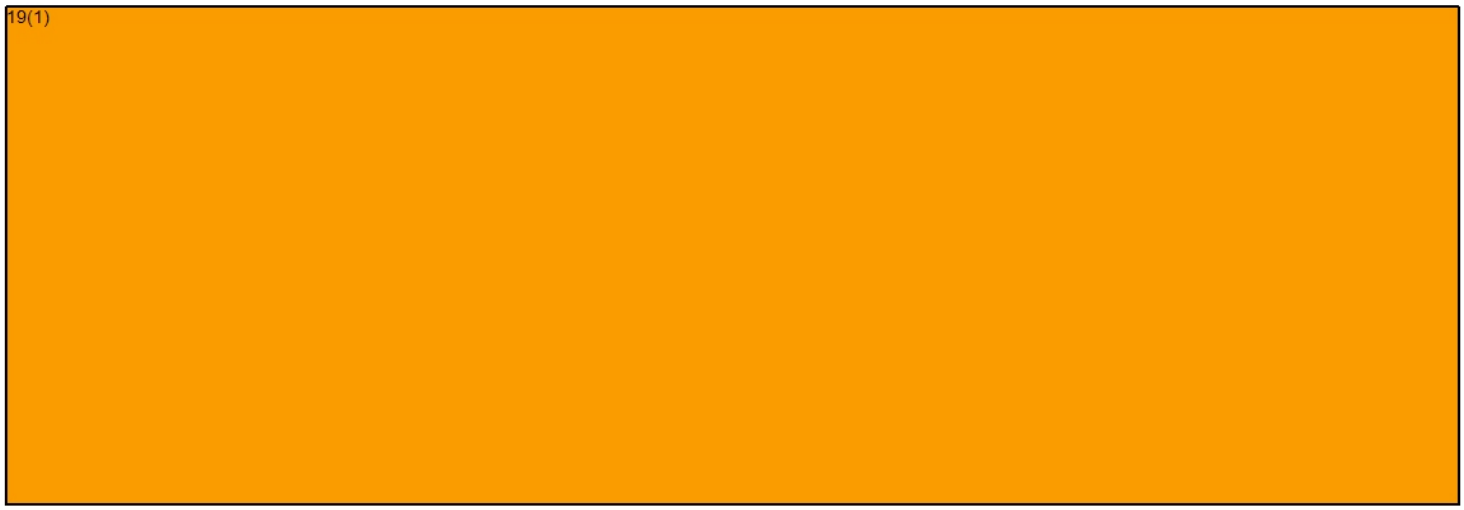
"In the final analysis, the values and principles animating a free and democratic society are arguably best served by a definition that places effective representation at the heart of the right to vote... Respect for individual dignity and social equality mandate that citizen's votes are not unduly debased or diluted. But the need to recognize cultural and group identity and to enhance the participation of individuals in the electoral process and society requires that other concerns also be accommodated."

Prominently in evidence before the court in this key case, and especially persuasive for Justice McLachlin was statistical data on from the "geographic boundaries; rivers and municipal boundaries form natural community dividing lines and hence natural electoral boundaries." Equally importantly however was prospective population growth: "Yet another factor is growth projections. Given that the boundaries will govern for a number of years -- the boundaries set in 1989, for example, may be in place until 1996 -- projected population changes within that period may justify a deviation from strict equality at the time the boundaries are drawn." Kamloops is a rapidly growing urban center and can be respected as such by permitting it to occupy its own riding. Similarly in obiter, "discrepancies between particular ridings appear to be justified on the basis of factors such as geography, community interests and population growth patterns."

Kamloops has the geography, community interest and population growth patterns to merit inclusion in a single riding. The Commission may use its power to determine how best to balance the representational interests of existing and future communities and to reflect their interests and represent their already existing political and social identities or to instead carve up the map based on numbers alone. The former approach is consistent with the one urged by Justice McLachlin; the latter is not. Ultimately, bisecting the city risks weakening the bonds of solidarity and civic mindedness among citizens and lessening the potential impact of the type of diverse urban population which increasingly exists in concentrated areas outside the lower mainland, especially in the interior of the province.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With Great Respect,



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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 12:44 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: In favour of the current boundary redrawing for Sunshine Coast-WestVan-SeatoSky riding

Hello Commissioner,

19(1) am in favour of all of the Sunshine Coast remaining in one riding. The proposed redrawing makes a lot of sense to me and my community.

I'm keen to ensure my vote counts just as much as in other ridings so a redrawing looks to be necessary and the proposed one is the best option I've heard about.

Thank you,
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19(1)

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

19(1) New format suggested to include some portion of Buckingham Heights into New Westminster district. I think a better idea would be to keep all Heights together. Justification. That area consists of private detached houses up to Edmonds street. After that you have the same style apartment buildings. I.e. it might make sense to create uniform districts. Another concern. The new format would create a district that covers small portions of 3 different cities (Burnaby, New West, Surrey). Issues in Surrey are absolutely different from what we have here in Burnaby. In summary, I think it's good idea to keep my portion of Burnaby with the rest of Burnaby instead of joining with a city that you need to drive ~30 minutes to get on the opposite side of the river.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59003

Name to modify: Burnaby South / Burnaby-Sud

New name: Burnaby South / Burnaby-Sud

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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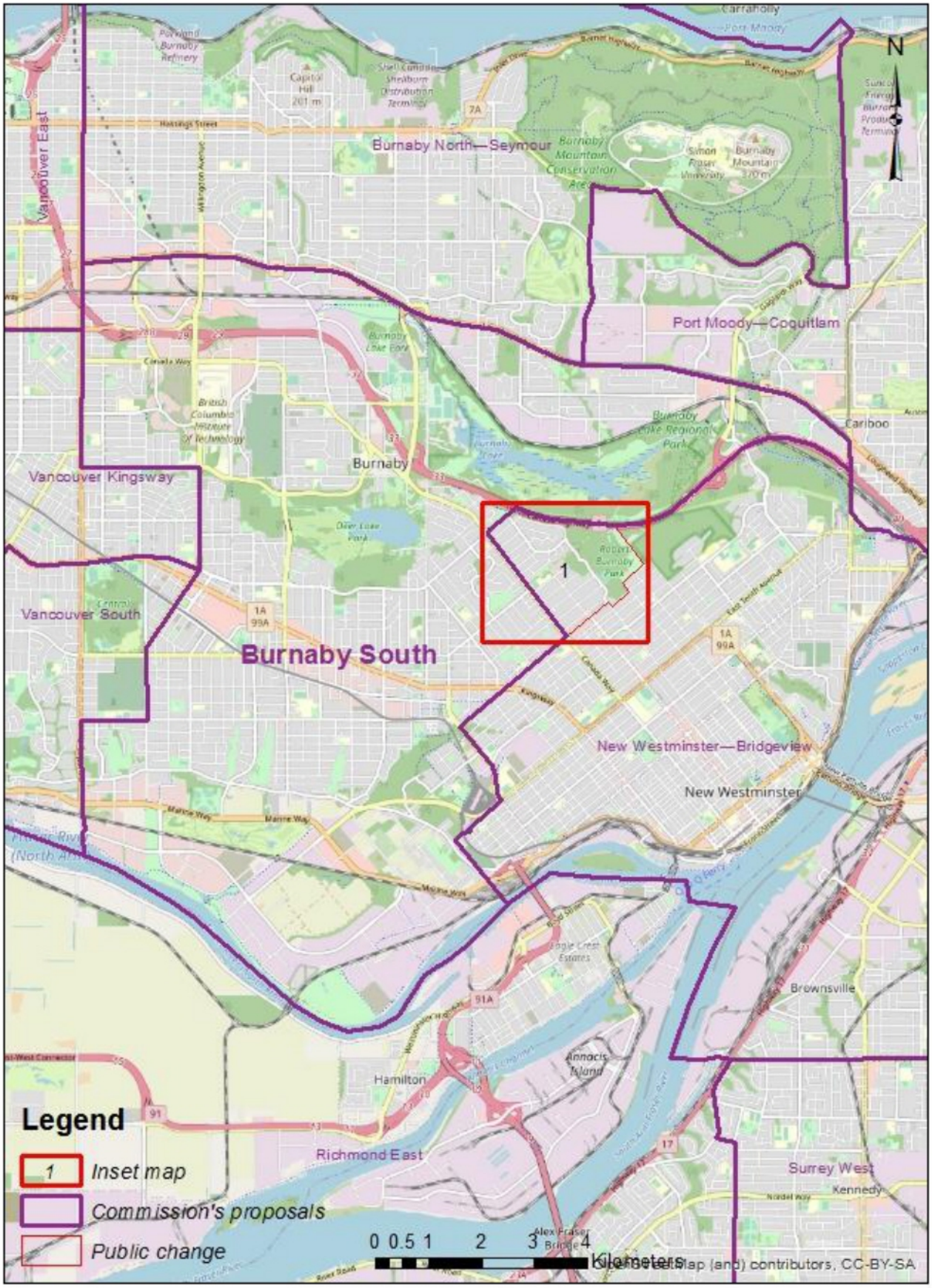

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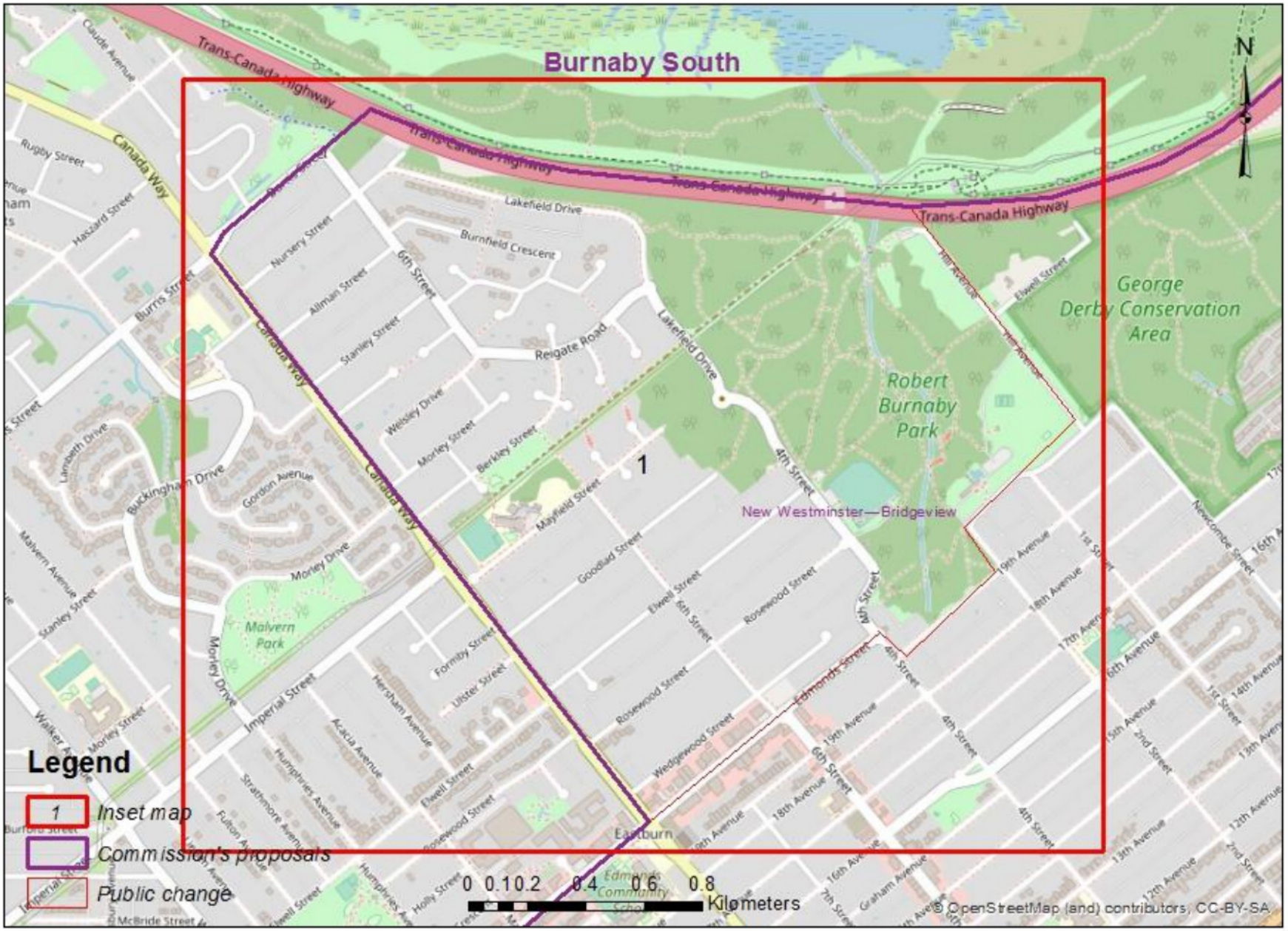

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19(1) [redacted]

Date received: 2022-09-15

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Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

First name: Last name:

Comments provided:

You're calling us Nanaimo-Ladysmith, but are taking a big chunk of North Nanaimo out of our region! Then, you're including a lot of Errington and Port Alberni into our region! Our city is always being divided like this! We are big enough to crest our own region now - change the boundaries so that the entire City of Nanaimo is included in this region. Then make any adjustments you need to Port Alberni and Ladysmith edges of this region.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59019

Name to modify: Nanaimo—Ladysmith / Nanaimo—Ladysmith

New name: Nanaimo—Ladysmith / Nanaimo—Ladysmith

Attachments:

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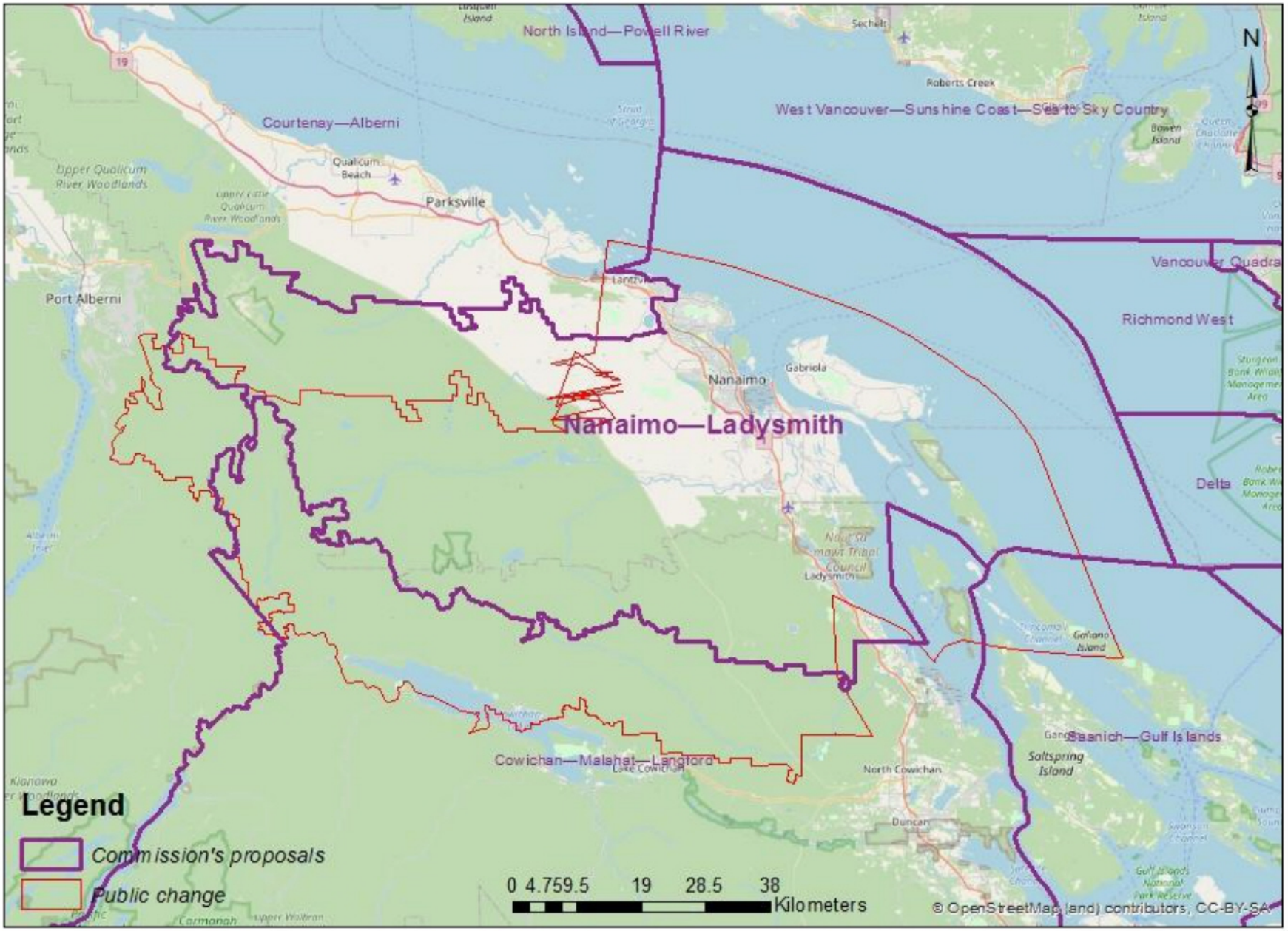

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 9:47 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast Sea To Sky Highway

Re the proposed boundary change: The idea of moving part of west Vancouver to North Vancouver riding is indeed the most sensible option.

Please keep all of the Sunshine Coast staying in one riding.

Thanks,

19(1)
Voter

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 22, 2022 9:10 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of Ambleside - it is a NO

As others have said it makes far more sense to carve out the other edges further into Sea to Sky like Powell River. These further areas have no real connection to West Vancouver whereas Ambleside is the centre, particularly, it makes no sense as it is the e economic hub and community hub of the city.
Please reconsider this. It is an important step!
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 22, 2022 1:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Federal Riding - proposed change for the North Shore

Hello,
19(1) take exception to the proposed change to the Boundaries of our Federal Riding.
It doesn't seem like a good plan at all to divide an established community town in half.
In our opinion this would cause unnecessary friction.
We don't need any more division in our politics as they stand & to take the heart out of Ambleside will create a whole new dynamic on the North Shore.
Concerned citizens,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 7, 2022 11:11 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

Importance: High

19(1)

19(1) My subject: I have serious reservations about the proposal to move the electoral boundaries in West Vancouver and the plan to split the Ambleside community into two electoral districts, grouping the eastern side with North Vancouver. It is an unnatural divisions that will erode the cohesion of this community. I would much prefer to see West Vancouver's Ambleside neighbourhood remain part of the Sea To Sky electoral district.
My comments will be in: English

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 3:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Representation

Dear Commission Secretary,

I am writing to provide my comments and feedback on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names.

19(1)

I am **strongly opposed** to the proposed boundaries that would change my electoral district.

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19(1) The Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act recognizes that "historical patterns and communities of interest and identity must be given great weight," while trying to address serious over- and under-representation. West Vancouverites have a strong and distinct identity with their community: culturally, historically, and politically. People pay taxes, use community services, and raise their children in the District of West Vancouver and send their children to school within School District 45 that embraces all of Ambleside. 19(1)
19(1) I consider myself part of West Vancouver and **not** North Vancouver).

I am strongly opposed to the proposed boundary.

Kindly confirm that my representation has been received and recorded.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 17, 2022 6:21 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Feedback From a Concerned Resident

Dear Commission Secretary:

I am forwarding this letter written by my neighbour as I am in agreement with the words she has written in this regard.

19(1)

Dear Commission Secretary,

I am writing to provide my comments and feedback on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names.

This is my representation. I will not be able to attend the public hearing at the West Vancouver Library on June 23, 2022.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed boundaries that would change my electoral district.

The proposed boundary involves the loss of much of Ambleside to the North Vancouver riding. The proposal to shift the western boundary of the North Vancouver riding from Capilano Rd. to 15th Street, effectively cuts Ambleside in half. This will affect over 10,000 constituents who traditionally have voted in the West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky Country riding.

This a very bad idea.

The Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act recognizes that "historical patterns and communities of interest and identity must be given great weight," while trying to address serious over- and under-representation. West Vancouverites have a strong and distinct identity with their community: culturally, historically, and politically. People pay taxes, use community services, and raise their children in the District of West Vancouver and send their children to school within School District 45 that embraces all of Ambleside. 19(1) 19(1) I have viewed myself as distinctly part of West Vancouver (and not North Vancouver) since this community was established over 110 years ago.

I am strongly opposed.

Kindly confirm that my representation has been received and recorded.

Thank you,

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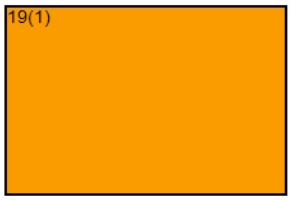

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 16, 2022 10:57 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast/Bowen Island

To the Committee,

I do not envy your job of deciding where to put new boundaries for the ridings as "you can't please all of the people all of the time". BUT, I would ask you if you could please have as a priority to keep Bowen Island and the Sunshine Coast in the same riding. All of us Bowen Island/Coastal people who are regular ferry users have a great deal in common and would appreciate the opportunity to vote as a block to get the special representation we feel we need.

Thank you from Bowen Islanders,

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Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

You left downtown Kelowna out of the riding called "Kelowna" ...

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59041

Name to modify: Vernon—Lake Country / Vernon—Lake Country

New name: Vernon—Lake Country / Vernon—Lake Country

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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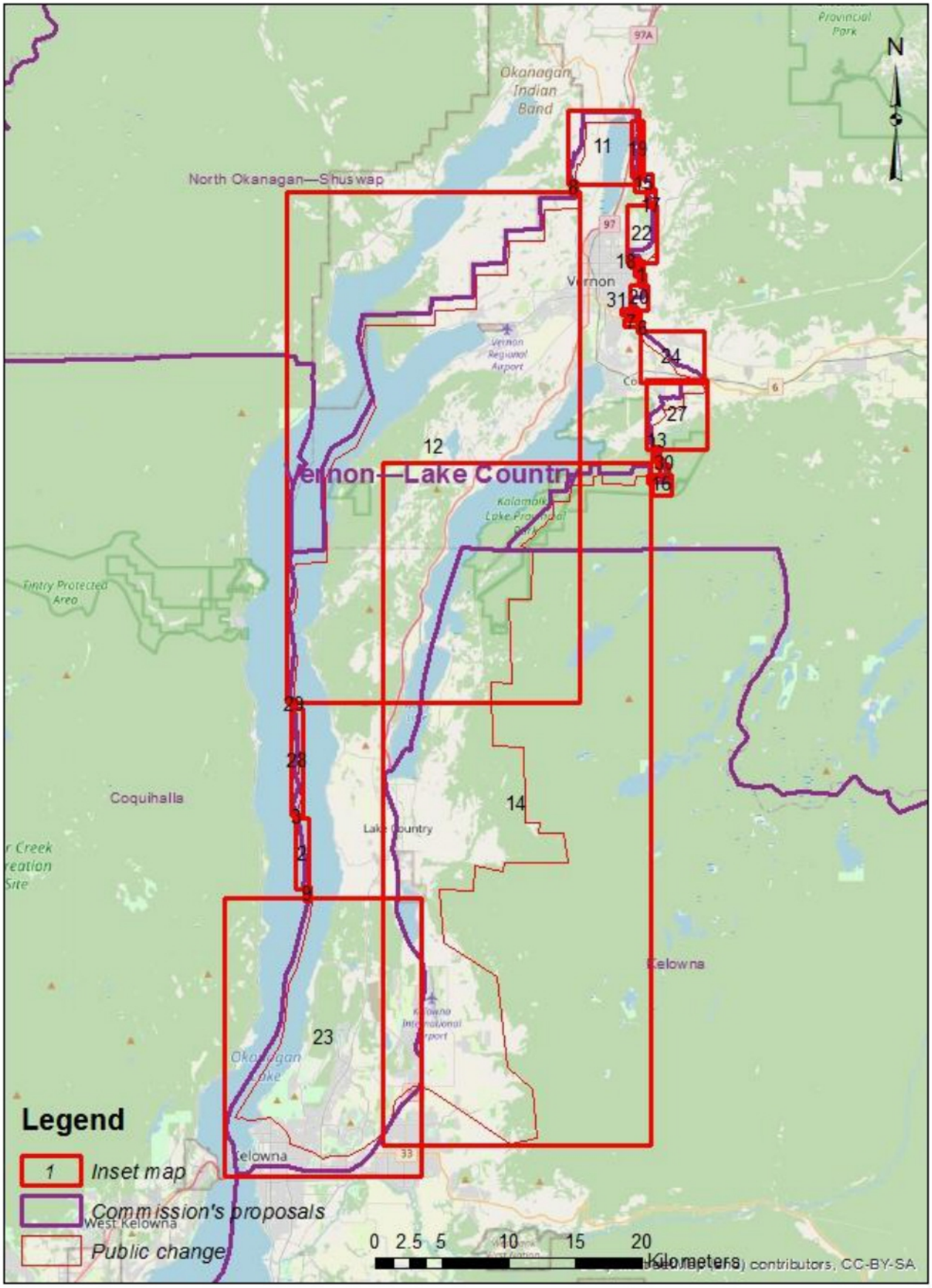

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Date received: 2022-05-08

RIM ID: 1651967478QYOQBCKIZR

Type of comments received:

New: N Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

While more representation for BC is important, it should not come at the cost of disenfranchising residents who are relying on their MLAs to advocate at the federal level for important regional initiatives. 19(1) there are numerous examples of such initiatives such as; the TMX Pipeline expansion, the gondola addition to our rapid transit and the Cameron Recreation Complex redevelopment. All these issues will have significant impact on the city of Burnaby and would benefit from federal funding or oversight. Asking the people closest to these issues to appeal to the MLA for port moody - coquitlam will significantly disenfranchise the residents and likely result in appeals to the Burnaby North - Seymore MLA on matters outside their district.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59002

Name to modify: Burnaby North—Seymour / Burnaby-Nord—Seymour

New name: Burnaby North—Seymour / Burnaby-Nord—Seymour

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 11:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Changing the Sunshine Coast boundaries

Hello,

I've been reading about the proposed redistribution of our Boundary lines and I much prefer them to stay the way they are now please.

19(1)
19(1) we have a lot in common that we don't share with those who live on Vancouver Island.

It would certainly be difficult to see an MP who lived so far away from us as Gibsons is Ferry dependent and is now expensive as we always have to make reservations for our Medical Appointments, which are in Vancouver.

I appreciate your looking at all our views on this but honestly I don't see any advantages to making these changes at this time.

Sincerely,
19(1)

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May 31, 2022

Re: Inclusion of Granville Island as a part of Vancouver Centre

Good afternoon,

I believe Granville Island should remain a part of Vancouver Center.

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19(1) In my experience, Granville Island is much more a part of the downtown Vancouver community of interest then the South Granville community of interest because both Granville Island and downtown Vancouver form the heart of Vancouver's tourism and arts & culture scene.

19(1)

Because Granville Island & downtown Vancouver are part of the same tourist and arts-and-culture scene, a trait not shared to the same extent with South Granville, Granville Island should remain a part of Vancouver Centre.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 7, 2022 1:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Feedback on proposed changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith & Courtenay-Alberni District Boundaries

Attention: Boundary Commission Members
Re: Changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith & Courtenay-Alberni District Boundaries

Hello,

I am writing in response to the proposed changes to the north end of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith district and its inclusion with the unrelated Courtenay-Alberni district. 19(1)
19(1)

Lantzville is tied to Nanaimo in every way. We are serviced by the Regional District of Nanaimo & the City of Nanaimo, are members of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District, and most of the working population is employed or owns businesses in Nanaimo. We are part of Nanaimo every day.

It is true that Nanaimo-Ladysmith is one of the largest districts in the country and some sort of realignment is needed, not only for the current population but with the rate of growth that is expected at the North end over the next 10 years. However, adding Lantzville and a sliver of North Nanaimo to Courtenay-Alberni will lead to even less representation in the long run. It is not unreasonable to expect that the Member of Parliament for Courtenay-Alberni will reside and have roots in Courtenay or Port Alberni, over an hour away. Courtenay-Alberni District already services a massive number of diverse communities all the way out to the West Coast, including several small islands. Adding Lantzville & a couple neighborhoods of Nanaimo to that long list goes against the principle of keeping communities together and makes managing that district even more daunting. I would rather have the opportunity to cast my vote for someone that represented Nanaimo, even if it meant my vote was part of a larger number and had potentially less weight.

I urge you to revisit realignment options in the bordering districts, particularly at the south end of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith district that would have less of a severing effect and make more long term sense in accommodating the current and anticipated growth in our region.

Sincerely,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 1, 2022 9:31 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Van Popta, Tako - M.P.
Subject: Langley-Aldergrove - Proposed Riding Boundaries

To Whomever It May Concern,

I would like to note my disappointment in seeing my address 19(1) included in the redistribution that would remove not just 'Fort Langley' (as named in the new riding) but also Walnut Grove, a far larger and more populous community.

At the demographic level, in spite of the Golden Ears Bridge there is still a significant socio-economic and demographic distinction between North Langley & Pitt Meadows. North Langley remains a relatively suburban/rural community, with Pitt Meadows being far more of a commuter community.

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19(1) I would be frustrated and disappointed to have to start again with a new riding's MP. A representative democracy only functions effectively with engaged citizens and representatives regularly communicating with one another, such relationships should not be lost in a bureaucratic reshuffling.

In summary: ***I do not believe that a significant portion of North Langley should be excluded from the Langley-Aldergrove constituency.***

19(1) so I do hope this input will be taken into consideration.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 7, 2022 12:54 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Potential Boundary Redistribution West Vancouver

Dear Commission Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your deliberations on the reallocation of the electoral boundaries in West Vancouver. 19(1) one of the things that makes our community so livable is its neighbourhood feel. Our community is very small with a long history of shared concerns, including traffic, density and housing, education and demographics that are best addressed by keeping the community intact. Splitting our community between two larger entities will mean our voices will be lost or diluted within larger communities, while having one Member of Parliament representing our shared concerns will give us a better chance of being heard. We will be best served with one and only one Member of Parliament who can represent the interests of our small community.

Sincerely,

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19(1) [redacted]

September 26, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC
V6E 2E9

19(1) [redacted] I was interested to learn of the need to remove 10,000-15,000 voters from our riding so that the population numbers are in line with the national average. Revising electoral boundaries is a difficult process. I am grateful that in Canada this work is done by a politically neutral commission: that we avoid the immorality of the gerrymandering prevalent in the United States.

There is no uncontroversial way of achieving the desired reduction in population. Your proposal is to allocate a portion of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding. As an alternative there has been a suggestion that the lower Sunshine Coast be divided, and voters north of Sechelt be moved to the North Island/Powell River riding.

Neither proposal is without problems, but I will argue in favour of the Commission's original proposal

Our riding is vast, and most of it is sparsely populated. Dividing the Coast would divide a rural community of shared interests and concerns (e.g., ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations.

West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore. Having a riding boundary in the middle of the West Vancouver would not be different from the sort of community divisions that exist in large urban centres.

I encourage the Commission to retain its original proposal.

19(1) [redacted]

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 3, 2022 9:56 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Pitt meadows Fort Langley riding

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Hello,
I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed realigned boundary of the Pitt meadows- Fort Langley riding. I feel that by having three separate municipalities within the riding will lead to unfamiliarity with the representative in parliament.
Furthermore I would like to see Maple Ridge and Pitt meadows stay as a combined riding as these communities are very connected in a number of ways including a joint RCMP detachment, many joint sports teams and programs.
Thank you for considering my comments
19(1)

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

All of Port Coquitlam should remain within Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam. Or all of Port Coquitlam in a different district, but Port Coquitlam should not be split in half, it is not big enough and there are enough unique interests between the north and south of Port Coquitlam to justify splitting them. Port Coquitlam is most aligned with Northeast Coquitlam, it has nothing similar with Fort Langley or Northeast Surrey.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59024

Name to modify: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

New name: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 9, 2022 9:19 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of the Port Coquitlam BC riding

I am writing this to voice my opposition to the proposed redistribution of the Port Coquitlam riding.

Splitting Port Coquitlam in half as proposed makes no sense, particularly geographically with the other areas it would be combined with. All of Port Coquitlam should be kept together in the proposed redistribution.

Regards,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 1:15 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed electoral districts for Port Coquitlam

I would like to express my concern with the proposed electoral districts for Port Coquitlam: Pitt-Meadows – Fort Langley and Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam.

There is no sense of common community in the proposed Pitt-Meadows – Fort Langley district, which includes the southern part of Port Coquitlam (where I live, and where the City Hall and main downtown area is located). For example, our local paper is the TriCity News – the three cities being Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, and Port Moody (plus Belcarra and Anmore). While perhaps looking at a map one might think there would be logic in connecting communities along the Fraser and Pitt Rivers, in practice there is no such grouping. Boundaries within any of the "Tricities" would make much more sense. I would suggest the district of Pitt Meadows – Fort Langley would be quite a challenge to properly represent, given it contains incomplete portions of three quite distinct communities.

Also of concern is the split of the city of Port Coquitlam into two districts. The City has tried hard to bring us all together, despite the train tracks crossing the city in two. Please do not exacerbate this split.

Please reconsider the boundaries such that the City of Port Coquitlam is kept whole and with other related communities; I suggest adding all of Port Coquitlam to Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam. If this isn't possible, at least keep all of Port Coquitlam together in another district.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 12, 2022 1:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: PoCo redone

What!!! PoCo is part of the tricities not part of Pitt Meadows. This is a ridiculous drawing of lines.
And when will adding more ridings end??? There are enough politicians!
If reorganizing current ridings is required, fine.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 7, 2022 9:02 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam New proposed riding

Hello,

I am writing to suggest that the new riding proposed for Langley/Pitt Meadows/ South Port Coquitlam is a terrible idea. 19(1) We are a small community and I really dislike the idea of splitting our small community into two ridings. Langley and Pitt Meadows are both on the other side of the highway and the river from Port Coquitlam, so we have very little in common with them. It seems ridiculous to separate our small community into North and South and instead group each half of our community with neighboring cities that we have very little in common with.

I hope you will consider this and change the division so North and South Port Coquitlam can stay together.

Thank you,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 13, 2022 4:16 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

Many residents of the qathet region take the single direct ferry to Comox for certain health services and other amenities as it is the closest larger centre.

19(1)

As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island than we do with West Vancouver.

Sincerely,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 18, 2022 10:33 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

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Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 16, 2022 12:15 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

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Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 14, 2022 6:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

Many residents of the qathet region take the single direct ferry to Comox for certain health services and other amenities as it is the closest larger centre.

As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island than we do with West Vancouver.

Powell River traditionally has been a strong NDP community. Is changing to West Vancouver, Madeira Park, Sechelt and Gibson a way to minimize and dilute our political input?

19(1) I strongly urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 7:52 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

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when we were in the same riding as West Vancouver, we received little or no response to our concerns from our MP, who apparently knew next to nothing about our community. For a city, Powell River has a tiny population, thus offering little incentive for an urban MP to care about our semi-rural concerns. All we got for our vote was political junk mail. Now it's much better, with an MP who clearly recognizes that northern Vancouver Island and *qathet* communities are cut from similar cloth.

Sincerely,
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 5:17 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

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Sincerely,
19(1)
[address]

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 5:17 PM
To: BC-CB
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 5:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

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19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 3, 2022 2:56 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

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As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island than we do with West Vancouver.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 1:39 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Election reform

I would like to see Revelstoke stay where it's In the East kootenys.and move Nelson over to the west

Sent from my iPad

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 10:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Conservez l'intégrité de la circonscription West-Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea-to-Sky Country

Bonjour,

19(1)

Je ne suis pas d'accord avec la division en deux de la Sunshine Coast . Je crois que cela diviserait notre communauté d'intérêt et aurait un impact négative sur la représentativité et les communications..

19(1)
19(1) Cette région correspond presque exactement à la circonscription fédérale donc à ce niveau on a reconnu que l'inclusion permet une bonne représentativité.

Ce serait un désastre de diviser la circonscription West-Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea-to-Sky Country et j'espère que vous allez être d'accord que la proposition courante et celle qui fait le plus de bon sens en gardant l'intégrité de la Sunshine Coast..

J'appuie donc la proposition actuelle du status quo et je ne crois pas qu'il faut la changer.

Merci pour tout votre bon travail.

A+

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19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

RIM ID: 1651819017JAOSGGESPJ

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Under this revision to Richmond West, the constituency will gain the entirety of Steveston but lose everything East of No. 4 Road. Instead of turning West on Moncton Street, the riding boundary continues South on No. 2 Road and into the Fraser River. To counteract drawing the entirety of Steveston into Richmond West, instead of turning East on Cambie Road from No. 4 Road and then Northwest along Highway 99, I propose continuing North on No. 4 Road until the exit lane from Highway 99 and then resuming Northwest on Highway 99. I believe it would be in the interest of the Steveston community to draw the entire community into one constituency instead of splitting 2 blocks off the community and assigning them to Richmond East.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59028

Name to modify: Richmond West / Richmond-Ouest

New name: Richmond West / Richmond-Ouest

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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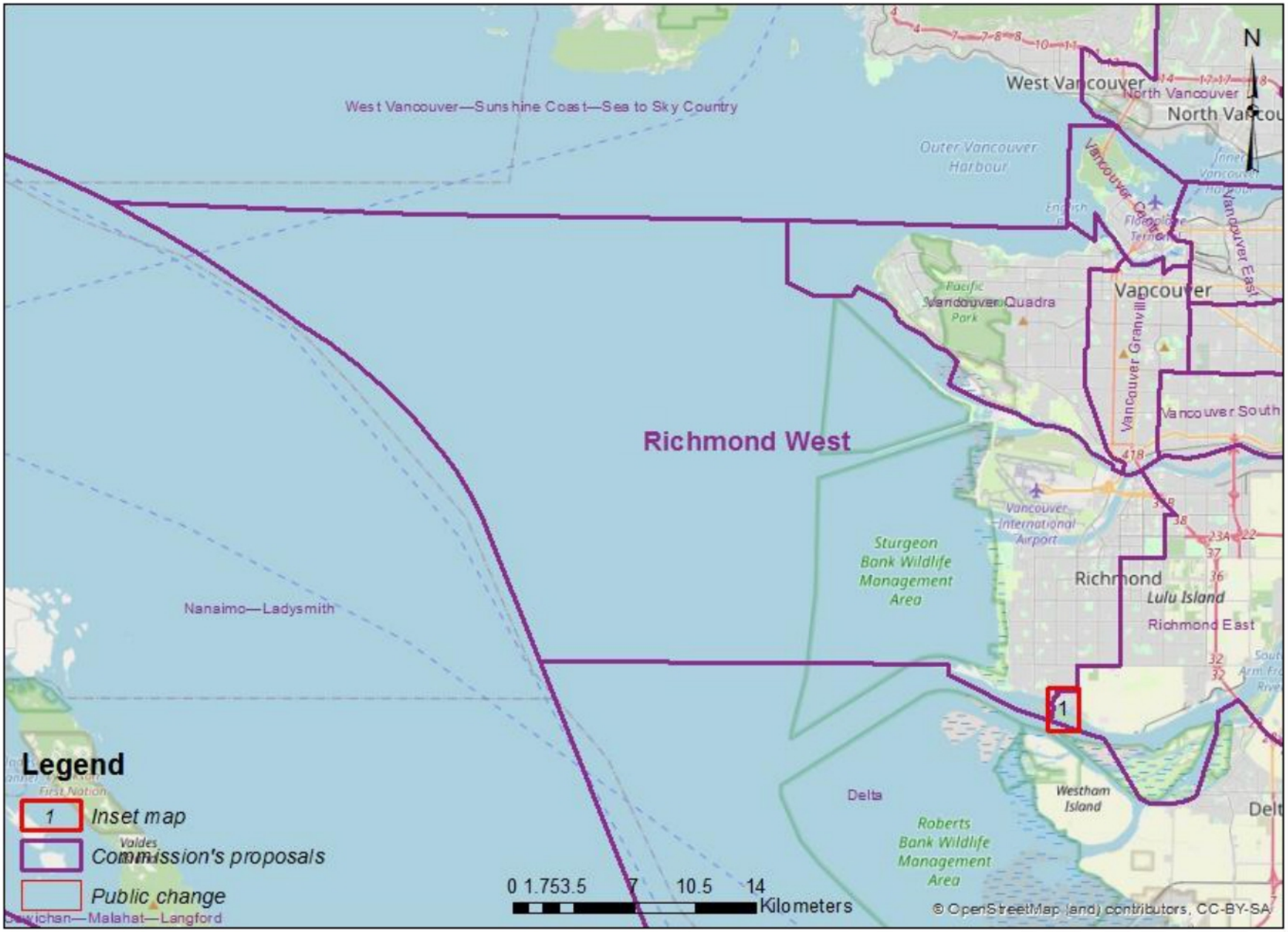

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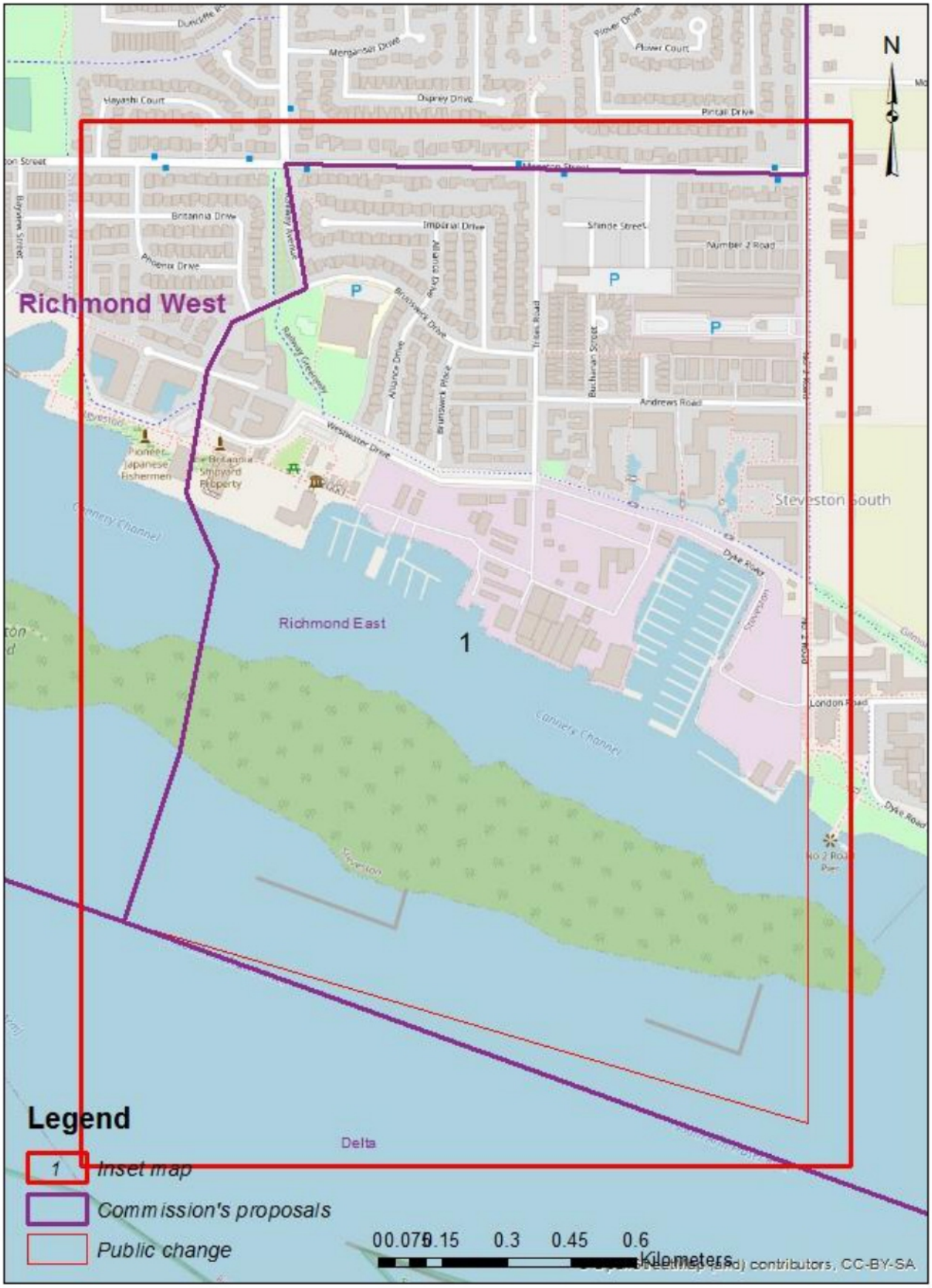

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 11:02 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: RE - Sunshine Coast re-jig plan & opposition ...

Hi, thanks for your work in re-considering electoral boundary borders, it's vital to keep attending to this!

19(1) we support the plan you put forward for our (vast riding) to re-draw the electoral boundaries of West Vancouver, and allocate new voters to North Vancouver.

WE ARE OPPOSED to any plan to re-draw this riding and bisect it at Sechelt. This makes no sense and would create deep resentment and cynicism in the local electorate. The entire Sunshine Coast needs to and should remain intact as a voting bloc, end of story.

Thank you,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 6:45 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of boundaries

To the Boundary Commission

My vote would be to redistribute the electoral boundaries so that the Sunshine Coast stays together
Thank you

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 9:36 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky riding

Hello

It has come to our attention that there is a consideration to adjust the boundaries of our riding so that the Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into 2 parts with one part being part of the riding as it stands now (i.e. with West Vancouver) and the other being part of the Powell River North Island riding. We would like to go on record as being completely opposed to this notion. The community of the Sunshine Coast which we have called home since the 1970s is a quasi island being accessible only by ferry. Although it is attached to the mainland, there is no road access. This makes the Sunshine Coast one cohesive community with small community hubs dotted along its length. Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such things as water and solid waste infrastructure. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are a community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. There was a time when our riding had both the Upper Sunshine Coast (Powell River) and the Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) together. But as the population grew, this was changed so that Powell River became attached to the North Island and we were attached to West Vancouver. This has never made sense to us. We have so much in common with Powell River (quatet) and little in common with West Vancouver. If any change is necessary, you could consider attaching the **entire** Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to the North Island. But splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how an MP would be able to manage a riding such as the one being considered. It is also hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

We hope that this proposal will not gain traction and will be abandoned.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and for the work that you are doing.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 10:44 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of seats Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky riding

Attention Boundary Commission Members:

19(1)

Your proposal for this latest change makes sense to us in Roberts Creek. In-person visits to our MP (if we belonged to North Island - Powell River and our MP came from North Vancouver Island) would necessitate two ferries, whereas your proposal makes travel a non- event for West Vancouver to possibly North Vancouver. (We have a one ferry MP at present and that is satisfactory.) It is rumoured that there is some possibility that the Lower Sunshine Coast might be divided in half to cut off 10,000 voters. That would make no sense to us in that we are an entity in our needs. Having two different MP's to represent us in Parliament could possibly be fractious and harmful to those needs.
We hope you will keep to your proposal as it makes sense in every way. Thank- you for your time and energy to this matter.
19(1)

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19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

RIM ID: 1651824343MUJNRUMODA

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: Y

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Under the first proposal, Townline Road is used as the border between the Abbotsford and Langley-Aldergrove electoral districts. However, Townline Road forms the centre of a cohesive and close-knit community built in the early 1990s. This community in West Abbotsford known as "Townline Hill" should, therefore, not be separated by an electoral border. In fact, there are three public and two private schools located within 250 metres of Townline Road in Townline Hill. This fact emphasizes the importance of keeping homes along Townline Road together in the same electoral district. Mt. Lehman road in the West and Downes Road in the North would serve as a logical border for the Abbotsford electoral district as they distinctly mark the border between urban/suburban Abbotsford (which includes Townline Hill) and rural Abbotsford.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59001

Name to modify: Abbotsford / Abbotsford

New name: Abbotsford / Abbotsford

Attachments:

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Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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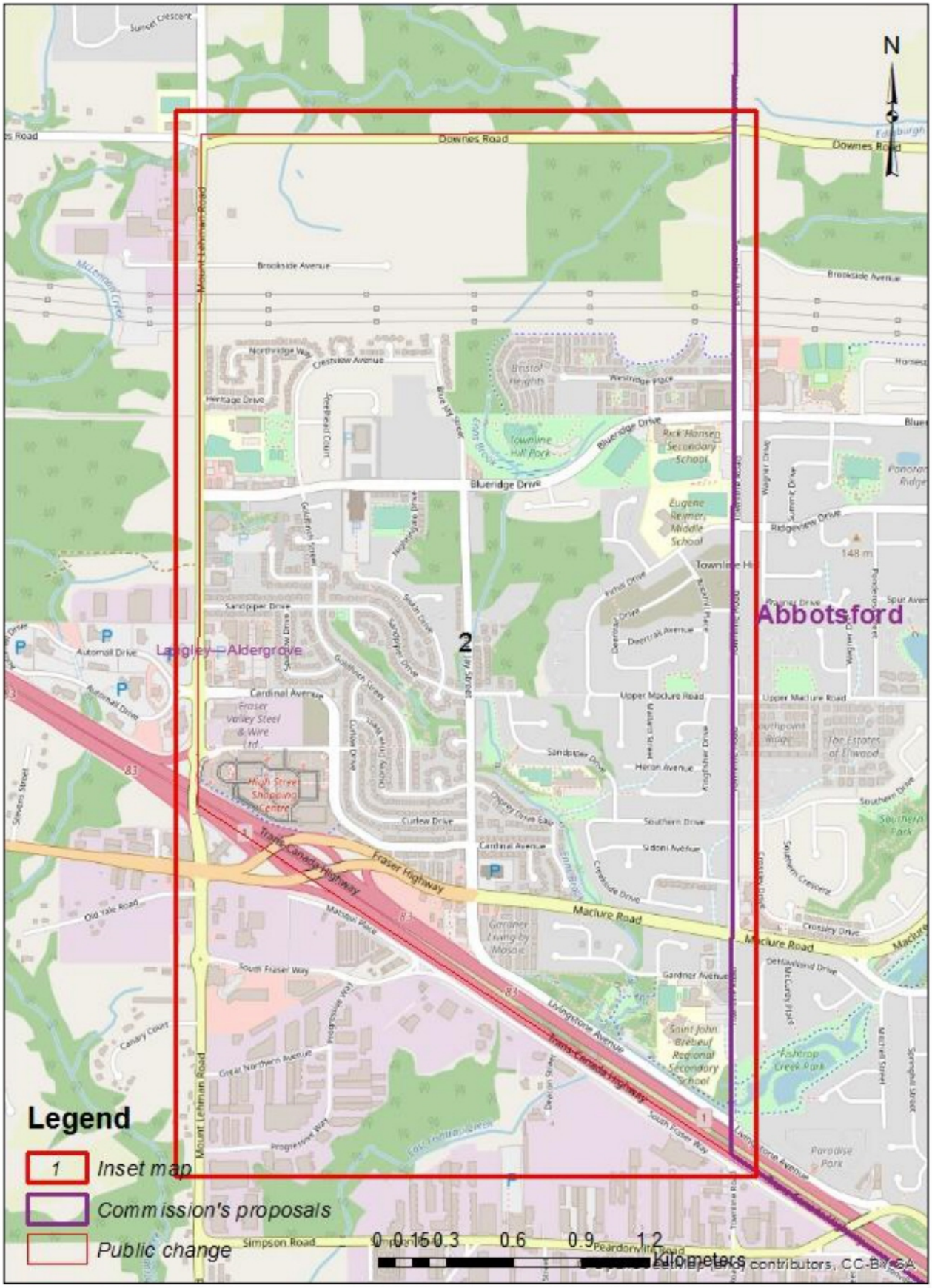

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 7, 2022 12:57 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver proposed boundary

19(1) I strongly oppose the suggestion that a part of my city be hived off and inserted into another constituency. We are entitled to a unified voice through an MP that represents the whole community.

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 12:17 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: RE-Drawing of Boundaries for Federal Ridings in BC

19(1)

oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I believe that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, along with other communities south of the Fraser River.

Yours sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 26, 2022 9:28 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Good Initial Boundaries Proposal

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC
From 19(1)
Burnaby
Aug 30, 2022

Dear Commission,

I am writing to commend this Commission for creating a boundary proposal that has the most equal federal ridings proposed ever to my knowledge. Kudos!

I firmly believe in voter equality, and that the primary consideration in defining riding boundaries is equal population per riding. The exceptions to this rule that are given in the boundaries act are clearly of secondary importance and should be read that way.

I note that of the 43 ridings defined in your initial proposal, only Skeena diverges substantially below the provincial average, and it is still within the 25% limit. By my calculation, in the rest of the province, only 8 ridings diverge between 5% and 10% from the provincial quota, and the rest are all within 5%. This is a fantastic result. I don't think any commission has achieved this level of voter equality before.

This proposal clearly demonstrates that it would be reasonable to reduce the current 25% limit to 10%, and also that it would be possible to eliminate the clause in the legislation that allows divergence above 25% in exceptional circumstances. If you do include recommendations to legislators as part of your report, I hope both of these facts will be mentioned.

Further regarding the current proposal, I have seen that several local mayors in Greater Vancouver have taken issue with the boundaries because they do not follow municipal boundaries. I understand this, and I agree that it's a valid complaint for local government, but there is no solution as long as we use single member ridings. Equal population per riding is more important than aligning federal boundaries with municipal boundaries.

Sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 10, 2022 2:39 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: tako.vanpopta@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Proposed changes to Riding Boundaries

Dear Sir / Madam,

19(1)

19(1) Recently I received a paper notice of proposed changes arising from the ten year redistribution process.

I cannot believe that the proposal presented is to split the current riding in two, and create two (2) halves across a major river to its north , and on its south side to truncate the existing riding further along Highway One (TCH) which then separates the commercial and industrial area of North Langley, residential Walnut Grove & Fort Langley from their natural and current part of being within the Township of Langley.

The river itself apart from a physical barrier also highlights the fact that Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows have no existing administrative & historical connections apart from their all being members of Metro Vancouver (GVRD) along with Langley Township.

The north & south sides of the river have only one (1) means of connection, the Golden Ears Bridge.

Whilst the redistribution process due to population changes +/- makes sense, it misses many points.

I am utterly appalled.

Yours Truly,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 30, 2022 10:42 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Langley Riding Boundaries
Attachments: Riding Boundaries.doc

Please find attached my suggestion regarding the new proposed boundaries in our area.

19(1)

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BC-CB@redcoupage-federal-redistribution June 29, 2022

19(1) Like most of us who live in Langley, we find this proposal very strange. 19(1) this new proposed riding might combine our area with Maple Ridge on the other side of the Fraser River.

While there is now a bridge across the river, most citizens of Langley have very little communication with Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows. But we do have almost daily communication with Langley City (which has been excluded from the Langley riding for some time now).

If having relatively equal voting populations are a major factor in setting these new boundaries, I suggest that your proposed realignment of boundaries be reconsidered.

Checking online with the gross populations of the respective regions affected I have found this:

1) Langley Township and Langley City combined: about 167,000 persons.
2) Abbotsford: 168,773
3) Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows: 111,587
- However with the inclusion of Mission with 41,000 people, plus those from other points in between, No. 3 would total about 155,000.

These 3 communities have much more in common with each other through this suggested arrangement. Even moreso in common than do the current riding boundaries that include West Abbotsford, and excludes Langley City, from the Langley Riding,

I think that obscuring these ridings even more via some badly constructed new arrangement that combines Maple Ridge with North Langley should be avoided.

And what is more, with my suggested alignment of boundaries the populations are relatively equal.

Please consider this and let me know of your decision.

19(1)

cc. Tako Van Popta (MP)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 8, 2022 10:14 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: brad.vis@parl.gc.ca; Lang, Brittany (Vis, Brad - MP); 19(1)
19(1)
Subject: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission - 19(1)
19(1)
Attachments: 2022-07-08 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission Input from 19(1)
19(1) .pdf

Dear Commission Secretary,

Please find attached 19(1) on the work of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission, specifically as it pertains to the federal riding boundaries in our area. If you require any additional information, 19(1) can be reached as per the details below:

19(1)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important matter.

Best wishes,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 9, 2022 3:21 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: A Letter in Opposition of Proposed Changes
Attachments: 2022 06 08 Letter to Federal Election Boundaries Commission for BC.pdf

Hello,

On behalf of 19(1) please see attached a letter in opposition of the proposed changes to the federal electoral districts in BC.

Thank you,

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CITY OF MISSION ON THE FRASER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FILE: 01-0430-20

July 8, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
c/o BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Commission Members:

Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission – Input by the City of Mission Mayor and Council

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our input on the consideration of realignment of federal riding boundaries in our area.

On June 6, 2022, City of Mission Council considered our preferences when it comes to the proposed realignment of the current federal boundaries. The following resolution was approved unanimously:

> "That a letter be sent to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC expressing Council's views on the proposed realignment of Mission's boundary, such as sharing key water and sewer infrastructure with Abbotsford, having mutually aligned priorities with Abbotsford (e.g. flood protection, waste management, transit and transportation, reconciliation with First Nations), and membership in the same Regional District with Abbotsford."

In short, our Council expressed concerns about any federal realignment that would have us share a riding with Maple Ridge. The reason for that concern has to do with the fact that Maple Ridge is a member of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, while Mission is a member of the Fraser Valley Regional District.

As part of the Abbotsford-Mission CMA, we share a considerable number of resources with our neighbour to the south, including sewer, water, recycling, and transit services. As our region experiences growth, we expect that our need for regional partnerships will grow.

While Mission maintains a collegial and positive relationship with the City of Maple Ridge, we simply do not work together to the same extent. If an MP was assigned to an area that included both cities, they would find their attention significantly divided. In some cases, they might be asked to advocate for competing interests.

As a final note, we recognize that the alignment of our riding as it exists currently requires that it covers a large geographic area extending into the Fraser Canyon. As residents of the North Fraser, we work frequently with communities in most of that area. Indeed, the electoral areas to our east are essentially considered by most to be part of our community. These electoral areas include F, G, and C. Additionally, we frequently work with First Nations who occupy the North Shore in this area. We are actively working together on interests such as watershed management, salmon enhancement, transportation infrastructure, and reconciliation work.

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In the opinion of Mission Council, as much as possible, we would like to see our electoral boundaries reflect the social realities of our community, meaning that it should include Abbotsford and the electoral areas to our immediate east, rather than Maple Ridge.

Sincerely,

19(1)

PAUL HORN
MAYOR

Cc. Leq'á:mel First Nation
Skew:lets First Nation
Fraser Valley Regional District
City of Abbotsford
Member of Parliament, Brad Vis
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Fraser Valley Regional District

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June 8th, 2022

Sent via email: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Federal Election Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300-1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing on behalf of the residents in the Fraser Valley Regional District's (FVRD) Electoral Area A to oppose the proposed changes to the federal electoral districts in BC, specifically the proposed Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon electoral district.

Electoral Area A is part of the FVRD and its residents and services are all aligned with communities in the Fraser Valley, including Abbotsford, Mission, Hope, Kent, and Chilliwack. We have limited connection to communities in the Coquihalla and from our residents' perspective, it doesn't make sense to divide our voice in Parliament and link it to the needs and challenges with communities that are not similar to our own. Our geographic and economic challenges are not the same as those in the Okanagan.

Electoral Area A's small, rural population of 551 people often struggles to be heard, even within the existing electoral boundaries. Please do not further extinguish our voice and make us a disconnected afterthought in the Coquihalla riding. Our recommendation would be to keep the Fraser Canyon with the Matsqui-Mission electoral district where our shared services and interests allow us to feel represented in Parliament.

Sincerely,

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19(1) FVRD Electoral Area A

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 5, 2022 1:38 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries

Hi, I do not understand the current redistribution of electoral boundaries. 19(1) I believe that we should be electorally with Abbotsford. We have nothing in common with Maple Ridge. There is not even regular transportation to Maple Ridge. To even phone Maple Ridge is long distance.
Here is why I think Abbotsford would be a better fit with Mission.
1. Surgery? Abbotsford Hospital.
2. Driver's Licence? Abbotsford office.
3. Passport? Abbotsford
4. Water treatment plant? Abbotsford.
5. Handy Dart? Yep…you got it, Mission to Abbotsford only, cannot get to Maple Ridge…and my dentist is there. Sigh.

Got to say, I think we should be joined to whatever region Abbotsford's voting ends up being because it really feels that everything Government related has to be done in Abbotsford and since voting has everything to do with voting, well it just makes logical sense and it sure would be something to have the government make logical sense. Thanks for asking.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 16, 2022 10:24 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Draft boundaries in our area

Here are my comments on the suggested boundary revisions affecting the Matsqui, Mission, Fraser Canyon Riding

- I believe that parliament, no matter the party with a majority, has failed to tackle the inequities between rural and urban populations. I know the challenges of this, however, at some point this will need to be addressed, as will the growing number of MP's under the current process. I have thoughts on this, but until there is a will to address this issue I'll keep them.
- For Ashcroft and area this plan at least puts us in with regional urban centres that are more relatable than the current riding boundaries. (The lack of leadership in parliament to address urban/rural representation still leaves the small communities without an effective voice.)
- I believe the Canyon First Nations and others should be moved into the Chilliwack riding rather than Coquihalla. If this were to happen at least they would have direct road access to the rest of the riding.
- I believe dividing the "north and south" sides of the population so they are served on their side of the river is a good idea.

For our area (Ashcroft and district) this draft plan is a small step forward.

David Durksen

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Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

September 28, 2022

Dear Commission,

Re: Federal Boundary Commission on changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith

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With the new boundary proposals, Nanaimo is being split up and the North End of Nanaimo cut out of the riding as well as the Municipality of Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation – these are all communities that currently fall within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

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1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
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September 29, 2022

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Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
COQUITLAM | PORT COQUITLAM | PORT MOODY

September 27, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Madam Justice Saunders, Dr. Carty and Mr. Ladyman,

Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce represents more than 800 organizations operating within Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore and Belcarra. On behalf of our board of directors and members, I ask you to please not move south Port Coquitlam out of the two Tri-Cities federal electoral districts.

The Tri-Cities region shares an identity and kinship that has been formed over many decades. We share common issues. We are served collectively by one school district (SD43), by one local newspaper, the *Tri-City News*, and by one Chamber of Commerce. Just over 50 years ago, the three separate city Chambers in this region joined together to form the Tri-Cities Chamber, as they recognized the greater strength these communities have when they unite. Also of note, at the provincial government level, the Tri-Cities is neatly divided into four ridings, within the Tri-Cities boundaries.

The Tri-Cities is bordered naturally by the Fraser River to the south, Pitt River to the east, and a provincial park, watershed and forests to the north. And to the west, largely along a pioneer route, now called North Road. And the region is booming with development. The 2021 census reported our population at nearly 244,000, and the Metro 2050 report by Metro Vancouver projects our population to be 316,000 by 2030.

We appreciate the Commission's goal to create uniform electoral districts across Canada, with the understanding there may be opportunities for exceptions to the quota of 116,300 per district. Please consider an exception for the Tri-Cities. The *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act* permits a deviation of up to 25% more per district. With the Tri-Cities population at 244,000, divided roughly in half between two federal electoral districts, this can fall well within the allowable limits.

Under your current proposal, with south Port Coquitlam joining the Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley electoral district, constituents could potentially face driving over two bridges – the Pitt River and the Golden Ears – to visit their MP's office in Fort Langley. This change effectively segregates south Port Coquitlam from its natural region, the Tri-Cities. These potential new boundaries do not make sense, and would be much more difficult to manage for the MP, other levels of government, and the constituents. The Tri-Cities has been served very well by our two electoral districts, and two MPs.

The Tri-Cities Chamber respectfully requests the Commission consider delaying any change to the electoral boundaries for the Tri-Cities until the next review period. I appreciate your time to consider this position of the Tri-Cities Chamber in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 11:36 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta surrey richmond redistribution

Hello,

Is this so.e.kind of make.work project? People in Delta do not want to be a part of surrey or richmond for that matter. Leave the boundaries as is. We have enough people/ population to support this region the way it is. Leave well enough alone.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 10:27 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION 2022

Importance: High

Dear Commissions,

Here is my feedback on the proposed redistribution for Delta.

First, the website for Redistribution in the section called Public Participation BC, is poorly designed and does not clearly show how to *only* give feedback without Notice of Representation.

Second, as you know, a proposal by definition is a suggestion for discussion. Your proposal for Delta redistribution is a proposal that needs to be scraped.
Delta is a growing City with thousands of new homes being built. We have the Tsawwassen First Nation and the Musqueam Indian reserve, many farming areas, a diverse geographic area and we need our own seat in Parliament to remain.

We do not want to be part of Surrey or Richmond. Each of these two areas have their own unique issues and need the current representation to remain. If their population is increasing then new electoral ridings should be created in those areas.

Leave Delta alone.

Regards,

19(1)

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19(1) [redacted]

June 13, 2022.

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC
1055 West Hastings Street
Suite 300
Vancouver, B.C. V6E 2E9

Dear Secretary:

I am writing to express my concerns re. the proposed new federal electoral maps.

19(1) [redacted]

was pleased that in 2015 the electoral boundaries were reconfigured to combine North Delta and South Delta into one Delta riding.

The proposed changes would divide Delta into three ridings. This would leave Delta without a voice for the people of Delta. I do hope that you will leave North and South Delta as one riding.

Yours truly,

19(1) [redacted]

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 12, 2022 7:12 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Changes to Riding Boundaries

To Whom It May Concern:

I am looking at the proposed changes to the Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge Federal Electoral Boundaries

and I would like to register my disagreement of the change in question.

The proposed boundaries would have Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, parts of Port Coquitlam, Fort Langley and Surrey in the same riding

which is nothing short or ridiculous.

With the same token, the proposal of Maple Ridge-Mission boundary would now extend to the east including

Harrison and Agassiz as well as part of Pitt Meadows.

In both cases, it is my opinion, that it would be very difficult to manage and represent the geographic size of all

these cities and municipalities. And they have very different community interests.

I want my MP to represent me to the best of his/her ability and these changes don't provide that scenario.

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It would be my opinion to leave the boundaries as they are existing today, Pitt Meadows - Maple Ridge as is

the historical pattern of our electoral district.

Thank you for including my input to the proposed changes.

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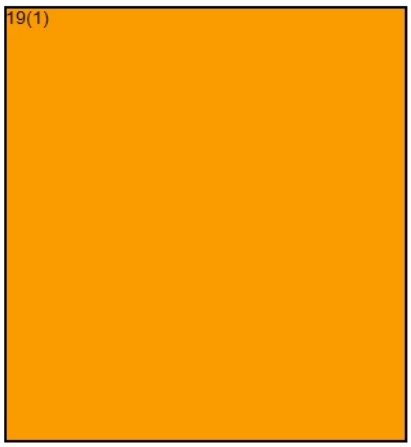

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 5, 2022 7:37 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta

I can't believe you are considering dividing up my home of Delta into three different districts. It just doesn't make any sense at all to me. Why should Richmond and Surrey be making decisions for us. Our present way of governing works very well. When we want something or even just information, we go to one person, not three. I can't imagine the other two would want to spend time focusing on our problems when they have bigger ones of their own.
Please leave us the way we are. 19(1)

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Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

June 13, 2022

Dear Sir/Madam:
Re: Proposed Electoral Boundary for Vernon – Lake Country

I have reviewed the proposed boundary for Vernon – Lake Country, 19(1) as well as the most recent Census Canada results and offer the following comments.

The population of Kelowna is now 145,000. Clearly this population is too large to be accommodated into one riding given that the average riding population is targeted to be in the 110,000 range. Roughly 35,000 residents of the City of Kelowna have to be assigned to some other riding.

The proposed riding of Kelowna takes back in that portion of the city that is currently in the Central Okanagan riding. This makes sense. Having this "wedge" of Kelowna attached to some other riding was difficult for residents to understand.

The Commission's proposal is to use Highway 97 as the dividing line between Kelowna and Vernon – Lake Country. This results in the Glenmore area of Kelowna being included in Vernon – Lake Country. As noted above some portion of Kelowna has to be assigned to some other riding to achieve parity amongst ridings.

In my view the Commission has done the best it could in choosing a riding boundary. Highway 97 is a natural boundary that can be understood by residents. I also note that the proposed riding is fairly compact compared to some other surrounding ridings and is fairly urban in nature in that it contains portions of Vernon as well as the portion of Kelowna.

I therefore support the proposed boundary.

The one recommendation that I have is to amend the name of the riding to "Vernon – Lake Country – Glenmore". This would make it clear to residents that the Glenmore portion of Kelowna is included in the riding and increase their "sense of belonging" to the new riding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

19(1)

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19(1)

September 15, 2022

To: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300 - 1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC
V6E 2E9

Dear Members of the Commission,
RE: Federal Electoral Boundaries Proposals for BC – Vancouver Metropolitan Area

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19(1) I can tell you with absolute certainty that each of these places has a unique personality.

I know that many of you are experts in the census and I can see from the census subdivisions (CSD's) for the Vancouver Metropolitan Area that many of you probably already aware of the differences between different parts of the Vancouver area. For example, I see that Vancouver, Richmond, and Burnaby are in separate CSD's which I think is spot on.

Though I am happy that you are working diligently to ensure that citizens in every electoral district have the same relative voting power, I am concerned that you are defining electoral district boundaries that are more difficult to represent.

To be fair, I can see that the areas of Burnaby that have been added to Vancouver Kingsway probably have similar people in them to Vancouver Kingsway. Thus, adding them does not change the vote very much. So the proposed redistribution equalizes the voting power of the ED's without changing the outcome of elections. To me, this is the opposite of gerrymandering and I really appreciate the effort that went into this.

Unfortunately, the Parliament of Canada is more than an election every four years. Once in parliament, MP's need to be able represent our unique needs, deliberate problems that are important to us and liaise with other levels of government. Mixing Vancouver and Burnaby makes representing these two unique areas in parliament harder.

Imagine someone moved census dissemination blocks (DB's) out of Burnaby CSD and added them to the Vancouver CSD and vis versa. It would make the Vancouver and Burnaby census data much harder to use, because Vancouver and Burnaby are unique areas of interest. We frequently need separate census data for Vancouver and Burnaby. Therefore mixing the data together makes the census data more difficult to use.

In my opinion, a similar problem occurs when mix voters from Burnaby and Vancouver together. Vancouver and Burnaby are cities with different issues and interests. They have

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different local newspapers, different types of police forces (RCMP vs City Police) and different city charters. Their histories and how they have chosen to plan their cities hugely different. They are also located in different health units and transit zones. There are different community groups and associations in each city. Local politics and political parties in Vancouver and Burnaby are also different and complicated. **Though it is possible have ED's straddling the two cities, it makes representing them harder**.

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19(1) However, I don't think that the 7,000 or so Burnaby voters would ever quite get the same level of representation that the 108,000 Vancouver voters get. 19(1) Burnaby politics are complicated and different from Vancouver politics. 19(1)

19(1)

However, I think that a Burnaby voter would be better off staying in a Burnaby riding.
If the Burnaby voters are not added to Don's riding, they will stay in Burnaby South which is Jagmeet Singh's riding is. 19(1)

19(1) However, Burnaby voters would have some advantages to staying in Jagmeet's riding. First, Jagmeet is leader of the Federal NDP which gives Burnaby voters extra representational clout. Second, Jagmeet's riding is entirely in Burnaby, 19(1)

19(1)

Thus I think Burnaby voters will get better local representation at the federal level if they remain in Burnaby ridings.

I know that there is a need to balance voting power, but it is also necessary to weight the need for representation of unique areas. The Yukon, NWT, Nunavut and Labrador are small ridings, but are so unique that they require their own MP's to represent them. Vancouver and Burnaby may not be as different as Labrador and NFD, but they are different enough that we should have separate MP's for them if possible.

We should try to balance the sizes of the Vancouver ED's within Vancouver. We should also try to balance the sizes of the Burnaby ED's within Burnaby. (To this end, can you do something about Burnaby North Seymour? That riding is truly crazy…)

Thank you for you time and attention.

Yours Truly

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19(1)

20th September 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
300-1055 West Hastings Street
Vancouver BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commission Members,

19(1) to request some changes to the proposed new Boundaries being considered by yourselves. As a Riding we are deeply concerned that these proposals completely eliminate the primary Communities of Interest that have been traditionally associated with our riding and the bulk of representation often addressed by our currently sitting MP. The proposals place these areas of Community interest into ridings where they may not receive the same degree of diligence to representation that they should have. The primary Communities of Interest are:

1. The Abbotsford International Airport, YXX
    a. Under these proposals YXX will be represented by the riding of Langley which already overseas one airport.
    b. The very name of YXX "Abbotsford" reflects its location and importance within the community as a place of local employment and a major asset of our city.
    c. Aerospace represents a key economic growth area for our city.
    d. Its importance to the local community and the area suggest it should have federal representation through the Abbotsford riding and not Langley.
2. The University of the Fraser Valley Main Campus
    a. Under the proposals this key area would move representation to the Chilliwack Riding which would then have both primary and secondary Campuses of UFV.
    b. Abbotsford is where this seat of learning started. Although it has now grown to other locations, Abbotsford is where most of its employees live as well as many of its students, and so is a further Primary Community of Interest that should be represented by an Abbotsford Federal Riding.
    c. It is geographically very clearly part of Abbotsford not Chilliwack
    d. The Abbotsford population base would be better represented Federally if this campus were to remain within its boundaries.

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3. Huntingdon Border Crossing
    a. A key entry point to the Lower mainland from the USA and another primary identifier with the City of Abbotsford, often referred to as the "Abbotsford Border Crossing."
    b. Under the proposals representation for this community of interest would move to the Chilliwack District which has never had its own border crossing.
    c. This is a primary point of trade and commerce as well employment for the City of Abbotsford.
    d. This federally regulated point of international trade should most logically be represented best by an Abbotsford riding.
4. Agricultural base
    a. Abbotsford has always been a strong Farming community which would no longer have the representation by the Abbotsford elected federal member because most of the farmland within the City boundaries will no longer be considered part of the riding.
    b. Abbotsford Farms produce nearly $4 Billion annually in economic activity and deserve representation by the riding they are associated within.
    c. Whilst we do acknowledge that some land to the north, currently part of the Mission Matsqui Fraser Canyon (MMFC) riding, is being returned to representation by Abbotsford, the Sumas Prairie area, which has been much in the news following the disastrous floods of 2021, will no longer remain in the riding who provided such incredible support to those so badly affected there.
5. Abbotsford Events Centre
    a. This facility, located next to the main campus of UFV (2 above) now houses the "Abbotsford Canucks" junior hockey team and is another key community of interest within our riding.
    b. The facility has been a major investment from the city which the Abbotsford considers itself fortunate to have and is closely associated with the riding of Abbotsford.
    c. Under the new proposals this facility will move to representation by Chilliwack, an unwelcome move.

We realise that objection without some constructive suggestions is very one sided, so we offer the following thoughts to the Commission as alternative boundaries for consideration:

- The Southern Boundary for the riding should extend right down to the US border.
- The present Eastern Boundary (now at Boundary Road) may be shrunk back towards the city centre, perhaps to Whatcom Road or, preferably, Cole Road. That would release those eastern areas into the neighbouring communities and provide some balance to the quotients needed for the ridings.
- We would like to see the Western Boundary remain at Mount Lehman Road to encompass the airport Key Economic area and Community of Interest
- The Northern Boundary, which currently meanders along Mckee, Maclure and Bateman roads, and which your proposal will relocate up to the Fraser River, could perhaps be balanced midway

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at a either Townshipline or Harris Roads. That would leave some of the area south of the Fraser River as part of the MMFC area and add back some of Matsqui to representation by Abbotsford (Ledgeview Golf Course, Clayburn Village and some farming area).

- With respect to the equation of per head capita in the riding and the 121,891 quotient required, we understand that some margin for adjustment does exist which these amended proposals should not interfere with.

As a further point, we wish to add one important thought: Abbotsford is projected to grow past 200,000 in the next decade. By the time the next Boundaries Review takes place there will be evident need to split the Abbotsford riding in half, or more. By maintaining the boundaries as proposed by us above, a future commission will have a simpler task of either a north/south split in the riding or, one which we prefer, an east/west split of the boundary.

In conclusion, The Abbotsford Riding Association of the Conservative Party of Canada do not consider the present proposals before us a step forward in representation for our community, its needs, nor its communities of Interest, and request that the Boundaries commission reconsiders based on the thoughts submitted above.

Thank you for your time, and we wish you a simple but happy task in your deliberations.

Yours Sincerely

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Attachments:

1. Present (2013) Federal Boundary map for Abbotsford
2. Federal Boundary map for Abbotsford Proposal by current Commission
3. Boundary map suggested in this representation (Approximation)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 8:23 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: boundary redrawing proposal

I am in favour of:

- I like the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding
- I think it is important that all of Sunshine Coast stay together in one riding
- Our votes should not count for less than votes in other ridings

Thank you. 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 21, 2022 11:05 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Low income votes messed with

I wish that this was not just another way to take political power away from low income people. So disappointing

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 12:12 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Redistribution

While the upper Sunshine Coast has natural ties to the North Island via Powell River, It is apparent to me that the lower Sunshine Coast more naturally fits with West Vancouver via Langdale.

Regards,

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Presentation to British Columbia Commission

Federal Districts Redistribution 2022

September 22, 2022

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19(1) [redacted] Walnut Grove is located in north Langley and therefore would fall within the proposed electoral district of “Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley," which is the area of my concern.

Walnut Grove, Fort Langley, and indeed ALL of Langley north of Hwy 1 has far more connection—historically and currently—to the rest of Langley, including the City of Langley, than the proposed Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley electoral district. The Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley electoral district proposes a compilation of parts of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Surrey, and Langley. Not to forget the unincorporated Barnston Island.

The Fraser River is a natural physical boundary, and it’s quite common for locals to refer to regions as being “North of the Fraser” or “South of the Fraser.” This East-West orientation runs throughout the Fraser Valley. For example, I am familiar with issues in neighbouring Surrey and Abbotsford, but not so with cities north of the Fraser, and I believe this is common for most folks living in Langley.Even our commuter transportation hubs run East-West in the Fraser Valley, such as the SkyTrain extension from Surrey Central into Langley. Likewise, the people living North of the Fraser have commuter transportation running in an East-West direction in their districts such as the Evergreen Extension SkyTrain, running from Coquitlam to Burnaby, as well as the West Coast Express, which runs from Mission through Coquitlam, connecting to Vancouver.

Further, the combination of cities makes the work of the future Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley MP very difficult. That MP would be interacting with five different Mayors and Councils as well as several MLAs, Chambers of Commerce and Business Improvement Associations, the Regional District of Vancouver, at least two First Nations, and one Canada Border Agency port of entry.

I realize it is difficult to create an electoral district within the designated population range. But this proposed configuration simply does not work. I would make two suggestions regarding Langley: First, that the Fraser River become a natural riding boundary. I also suggest that the few blocks to the west of 200th Street, south of the freeway and north of the City of Langley limits at 62 Ave not be sliced and diced any further. This area is part of the Township of Langley, but was made to be part of the Cloverdale—Langley City electoral district. It feels like a poor school catchment decision. The proposed new iteration is worse: the same area would be divided into two ridings: Cloverdale—Langley City and the revised Fleetwood—Port Kells electoral district. Please consider rejoining this part of the Township of Langley back to an electoral district that contains the Township of Langley, where it belongs.

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Submitted by: 19(1)

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Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission

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19(1) I am writing in support of the proposed boundary adjustment i.e. the area around Park Royal in West Vancouver moved to be included in North Vancouver.

Of the three options this commission may be considering i.e. the proposal, a split of the Sunshine Coast by moving some voters to the riding of North Island-Powell River or the status quo, the proposal is the fairest, and least disruptive for voters.

To leave the riding as it is would diminish and undermine the value of each person's individual vote, while dividing the Sunshine Coast in two would be highly disruptive and drastically limit the access of certain voters to their own constituency.

I strongly support the adjustment of the North Vancouver boundary.

Sincerely

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Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for all the work that you do to ensure fair representation for all citizens in our electoral system.

I understand that you have recently proposed to move 10,000 – 15,000 voters from the Sunshine Coast/West Vancouver /Sea to Sky riding in order to be in line with the national average. 19(1) 19(1) and believe that your proposal to move a number of West Vancouver voters to the existing North Vancouver riding makes good sense.

We understand there has been another proposal to divide the lower Sunshine Coast and move a portion of its voters to the North Island/Powell River riding. The lower Sunshine Coast is a community whose members share common interests and concerns, such as ferry travel, building community with the First Nations, water access and conservation, and local agriculture. Dividing our rural community would make it harder for us to achieve progress in these areas of concern. It would also make it extremely difficult for members of our community to see their MP.

We implore you to stay with the logic of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the work you do to promote fair participation in our electoral process.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2022

Commission – Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022
BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

RE: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution British Columbia 2022
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky District

To: Commission

It has come to my attention that there is a proposed change in the riding which involves **a shift of the western boundary of the North Vancouver riding from Capilano Road to 15th Street in West Vancouver** which would effectively cut the Ambleside district of West Vancouver in half.

I am opposed to this proposed change of redistribution.

The resulting redistribution will cause confusion as the boundary will not reflect the municipal boundary currently in place. The economic and historical centre of our community will be at a loss creating further confusion with negative impacts.

Please do not make the proposed changes to the electoral redistribution of our riding.

Yours truly,



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26 September 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

I would like to comment on the proposed redistribution of the boundaries for Vernon-Lake Country and North Okanagan-Shuswap federal electoral districts.

I understand the need for a new riding and the rationale for even distribution of voters per electoral district. However the current proposal to move the city of Vernon into a new electoral district without including the surrounding area of Regional District of North Okanagan, should be re-considered.

The strong ties of the citizens living in electoral districts B, C, D and E are to Vernon and not Salmon Arm. Vernon and surrounding RDNO are a community. 19(1) 19(1) Under the new proposal we would have to cross through Vernon-Lake Country riding and drive an additional 65 km to meet with our federal representative. This change effectively disenfranchises hundreds of citizens and is a form of voter suppression.

The proposal to extend Vernon-Lake Country into Kelowna is not well thought out. Based on historical linkages there is no good reason to include voters south of Lake Country. An east-west boundary that includes all of Lake Country is more logical than the proposal for only one side of the highway to Kelowna.

It makes more sense for Greater Vernon and district to be included with all of Lake Country.

I am requesting that the commission will reconsider the proposal for boundaries for our electoral districts.

Yours sincerely,

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Electoral Boundary Redistribution Submission relating primarily to the proposed boundaries for Cloverdale-Langley City, 2022

To: The British Columbia Commission on Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022
From: John Aldag, Member of Parliament, Cloverdale-Langley City, 42nd and 44th Parliaments

I attempted to make this submission using the interactive mapping tool but, over several days, encountered ongoing errors with the submission process. I am therefore converting my submission to this format, for your consideration.

To begin, I suggest a name change to the riding to include Sullivan, which is a significant and distinct neighbourhood within the riding of Cloverdale-Langley City. I therefore propose the name of Cloverdale-Langley City-Sullivan as the new name for this riding, in English and French. While the neighbourhood of Clayton is also important, this area has traditionally been part of the Cloverdale community. The Clayton community is therefore captured under Cloverdale as the historical centre for this part of the municipality of Surrey.

19(1) I personally have seen the confusion created in the Sullivan neighbourhood by being included in the riding named Cloverdale and Langley City. These are 2 distinct communities, and Sullivan as the third unique community should also be recognized in the name. As noted above, the neighbourhood of Clayton is excluded from the name because Clayton has historically been part of the Cloverdale area, extending from the CP/BC Rail line to 84th Ave, as discussed further below.

The proposed boundaries in my submission remove the Township of Langley from the proposed riding of Cloverdale-Langley City-Sullivan. The Commission's 2022 proposed riding distribution will divide the Township of Langley into 4 federal ridings. The riding of Cloverdale-Langley City would only have a small portion of the Township of Langley under the Commission's proposal – from 62nd Ave between 196 and 200 Street to 72nd Ave (proposed in this submission to extend north to 84th Ave). Having this 40-block segment of the Township lumped in with the City of Langley and City of Surrey creates an unnecessary division of the Township of Langley. This 40-block area is better served by being included with the greater Langley riding. The stretch from 72nd Ave to 88th Ave between 196 St and 200 St in the Commission's proposal that would be included in Fleetwood – Port Kells should also be moved to the greater Langley riding.

All of Langley City remains within the revised riding of Cloverdale-Langley City-Sullivan. This proposal would see the riding boundary deviate at 192nd St and Colebrook Road, heading west to 192nd Street, then north to the Canadian Pacific/British Columbia Railway, and then west to King George Boulevard along midline of the railway line. The rationale for this adjustment is that the railway is a more realistic dividing line between Cloverdale, Sullivan and the areas of South Surrey to the south of the railway line. The neighbourhoods to the north of the railway line associate more closely with the communities of Cloverdale and Sullivan, with children going to schools on the north side of the railway and families shopping in the Cloverdale and Sullivan communities. The railway is therefore a more appropriate southern boundary than Highway 10.

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The western boundary would then head east from King George Blvd to 144 Street, then head north to 68th Ave, which is the boundary for the current riding. The inclusion of the area from 64th to 68th Ave, from 144 St to 152 St, keeps a distinct single-family home neighbourhood intact, with higher density housing being found on the north side of 68th Ave and west side of 144 Ave.

The last proposed change is to extend the northern boundary from the proposed 72nd Ave. to 84th Ave. The rationale is that the area from 64th Ave to 84th Ave and between Highway 15 and 196 Ave is part of Surrey's Clayton neighbourhood. Port Kells starts to the north of 84th Ave, so this becomes a more logical dividing line between Cloverdale-Langley City-Sullivan and Fleetwood-Port Kells than 72nd Ave.

In summary, the proposed changes keep the overall population close to the revised riding of Cloverdale-Langley City as proposed by the Commission, thus respecting the target population of approximately 115,000. These new boundaries more accurately reflect common communities including Cloverdale, Sullivan, Clayton and Langley City while removing the orphan 40 blocks of the Township of Langley from this riding.

Respectfully submitted,

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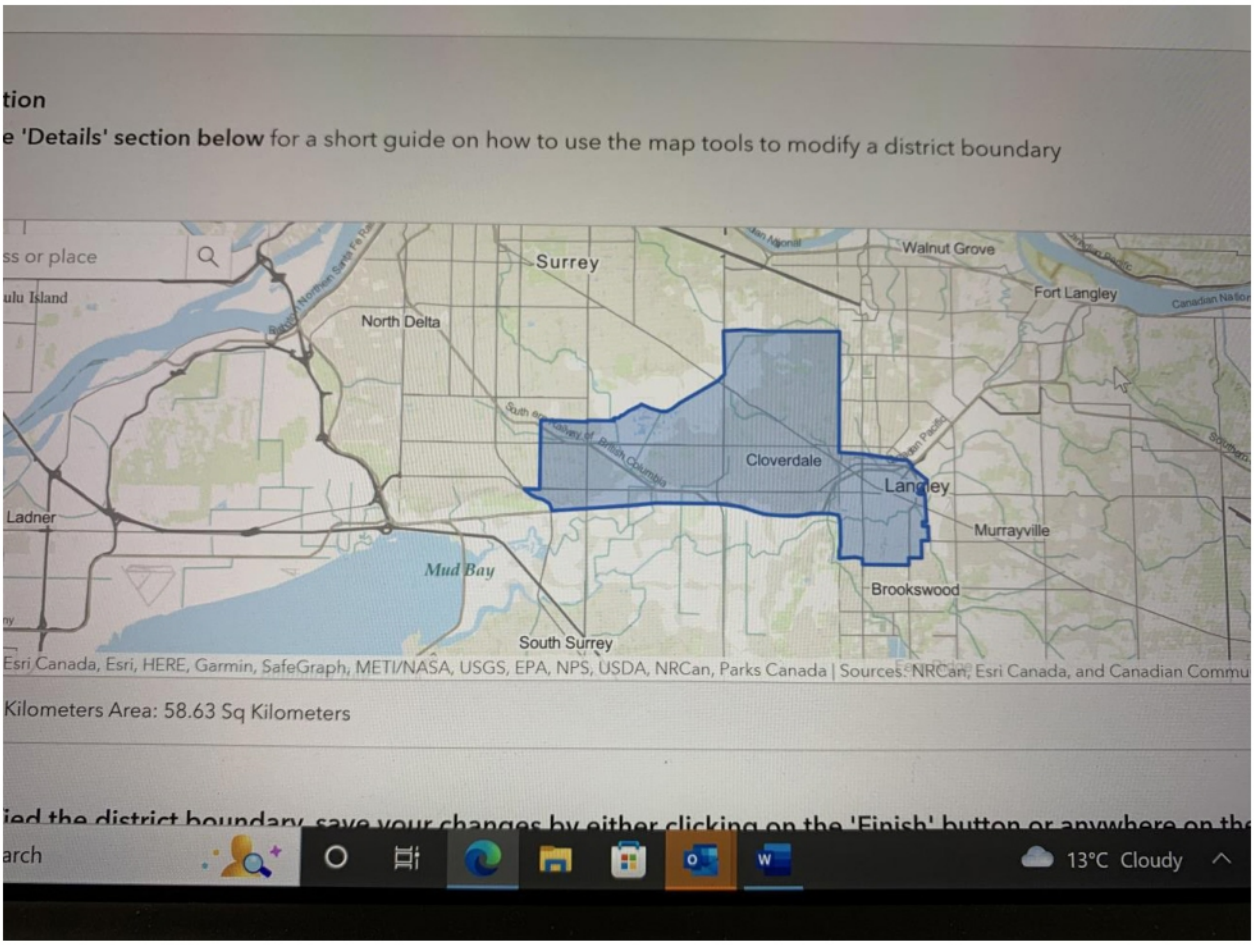

This proposal addresses several deficiencies that are contained in the Commission's proposed boundary for Cloverdale - Langley City:
1) remove all of the Township of Langley from the riding, with the new boundary beginning at 84th Ave and 196 Street, then running south to 62 Ave, then incorporating all of Langley City to the point of 196 Street and Colebrook Road, then heading west on Colebrook Road to 192nd Street, then north to the Canadian Pacific/British Columbia Railway line, then heading west along the railway's midline to King George Blvd, then heading north to the intersection with Hwy 10 (56 Ave), then heading east to the intersection with 144 Street, then north to 68 Ave, then east to the intersection with the Serpentine River, then midchannel of the Serpentine to Hwy 15, then north to 84th Ave, then east to the commencement at 84th Ave and 196th Street.

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September 20, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries
Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC
V6E 2E9

Attention: The Honourable Justice Mary Saunders
19(1)

Dear BC Commission:

Re: Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood (Electoral District of Vancouver Granville)

19(1)

19(1) I am writing to you today as a follow up to submit my findings to the preposed boundary changes to the Vancouver Granville Riding for the 2025 election.

I wish to convey the concerns of the residents West of Main Street to East of Ontario Street from 2nd Ave all the way down to 41st Ave. Back in 2013 when the riding of Vancouver Granville was created Ontario Street and Main Street were divided into two halves. The East boundary of the riding runs right down the middle of Ontario Street, from 2nd Ave to 16th Ave, and then from Main Street, from 16th Ave to 41st Ave.

Under the new preposed changes this would move the boundary from Ontario Street to Main Street, and the Eastern Boundary would run directly down the Middle of Main Street from 2nd Ave to 41st Ave. however from my numerous conversations with residents I found a consistent through line. The area between Main Street and Ontario Street simply are not lines on a map but a distinct community, the community of East Van and it should be kept together; from 2nd Ave all the way to 41st Ave.

Based off my findings a significant portion of residents either had very strong opinions on this matter and or wanted more information. I knocked over 80 houses and 30 businesses that are currently in Vancouver East and Vancouver Granville. Informed them that the preposed new boundaries would bring them over to Vancouver Granville. This was met with opposition.

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For those who wished to voice their concerns to the new preposed plan signed a petition. Petitions which we have here. In addition to these petitions, I distributed over 50 leaflets with information on how people can learn more about the distribution process and lodge their objections if they did not want to sign the petition on the spot.

I have added said petitions to this request letter, so that you may add this to your final report.

It is believed the people who draw up these plans are from Ottawa and do not understand local Vancouverites who are proud of the neighbourhoods they belong to. The Ontario Street boundary should be kept where it currently is. This thought was expressed again and again from my many conversations from the street to the front doorsteps.

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Please see attached map with the preposed removal of the Ontario and Main Street corridor from 2nd Ave down to 41st Ave. I believe this will better illustrate this distinct area and how it is more in line with East Van rather than Vancouver Granville.

In conclusion no matter where people are from Main Steet to Ontario Street, they are East Van proud and want to keep residents and this community within the same voting area.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Preposed re-distribution Vancouver Granville Electoral map and signed petitions.

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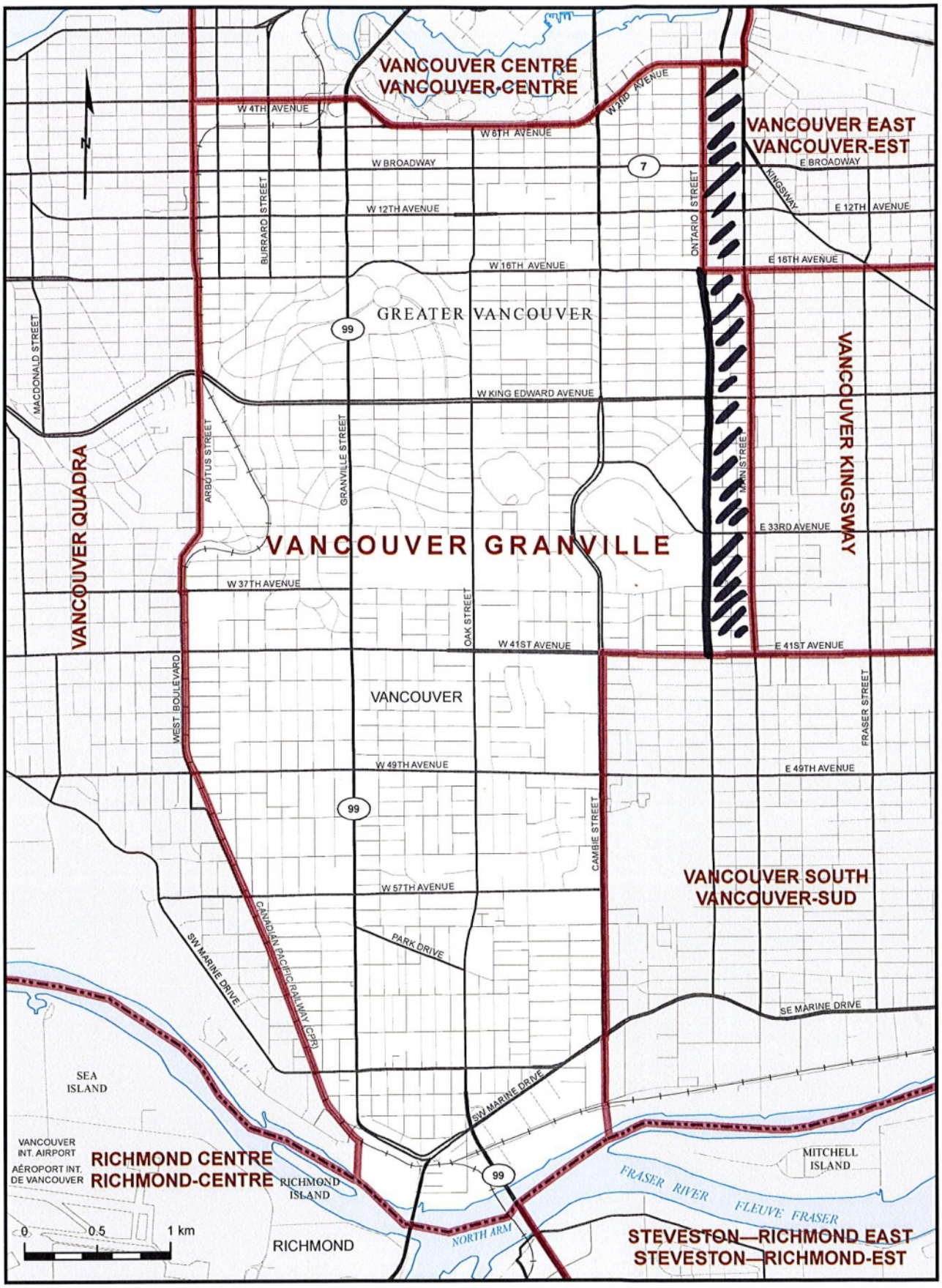

Elections Canada

Representation Order of 2013
Décret de représentation électorale de 2013

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Main Street is in East Van, Not on the West Side!!

Before the 2015 federal election, Main Street was represented by three federal electoral districts:

1. Vancouver East, North of **EAST** 16th Avenue
2. Vancouver Kingsway, between **EAST** 16th and 41st Avenues
3. Vancouver South, South of **EAST** 41st Avenue

And after 2015? The Feds split Main Street into two halves. Now, the west side of Main Street, all the way from **EAST** 16th to 41st Avenues, is located in the riding of Vancouver Granville.

We need to let Ottawa know that Main Street is proudly part of East Vancouver, and not part of "Vancouver Granville." Our neighbours and our residents are having their voices, their concerns, their demands, and their needs silenced and drowned by being included in a riding where they're a minority, and their concerns and issues are being ignored.

Neighbourhoods need to stay together! There is no East Van without Main Street, and no Main Street without East Van. We are stronger when we are united, and our concerns will be heard in Ottawa - *only if we are represented as a community, by a shared MP*.

In 2022, Elections Canada is redrawing the electoral districts map. **Sign this petition to let them hear your voice - to keep East Van and Main Street together, as part of one community. Main Street belongs in East Van - and let's keep it that way.**

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I, the undersigned individuals/organization/business, ask Elections Canada to include all of Main Street in Vancouver in the same federal riding during redistribution 2022. We ask Elections Canada not to split Main Street down the middle, and to incorporate both sides of the street into the ridings of **Vancouver East**, **Vancouver Kingsway**, and **Vancouver South**.

Sincerely (Name of individual, name of organization if necessary, phone number,

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Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

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19(1) We are emailing you today to voice support for the proposed boundary readjustment within our riding of West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country, which will see the dense urban population in the southeast corner of West Vancouver moved into the North Vancouver electoral district. Given the vast geography within the riding and the great divergence of population densities we believe it to be the most efficient, least disruptive option available to rebalance the population in favour of the electoral quotient. West Vancouver is the only place in our riding where the needed number of people can be moved to a riding right next door, with plenty of transit links, shared neighbourhoods, and the common culture of the North Shore.

As it currently stands, this riding has approximately fifteen thousand people more than the average. That means that if we do nothing, if the boundaries of the riding do not shift, then the value of one vote in West Van - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky would be valued less than a vote in another riding. We know there are some advocating for that very approach, though to do nothing would undermine the very equality of the Canadian voices that participate in our democracy. It would mean that the very populous and urban West Vancouver portion of this riding would continue to dominate in terms of numbers.

We understand, however, that an alternative proposal has been presented to the commission, one that would instead divide the *Sunshine Coast* by shifting some voters over to the North Island/Powell River riding. We disagree with this proposal, for two primary reasons. First, it would become extremely difficult, and therefore far less likely, for those voters to make the long journey to consult with their MP. Second, to divide the Coast is to divide a rural community of shared interests and concerns – a few examples include ferry travel, local transit, community agriculture, watershed protection, health care access and building community with the First Nations on whose land we live.

It seems crystal clear to us that of the three options this commission is faced with regarding the West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding boundaries, the original proposal is by far the fairest and most equitable. It would leave all communities within the riding intact, and result in minimal disruption for voters. To leave the riding as it is would diminish and undermine the value of each person's individual vote, while dividing the Sunshine Coast in two would be highly disruptive and drastically limit the access of certain voters to their own constituency.

Thank you again to the commission for your time and efforts,

Sincerely,

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Federal Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
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September 29, 2022

Dear Commission,

Re: Federal Boundary Commission on changes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith

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With the new boundary proposals, Nanaimo is being split up and the North End of Nanaimo cut out of the riding as well as the Municipality of Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation – these are all communities that currently fall within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

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A Member of Parliament serves not only as our voice in Parliament, but also as a federal service in our communities. The community office help residents with Employment Insurance, Immigration and navigating other federal services. The proposed boundary changes would make these services harder to access in the North End, Lantzville and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation.

It should also be taken into consideration that Nanaimo-Ladysmith has experienced a high level of elections at all levels in the last few years and changing the boundaries to remove communities from the riding could increase confusion.

It is my hope that the Commission will consider the negative impact the proposed boundaries would have on the residents of Nanaimo-Ladysmith, their access to federal services, the community they feel a part of and the potential to confuse residents. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and for the opportunity to provide feedback during this public consultation process.

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October 2, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC
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To the Commission Secretary for British Columbia:

RE: PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES TO THE RIDING OF WEST VANCOUVER – SUNSHINE COAST – SEA TO SKY COUNTRY

I am writing in reference to the federal electoral boundary change proposed for the riding of West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country.

I understand the area proposed for transfer to the North Vancouver riding to be the area west of Capilano Road to 15th Street in West Vancouver, and south of Highway#1 to the ocean front.

This particular area of West Vancouver has a great deal of historical, cultural, and economic importance to the community.

The District of West Vancouver was incorporated in 1912.

In 1913, Hollyburn Elementary School was the first building to be used as a school in West Vancouver. It is still in use and is located at 13th Street and Duchess Avenue.

Also in 1913, a ferry building was built at the foot of 14th Street as a ticket office for ferry services across the harbour to Vancouver. The Ferry Building still stands at the foot of 14th Street and is now used as an art gallery.

Ambleside Village serves as West Vancouver's oldest commercial district. It features shops, small offices, banks, gas stations, restaurants and other amenities. It is located on and around Marine Drive between 13th Street and 19th Street. The proposed boundary at 15th Street will bifurcate this commercial district.

This area is also home to Park Royal Shopping Centre - Canada's first shopping mall. It was opened in 1950.

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Finally, Ambleside Park is located in this area. It was designated in 1918 and has long been a centre for recreation, sport and cultural events. The entrance to the park lies at the foot of 13th Street.

These historic, natural, and cultural assets combine to create a sense of place.

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I urge you to reconsider this proposal. The history of West Vancouver is deeply rooted in this particular area. I hope another solution can be found.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 17, 2022 8:52 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral boundaries for North Vancouver

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19(1) When there was a horrific shooting outside the library, we all participated in Lynn Valley Strong events and art. As a voter, i would like to vote within what I identify as my community. I strongly support maintaining the boundary at the Seymour River, as the Maplewood community is separate from the Lynnmour community. Thank you for your consideration.

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Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Current division reflects the social and cultural interactions between the municipalities of Surrey, Langley City, and Langley Township. We have common goals and have worked hard to foster cooperation. Division of these municipalities based on a highway rather than a geographic feature (the Fraser River) would undermine the ability of the very distinct needs of the South Fraser Valley. It is my belief that no change should be made as to ensure the equitable representation of our unique populous.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59006

Name to modify: Cloverdale—Langley City / Cloverdale—Langley City

New name: Cloverdale—Langley City / Cloverdale—Langley City

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 8, 2022 7:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam

If you must change Port Coquitlam boundaries due to population growth on Burke Mountain, make Port Coquitlam one riding in it's entirety instead of splitting it up with Coquitlam as it is now.

Making it part of Pitt Meadows and especially Langley is absolutely ludicrous!

Both these other districts have insanely different issues than Port Coquitlam, and nothing will be accomplished in any of the three if you have to make economic and political decisions and choices.

It was bad enough being slotted in with Coquitlam, but at least there were shared boundaries and issues.

I am not sure what the reasoning could possibly be for this, but the whole idea is absolutely absurd!!!!!!

19(1) if my MP supported this, I can assure you they would not be my MP after the next election!!!!!!

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 8, 2022 3:04 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Van Popta, Tako - M.P.
Subject: Redistribution

Dear Commissioner,

We are writing to express our profound unhappiness with the redistribution of the Langley-Aldergrove Riding. To turn this into a Pitt Meadows- Fort Langley riding makes no logical sense. Anyone familiar with the Lower Mainland knows that these two communities have vastly different concerns and issues. This makes for very poor federal governance. There is still time to redraw the lines.

Thank you for your consideration.

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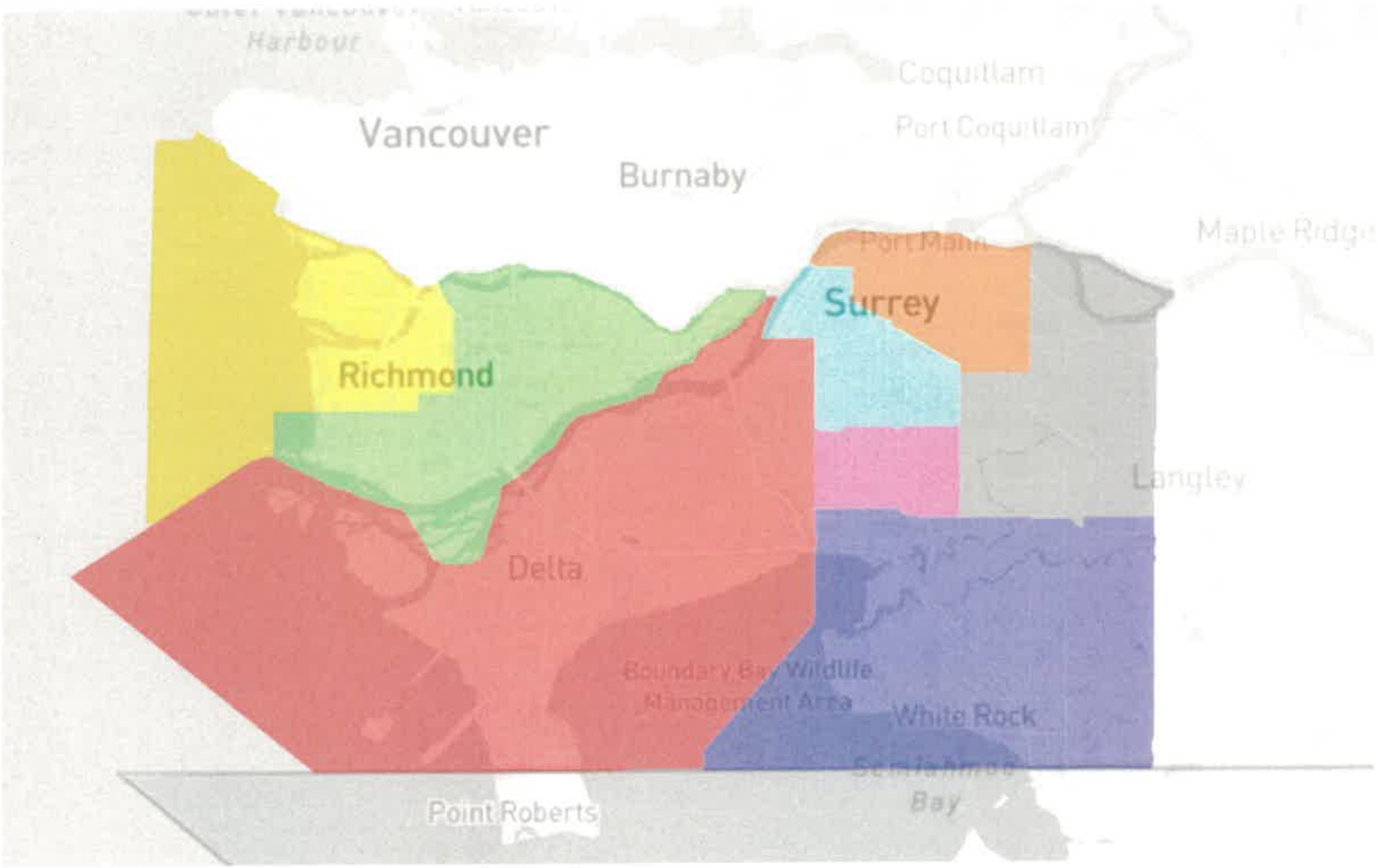
SW Fraser Valley Riding Boundaries

19(1) [redacted] June 9, 2022



Region Summary

Total Populatior	922135
Quotas	7.928
Deviation from (	-0.904

Delta

110721	-5597
Total Population	110721
Quotas	0.9519
Deviation from Quota (%)	-4.812

Richmond Centre

110434	-5884

Richmond East - Steveston - Quee

110486	-5832
Total Population	220920
Quotas	1.899
Deviation from Quota (%)	-5.036

Surrey Newton

121735	5417

Surrey West

115371	-947

Surrey North

119552	3234

Surrey East

114174	-2144

South Surrey - White Rock

119662	3344
Total Population	590494
Quotas	5.077
Deviation from Quota (%)	1.508

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 23, 2022 7:11 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: The redistribution of South Okanagan and west Kootenay

To whom it may concern:
I would like to lodge a massive objection to the redistribution of the South Okanagan and West Kootenay borders. Who in their right mind would split a town the size of Pentiction right down the middle? It feels very GerryMandoring to me.
19(1) I feel like this is being done because some people don't like who we, the majority, sent to represent us in the capital and so they have manufactured a reason and a way to split the votes in this district to disproportionately undermine our preferred candidate and make it harder for our chosen party to represent us.
Not to mention it will make things for business representation twice as hard now to get out voices heard as it will take two offices to field these calls and make it twice as hard on our town council to work with the different districts. I, unfortunately, missed the public hearing date but I hope that this issue is still up for debate so that a better more logical change can be affected.

Your's most Sincerely

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 3, 2022 4:53 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New electoral map.

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I did this a while ago so the numbers might be a little stale but it clearly makes the point. The West is obviously underrepresented.
In fact, this pretty much proves the Eastern bias in parliament.

Alberta has 34 MPs for 4.2 million people. (121k-1)
Ontario has 121 MPs and 14.3 million people (118k-1)
BC has 42 MPs for 4.8 million people. (114k-1)
Sask has 14 MPs and 1.168 million people (83k -1)
Quebec has 78 MPs for 8.4 million people (107k-1)
Newfoundland has 7 MPs for 528,000 people (88k-1)1
Nova Scotia has 11 mps for 940.600 people (85k-1)
New Brunswick has 10 MPs for 755,500 people (75k-1)
PEI has 4 MPs for 152,800 people (38k-1)

What is you're one new riding going to do to address this obvious bias?

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 4, 2022 8:47 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

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Dear Commission Members,
I think that consideration needs to be given to the fact that increasingly people are living in, working from and engaged in, communities that are no longer geographically constrained. Because 'communities' are not as geographically linked as they used to be, our political representation should reflect this change. It is time to consider some version of proportional representation to ensure that geographic regions and dispersed minority groups have representation.
Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 5, 2022 8:28 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: federal electoral districts

Hi,

I acknowledge that I have not done much reading into the rationale behind redistribution and constitution mandate. I just want to express my concern as a citizen.

Population grows, but does that mean members of parliament also need to increase? As most of the growth is concentrated in big urban areas, should there be a cap on the number of seats in those areas? Is there a cap on the number of MPs?

Thanks,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 5, 2022 3:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: REDISTRIBUTION 2022

I understand why the redistribution is being done. however I dont see how, on a federal level, this is going to make any difference. Living in BC, we all know that any federal election is over by the time Ontario and Quebec have cast their ballots. If you really want to make if fair for federal elections...each province should have the same number to seats to elect. I know that makes Ontario and Quebec upset because the populations in both provinces. But how is that fair to the rest of the country:

Thanks 19(1)

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Cloverdale Langley City Electoral Area Redistribution - Proposed Boundary Revisions

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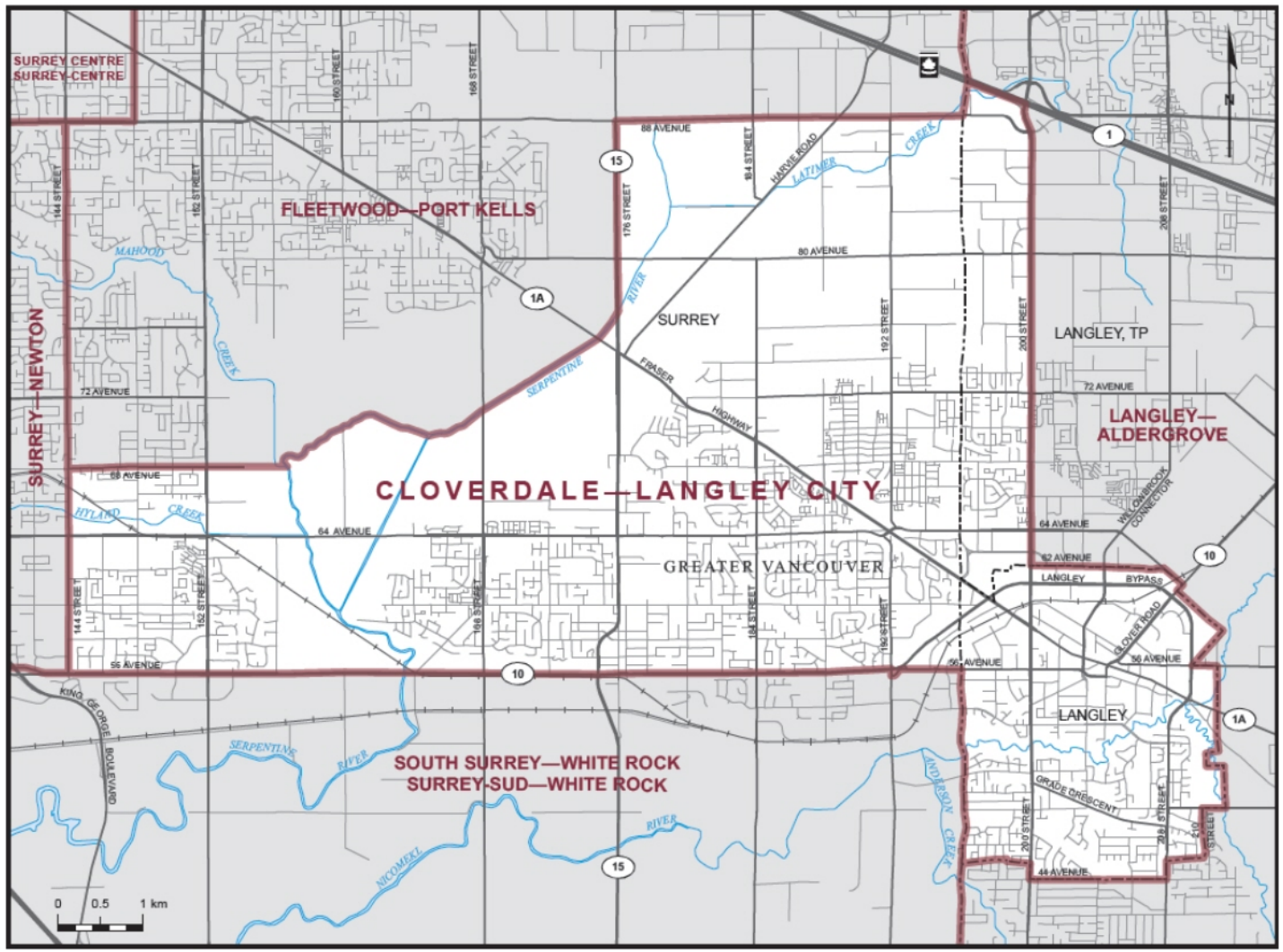
Current Electoral Area Boundaries

CLOVERDALE—LANGLEY CITY



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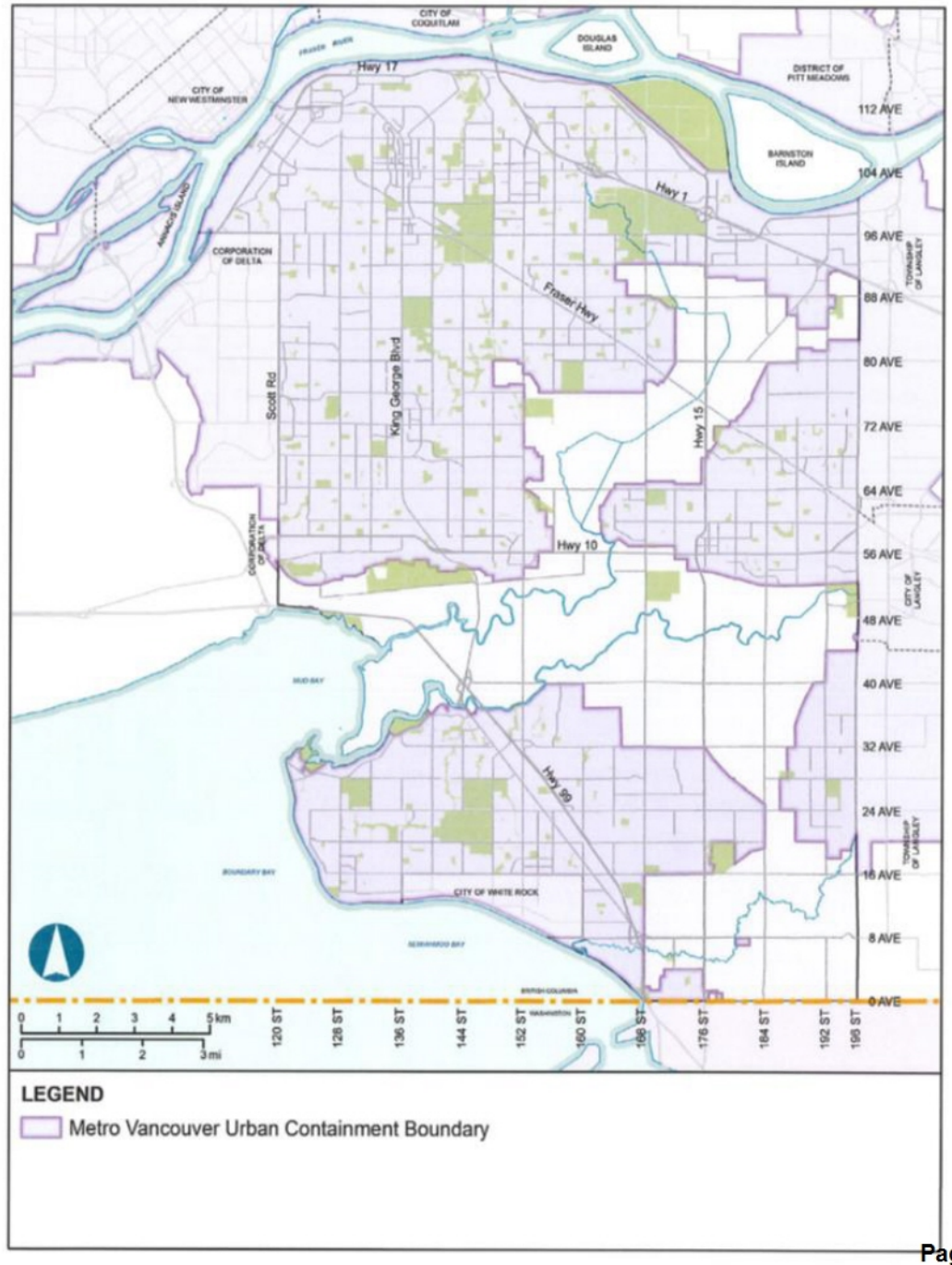
Surrey Official Community Plan

Metro Vancouver Urban Containment Boundary

Clear delineation of Cloverdale and Clayton community boundaries

Figure 17: Surrey Urban Containment Boundary



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Potential Growth within the Current Electoral District

- The Cloverdale-Langley City Electoral District includes substantial land within the Clayton community, and currently extends north to 88 Avenue and also to the Trans-Canada Highway;
- The Clayton Community is partially developed in East Clayton at this time. Long-term, it will include significantly more residents before its development has completed;
- Current Electoral District boundary does not include the south portion of the Cloverdale urban community (south of Highway 10) where recent residential development has occurred, and where students attend Cloverdale schools.

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Changes happening within the Electoral District

- Continuing significant growth in the Clayton community
- West Clayton development planned to start within 5 – 10 years
- Additional growth expected in nodes along Fraser Highway where Future SkyTrain stations are planned
- The Fraser Highway SkyTrain Corridor will provide a new focus for this community within 10 years (anticipated construction by 2028)
- This additional population growth is equivalent to or greater than the area proposed for removal from the Township of Langley between 196 Street and 200 Street
- Redevelopment in the Cloverdale town core is occurring gradually

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Considerations for a new boundary

- Current and future growth of Cloverdale and Clayton
- Fraser Highway corridor will become a new focus for this growing area recognizing the SkyTrain extension directly serving this area
- Langley City growth will occur due to SkyTrain development (where downtown Langley will see greater densification with transit-oriented development)
- With substantial new growth in Clayton, a new community is emerging, and along with it, a growing community identity, where residents will be served by local schools, parks, recreation and other services in planned neighbourhoods

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Proposed Boundary Adjustments for a Cloverdale-Langley City-Panorama Electoral District

- Proposed adjustments for the east, south and north of the current Cloverdale-Langley City electoral area boundary
- **East:** by eliminating the areas within the Township of Langley, generally north of 64 Avenue and between 196 and 200 Streets
- **North**: by eliminating areas between 80 and 82 Avenue and 88 Avenue, west of the Surrey/Langley border, as this area geographically is connected with the Port Kells community
- **South**: by adding the urban residential community and south portion of Cloverdale Town Centre between Highway 10 and the Rail track.

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Proposed Electoral Area Boundaries

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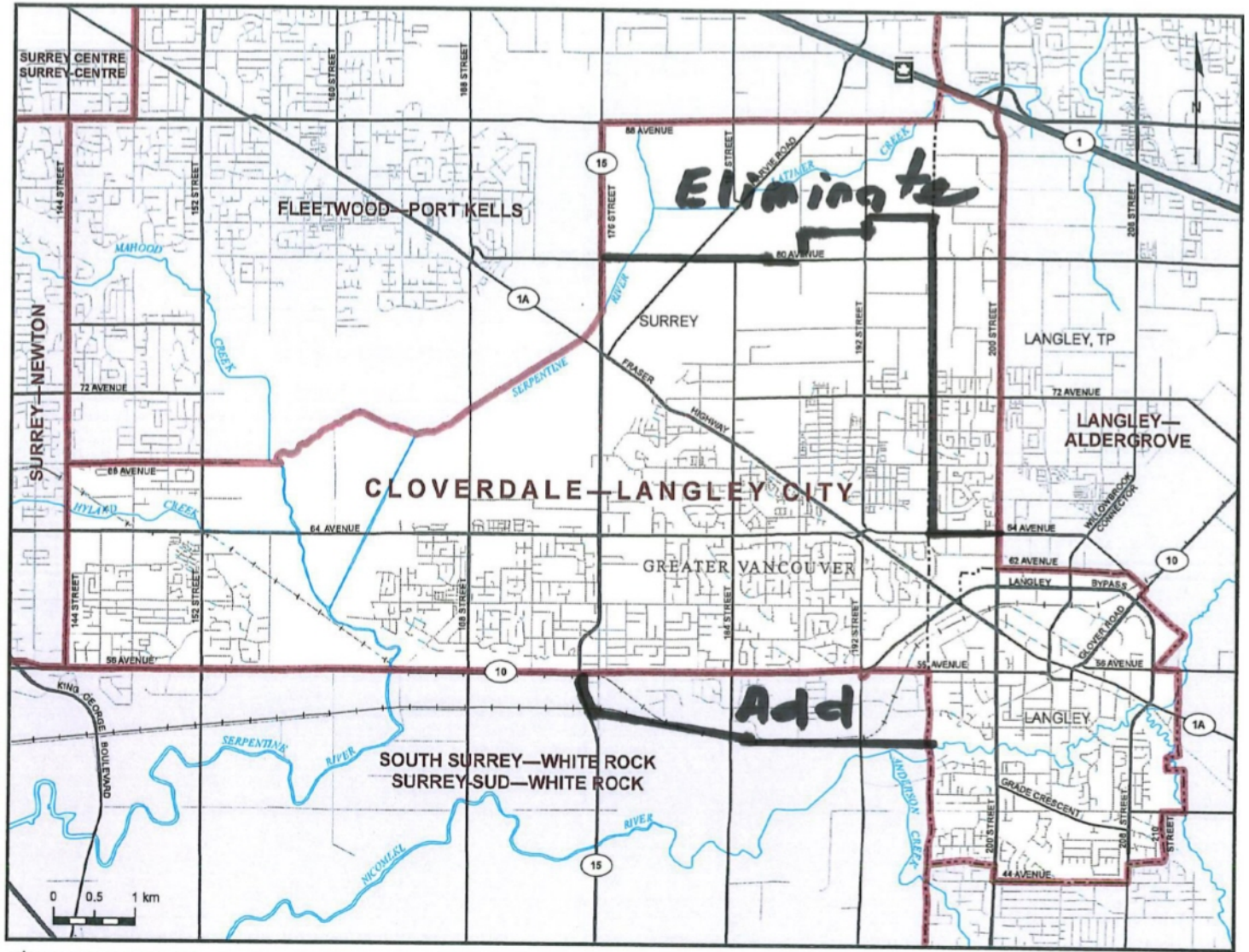

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Proposed East Boundary Changes

- Retain Langley City
- Eliminate areas of Township of Langley north of 64 Avenue
- Redistributes this area to Langley-Aldergrove electoral area

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Proposed East Boundary Changes

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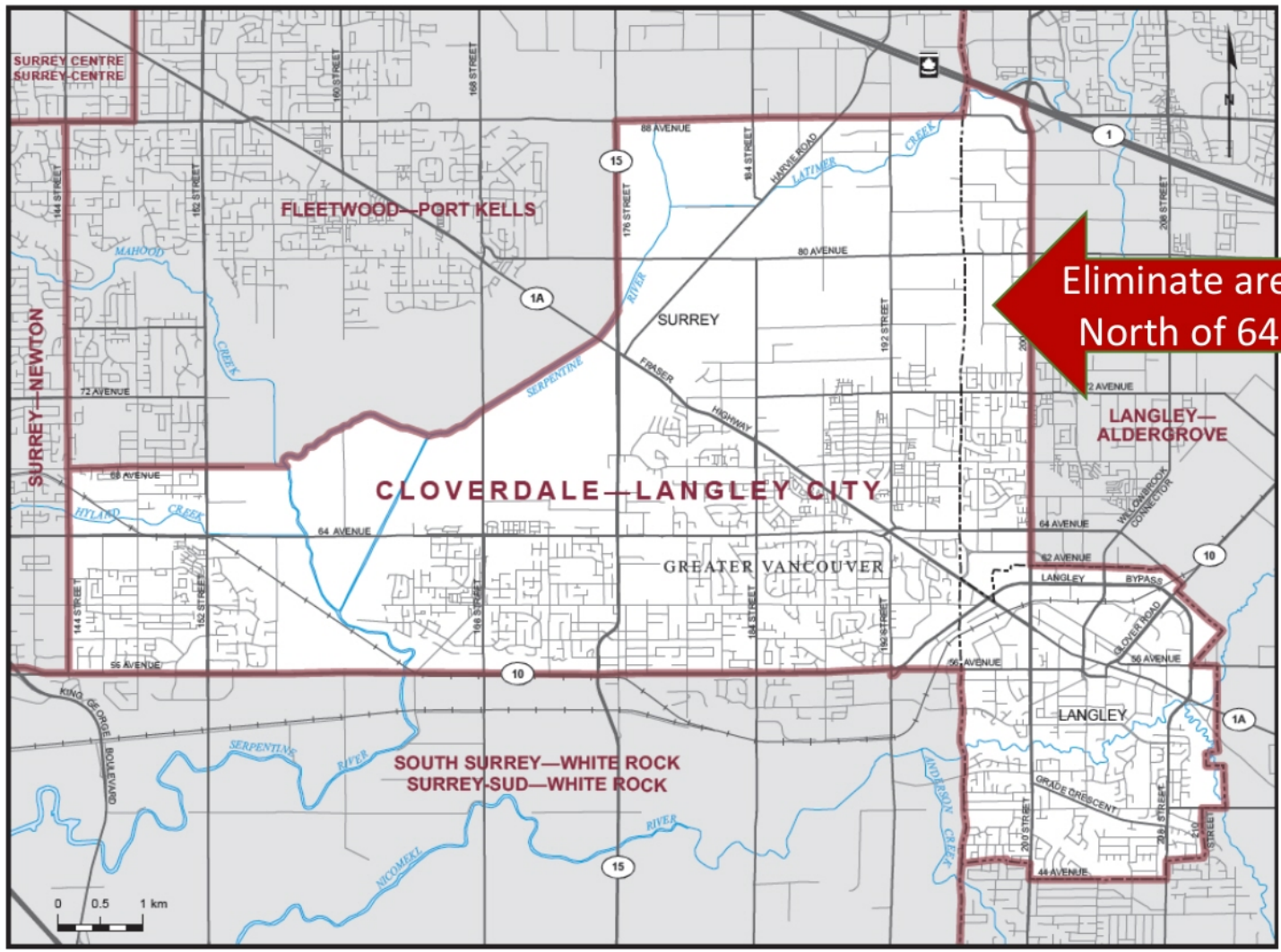

Eliminate areas in ToL
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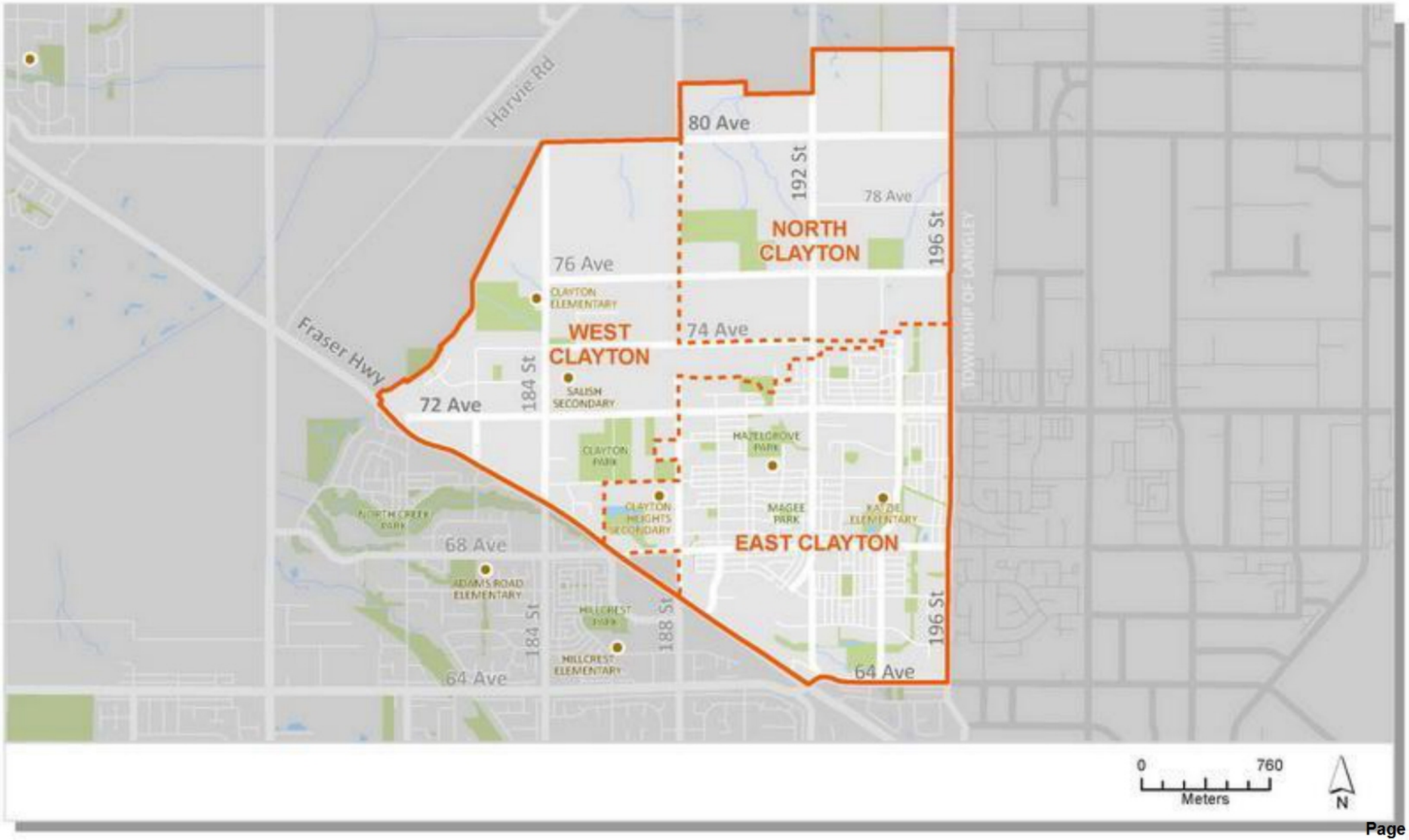
Clayton Community Map (City of Surrey)



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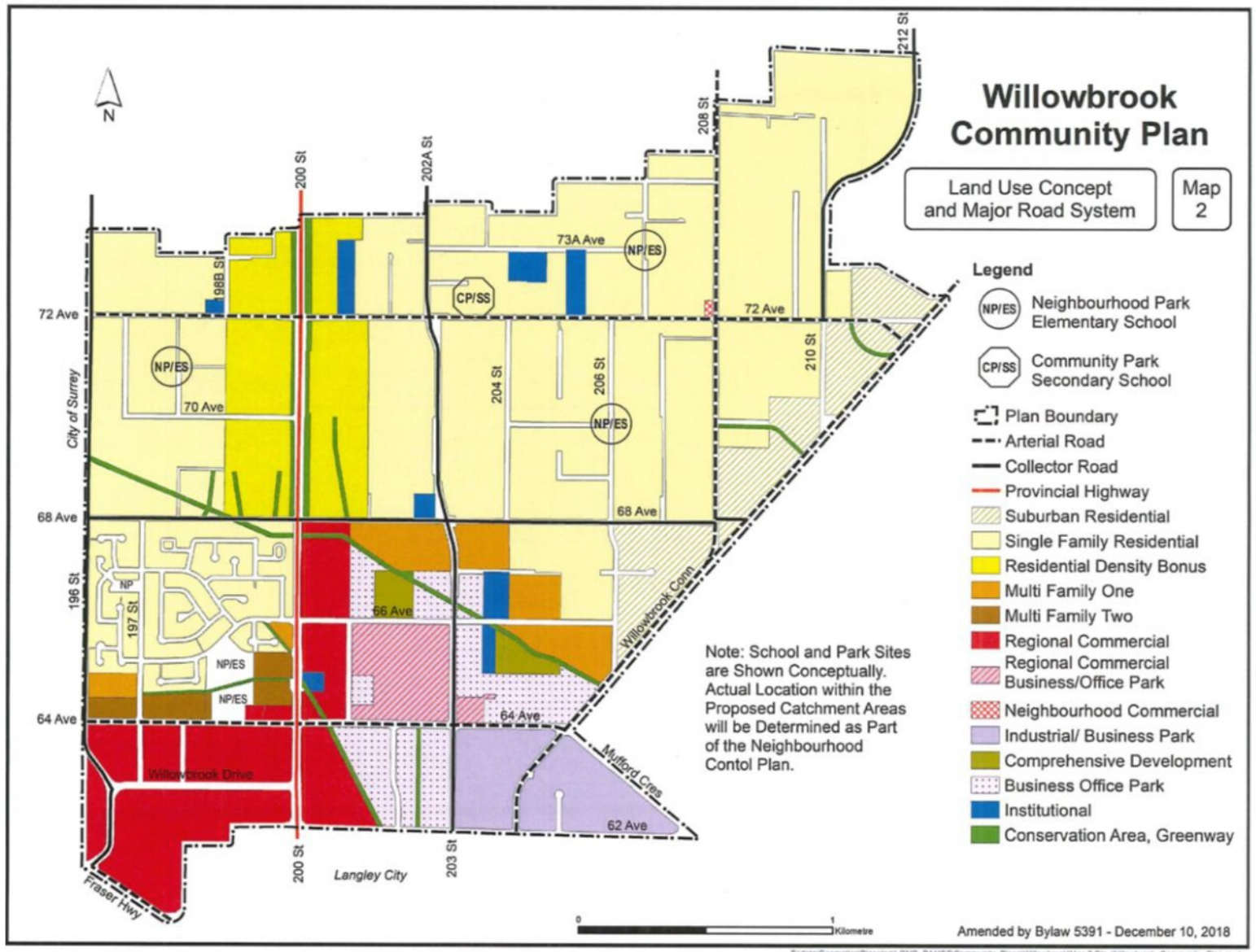
Willowbrook Community Plan (Twp of Langley)



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Proposed North Boundary Changes

- Eliminate area generally between 80 - 82 Avenue and 88 Avenue as this area is more reflective of the Port Kells community
- The proposed boundary is identical to the Clayton community boundary
- Redistribute the area north of 80 and 82 Avenues to Fleetwood/Port Kells Electoral District

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Proposed North Boundary Changes

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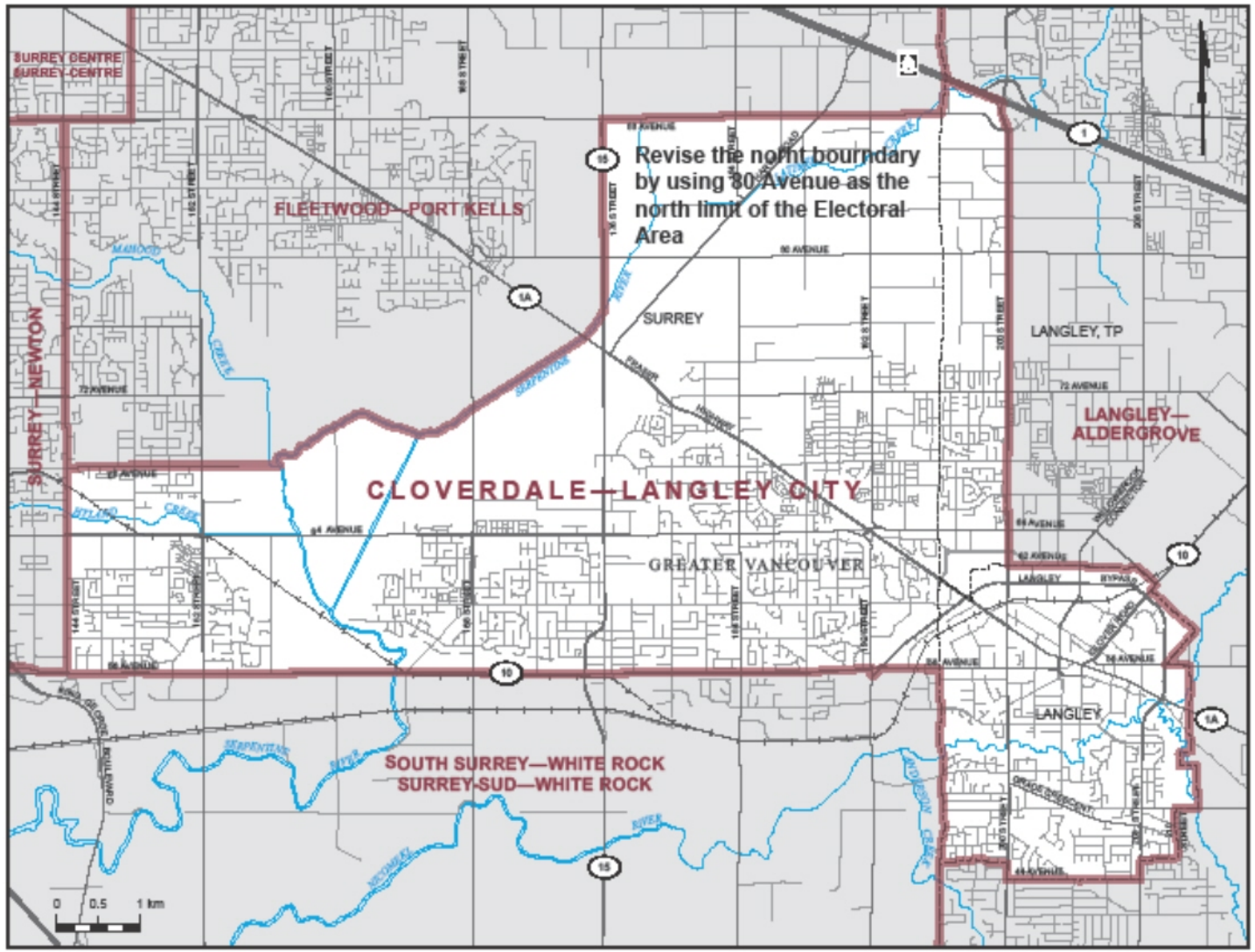

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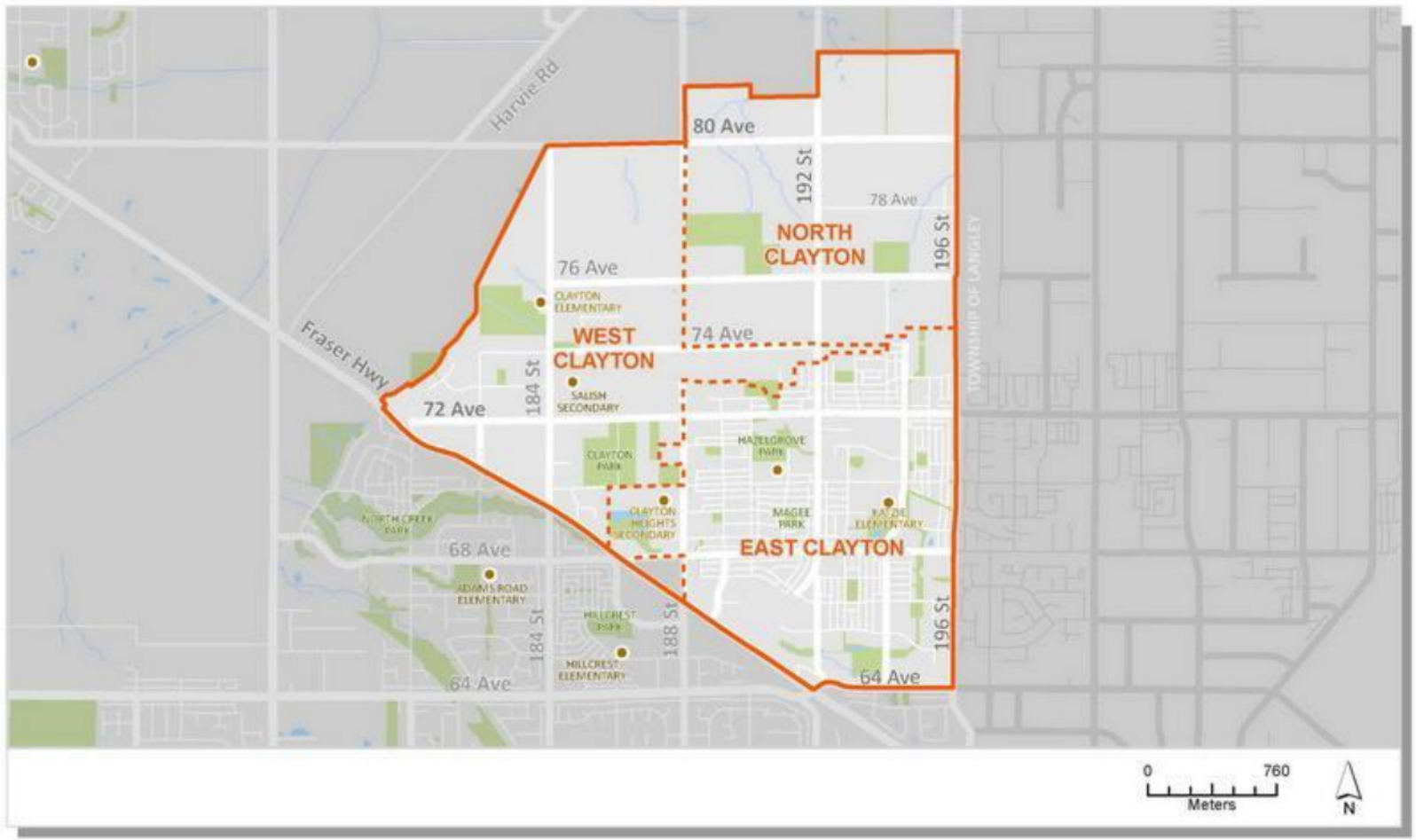
Proposed North Boundary Changes



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Proposed South Boundary Change

- Add south portion of Cloverdale community generally between City of Langley and 176 Street between rail tracks and Highway 10
- This area is significantly removed from the growing urban component of the South Surrey-White Rock electoral district.
- Incorporates the established south portion of the Cloverdale community which is approximately two miles from the north portion of South Surrey's developing Grandview Heights community.
- Creates a boundary that includes the whole of the Cloverdale urban community.

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Proposed South Boundary Change

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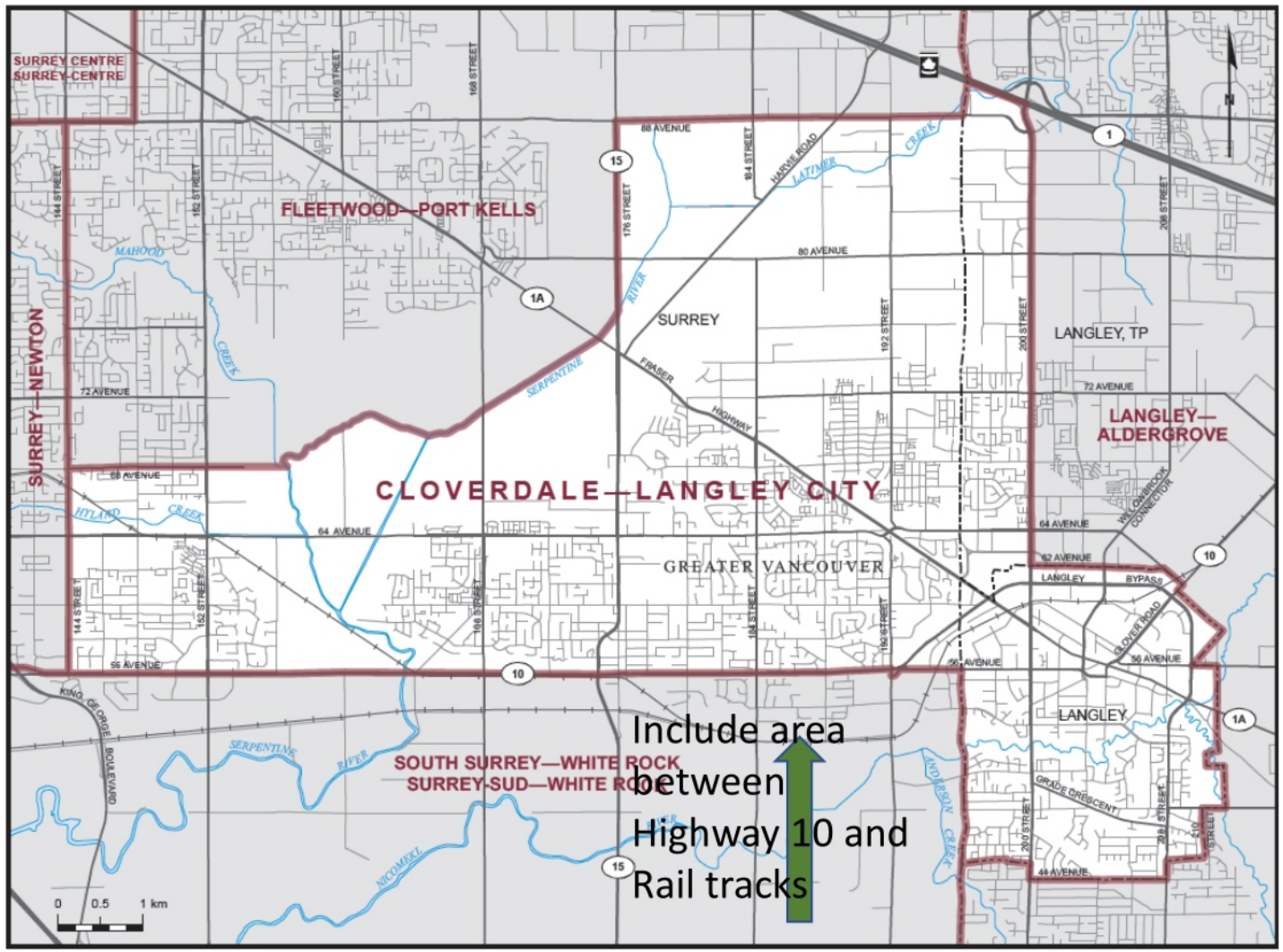

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South Cloverdale Community (City of Surrey OCP)



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Cloverdale Town Centre Plan Area



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Benefits of Proposed Boundary Adjustments

- Provide for better connections and communications with residents in established and emerging communities
- Achieves a better connection between the Member of Parliament with residents who live in well-defined communities with their own sense of community (who identify with established and proposed school catchment areas, local shopping, neighbourhood parks, recreation and and other services/amenities.
- The proposed boundaries are not substantial in areal extent, but are meaningful in how they provide more identifiable areas for Federal MP representation.
- In turn, the revised boundaries will be equally helpful for a growing residential population in this part of the City of Surrey.

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Concluding Comments

- Significant growth in the Cloverdale, Clayton areas of Surrey requires adjustments to the Electoral District boundaries
- The proposed boundary revisions provide better opportunities for the residents to be served by elected officials who can focus attention on the needs of residents living in well-defined communities with their own identities, and relationships within these areas
- Boundary adjustments take into account both the current population, community location as well as future growth potential and where the focus of future growth will occur
- Provides for logical boundaries respecting community identity, growth
- Provides a strong linkage with current and future communicates in both Surrey and Langley City, and will help to enhance communications for both residents and the Member of Parliament.

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Proposed Electoral Area Boundaries

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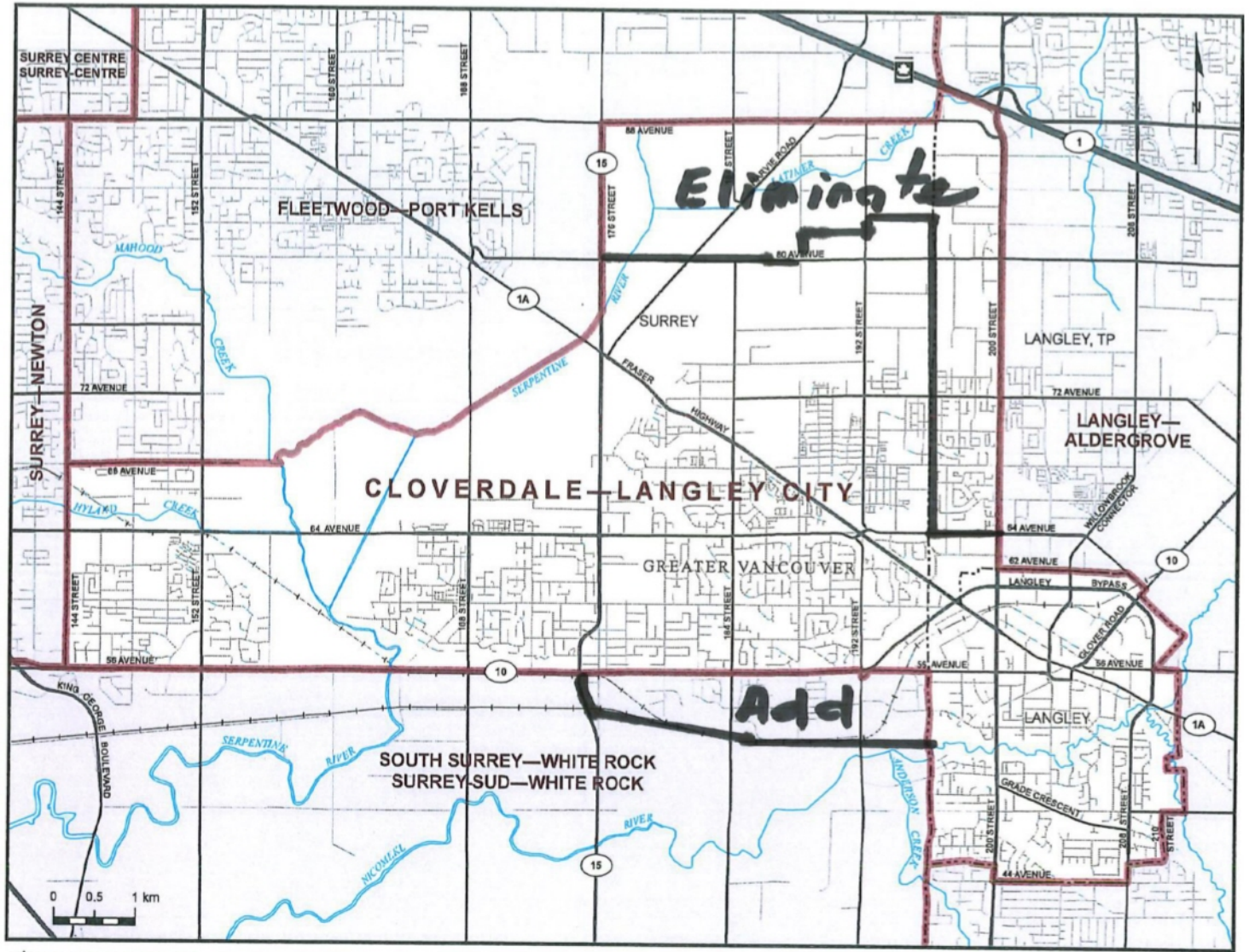

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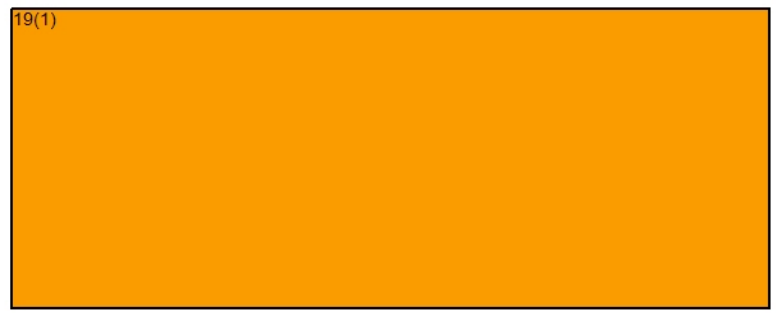
Proposed Cloverdale-Langley City-Panorama Electoral District

Thank you



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July 6, 2022

Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC, V6E 2E9

Re: Federal Boundary Redistribution for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon

Dear Secretary, Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia:

I am writing to you today to share a matter I am very concerned about: the redistribution of the federal electoral boundary for the riding of Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon.

Thank you for all the hard work the members of the British Columbia Commission for the redistribution have been undertaking.

I have been closely following developments of the proposed riding boundary changes. I write to you today as someone who knows the current riding boundary, established in 2013, very well. 19(1)

The writ for a federal election will likely drop after the proposed riding boundaries have been adopted. Respectfully, I would like to share three reasons why I believe the riding boundary in question should stay as it is, into the future:

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  19(1) I am concerned the continuity of service and representation of residents will be impacted by the proposed riding boundary changes.
- The Village of Lytton needs to have continuous representation with MP Vis' office, especially as rebuilding of the community there has only recently started. 19(1)

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- Building relationships with Indigenous peoples and First Nations communities is a vital step in reconciliation. 19(1) 19(1) 19(1) I am reminded of one Indigenous community who had not met their federal representative in decades before MP Vis took office. Stability in growing reconciliation should not be rolled back and the Member of Parliament is making good progress in building connections with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

I am happy to have the opportunity to write to the BC Commission concerning the proposed federal riding boundary changes. I kindly ask Commissioners Honourable Justice Mary Saunders, R. Kenneth Carty, and Stewart Ladyman to reconsider and keep the federal electoral boundaries for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon largely as they are in their current form.

Kind regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 25, 2022 11:41 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: digital@glaciermedia.ca
Subject: Federal Redistribtion: Why and why now?

It's bad enough that the tunnel replacement has been years in the making, and now you want to carve up Delta. How long would that take? How much would it cost? What benefits will there be for the people of Delta? And why *now?*

This plan is hardly crucial. Why not spend the peoples' money to make an impressive start on the lack of doctors in our province, and to help our residents with the spiraling cost of groceries, gas and other necessities?

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Sent from my island

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

More logical: doesn't arbitrarily split one area of Coquitlam from it's logical and usual area to the immediate east of it. If Anmore and areas north are added to the Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam riding, then this addition of Ranch Park, etc, should compensate in numbers and both areas are more logically associated with their immediate neighbours.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59025

Name to modify: Port Moody—Coquitlam / Port Moody—Coquitlam

New name: Port Moody—Coquitlam / Port Moody—Coquitlam

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 20, 2022 6:12 PM
To: Susan McEvoy
Subject: Re: Notice of Representation for Abbotsford Public Hearing

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Hi Susan,

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The task of equitable redistribution is one that is as essential to effective democracy as it is difficult to achieve. The task of achieving a compromise - between geography, between population, is thankless and sure to please few and invite critique. My recommendation was to include some of the area between the Canada/USA border and Highway #1 as part of Abbotsford's electoral district. The inclusion of more votes means the dilution of effect for each vote already in that riding. I'm aware of that and support it regardless, even though it means the dilution of my vote as well.

If there was any one idea that I would strongly push, it would be that the last two elections resulted in governments formed by a party that did not win the popular vote. That is a counterintuitive result and one which I hope is addressed by the current redistribution. Thank you to the commission and all the people working hard to make this redistribution a success.

Respectfully,
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On Mon, Sep 5, 2022 at 1:57 PM Susan McEvoy <19(1) wrote:

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for this notice of representation at the Abbotsford Public Hearing of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia.

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The Commission looks forward to your comments.

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Soumission du public concernant la proposition de la commission pour : Colombie britannique

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Date de réception : 2022-09-13

ID RIM : 1663089209WVKJSGANAX

Type de commentaires reçus :

Nouveau : O Carte : N Changement de nom : O Pièces jointes : N

Participation aux audiences publiques : N

Coordonnées :

Prénom : Nom :

Commentaires fournis :

Noms autochtones revitalisés. Importance de la mer des Salishes dans l'écosystème local.

Changement de nom de circonscription (Français/Anglais) : 59029

Nom à changer : Saanich—Gulf Islands / Saanich—Gulf Islands

Nouveau nom : Péninsule de Saanich—Mer des Salishes / Saanich Peninsula—Saalish Sea

Pièces jointes :

Disponibilité de la personne à participer aux audiences publiques suivantes :

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Soumission du public concernant la proposition de la commission pour : Colombie britannique

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Date de réception : 2022-09-13

ID RIM : 1663088879THTOVYQXRZ

Type de commentaires reçus :

Nouveau : O Carte : N Changement de nom : O Pièces jointes : N

Participation aux audiences publiques : N

Coordonnées :

Prénom : Nom :

Commentaires fournis :

Il n'y a pas deux fois "Saanich" seul dans le nom des circonscription. Westshore est plus englobant des communautés de la circonscription.

Changement de nom de circonscription (Français/Anglais) : 59012

Nom à changer : Esquimalt—Saanich—Sooke / Esquimalt—Saanich—Sooke

Nouveau nom : Westshore—Saanish Inlet / Westshore—Saanish Inlet

Pièces jointes :

Disponibilité de la personne à participer aux audiences publiques suivantes :

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Date received: 2022-05-04

RIM ID: 1651643719DETHXWJULN

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Lytton is an unnecessary addition into the riding name when Lytton is in Thompson-Nicola which is already partly in the name

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59014

Name to modify: Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton / Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton

New name: Kamloops—Thompson / Kamloops—Thompson

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-29

RIM ID: 1653807836VLCMUPFEGO

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

natural border. clear to residents justification for boundary. river is already used to define border elsewhere

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59021

Name to modify: North Island—Powell River / North Island—Powell River

New name: North Island—Powell River / North Island—Powell River

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 2:15 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

Justin Trudeau promised electoral reform to better reflect the overall countries opinion. This is not electoral reform! All this does is give control of the entire countries political system to 2 provinces - Ontario and Quebec. The rest of us don't matter! As we have seen by what Justin Trudeau has done during the freedom convoy, he neither respects or cares about any other provinces but these 2. Electoral reform is supposed to make all voices in Canada equal but we are not equal in the eyes of the federal electoral voting system. It should be made that each persons vote is worth something and not always be on the bottom rung of the ladder. Popular vote should be included into these equations!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 18, 2022 11:29 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kootenay-Columbia electoral district

I vehemently object to the so-called Central Kootenay Regional Districts continuing to be lumped in with the East Kootenay and named the Kootenay-Columbia Electoral District. In reality, there is not such thing as Central Kootenay. The Kootenays consist of West Kootenay and East Kootenay. The so-called Central Kootenay is actually part of the West Kootenay, and we should be in the same electoral district as the rest of the West Kootenay. For many years now, we in the so-called Central Kootenay Regional Districts have had absolutely NO say in the federal elections. Our MP Rob Morrison never sets foot in my town of Nelson, even though it is one of the largest, if not THE largest, city in the West Kootenay. (I note also your neglect of Nelson, as you are not holding any hearings here. You are only holding them in Cranbrook and expect us to cross a high mountain pass to attend these hearings in person. NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.)

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19(1)

Date received: 2022-09-03

RIM ID: 1662222041XFSRMZDRLK

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information: 19(1)

Comments provided:

Abbotsford clearly exists South of the Trans-Canada (#1) highway. There is no precedent for Aldergrove bordering Chilliwack. I acknowledge that federal ridings are not required to be coextensive with municipal boundaries, or other areas of representation - in fact the Abbotsford riding would be *much larger* if that were the case. However, the area I have added South of the highway is the smallest change I considered reasonable and a compromise. There are significant parts of Abbotsford proper (like the airport) which are already being allocated to Langley-Aldergrove or Chilliwack respectively. Many Abbotsford residents will be confused by these boundaries which place them in a neighbouring riding.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59001

Name to modify: Abbotsford / Abbotsford

New name: Abbotsford / Abbotsford

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

Tuesday September 20, 2022 7:00 PM

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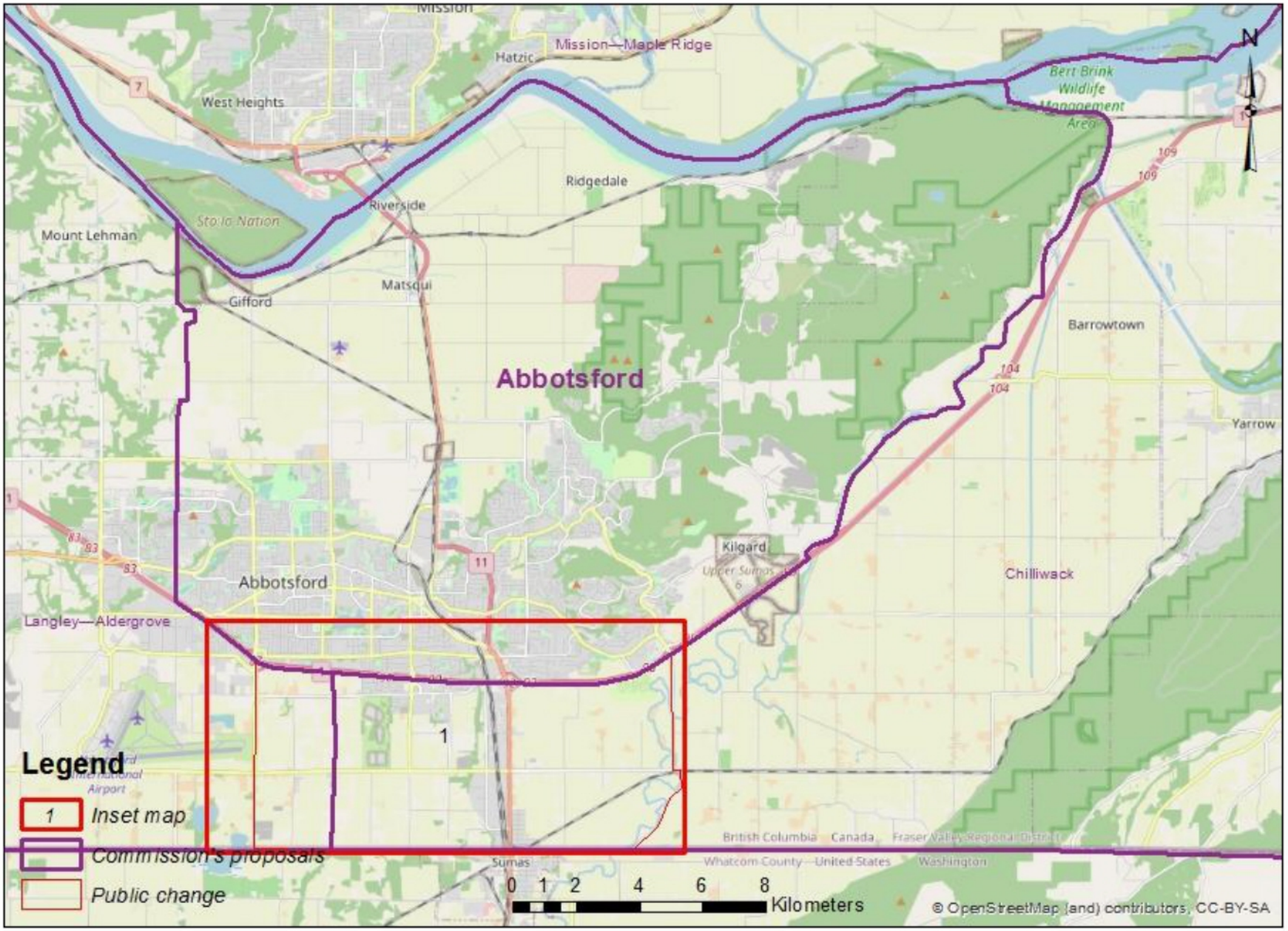

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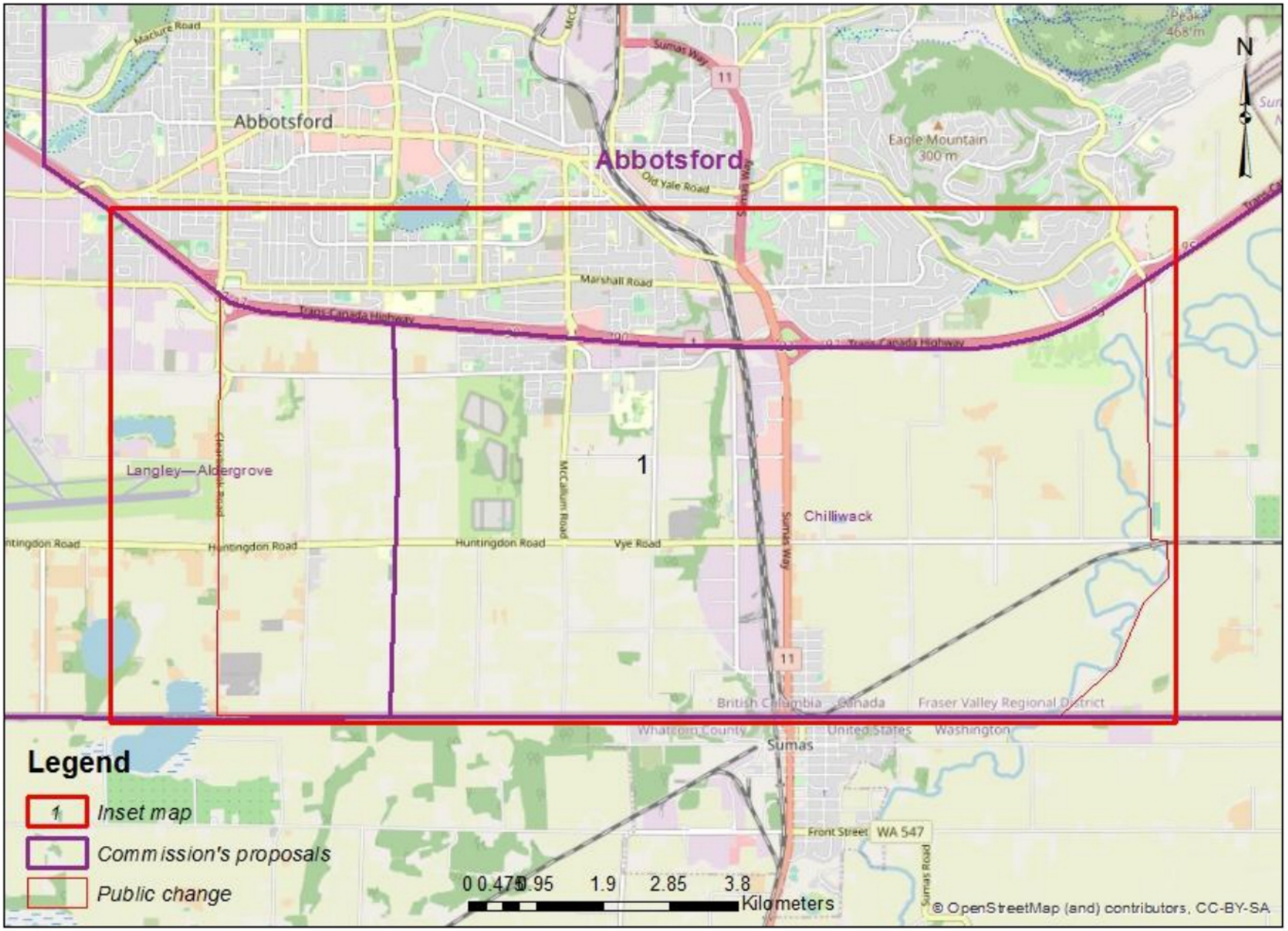

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19(1)

Date received: 2022-09-03

RIM ID: 1662222665QSZETGLFPP

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information: 19(1)

Comments provided:

19(1) I have extended the Eastern boundary south of the Trans-Canada coextensive with Whatcom road. I have extended the Western boundary at Downes road westward to Mt. Lehman road, and then coextensive with Mt. Lehman road south from the intersection of Downes and Mt. Lehman to the Canada/USA border. I have made a second submission which is smaller than this as a compromise for area and population with the Langley-Aldergrove and Chilliwack ridings; in order to balance the area and population of those ridings some of the Abbotsford area and population is given over. This submission, however, is a riding which is intuitive to the residents of Abbotsford.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59001

Name to modify: Abbotsford / Abbotsford

New name: Abbotsford / Abbotsford

Attachments:

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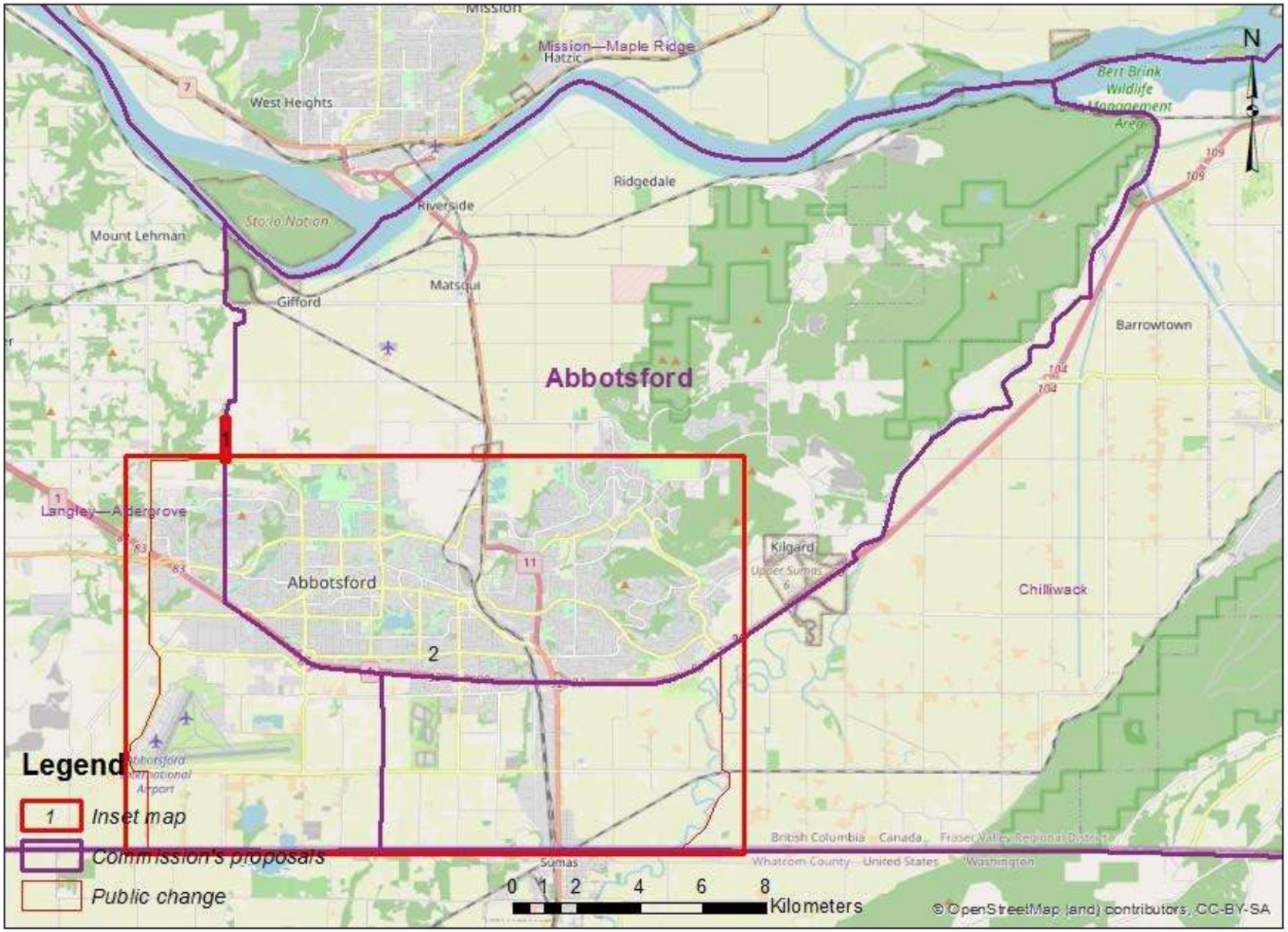

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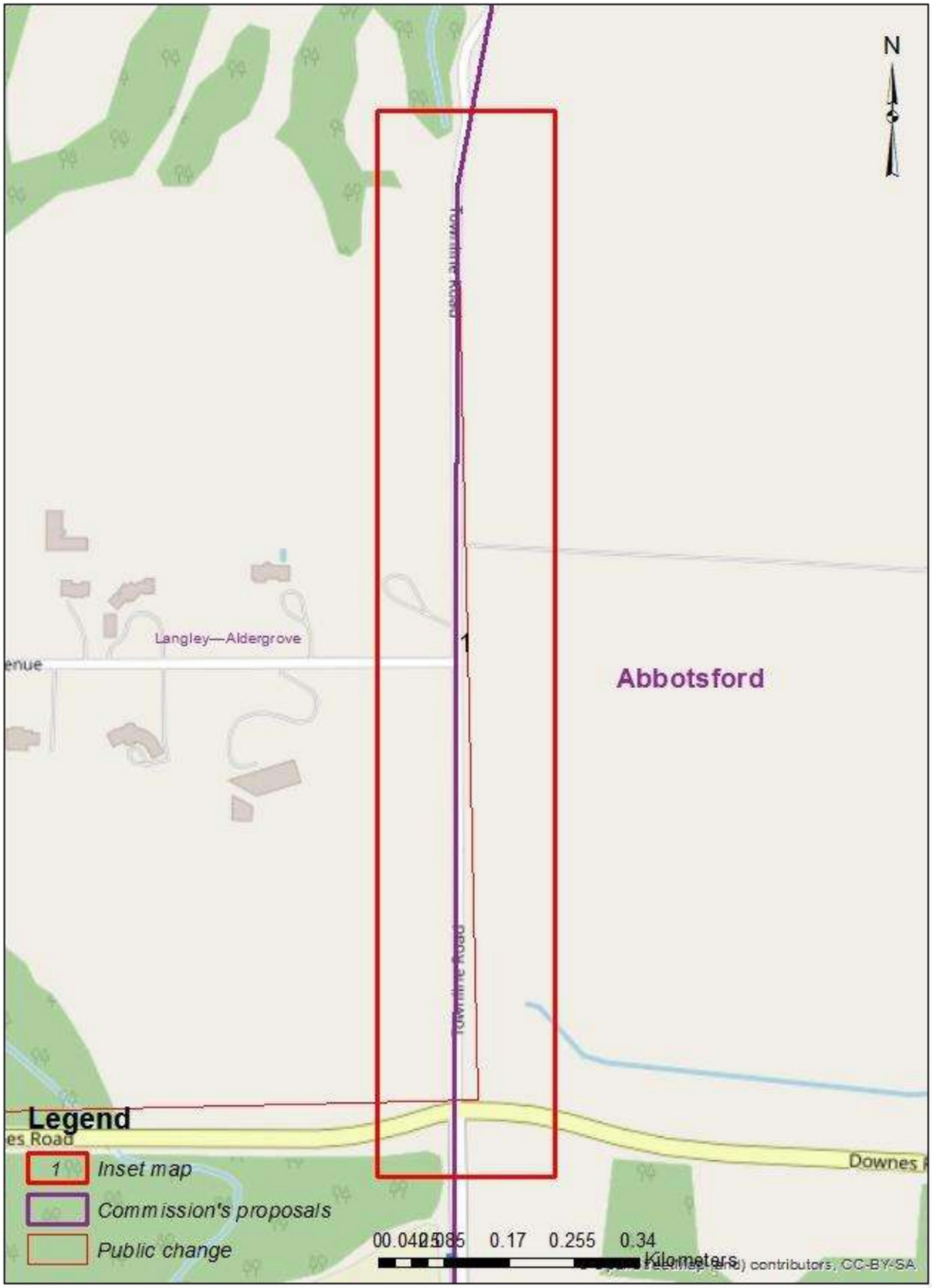

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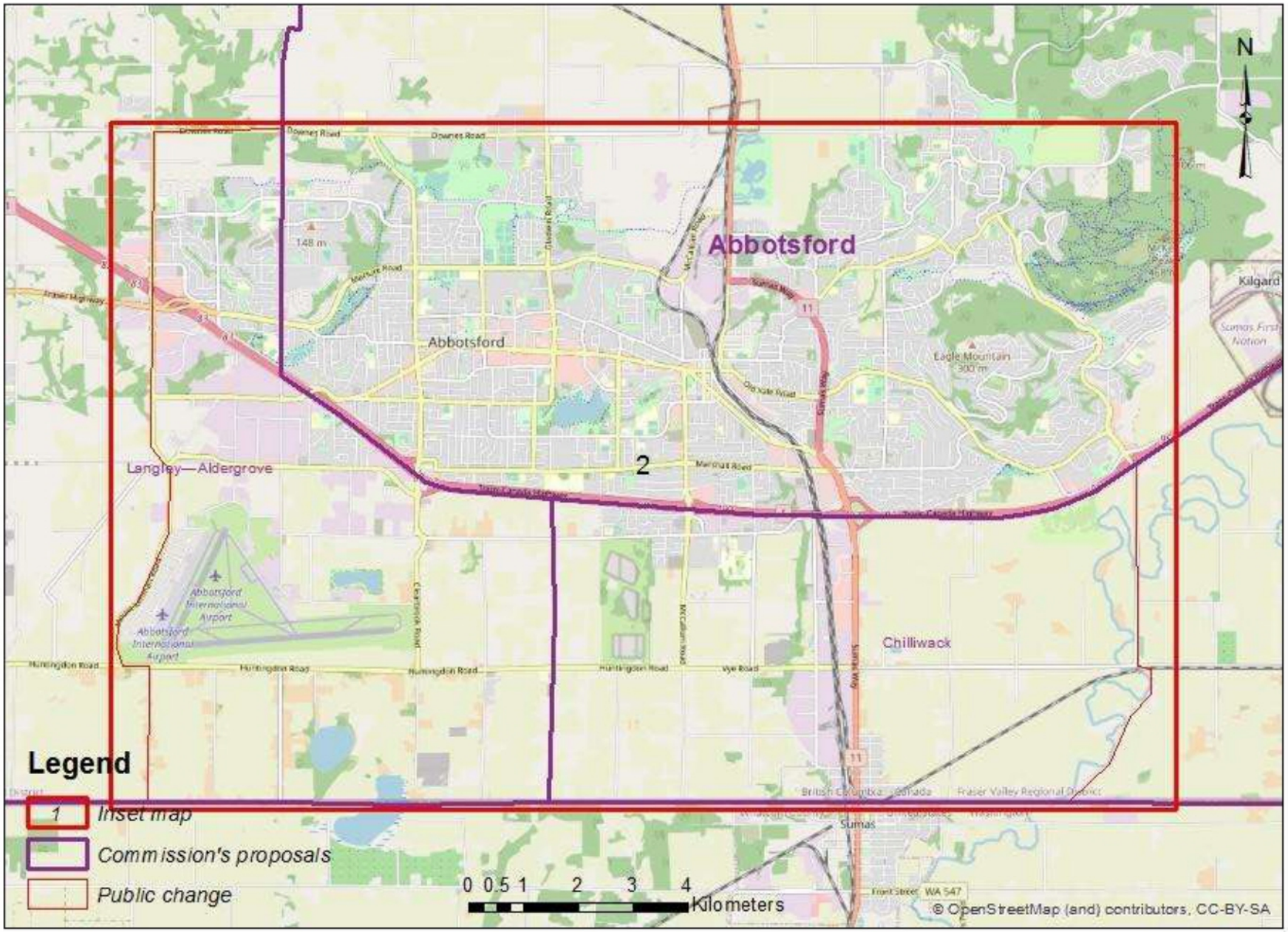

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 18, 2022 8:29 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary redistribution

19(1) since the last redistribution have felt it entirely inappropriate that the eastern section of North Vancouver be linked to a quite different community in Burnaby. 19(1) 19(1) they have no sense of the North Shore issues. I, on the other hand have a lot of interaction with people and activities in the eastern part of that riding.
My sense is that the projected new boundary just further alienates more of the North Vancouver population from what seems like a natural geographic riding.

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Date received: 2022-09-21

RIM ID: 1663728645WWWSXFYMSR

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

First name: Last name:

Comments provided:

New Westminster and Bridgeview are fundamentally different ridings. No politician can represent both sides of the Fraser River. Example. New Pattullo bridge needs to be 6-8 lanes wide if one lives in Surrey, while only 4 lanes wide if one lives in New Westminster.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59020

Name to modify: New Westminster—Bridgeview / New Westminster—Bridgeview

New name: New Westminster / New Westminster—Bridgeview

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 22, 2022 2:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Proposed removal of half of the Ambleside from West Vancouver riding

Greetings,

I think it is ridiculous that you're considering removing half of Ambleside and giving it to the North Vancouver writing.

There seems to be no common sense in this suggestion as 19(1)
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Regards

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 5, 2022 1:54 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: As

19(1) I've seen first hand what redistricting can do. I'd like to take in consideration which party will have the advantage in this. Please don't show favoritism towards any or all parties. It should be purely non partisan & equal.

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Date received: 2022-09-12

RIM ID: 1662945803HLMFTEKRYA

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

It doesn't make any sense to divide Port Coquitlam between two ridings. Tlhere is no geographic reason for this divide. We are a small area with a compact population. Government policies and legislation that effect the north side of Port Coquitlam equally effect the south side of Port Coquitlam. The proposed redistribution could lead to two different parties representing in Parliament people who are literally neighbours. Port Coquitlam must be kept whole.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59008

Name to modify: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

New name: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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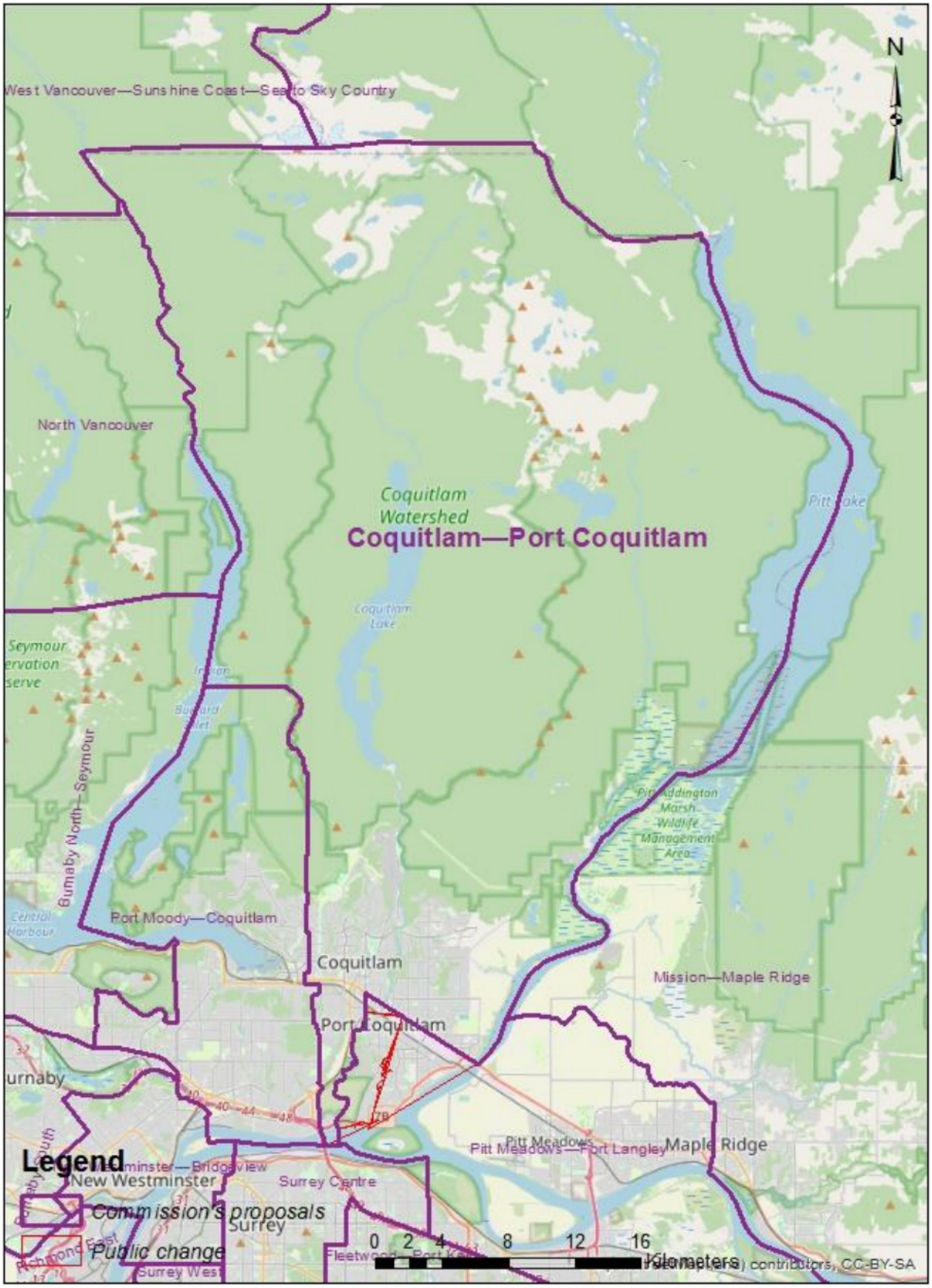

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 15, 2022 5:58 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New Electoral Boundaries

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September 15, 2022

I have read the proposal for connecting Vernon with a large part of Kelowna and not keeping us with outlying areas that we have always felt were like us I would prefer NOT to have any part of Kelowna combined with Vernon. They are nowhere near as 'country' and 'community-oriented' as we are. I would feel as though we were being run/pushed around by this large metropolis. We should continue to be aligned with outlying areas near Vernon as has been in the past, but add more population to our north and east.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 3, 2022 2:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: ron.mckinnon@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Electoral redistribution

Hello;
I'd like to say that changing the current Port Coquitlam riding to Pitt Meadows- Fort Langley is a very bad idea. Moving a constituency office to another town doesn't benefit anyone.
There's no reason to split up this small town and align half of it with a pair of smaller towns.
Looks like a bad idea right from the start.

Please reconsider !

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 2, 2022 4:04 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta Federal Riding

I have reviewed your suggested new riding boundaries for Delta and am appalled by the suggestion that you would split the riding into 3 parts.

Prior to 2015, Delta was divided up into several ridings: before1997 - Fraser Valley West, Richmond- South Delta, and Surrey- White Rock- North Delta; after 1997 - Delta-South Richmond; and then re-created to Newton- North Delta and Delta Richmond East. This led to confusion in the electorate and a dilution of the focus of the MPs in question.

Finally in 2015, the riding was changed to the whole of Delta and neighbouring Tsawwassen First Nation. As an observer of the political scene in Delta, I can say that when Delta was made whole there was an immediate change in how the riding was handled. Having a single MP to work with all of the other levels of government, the businesses and the people of Delta allowed a singular focus on the issues of the riding. There was no weakening of attention nor was the MP forced to understand issues across different municipalities. They were able to concentrate their efforts and work with one consistent set of issues.

Delta is very close to the correct size to be it's own riding. There is no reason to split the riding. Better approaches have, I believe, been suggested which keep MPs closer to their constituents.

Having an MP who can focus on a single municipality's issues with community leaders should be of primary concern in your redrawing of the boundaries.

Please reconsider your approach. Thank you

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 6, 2022 1:04 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries - WV-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky

Dear Members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission;

I am writing to commend the important work you are doing and to strongly support your independence. I am aware that the Liberal Party has been urging people in my community to object to the new boundaries and I think this is a dangerous and anti-democratic action on their part.

We only need to observe how the manipulation of electoral boundaries for political purposes has corrupted American politics to know how precious the neutral and uncorrupted management of our own electoral system is.

You have been entrusted with an important role, the decision is yours and we can all have faith in our system when decisions are made freely, analytically and without political pressure.

Thank you for your work,

Sincerely;

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 4:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Redistribution of Boundaries - Federal Riding Delta, BC

2022 Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes

THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES THAT AFFECT THE CITY OF DELTA IN BRITISH COLUMBIA SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED.

The city of Delta and the Tsawwassen First Nations now make up one federal electoral riding. This proposal will cut Delta up into several parts and attach those parts to either Surrey or Richmond.

The proposed riding changes are:

1. Delta riding would be:
    a. Delta South of 72nd Ave (including Sunshine Hills)
    b. Ladner and Tsawwassen
    c. Roberts Bank
2. Surrey West riding would include:
    a. North Delta from Scott Road west to 112th Street
    b. North part of this area in North Delta – west to River Road
    c. North Delta from 96th Ave south to 72nd Ave
3. Richmond East riding would include:
    a. North Delta west of 112th Street, Annacis Island and Tilbury Industrial Parks

Delta has its own unique set of needs and challenges and the existing configuration with one riding has proven that this works very, very well. If these changes are allowed to take place, Delta stands to lose its identity and its autonomy.

Under the proposal:

Delta's major industrial areas of Tilbury and Annacis Island become part of the "Richmond" riding

- This is not acceptable at all. It is imperative that a representative from Delta has full control of these major areas that are vital to the economy of the City of Delta.

The western part of North Delta becomes part of the "Richmond" riding.

- This is a completely nonsensical boundary change if for no other reasons, the geographic differences, demographics and completely different needs from one side of the Fraser River to the other.

North Delta becomes part of a Surrey riding.

- This was a previous riding configuration that did not provide North Delta with proper representation. North Delta got swallowed up by Surrey. With an MP living in Surrey, the needs of

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North Delta were ignored. Because of the existing demographics in this northern area of Delta and Surrey, this proposed change would very likely have the same disastrous result.

The stated reason for the change is for the proper distribution of population. The population of Delta, approximately 114,000, is within the population ranges of the redistributed ridings. There is no need at all to redistribute Delta.

With Delta split between several MP's, how do Delta's needs get addressed. This would be an impossible situation. How do we get MP's who live in different cities to even listen to what we have to say? It would be concerning that an MP living in one city, not Delta, would potentially put a priority on the needs in the home city. This would be a major problem especially with distribution of available funds.

And the ultimate insult –The name Delta disappears completely as those in North Delta would now be called Surrey West!! A name only, but obviously made up by somebody who does not know or understand the geography or demographics of the area. The name could of course be changed. But it doesn't solve the problem of North Delta's concerns being buried in the bottom of the Surrey and Richmond barrels.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 25, 2022 7:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Change in Electoral Boundaries

To Whom it May Concern,

A strong democracy needs an engaged electorate. To encourage an engaged electorate, I believe all voters should feel that they are represented as fairly as possible. I strongly believe this can happen only when historical community connections are respected and retained.

I also believe that combining smaller rural populations with greater numbers of different thinking large urban centre populations contributes to voter dissatisfaction and disenfranchisement.
I believe well-designed electoral district boundaries would increase trust in the political process in this area, improve voter participation and representation.

1. For people living in the Regional District of North Okanagan, Fintry, Falkland and areas between Fintry and Falkland and Vernon:
To maximize voter engagement, the proposed Vernon-Lake Country electoral district should include nearby rural areas that are most strongly connected, geographically, economically, and socially to Vernon and Lake Country. Also, the proposed Vernon-Lake Country electoral district should not include any part of Kelowna, because Kelowna is a separate centre, with very different attitudes and priorities.

I recommend including in the proposed Vernon-Lake Country electoral district:

- Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO)
- Fintry, including La Casa Cottages, and the west side of Okanagan Lake north of Fintry
- Falkland, and the area between Falkland and Vernon
- Lake Country

We recommend excluding from the proposed Vernon-Lake Country electoral district:

- Any part of Kelowna.

2. For people living in the North Okanagan-Shuswap Electoral District outside of the Regional District of North Okanagan, Fintry, Falkland and the areas between Fintry and Falkland and Vernon

I am aware that the North Okanagan and the Shuswap have been together in the same electoral district since 1987, unfortunately the regional population has outgrown this combination. I believe the best solution is to keep the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District intact, adding portions of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and northern portions of the Central and East Kootenay Regional Districts as required by population numbers.

There are two basic choices:
1. Create a very large rural electoral district combining the Columbia-Shuswap and Thompson-

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Nicola Regional Districts and a separate electoral district for the City of Kamloops.
2. Create two mixed rural/urban electoral districts, combining the Thompson-Nicola Regional District with western Kamloops, and the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District with eastern Kamloops.

Sincerely,

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Date received: 2022-05-03

RIM ID: 1651603209ECKRYGCXXM

Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Because this new riding would include the Sentinel Hill area

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59023

Name to modify: North Vancouver /
North Vancouver

New name: North Vancouver–Sentinel Hill /
North Vancouver–Sentinel Hill

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 20, 2022 1:46 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops Redistribution

Hello,

I would like to share my thoughts regarding the changes planned for the City of Kamloops; the east neighborhoods moving to the North Shuswap riding. Kamloops has two provincial ridings, presently it is working. I attribute the success as both MLA's are both from the Liberal party. In the past MLA's were selected from different parties and they didn't have consensus decisions and does not benefit the community.

I ask that you please consider my opinion that this is not a good decision for any community.

Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 27, 2022 11:14 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta BC now Surrey?

I am not impressed with being considered a resident of Surrey BC. 19(1) 19(1) I will not vote or participate in a jurisdiction that I do not reside in or pay taxes. Delta is now the City of Delta. Please respond.
Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 1, 2022 8:36 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposed to cutting Sunshine Coast riding into two

Good morning
19(1) We enjoy its unique identity and voice.
We have ties to Powell River and spend time there as well.
We've been reading about the new proposal to change the electoral boundaries of the Sunshine Coast.
Please do NOT chop the area in two to align one side with Powell River and the other with West Van. It lessens our unique and collective voice for what's in the best interests of the Sunshine Coast.
There are those of us who want and expect to see our MP at our MPs office without a 3 ferry trip. A 3 ferry trip sends us a negative relationship message.
Appreciating you have your challenges, please act in accordance with the Sunshine Coast's best interests and do not chop the Sunshine Coast political boundaries in half.
Best
19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 9, 2022 3:38 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Splitting North Delta no notice received

To whom it may concern,

We did not receive notice, nor did any of our neighbors, of your proposal to divide North Delta into three new sections, or any notice about the meetings being held for public input . We found out about this by accident by having a North Delta reporter paper accidentally delivered to our home. I do not believe you should be holding these meetings without having first notified all residents. Do you? I hope that now you have been informed that we have not been notified that you will proceed to notify people and reschedule the meetings. Please reply.

All of the venues are in areas that are not in North Delta. I believe (and wonder if you also believe) that it would be proper to have at least one meeting where it affects people the most? In North Delta. Please reply.

The media quote says that you want to divide us based on “communities of identity” which can mean nothing else but race. If it does not mean race, then would you please explain and describe to us what the “communities of identity” are that you are referring to are comprised of? Please reply.

Elections Canada is also quoted as saying that proposed changes take into consideration , “ historic and geographic factors”. If so, the splitting of Delta, and in particular North Delta, into three parts joined with other large areas of Surrey and Richmond is simply not logical.

If you are (as it appears to be) associating areas with more Chinese residents with Richmond, more south Asian residents with Surrey and more white people with South Delta, then are you not denying the ability of people of more than one race to form and function as a community? If not, then please explain why not . Please reply.

What is Elections Canadas definition of “ a community “? Is it race -based community or location based communities? Please reply.

Thank you

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 14, 2022 5:18 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kelowna riding

19(1)

19(1) My issues have nothing to do with the issues that people in the Lake Country to Vernon area are concerned with.
I do not see any valid reason why the city of Kelowna should be chopped in half.
Again, another reason governments try to fix what isn't even broken.

Concerned voter,
19(1)

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-04

RIM ID: 1651644200ZCVXESPCEQ

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

You can't take a munch from Burnaby just because population quota's are a bit off

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59040

Name to modify: Vancouver South / Vancouver-Sud

New name: Vancouver South / Vancouver-Sud

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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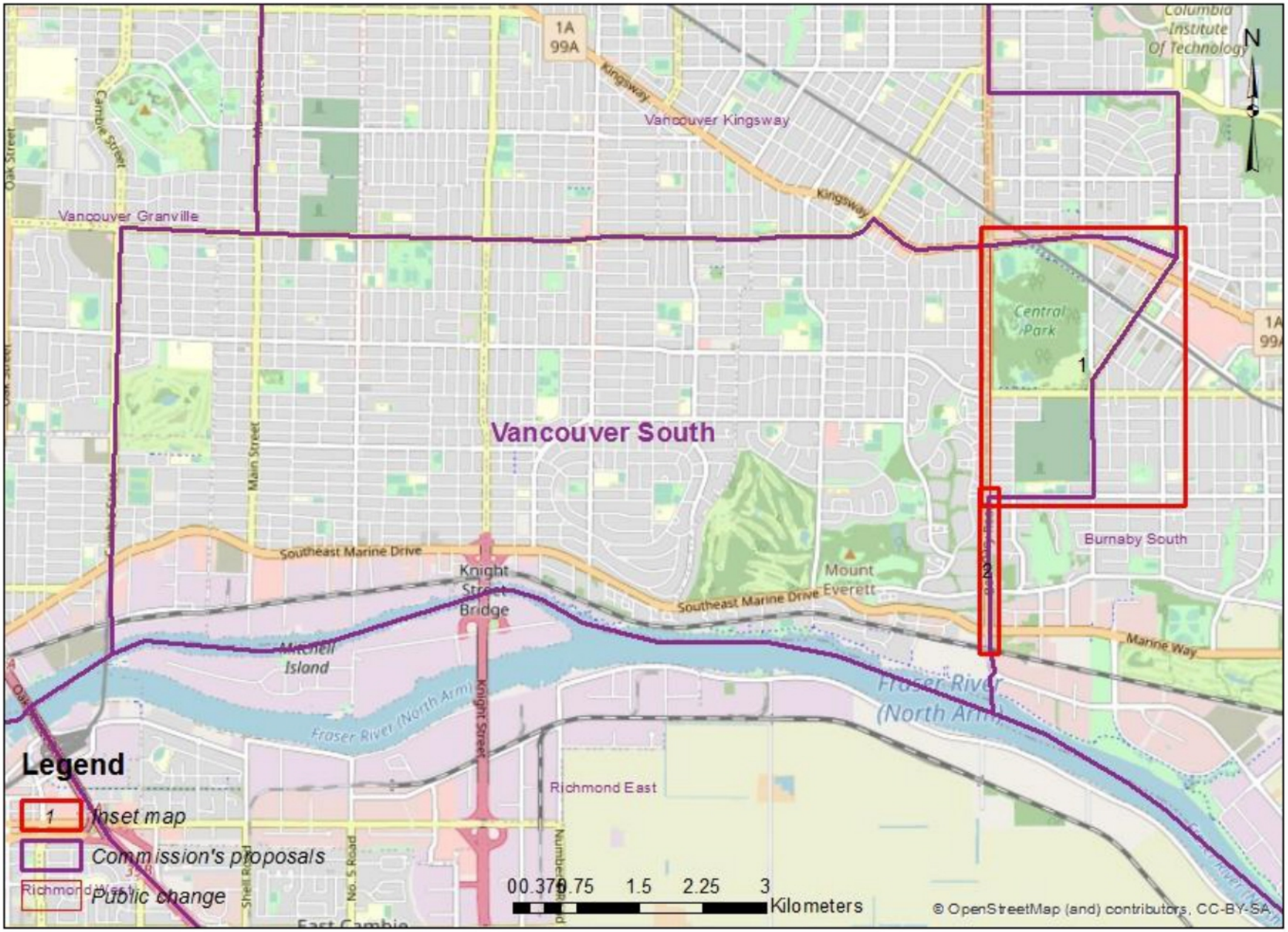

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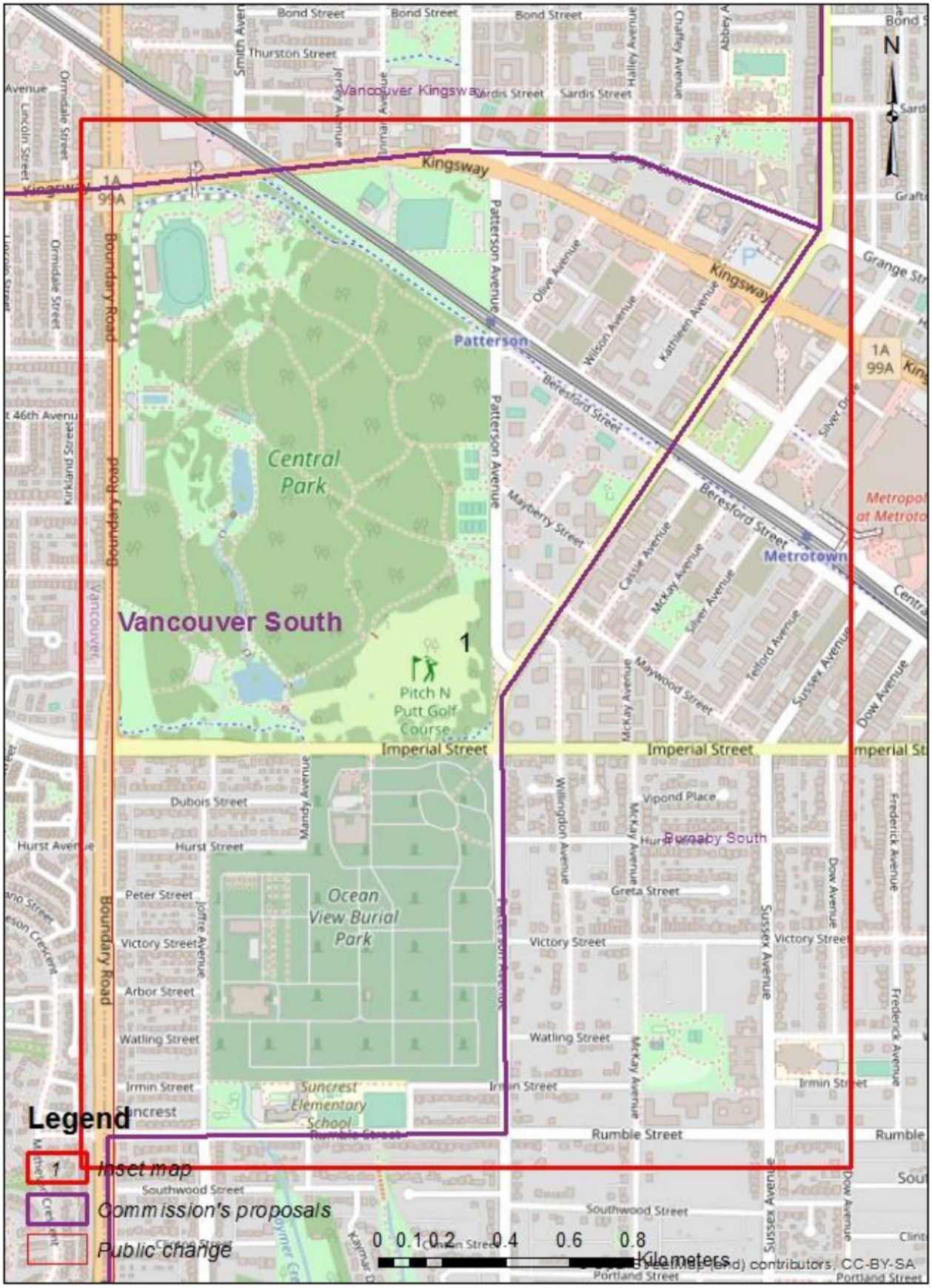

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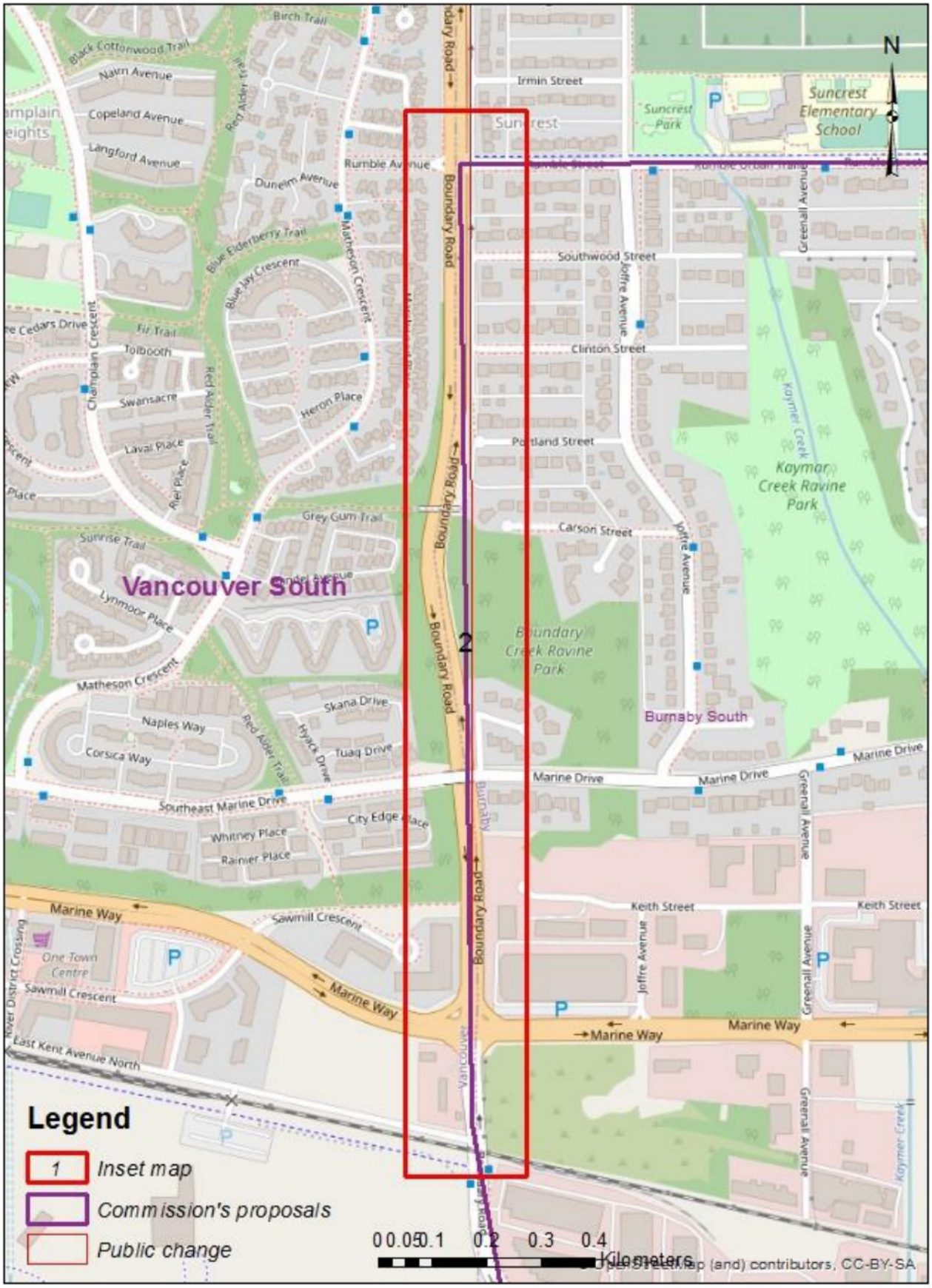

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 7, 2022 11:41 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Riding Boundaries

Electoral Boundaries Commission

Dear Commissioners

19(1) would like to submit my opinion on boundary changes as follows;
I do not object to the changing of riding boundaries **however I do object** to any addition of more seats in the Canadian House of Parliament.
With over three hundred members I believe there is an adequate number of MP's to run the countries business. Increasing the number of MP's just increases the already overbearing load on taxpayers.

Yours sincerely,

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 14, 2022 11:00 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundaries

This is to voice my objection to "dividing " up the Sunshine Coast- ie Port Mellon to Earles Cove. 19(1) 19(1) We are NOT an island , but for practical purposes , we are.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 29, 2022 7:40 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed changes to riding boundaries - Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley

Hello,

I am writing to you to express my serious concerns at the proposed boundary changes to the riding of Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley. The new changes would include small parts of 5 municipalities spread across a river - a major boundary in terms of transportation and transit.

This change makes no sense - Langley has been waiting *decades* for better Skytrain access, whereas Surrey and Pitt Meadows are well-connected to close Skytrain. How could an MP for such disparate areas possibly lobby effectively for all constituents? Until a few years ago, a tolled bridge separated the north side of this proposed change from the south side; until a few years before that, the two areas were only accessible by a *long* drive through bad traffic or a very small ferry. These areas have developed and grown totally separately. They have different populations and different priorities. And the MP of this proposed area would have to work together with *five* municipal governments, along with the provincial and federal governments? That is basically a guarantee that places like Langley remain underserved in major areas.

Additionally, many of these areas already have natural "alliances" that are being totally ignored! Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge share an RCMP attachment and several other amenities but (with this proposed change) will now have separate MPs to represent their interests? Port Coquitlam is part of the "Tri-Cities" and shares a school district (among other amenities) with Coquitlam and Port Moody but, again, with the proposed changes, will have separate MPs? Walnut Grove and Fort Langley are both Townships of Langley but now they'll be completely severed from the other 3 townships? And combined with slivers from 4 other cities?

This proposal seems to have been proposed by someone or a group of people who looked at a map and drew lines with no regard for the lives and wellbeing of the people who live in these regions. I would hope for better from our elected representatives.

I am totally against this proposed change.

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-06

RIM ID: 1654488868OVAUDRCKBR

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information: 19(1)

Comments provided:

This is the boundary rough as it was hard to use this program for the first time. No part of the Okanagan should be within the operational area of the West Kootenays. It is its own jurisdiction.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59031

Name to modify: South Okanagan—West Kootenay / Okanagan-Sud—Kootenay-Ouest

New name: West Kootenay / Kootenay-Ouest

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

Wednesday September 28, 2022 7:00 PM

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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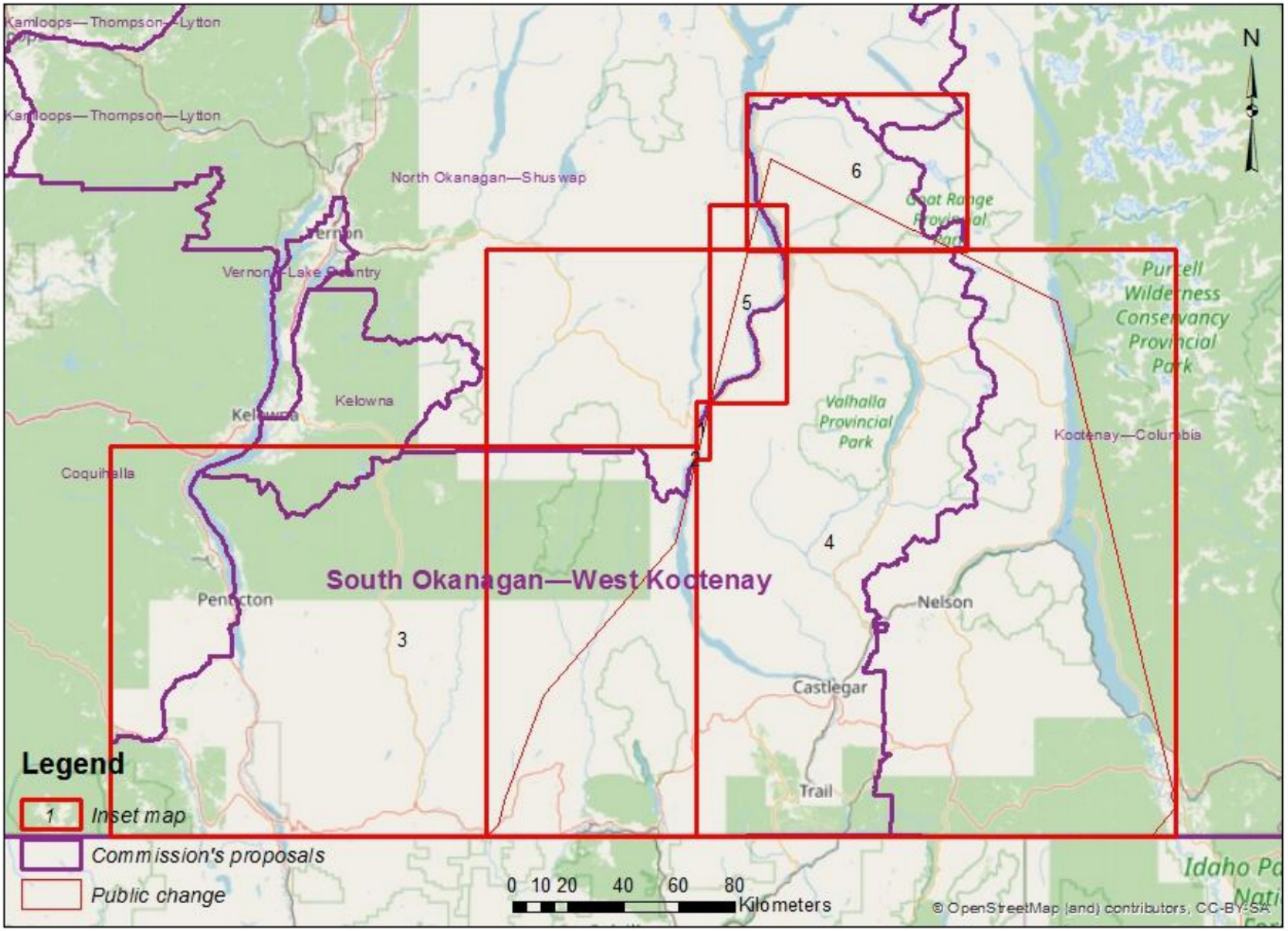

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 7:39 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast - Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear Sir or Madam,

19(1)

I oppose the idea of cutting the Sunshine Coast electorally, as it will divide communities of interest, as well make it more difficult to travel to see our MP.

The current electoral boundary serves the purpose for the communities within this boundary.

Thank you for your consideration of my opposition and I also thank the commission for the hard work that is being undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,
19(1)

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 8:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned yesterday of the need to remove 10,000 voters from that riding so that it is in line with the provincial average.

I also learned that in response to your proposal (to take those 10,000 voters from the West Van area), Liberal and Conservative representatives are suggesting that the Sunshine Coast be cut in half!

I strongly oppose the Liberal / Conservative suggestion. First because dividing the Sunshine Coast in half would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a community of shared interests and concerns (e.g. ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live). Third, because this part of the riding is historically progressive, the Liberal / Conservative recommendation strikes me as a blatant political power move.

Your original proposal to allocate a portion of West Van to the North Van riding makes much more sense to me. It neither divides a geographically delimited community, nor inhibits those reallocated voters from easily meeting with their elected MP.

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 11:59 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Ridings - Fraser Height

To whom it may concern,

19(1)

19(1), oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I believe that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, along with other communities south of the Fraser River.

Yours sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 23, 2022 2:10 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Ambleside redistribution

To whom it may concern.

19(1)

We herewith want to express our opposition to the proposal to remove half of Ambleside riding to add to North Vancouver.

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 10, 2022 8:41 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: tako.vanpopta@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Redistribution for Riding Boundaries

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed redistribution of the Langley-Aldergrove riding as proposed by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Langley and Aldergrove, including Walnut Grove 19(1) and Fort Langley, includes a series of neighbourhoods and communities that are connected by a common municipal boundary. Our member of parliament represents the connected communities above. Proposed changes based on population distribution break the continuity of representation by moving my community of Walnut Grove, and Fort Langley, into a district on the opposite side of the Fraser River to which we are not connected in any way, and that has different issues and concerns. Other than a mathematical calculation of population, removing two integral parts of the Langley-Aldergrove riding to artificially integrate them with a completely different community in Pitt Meadows makes no sense.

I am therefore opposed to this proposed boundary change and ask that it be rescinded.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 8, 2022 4:52 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Revised electoral boundaries for the central Okanagan

To Whom It May Concern

Revised Electoral Boundaries in Central to Northern Okanagan

I have a significant concern about the proposed revision to electoral boundaries 19(1) 19(1) The proposed boundaries may serve expanded populations but, now spanning four municipal boundaries (Kelowna, Lake Country and Vernon and Coldstream) and at least one, if not two, regional district boundaries (Central Okanagan Regional District and Regional District of North Okanagan), unnecessarily makes the lives of people like me very challenging. Almost every aspect of volunteer work that I may do with local groups (in the District of Lake Country) would be compromised and further complicated by overlapping boundaries. Whether contacting MPs, accessing grants or looking for information about various issues under federal regulation, the impact of this would simply be more time, more red tape and more complications.

I hope you will consider realigning boundaries along municipal boundaries. Even when two or several cities, towns, regional districts are melded together for federal purposes, things are a lot easier than when you split up those same cities, municipalites and districts. While this is understandable in large cities, it is not the case in the Okanagan.

Thank you for your consideration

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 8:53 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta riding

To Whom It May Concern

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for B.C.

We are very surprised that there is a plan to splinter our North Delta community into three parts connected to totally different ridings. This is a backward step. Delta was wisely and appropriately united into a single riding by your Commission in 2012. This recognized the cohesive economic connection of our community and our established municipality.

In the proposed redistribution an integral part of North Delta is attached to the riding of Surrey West. At the same time, a portion of Surrey West is attached to Delta. A third portion of North Delta is included in Richmond East, a completely separate municipality.

These changes would fly in the face of representation by population as North Delta residents would become a tiny minority in two much larger municipalities with very different political and economic agendas. We do understand the need to realign ridings to reflect changing population numbers but we also believe most strongly that is very important that electoral boundaries reflect the economic and political realities of communities.

Please maintain the riding of Delta as you established it ten years ago. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 21, 2022 10:02 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: oppose Port Coquitlam electoral proposal.

I would like to document that I am opposed to splitting the town of Port Coquitlam in to two electoral districts .

Thank you

19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 2, 2022 8:16 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Hello,

19(1) opposed to adjusting the boundaries of our riding.

It has come to our attention that there is a consideration to adjust the boundaries of our riding so that the Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into 2 parts with one part being part of the riding as it stands now (i.e. with West Vancouver) and the other being part of the Powell River North Island riding. We would like to go on record as being completely opposed to this notion. The community of the Sunshine Coast 19(1) is a quasi island being accessible only by ferry. Although it is attached to the mainland, there is no road access. This makes the Sunshine Coast one cohesive community with small community hubs dotted along its length. Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such things as water and solid waste infrastructure. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are a community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. There was a time when our riding had both the Upper Sunshine Coast (Powell River) and the Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) together. But as the population grew, this was changed so that Powell River became attached to the North Island and we were attached to West Vancouver. This has never made sense to us. We have so much in common with Powell River (quatet) and little in common with West Vancouver. If any change is necessary, you could consider attaching the **entire** Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to the North Island. But splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how an MP would be able to manage a riding such as the one being considered. It is also hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

We hope that this proposal will not gain traction and will be abandoned.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and for the work that you are doing.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 2:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: federal riding change for sunshine coast?

Hello to those concerned.
I just heard there may possibly be a riding change for the sunshine coast. If there is any truth to this i strongly oppose the idea.
An imposed arbitrary community... when has that ever worked!

sincerely 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 11:09 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: directors@fhca.ca
Subject: Opposing splitting up riding

19(1) oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I believe that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, along with other communities south of the Fraser River.
Yours sincerely,

Sent from my Galaxy

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 3, 2022 8:55 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New electoral boundary- Maple Ridge

Hello,

19(1) I oppose the proposed new electoral boundary for Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows- Fort Langley. The Fraser River not only separates municipalities geographically but also socially and politically. Combining these municipalities will cause all of its residents to be under served politically. You will find that a large percentage of the residents of the municipalities you are proposing to combine rarely cross over the river.

19(1)

The Fraser River to lower mainland residents is what the St. Lawrence is to southern Quebec residents.
I vehemently oppose the new boundary proposed for Maple Ridge and feel it will significantly impact my elected representative's ability to look after my concerns. Any change to the electoral boundary should NOT include crossing the Fraser River.
Sincerely

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 25, 2022 5:14 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: redistribution

19(1) oppose the re-drawing of new Federal Ridings in such a way as to split up our community. I believe that the entire community north of Highway 1 from the Port Mann Bridge to Golden Ears Way should be in the same riding, along with other communities south of the Fraser River.
Yours sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 27, 2022 10:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Subject: Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

Thank you for your careful and valuable work to ensure fair representation of citizens in our electoral system.

19(1) learned yesterday of the need to remove 10,000 voters from that riding so that it is in line with the provincial average.

I also learned that in response to your proposal (to take those 10,000 voters from the West Van area), Liberal and Conservative representatives are suggesting that the Sunshine Coast be cut in half! People in West Vancouver can easily walk, bike, drive, or bus to their next door neighbourhood in North Vancouver hasle free - in possibly just a few minutes. 19(1)

I strongly oppose the suggestion to divide the SC in half. First because dividing the Sunshine Coast would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Travelling from the Sunshine Coast to the North Island can only be done in a private car, needs two expensive ferry rides, and takes several hours. This is absurd!

Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a community of shared interests and concerns (e.g. ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live). The entire Sunshine Coast is my community, and should be taken as a whole.

Third, because this part of the riding is historically quite progressive, the Liberal- Conservative recommendation strikes me as a blatant political power move. Divide and conquer much anyone?

Your original proposal to allocate a portion of West Van to the North Van riding makes much more sense to me. It neither divides a geographically delimited community, nor does it inhibit those reallocated voters from easily meeting with their elected MP.

Please adhere to the wisdom of your original proposal.

Thank you again for the important work you do and for your commitment to doing it in a way that is non-partisan.

Sincerely,

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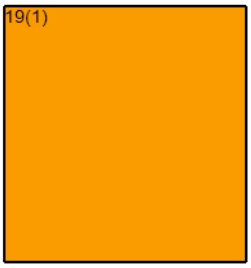

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 1:31 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Thank you for your work but we totally disagree with cutting the sunshine coast in half.

First because dividing the Sunshine Coast in half would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP.

Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a community of shared interests and concerns (e.g. ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

Third, because this part of the riding is historically progressive, the Liberal-Conservative recommendation strikes me as a blatant political power move.

Your original proposal to allocate a portion of West Van to the North Van riding makes **much more sense** to us. It neither divides a geographically delimited community, nor does it inhibit those reallocated voters from easily meeting with their elected MP.

Sincerely
19(1)

May the season bless you with warmth, with flowers, with hope and possibilities, and most of all with love. Freeman Patterson

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June 29, 2022

Electoral District Redistribution Commission for British Columbia

Commissioner Mary Saunders,
Commissioner Kenneth Carty, and
Commissioner Stewart Layman

Dear Commissioners:

Response to proposed federal riding boundary adjustment of
West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea-to-Sky Country electoral district

19(1)

I want to thank all three of you for your willingness to put yourselves forward for the important work of addressing electoral distribution across the province, without which our democracy would not function as well as it does.

Given the 26 in person hearings you are conducting around the province and what I expect will be a deluge of written submissions, you definitely have your work cut out for you and I thank you for your diligence in reading and sifting through the varied opinions and materials.

Canadians should be proud that our boundary readjustment process is non-partisan and is primarily driven by reported national population census data. When one looks to other political jurisdictions Canadians can take reasonable pride that our process is fair, balanced and driven by the demographic reality and not by political advantage.

With the additional seat for British Columbia added into the mix of population changes within and across various ridings, finding the fair balance to make the necessary boundary adjustments is a little like squeezing a balloon, when one part is squeezed another part bulges out elsewhere. Any substantive change to a particular riding, by way of an addition to or subtraction from the population, necessarily requires adjustments to adjacent ridings to ensure overall balance and fidelity to the electoral quotient, which may in turn create a chain reaction and necessitate additional changes to further distant ridings. It is a demographic jigsaw puzzle demanding skill and attention to detail. Again, I thank you and your staff for undertaking this critical work.

I support the proposed boundary adjustment which will see the dense urban population in the southeast corner of West Vancouver moved into the North Vancouver electoral district. Given the vast geography within our West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea-to-Sky Country riding and the great divergence of population densities I believe it to be the most efficient, least disruptive option available to rebalance to the population in favour of the electoral quotient, thus ensuring, as far as is reasonably possible that the value of one vote in any one riding is equal to the value one vote in all ridings across the country.

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Our expansive riding boundaries encompass distant and very sparsely populated rural areas as well as closely knit, densely populated urban areas and makes the rebalancing exercise relatively straight forward. It is far easier and more equitable to transfer a block of dense urban voters who enjoy a commonality of civic and commercial services with an adjacent riding rather than transfer sparse rural voters spread over a vast landscape, who don't necessarily share common civic and/or commercial services with their adjacent riding.

At your June 23rd hearing at the West Vancouver Public Library you saw a large representation of citizens from West Vancouver, but few from the Sunshine Coast, Bowen Island and up the Sea-to-Sky. The reason is obvious. It takes a lot of time and money to travel from the outer reaches of the riding into West Vancouver. Beyond the time and costs are the difficulties, particularly for working people and single parents to get time off work and arrange for child care to allow for direct citizen participation.

Having said that, it is possible, with planning and resources, for citizens of this riding to attend a 7 pm meeting in West Vancouver and still get home the same night.

From the perspective of an elected MP, the geography of the riding is such that he or she can generally attend community meetings throughout the riding and still get home to their family that night.

I want to personally commend our current MP Patrick Weiler for having located his constituency office in Horseshoe Bay. Sunshine Coast and Bowen Island residents can walk onto their respective ferries to Horseshoe Bay and then walk to his office and reverse the process to return home. Sea-to-Sky residents can drive down the highway and avoid dense urban traffic and return home afterwards. West Vancouver residents can drive or take public transit to and from Patrick's constituency office.

The proposed boundary change focuses exclusively on the commercial and residential areas around and including the Park Royal Shopping Centre, in West Vancouver, in the southeast corner of the riding.

The current south eastern boundary of our West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea-to-Sky Country runs south down the Capilano River to Keith Road, then jogs west several blocks and runs south to Marine Drive, then jogs west several blocks along Marine Drive to head south to the water takes in the Squamish First Nations residential community just east of Park Royal.

The proposed boundary change would see the lands and population east of 15th Street to the Capilano River and from the Upper Levels Highway south to the water transferred into the North Vancouver riding. In short, all of the Park Royal Shopping Centre and surrounding residential and commercial areas would become part of the new North Vancouver riding.

One aspect of the proposed change which may be beneficial would be in having the First Nations lands east of Park Royal and those east of Lower Lonsdale in North Vancouver both within the new North Vancouver riding. It may well have a positive impact on achieving reconciliation by giving the Squamish people a larger voice within one riding rather than smaller voices in two separate ridings.

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There are no substantive cultural or commercial concerns raised by the proposed boundary change, other than what may be a positive impact for the respective First Nations communities noted above. There are no adverse transportation issues raised by the proposed boundary change.The proposed boundary change poses no negative community impacts.

The lands and population proposed for transfer to the North Vancouver riding are relatively dense urban neighbourhoods all of which have established road and transit connections to the rest of the North Shore. The north west boundary of the riding ends at the natural salt water boundary of Jervis Inlet at the north end of the Lower Sunshine Coast peninsula. The northeast boundary runs through Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton and up the Duffy Lake Road to D'Arcy on the south end of Anderson Lake, some 150 kms northeast of Vancouver.

The geography of the riding means that the western, northwestern and northeastern boundaries are all very sparsely populated areas where you would have to go very long distances to capture enough people to accommodate the redistribution formula.

In the end, while some may quibble with specific details of the proposed area to be transferred to the North Vancouver riding there is literally no better area to chose than the areas proposed by the Commission. The proposed change leaves the various communities within the riding as cohesive wholes and result in the absolute minimum disruption for voters.

Liberals and Conservative Propose Severing the Sunshine Coast

At your June 23rd hearing at the West Vancouver Library, supporters of the Liberal and Conservative parties argued in a coordinated NIMBY fashion that the identity of West Vancouverites is somehow sacrosanct and indivisible and that rather than offend those sensibilities it would be preferable, for them, to severe the Sunshine Coast into north and south ends, likely right through Sechelt to achieve the needed numbers. Sechelt east would remain in West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea-to-Sky Country, while Sechelt west would be transferred into North Island - Powell River.

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19(1) That is sheer nonsense! The family, social, professional and commercial interests of the citizens of West Vancouver will not change one iota under the proposed boundary change. Friends east and west of 15th Street or north and south of the Upper Levels will still be friends. It will still take exactly the same time to drive to Park Royal from west of 15th or north of the Upper Levels as it does now.

While I realize that West Vancouverites might well consider the area in question to be the 'heart of West Vancouver', few on the Sunshine Coast or up the Sea-to-Sky would have the same emotional attachment. But regardless of where the boundary is drawn, Park Royal and surrounds will not change one iota with respect to the daily lives of the people involved.

Those who live within the affected area surrounding Park Royal were able to attend the Commission hearing at the West Vancouver Library. Ten years from now, at the next round of boundary readjustment hearings, the residents around Park Royal would have to drive another twenty minutes to attend that future hearing in North Vancouver.

This Commission's hearings, and most federal government consultation processes take place in the major urban centres, not in more rural settings. While it often bothers rural residents, this makes immanent sense because public gatherings require the infrastructure that urban centres offer. Those of us who have chosen to live in more rural settings understand and accept the benefits and the drawbacks, within reason.

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The largest population centre for North Island - Powell River is Campbell River, with 35,138 residents compared to Powell River's population of 13,157. The total riding population is 103,458.

The full time population of the Sunshine Coast is just over 30,000 people. From south to north the community populations are Langdale - 1700, Gibsons - 4,600, Roberts Creek - 3400, Sechelt - 10,200, Maderia Park - 2400, Garden Bay - 330, Egmont 2400, with the remaining numbers of people scattered along the 89 km long Sunshine Coast Highway.

To achieve the numbers of population equal to the proposed adjustment in the lower southeast corner of West Vancouver would require the Sunshine Coast to be severed somewhere within Sechelt.

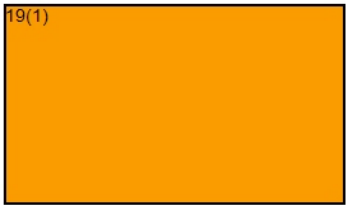
If the Commission were to shift gears and accede to the entreaties of the Liberals and Conservatives and severe the Sunshine Coast into north and south, the residents of the northern portion of the Sunshine Coast would be cut off from North Island - Powell River's main centre of population, Campbell River, by two separate ferry runs and fares, and hundreds of kilometres of driving expenses there and back. The return trip would take two days and would cost each resident hundreds of dollars in direct expenses, and would necessitate booking unpaid time off work and incur serious difficulties with respect to childcare and parenting responsibilities.

Not only would such a move strand those of us north of Sechelt from effective participation in the North Island - Powell River riding, it would make the life of the elected MP untenable and very expensive to service. There is no possibility that there would be a constituency office on the northern portion of the Sunshine Coast. Rachael Blaney, the MP for North Island - Powell River understandably has her constituency office in Campbell River, a ferry too far from the Sunshine Coast.

So to conclude, and put it very bluntly, severing the Sunshine Coast as proposed by the Liberals and Conservatives as an alternative to moving the dense urban population in the southeast corner of West Vancouver into the North Vancouver riding, as proposed by the Commission, would be buying into and acceding to some West Vancouverite's perceived sense of entitlement. It would be wrong and it would devalue the residents of the Sunshine Coast north of Sechelt.

I thank the Commission for this opportunity to present my views on this vital exercise in Canadian democracy.

Sincerely,



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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Date received: 2022-06-23

RIM ID: 1656002516AILZFMRICC

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Splitting up a small city such as Penticton is stupid and will cause tremendous confusion within the city. A large city can be split and still pose relevancy but not a small (ie. <50,000 population). Also Penticton is within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similameen and should stay grouped with the majority of the rest of the district so our elected official will properly represent the needs/wishes of the entire District.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59031

Name to modify: South Okanagan—West Kootenay / Okanagan-Sud—Kootenay-Ouest

New name: South Okanagan—West Kootenay / Okanagan-Sud—Kootenay-Ouest

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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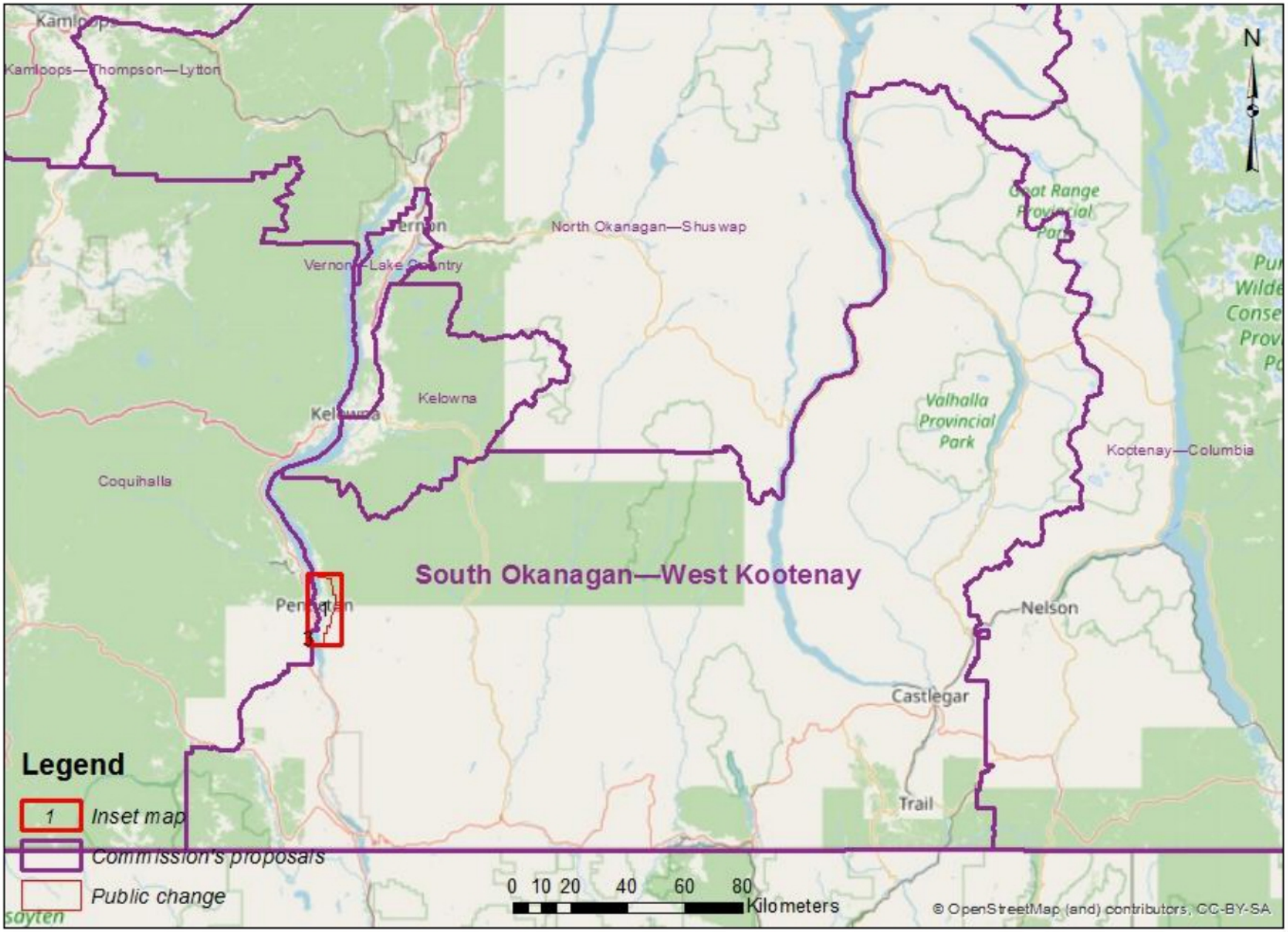

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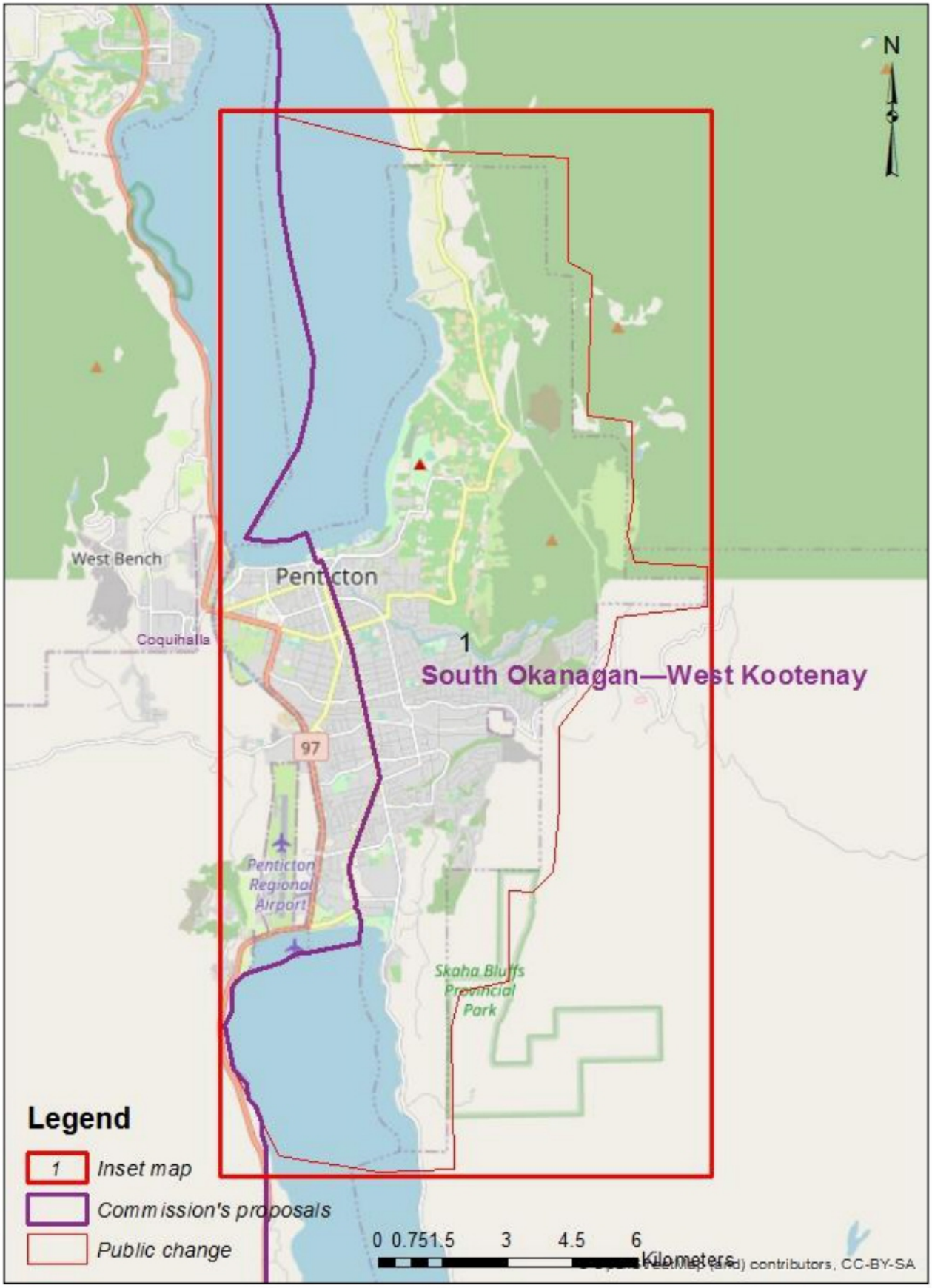

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 9, 2022 12:05 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Penticton East vs West

Hi,
I was just informed that our city will be divided into 2 halves with this new redistribution. I would like to my express my concerns over this ridiculous idea. Honestly a city of 35K being divided and having 2 MPs how could this possibly be productive or cost effective for anyone.
I'm hoping I have been misinformed and if not this should be corrected.
Thank you for your time,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 8, 2022 10:59 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: South Okanagan-West Kootenay Riding

Penticton is a small town. Your proposal will divide the town and it's close-knit citizens in half. 19(1)
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19(1) This redistribution will divide our allegiances, our cohesiveness and our little city. It makes no sense to chop a small city in half and join us with area in which we have no geographical connection. We identify totally with Penticton and the South Okanagan. Geographically we are cut off from the Coquihalla region by mountains and have never identified with that western region.
We are South Okanagan - geographically, politically, historically and community-wise. Please keep us together as an intimate, friendly, historically connected territory.
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 26, 2022 7:20 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Feedback Regarding New Federal Electoral Map is Taking Shape for British Columbia

Hello,

Regarding the New Federal Electoral Map is Taking Shape for British Columbia map, I wish to comment on the proposed changes that will impact all areas of Delta.

If the proposed changes go ahead, Delta won't BE Delta anymore, it will be divided up and lumped into either a part of Surrey or else part of Richmond. Representation for DELTA will be severely impacted. The concerns and views of the people of Delta will be lost or ignored as representatives of these proposed new boundaries will more likely be concerned with their primary areas of Surrey or Richmond. How will these boundary changes be BETTER for those in Delta?!

It would be better for Delta to remain as it is currently. Or greatly revise the proposed changes!

I sincerely hope many others unhappy about these proposed changes for Delta make themselves heard by e-mail and mail and the public meetings. The local paper's poll should be looked at by The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia.

Thank-you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 11, 2022 10:59 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1) Tako.VanPopta@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Langley/Pitt Meadows redistribution

To whom it may concern,

I disagree strongly with the redistribution of North Langley/Pitt Meadows. These are two totally separate communities and it makes no sense to combine them in to one.

Our member of parliament has been a steadfast supporter of our Langley community which will no longer be the case if this goes through.

The only reason I can see the current government going ahead with this is to convert this riding to Liberal.

Please do not let this happen!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 31, 2022 8:11 PM
To: BC-CB

We live in pitt meadows and have nothing in common with South of the Fraser river.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 18, 2022 10:08 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Pitt Meadows Fort Langley proposed electoral district

This proposed district may have been drawn from population distribution in relationship to the another proposed boundaries but it takes zero consider that it encompasses at least 3 municipalities and very different demographics- from suburban communities to rural farm land. It splits communities so that representation by an MP would not meet the needs of any citizens.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 10, 2022 1:58 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Pitt Meadows- Fort Langley - NO!

19(1)

Pitt Meadows has nothing in common with Port Coquitlam, Langley, Fort Langley or Walnut Grove. This riding makes no sense at all. An MP cannot represent people from such vastly different areas with vastly different needs.

Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and Mission all share common problems, common goals and should remain together. All three have city areas, share infrastructure, share a transit corridor, share wetlands and farming districts. To split off part of Pitt Meadows and put it with municipalities south of the Fraser will do a huge disservice to the people of Pitt Meadows and the whole riding.

There should be a clear separation of municipalities north of the Fraser from south of the Fraser. Once you get past Mission to Aggazis, Matsqui, Abbotsford and Chilliwack etc, the separation is not as clearly defined and their needs are similar. But Maple Ridge, Mission and Pitt Meadows are all similar in terms of needs from the federal government.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 6:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast

19(1) I strongly support the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding. It is the natural distribution of these three areas.

All of Sunshine Coast should stay together in one riding. This is geographically and demographically a very cohesive area. We have little, if anything, in common with West Vancouver.

The Liberals and Tories want to keep West Vancouver tied to the Sunshine Coast because they want to dilute the commonalities enjoyed by residents of the Sunshine Coast. It makes no sense.

Please carry through with your current proposal.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 9, 2022 4:41 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Bc riding plan

Please do not do this. I have always voted because my community matters. How would I know what's best for another? 19(1) Don't take the easy way out. Consider the voters and what's best for them.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 12:56 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: mayor-council@delta.ca
Subject: City of Delta

Please leave the boundaries of Delta as they currently exist.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 15, 2022 12:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Powell River electoral riding

Powell River should stay in the electoral riding that it is currently in. We have more in common with our communities in our current riding and certainly nothing in common with West Vancouver, the land of the rich.

We also rely on going to the Island for medical services.

Please leave us in our current riding.

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 8:53 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta riding

To Whom It May Concern

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for B.C.

We are very surprised that there is a plan to splinter our North Delta community into three parts connected to totally different ridings. This is a backward step. Delta was wisely and appropriately united into a single riding by your Commission in 2012. This recognized the cohesive economic connection of our community and our established municipality.

In the proposed redistribution an integral part of North Delta is attached to the riding of Surrey West. At the same time, a portion of Surrey West is attached to Delta. A third portion of North Delta is included in Richmond East, a completely separate municipality.

These changes would fly in the face of representation by population as North Delta residents would become a tiny minority in two much larger municipalities with very different political and economic agendas. We do understand the need to realign ridings to reflect changing population numbers but we also believe most strongly that is very important that electoral boundaries reflect the economic and political realities of communities.

Please maintain the riding of Delta as you established it ten years ago. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 23, 2022 12:23 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: To Secretary - Federal Boundaries

Re: new Pitt- Meadows-Fort Langley

Severing Port Coquitlam in two and combining it with Fort Langley, parts of Surrey, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridges is not workable. These communities are on either side of the Fraser River and as such have different needs, issues and requirements with their elected MP. One person cannot handle all of these issues and at time they contradict each other. Please reconsider your boundary decisions. 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 26, 2022 6:55 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Objection to Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries - Port Coquitlam

I would like to voice my objection to changing the electoral boundaries so that the Port Coquitlam residents living south of Lougheed (including downtown PoCo and the neighbourhoods of Mary Hill and Citadel Heights) would fall in the Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley electoral district. That area may be close "as the crow flies" but has absolutely no connection with Pitt Meadows or Fort Langley. The interests and concerns of all of the residents of Port Coquitlam should be heard as one voice are not severed by a line drawn on a map. North and South Port Coquitlam have worked hard over the last several years to ensure they are viewed as one city as they are already divided by a railway line.

Please reconsider this redistribution with common sense.

Yours,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 14, 2022 12:44 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: westb@portcoquitlam.ca; MP Ron McKinnon
Subject: Electoral boundaries Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam riding

I am coping this letter sent by my friend, as she says it best.

The recommendations recently proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission make no sense at all to sever Port Coquitlam into two and combining it with Fort Langley, parts of Surrey, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge is simply not workable.

19(1) I oppose this split.
19(1) I am extremely concerned my electoral district is possibly changing to fall under the Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley electoral district.
As a result of the proposed split, Port Coquitlam residents living south of Lougheed — including the downtown and the Mary Hill and Citadel Heights neighbourhoods — would fall in the Pitt Meadows–Fort Langley electoral district.

What do these other cities have to do with Port Coquitlam?
Why fracture Port Coquitlam?
Port Coquitlam should not be split.

I am copying my mayor and my MP.
cc Port Coquitlam Mayor Brad West, Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam MP Ron McKinnon

Regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 8:21 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam

Should stay in one riding. It's so tiny to separate north and south will rip apart the community. It makes NO SENSE.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 9:50 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam Proposed Electoral Riding

Hello,

19(1) I strongly oppose the proposed redrawing of Port Coquitlam's electoral boundaries. There is no valid reason that Port Coquitlam residents should be looped together with people who live in Fort Langley. These two locations are separated by two bridges, and will only make the resident's voices go unheard. Port Coquitlam should be together under one electoral riding, not split into multiple. Please reconsider.

Regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 6, 2022 6:43 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam - Divided town changes

Importance: High

Hi,
19(1)
I don't mind a riding change BUT I AM NOT INFAVOUR OF DIVIDING OUR SMALL TOWN. PoCo is a small town. The way you plan to divide Port Coquitlam and add such a small section of PoCo to Pitt Meadows/Fort Langley would make it so that our issues are either swallowed up by the other two or PoCo will be ignored. Proof of that is the fact that PoCo is not even in the name of the riding. We will not get the representation that we currently do.
Thank you for your time. Please do not go through with this change.
Sincerely,
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"Logic is the beginning of wisdom" - Mr. Spock

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 15, 2022 4:08 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

Please do not split us off and return us to West Vancouver riding. For the first time, I feel we have an MP (and MLA) who actually represent our community 19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

Many residents of the qathet region take the single direct ferry to Comox for certain health services and other amenities as it is the closest larger centre.

As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island than we do with West Vancouver.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 11, 2022 4:51 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I strongly urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River. Powell River, actually the ancestral home of the Tla'amin nation, is most definitely NOT a part of the social, cultural, and economic fabric of West Vancouver, but is a coastal community living in relative isolation, and only accessible by boat, plane, or car ferry.

Clearly any attempt to remove Powell River and the upper Sunshine Coast from its existing riding and to include it in West Vancouver has the intention of negating the progressive votes consistent with a small independent resource based community. This would be gerrymandering at is most pernicious.

Many residents of the qathet region take the single direct ferry to Comox and other Vancouver Island centres for certain health services and other amenities not available locally as it is the closest larger centre.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 10, 2022 1:00 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

Many residents of the qathet region take the single direct ferry to Comox for many provincially mandated health services and other amenities as it is the closest larger centre. Very few of these services are available for us on the Lower Coast or West Vancouver.

As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island and very little in common with West Vancouver both culturally and economically.
When we were part of the West Van riding our views were very often swamped by the larger number of metropolitan voters of the wealthier urban areas of West Van in particular.
Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 11:04 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral boundaries - Sunshine Coast

To whom it may concern:

19(1)

I oppose the dividing of the Sunshine Coast along the lines suggested in the proposal put forward by the Liberal and Conservative parties. It would isolate our area and make it much more difficult (two ferries and driving) to visit our constituency office. At present, the office is easily accessible at its location in Horseshoe Bay.

The current boundary works well and unites us with a population base that has a voice. If a dividing line has to be drawn, it is better that it be as proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission, ie, a line be drawn at 15th Avenue in West Vancouver and that portion be moved to the North Vancouver riding.

Thank you for you efforts.

Best regards,

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Presentation to the British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission

Nanaimo, B.C,

June 7th, 20222

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Introduction

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Representation by population.

We are fortunate in Canada to have a fair and impartial system of establishing our electoral boundaries, that guarantees, within reasonable limits, that every vote carries the same weight or value. In my opinion there are certain things that we must all accept if the public is to continue to have trust in the concept of representation by population. Chief among these, I believe, is agreement on the population data that is to be used in determining where electoral boundaries should lie. My layman's view of the legislation underpinning this process is that it specifies the official census data of Canada, as gathered every ten years, is to be the basis of determining the electoral boundaries. If data from other sources is allowed to creep into the determination it risks opening the process to challenges, to doubts and to a potential loss of citizen trust and acceptance.

I believe that your proposal has followed best practices and procedures and has used the correct data. I find your proposal, with one exception, to be fair and reasonable and believe it should be accepted by all.

The exception I'm speaking of is the under-representation of voters on Vancouver Island. I believe you will agree with me that there is some under-representation,

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different in each area, but present in all seven ridings on the Island. I also believe that you have made the correct decision not to add BC's extra seat to the Island in an effort to correct this under-representation. To do so would simply create a larger problem elsewhere. The only other way I know of to cure this problem is to reduce the number of Vancouver Island voters. 19(1) 19(1) and that is to remove the City of Powell River from the North Island-Powell River riding and attach it to the adjacent riding on the mainland. This will not cure the over / under representation problem in its entirety, but it is a step in the right direction.

If you accept the suggestion to move Powell River and given the growth in population here on the Island, there arises the need to redraw the proposed electoral boundaries. You have heard several suggestions on which communities to place in which riding and several requests that you not divide Courtenay or Nanaimo. I have no particular suggestion for you as to where exactly the boundaries should lie. I simply ask that you continue to apply the principles of representation by population, maintaining the integrity of communities where that is consistent with the first principle and when you must divide a community look for logical boundaries be they physical, commercial, cultural or other.

To sum up I believe the proposal you have presented is a good one, it is fair and I can accept it. I also believe it can be modestly improved by the suggested move of Powell River. If that is done and the boundaries are re-determined according to your usual principles and procedures the result will have my full support.

Thank you for allowing me to present my views.

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REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

19(1)

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

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REFERENCES

- Population Numbers: statscan.gc.ca
- Election Data: elections.ca
- Maps: election-atlas.ca
- www.surrey.ca

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IMPACT OF 2013 REDISTRIBUTION

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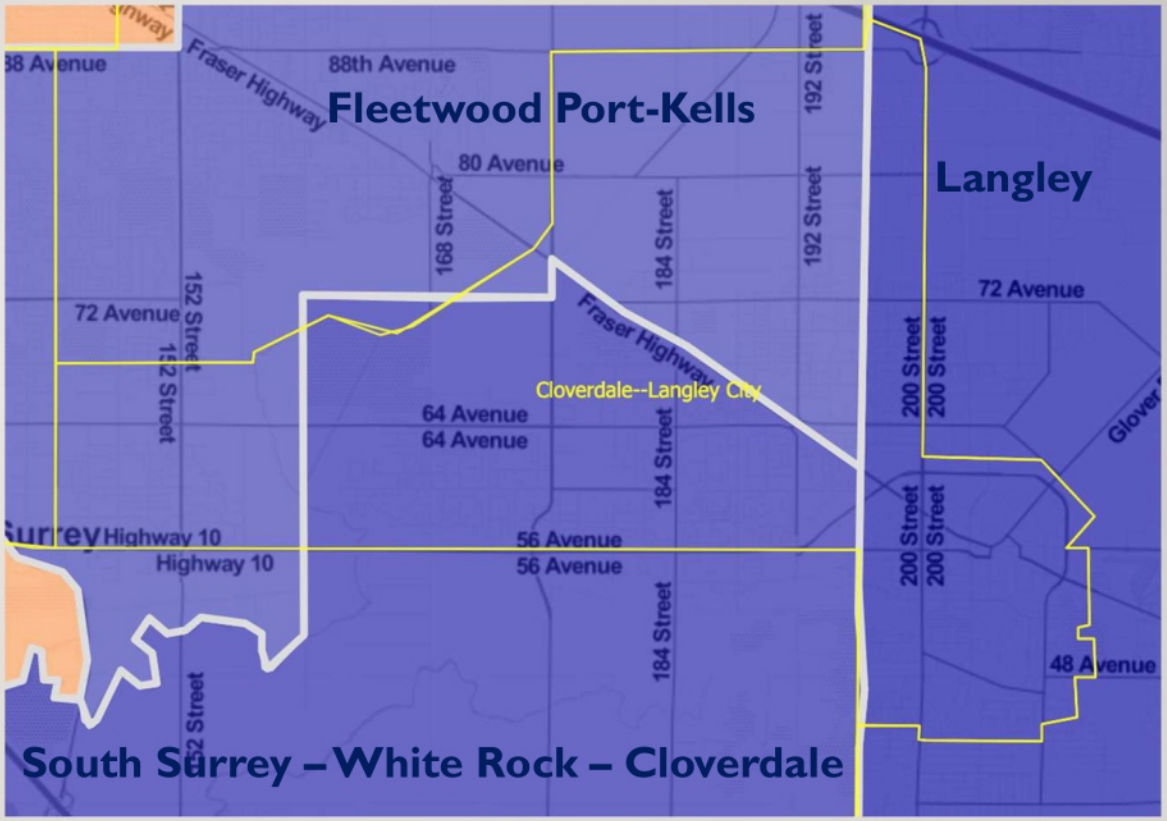
- South Surrey – White Rock – Cloverdale
- Langley



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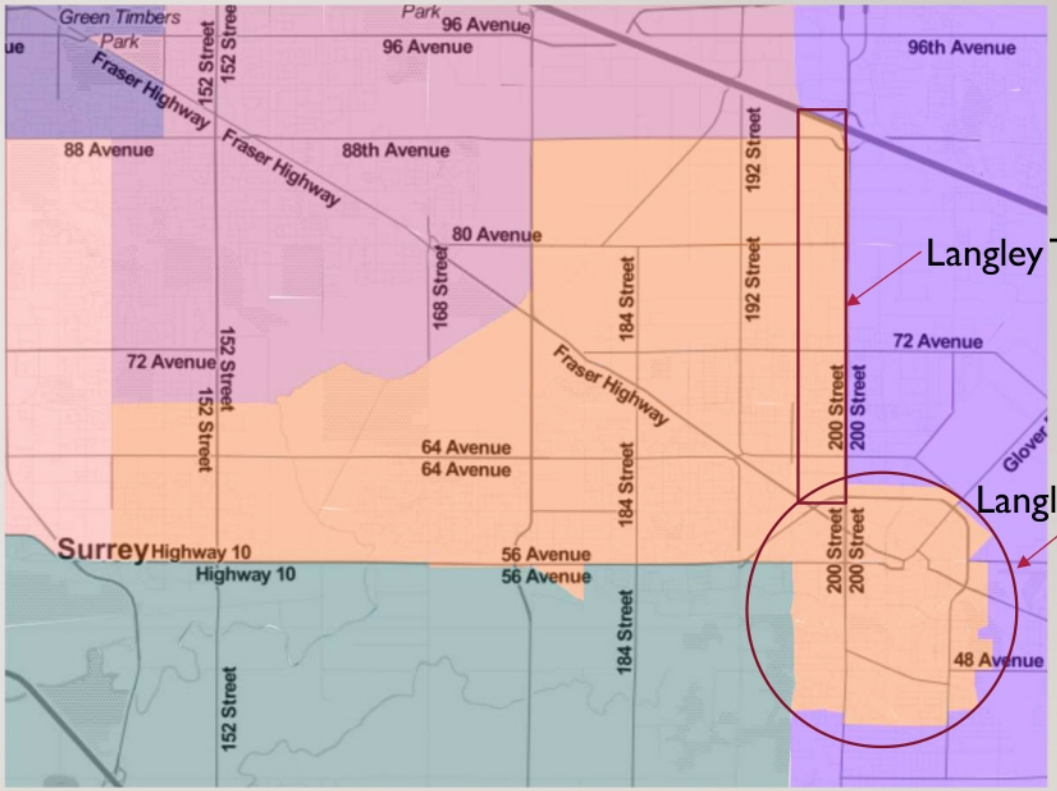
CURRENT FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Cloverdale – Langley City

- Population:
  - 2021 – 130,665 (+11.1%)
  - 2016 – 117,640 (+17.3%)
  - 2011 – 100,318



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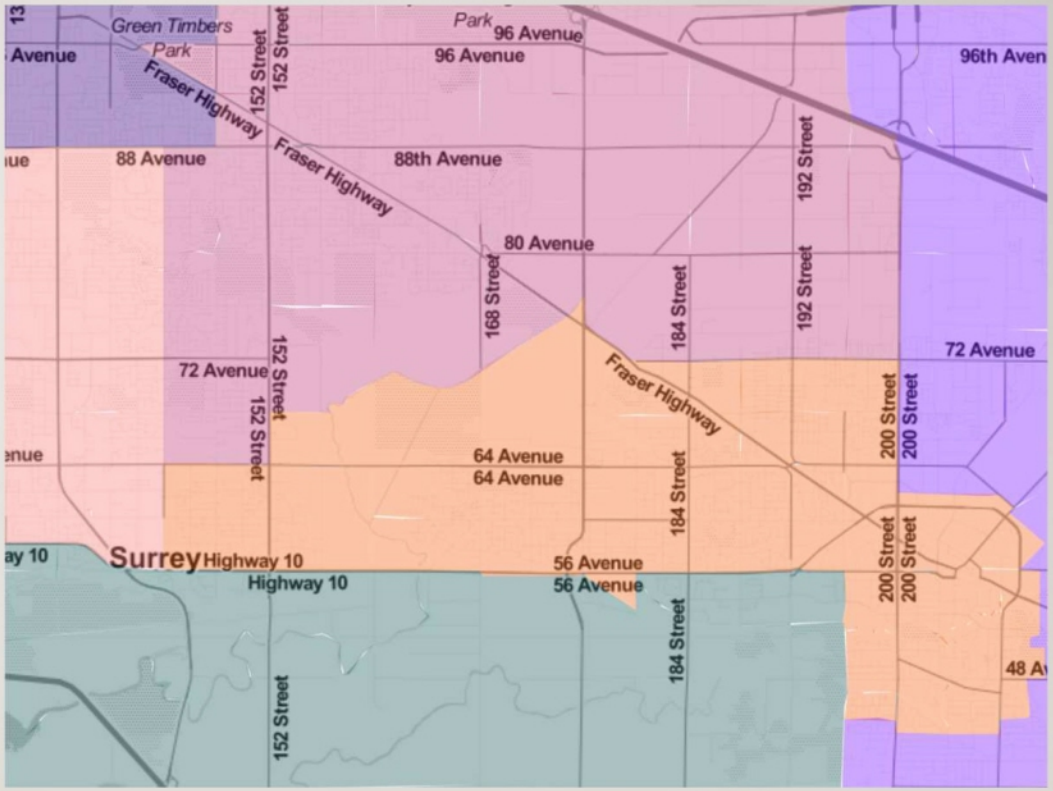
ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION PROPOSED 2022 REDISTRIBUTION

Updated Population 2021 Census:

- 118,528
- Reduction of 12,140



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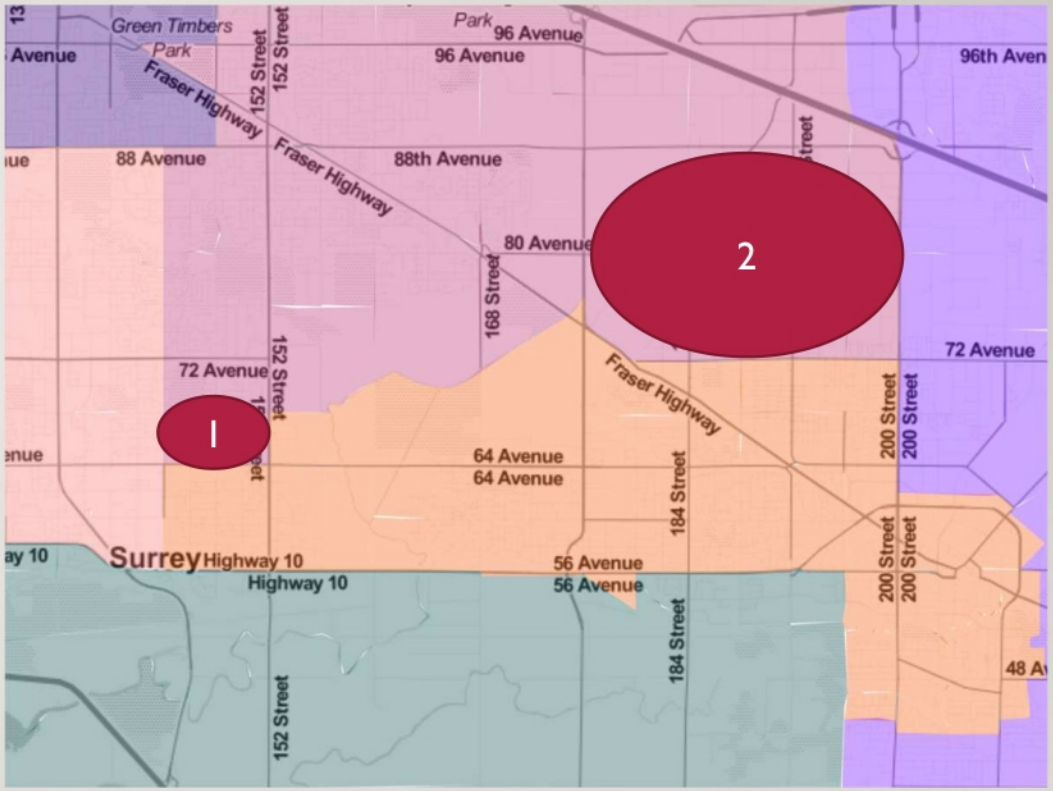
ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION PROPOSED 2022 REDISTRIBUTION

1 – North of 64 Avenue, West of 152 Street

- Population 4,035

2 – North of 72 Avenue

- Population 8,112



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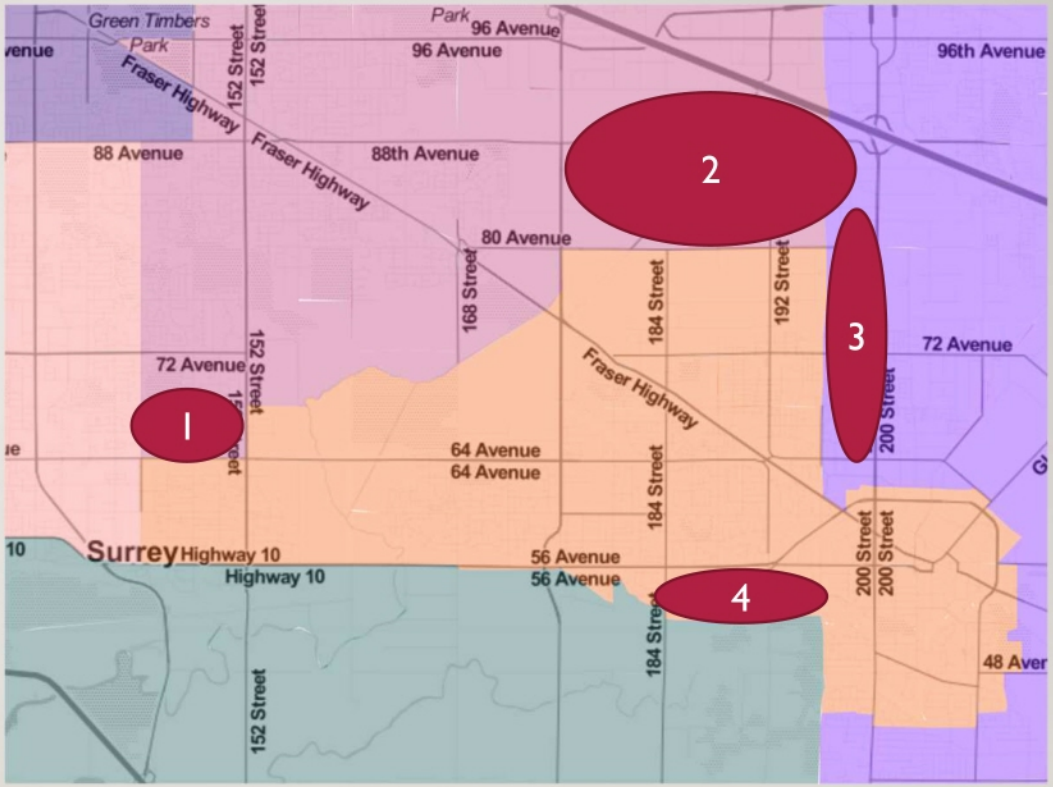
OPTION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

POPULATION: 118,455

- 1 – REMOVE North of 64 / West of 152
  - - 4,035
- 2 – REMOVE North of 80 Avenue
  - - 848
- 3 – REMOVE Langley Township
  - - 9,852
- 4 – ADD South of 56 Ave / Hwy 10
  - +2,515



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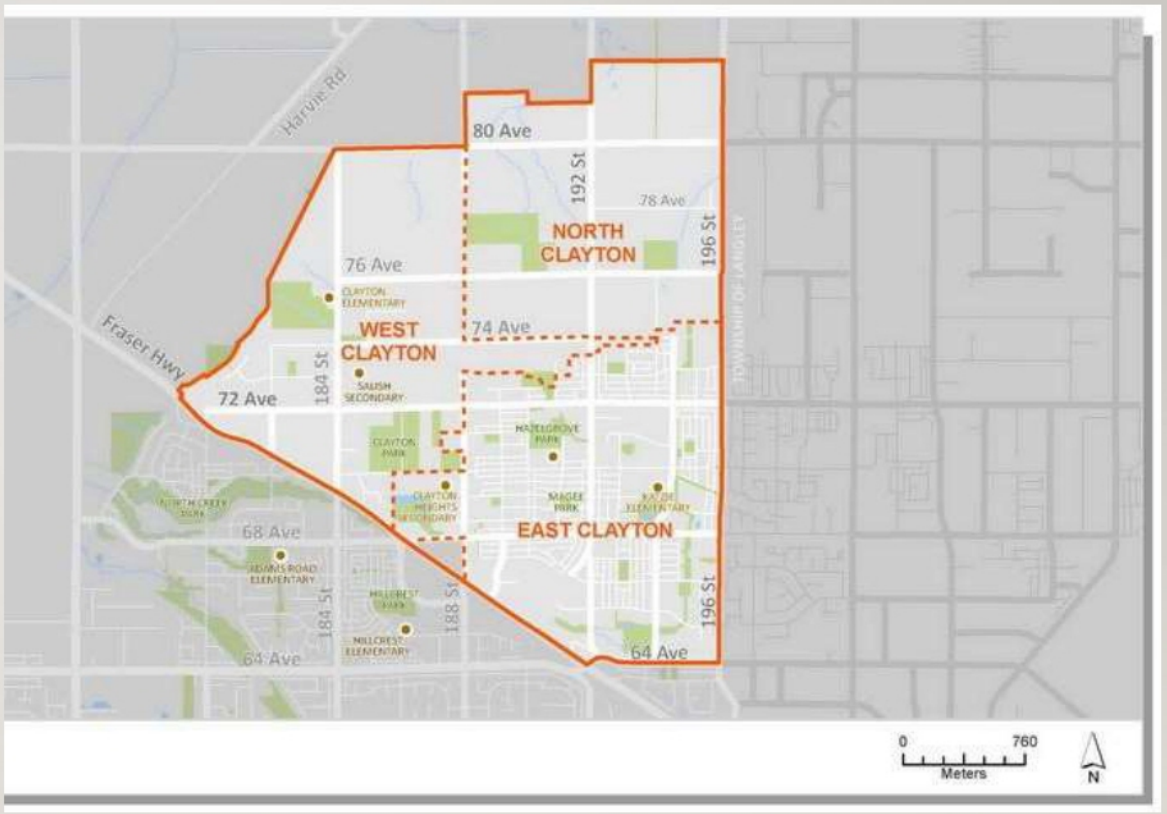
CLAYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Boundaries:
  - North of 72 Avenue
  - West of 196 Street
  - Up to ~ 80 Avenue
- Significant growth planned and addition of Skytrain Station 184/Fraser Hwy



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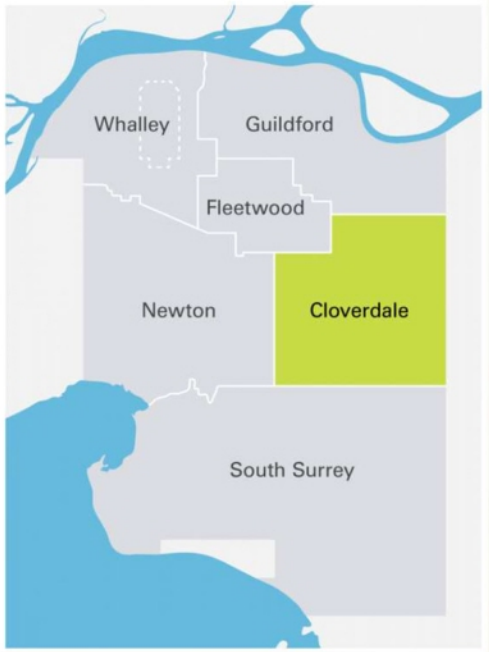
CLOVERDALE BOUNDARIES

- South: 48 Avenue
- North: 84 Avenue
- East: Langley

- Current Riding Southern Boundary is 56 Avenue

Location

Cloverdale is the third largest community in Surrey. The western border runs along 160 Street and connects with 48 Avenue, which is the southern border. To the east is Langley and to the north are Guildford and Fleetwood, separated by 84 Avenue and 76 Avenue.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

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Federal Boundary Lines

Unite communities to bring cooperation and cohesion

NISU
NORTH ISLAND
STUDENTS' UNION
Local 15 British Columbia Federation of Students

North Island Students' Union theoffice@nisu.ca 778-585-6478

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Division in the Comox Valley

Who we are and why this is important to us

North Island Students' Union (NISU) serves all credit earning learners at North Island College (NIC). NIC hosts four campuses and a learning centre; Courtenay, Campbell River, Port Alberni and Port Hardy was gifted a local name; Mixalakwila.

NISU focuses on three pillars of engagement; services, advocacy and community.

Current federal boundary splits the Comox Valley community, seeing residents in either the Courtenay - Alberni or North Island - Powell River ridings, creating complication for engaging student voters.

As a non-partisan organisation, an area of effort is with all candidate events, voter information tabling, and social media campaigns.

With a dividing line through the centre of our community, we find many of us (students and staff) are living in one riding and working, pursuing recreation, supporting economy, in another. This impacts our ability to influence policy decisions and political leadership in the areas that are important to us and effect our daily lives.

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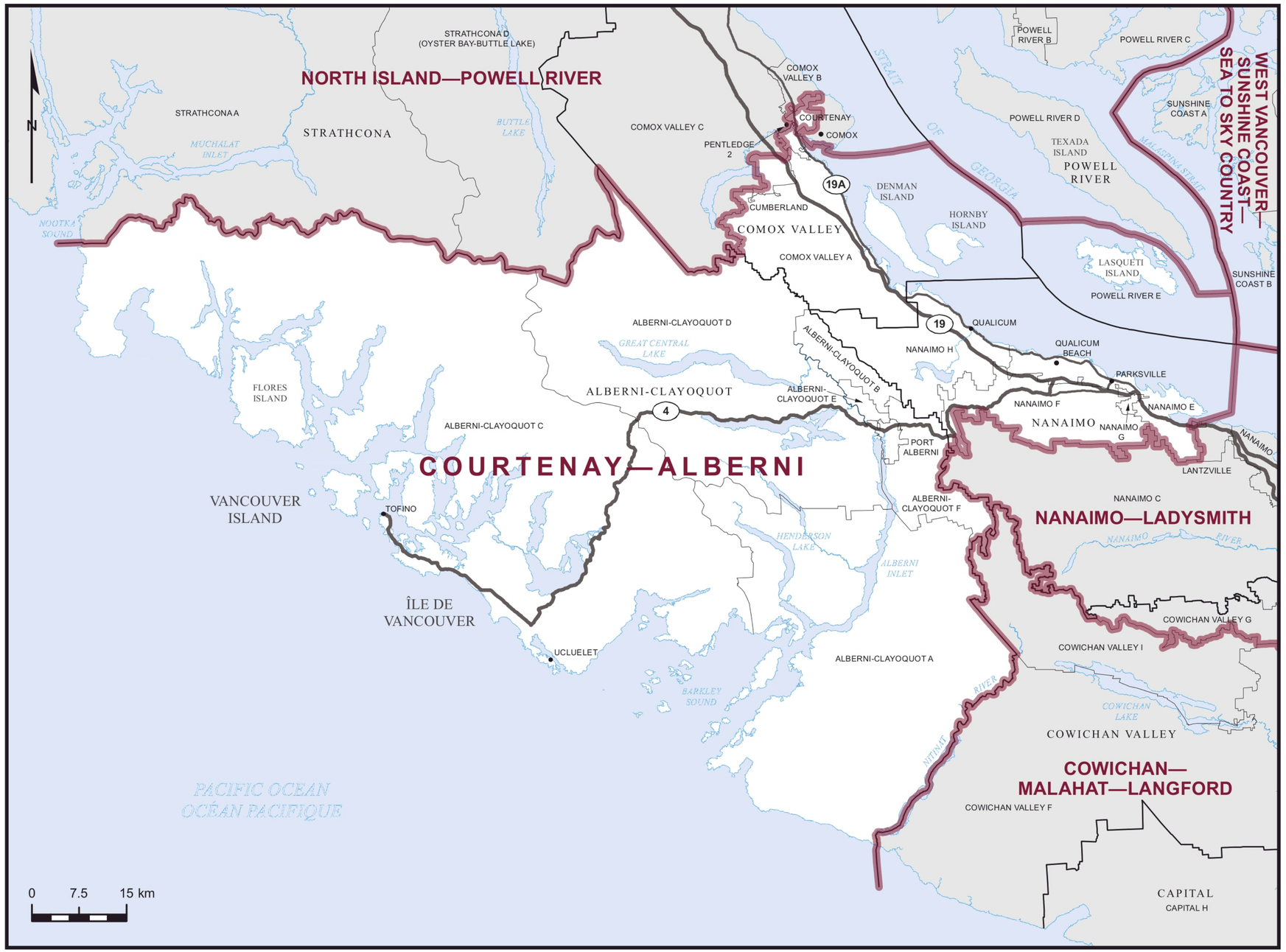

- Comox Valley focuses on regional tourism, yet is two federal Ridings.
- Applying for grants and government funding is complicated by one community, two ridings.
- Neighbourhoods are divided

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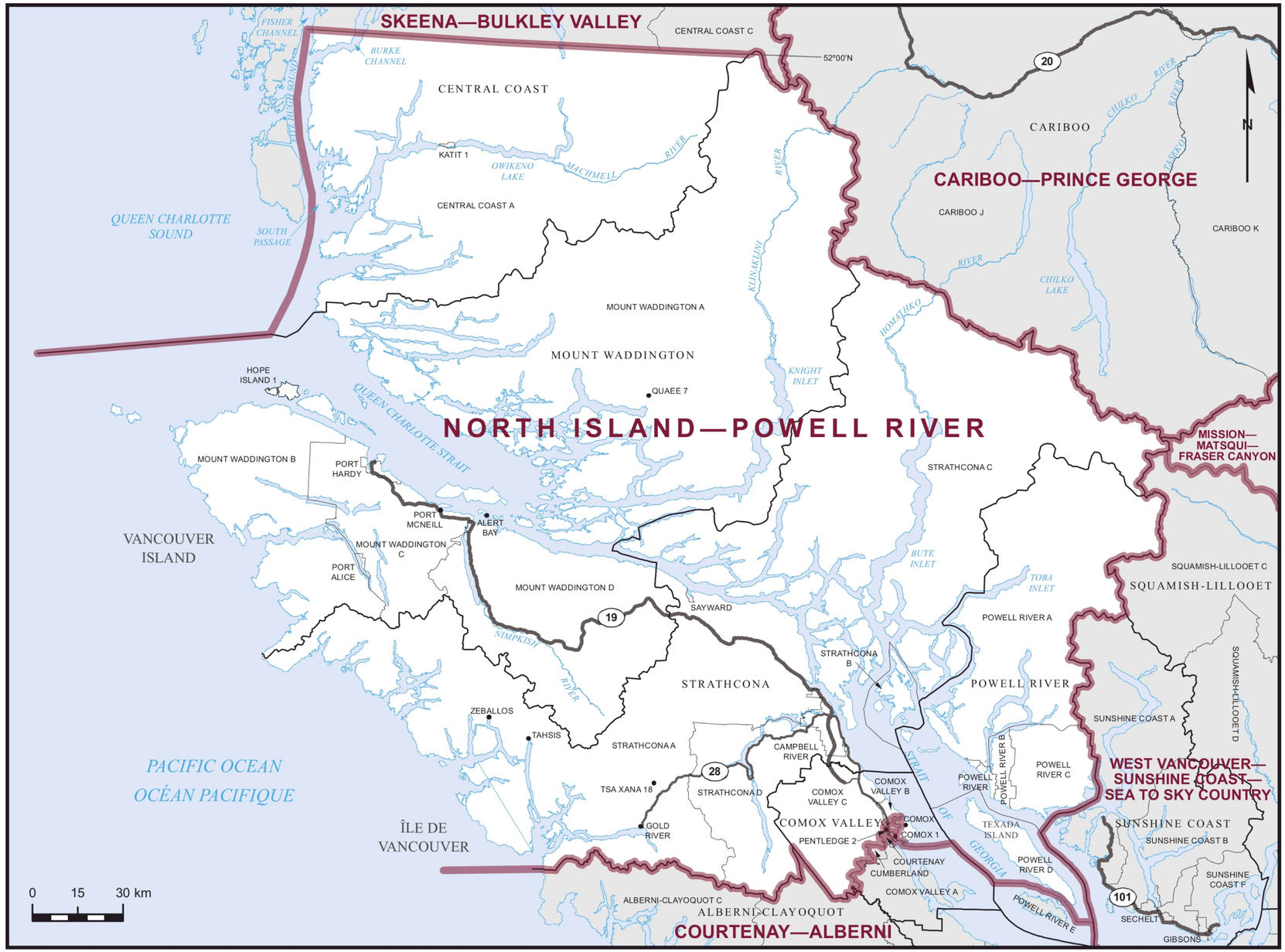
NORTH ISLAND—POWELL RIVER



- The current riding of North Island - Powell River has some Courtenay residents in a vast riding, that has different needs than those of the City of Courtenay, which is growing quickly and becoming more urbanized.

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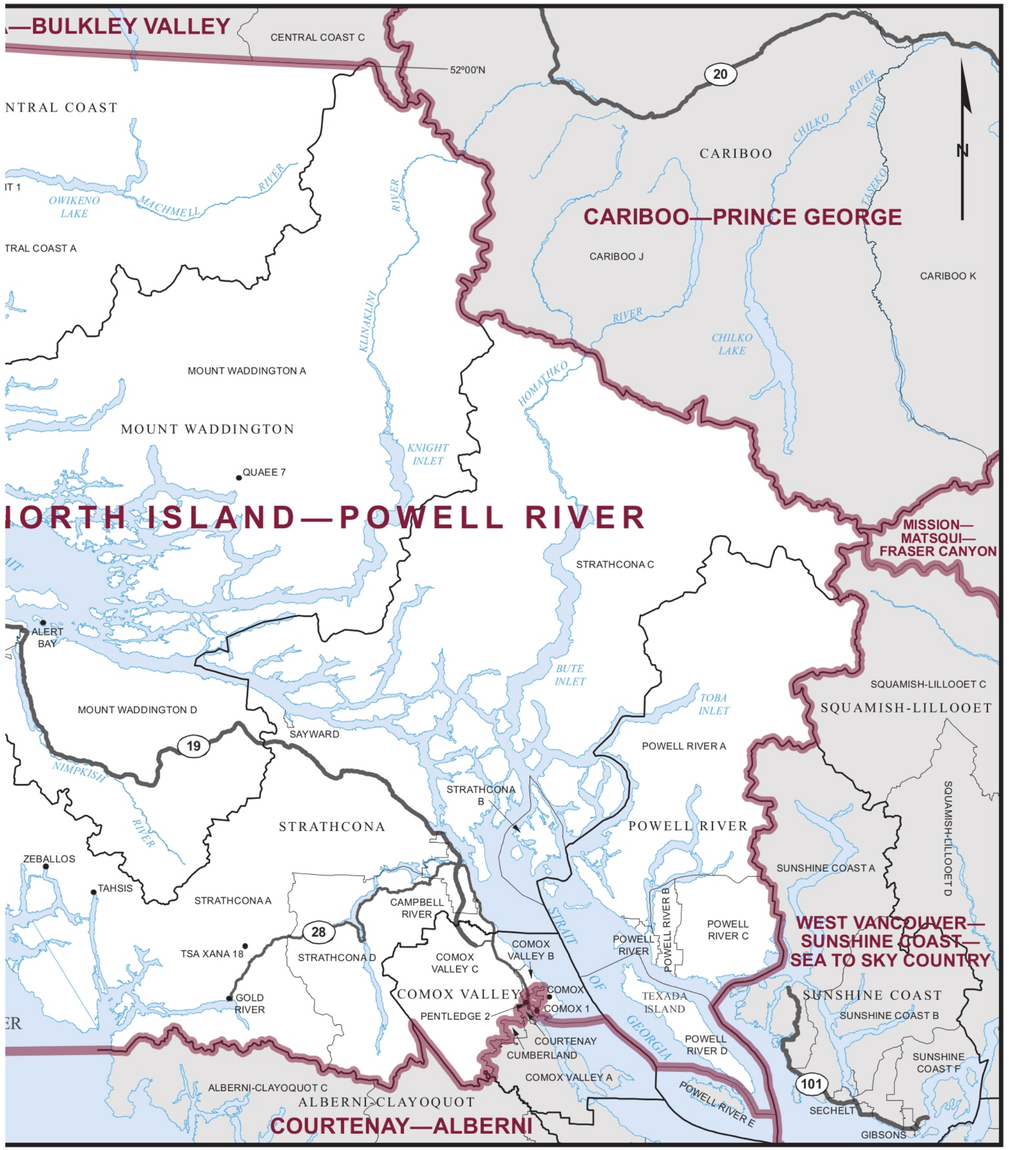
Unaltered inset map



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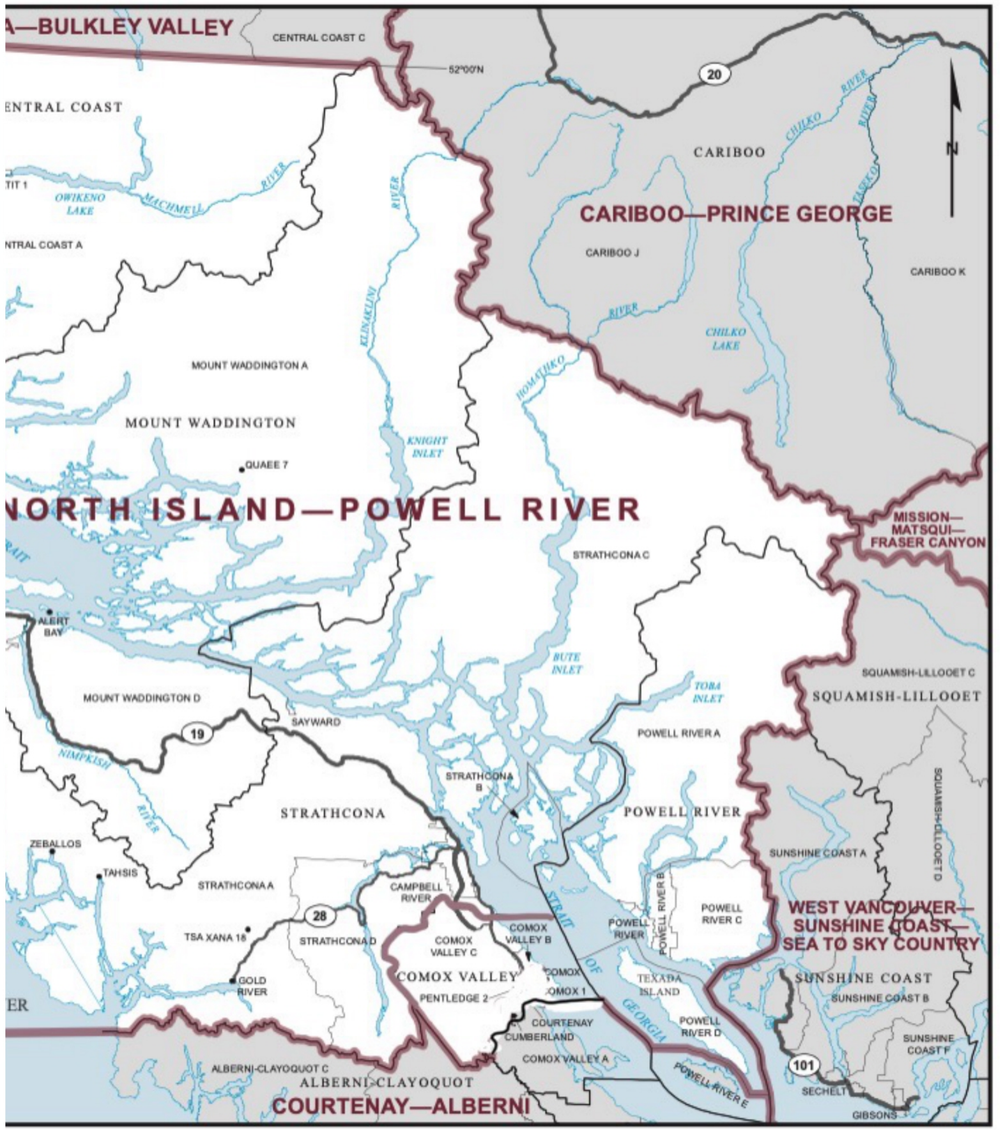
Altered inset map, highlighting Comox Valley B & C



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Our recommendation:
Bring Comox Valley B & C into Courtenay - Alberni

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Unite the Comox Valley as one riding

Having one elected Federal representative to advocate on behalf of one united community would provide leadership to a community that is facing many changes and challenges.
Comox Valley students face issues such as housing insecurity, high food costs, high education costs as well as limited access to medical care, toxic drug supply and more.



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Thank you

Email theoffice@nisu.ca

Sources

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SENIORS OVERVIEW:

RE: Delta Electoral Proposed District

19(1) **Delta is unique city of three distinct and culturally diverse communities. Nevertheless, they have much in common- blueberry fields, vegetable farms green houses, dairy and livestock farms and immensely important Burns Bog as well the birds' sanctuary. The many diverse cultural festivals, sports events and recreational parks bring all these communities together.**

The strong Community support which was demonstrated in a remarkable way during the Covid pandemic; shows us that we are a strong and vibrant community. As we age, it is the shared interests and help from friends, neighbours and govt. agencies that give us the emotional and physical security which is critical for our age group. Delta is such a community!

City of Delta and Tsawwassen First Nation has one MP; blessed with one point of contact for support from Federal govt. services, most vital for the low income and fragile seniors.

The Mayor, Council, one MP and two Provincial MLAs worked together as caring and responsive team. We are greatful for their teamwork and single contact point support.

Nearly 20% of Delta residents are seniors age over 65; North Delta at 8,200; 42% of total Delta seniors.; ageing population 80 and over likely to grow at an accelerated rate of 10-12%.

The proposed New Electoral district cut Delta into three. Under 3 different MP's and 3 Mayors and Councils.

. Sunshine Hills is joined with Panorama area of Surrey ; combines with Ladner-Tsawwassen, TFN as new district

. Annie Ville and Scottsdale will be joined with the Newton area of Surrey.

. Tilbury and Nordel will be sliced out to join in with Richmond East the other side of the Fraser River.

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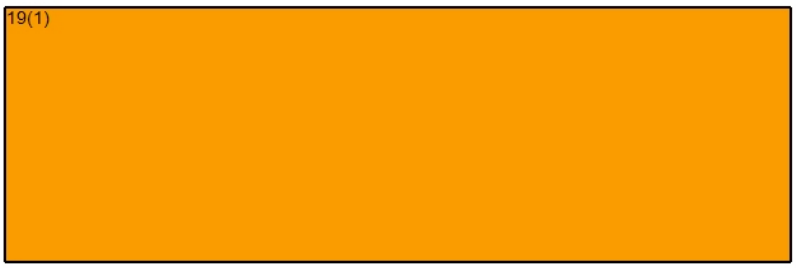
We as seniors are a loss as to why this community should be broken – we are frightened at the prospect of our community being fragmented; losing our Single- service points; depriving the ease accessing the help and advice we need.

Seniors are not just numbers; we are the roots of the community.

Tearing up the roots – may result in regrettable consequences.



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19(1) I want to address my concerns regarding the redistribution of the current Federal Boundaries of Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Riding because of how it affects Langley.

I want to open with a story:

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I believe The Proposed Pitt Meadows- Fort Langley with Port Coq, PM, Maple Ridge, Langley, Surrey, and Fort Langley will run out of power in the same way, because when it comes to servicing the residences, the elected officials will run out of steam and their residences will almost never hear or see their elected official, giving the impression that he/she doesn't care, when, in point of fact, its physically impossible to service upwards of 900,000 potential residences. Not just 5 districts with all the council's, majors, school district etc., but local events where the expectation would be for them to see their representative. (Remembrance Day, Parades, local community celebrations etc.)

The proposed realignment of this boundary for this riding is incredibly arduous.

I attended last nights meeting for PMMR redistribution, and two words caught my attention and were used again tonight, "overrepresented" or "underrepresented" and it was spoken in the context of a citizen's power to vote based on the 116,300 requirements.

The affect of this redistribution is, in my words not serviceable. It has not taken in to account the constituents that will be *underserved* or *underrepresented* by their elected official.

My second point, though not as crucial, but necessary, when making a "numbers decision," little regard has been given to the environment footprint this configuration will cause. It will force candidates to spend more time on the road driving around to local events, offering speeches, canvassing and meetings with major stakeholders in each city (five different groups within each city as outlined in this proposal); plus constituents crossing the river coming and connecting with the elected officials office. There will be many seniors and disabled who will find it taxing, if not impossible to personally connect with THEIR local elected official. The key flaw with your present proposal becomes complicated because you have mixed to many civic locations who are very separately phyically and culturally.

Historically, the first priority, while accounting for the size of the population base, has been to keep natural and logical boundaries. This proposal completely dismisses that rule of thumb, such as Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge West/East. Instead, you have chosen to cross the river and in so doing, encase multiple civic jurisdictions (upward of five)…. Breaking into our Riding of Langley will undoubtedly cause our riding to be underserved. If the goal 116,300 so that

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their vote is properly representing, then the question arises, what does their vote buy them?

We, in Langley have a natural boundary (North/South), as does Langley East. And if we must redesign the lines then let the principle of natural boundaries guide us and seek to keep the river as a clean divide. MP Dalton suggested a clockwise realignment East from Maple Ridge to Nelson and moving from Mission south to Abbotsford then west so that Aldergrove Langley/Cloverdale etc. would massage the numbers and stay more with within fewer district jurisdictions.

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In conclusion: There have been many people attending and offering alterations to your proposal, and it is my wish that West-East be the configuration as this will be beneficial to everyone. Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge is only 6,000 under and the "numbers quotient" but this present proposal is like using a jackhammer to kill an ant. The practice application of this proposal will displace so many people who are interested in their vote having equal representation, as you outlined, but after their vote, if the local elected official can not actually do what they were elected to do. Democracy is more than the vote but the vote of the people being carried to Ottawa. The present proposal may succeed with the vote but fail miserably at honest and complete representation in Ottawa.

Thank you for considering these thoughts and taking the time to listen.

Kind Regards,

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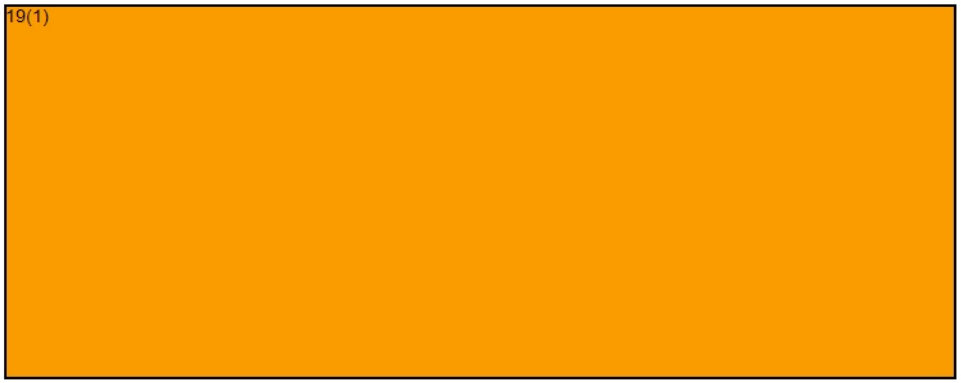
Redistribution 2022. Proposed Revised Electoral Boundaries for Delta Electoral District



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The City of Delta – One Federal Riding

1. Incorporated 1879
2. Three communities:
   - ✓ Tsawwassen
   - ✓ Ladner
   - ✓ North Delta
4. Boundaries:
   - ✓ Fraser River
   - ✓ Georgia Strait
   - ✓ City of Surrey
5. 110,848 people and growing



Delta Optimist Poll
Opposed - 242 – 92%
Support - 22 – 8%

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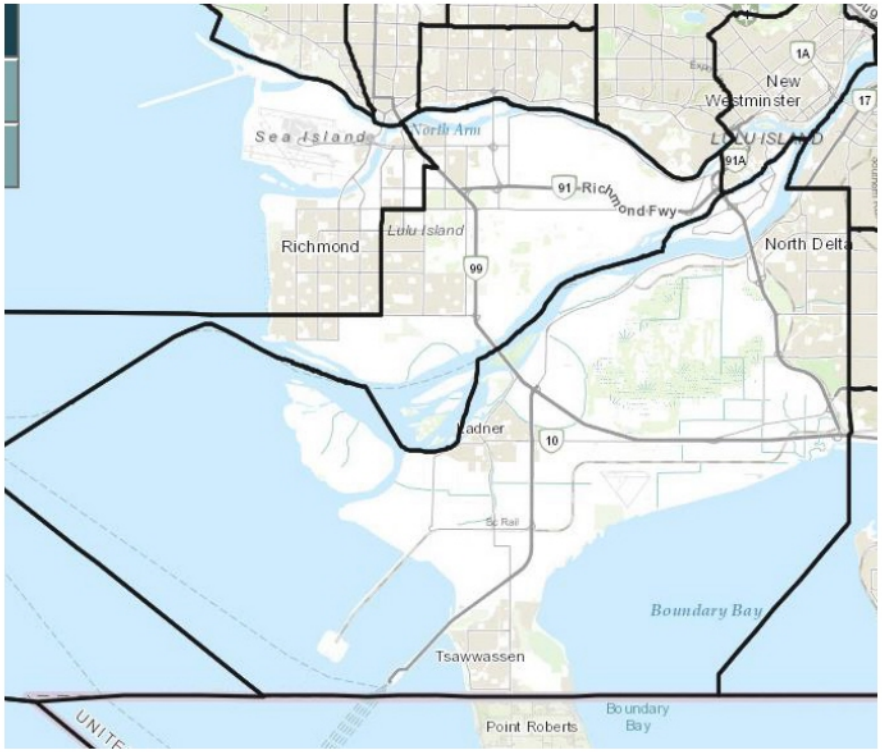
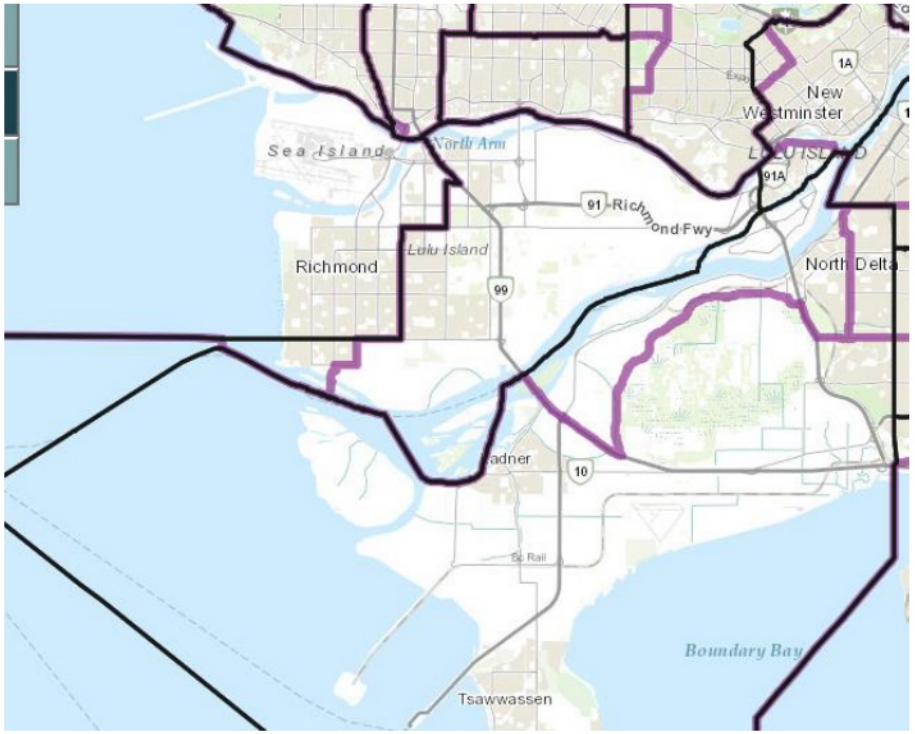
City of Delta Riding

Current



- Natural boundaries - Fraser River
- One MP
- Communities intact

Proposed



- Artificial boundaries – Highway 17
- Three MPs
- Divides Ladner and North Delta communities, with both communities represented by 2 MPs
- Adds a part of Surrey to Delta

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Delta's revised electoral boundaries

- Ignores considerations in the Electoral Boundaries Redistribution Act – *15 (1)* ***(b)*** *the commission shall consider the following in determining reasonable electoral district boundaries:* ***(i)*** *the community of interest or community of identity in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province*
- Has no logic, makes no sense and weakens Delta's position
- Artificial boundaries
- Ignores community history and culture
- Divides and splits communities and links them with other communities with whom they have nothing in common
- Result in confusion for Delta residents and businesses
- Lessens Delta's representation in Ottawa
- Increases City of Delta administration costs
- Federal touch-points more complex

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Federal Touch-points

- Delta Council
- Provincial MLAs  MPs
- Delta Chamber of Commerce
- Local businesses
- Service Clubs
- Local Environmental and Other Groups
- Charities
- Media
- Interactions with federal agencies
- Delta events with federal MPs representation

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Leave Delta Alone

No justification to sacrifice the integrity of Delta's federal riding for the "bigger picture"

if it ain't broke, don't fix it -

And

Delta and its residents believe it ain't broke

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Date received: 2022-05-03

RIM ID: 1651544753JSXNANNNOZ

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Prince George should be it's own riding. These TRUE Cariboo-interior plains communities have far more in common with each other than those in the Peace Region.

Carving up small cities that could just as well be their own ridings in order to accommodate rural interests leaves a lot of people feeling disenfranchised and doesn't help anyone, since savvy politicians spend all of their time in the vote-rich area (aka the city) instead of the rural regions. Everyone feels like their being screwed, and the only winners are clever politicians who know how to game the system. The tradition of these Frankenstein-ridings should come to an end.

This redrawn electoral district unifies the City of Prince George and includes the Lheidli T'enneh reserve (upon the traditional territory of which Prince George is built).

You can make this representation-neutral by doing some horse-trading with the other two northern ridings.

This redistribution is an opportunity to set things right in the north.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59004

Name to modify: Cariboo—Prince George / Cariboo—Prince George

New name: Prince George—Cariboo / Prince George—Cariboo

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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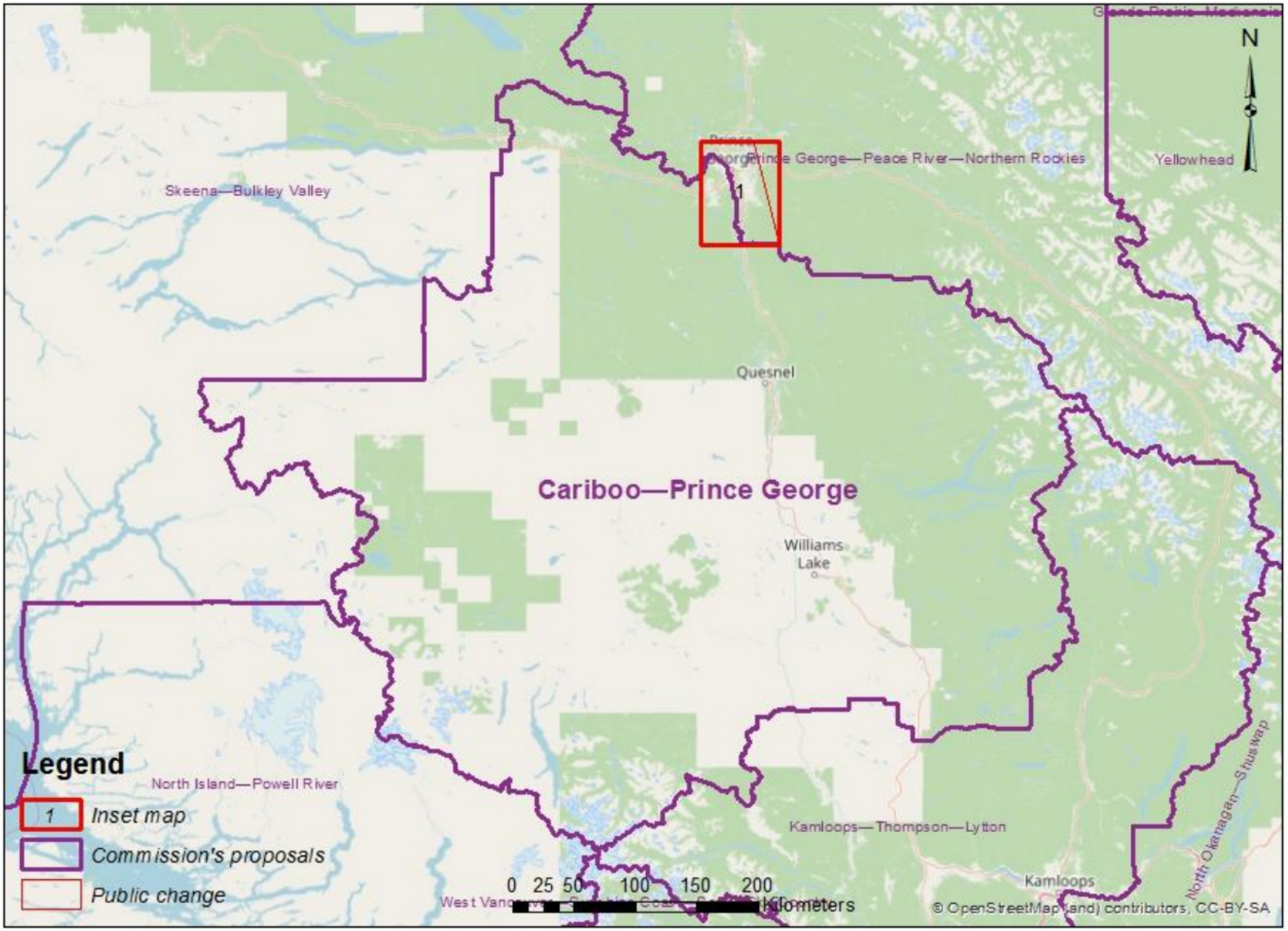

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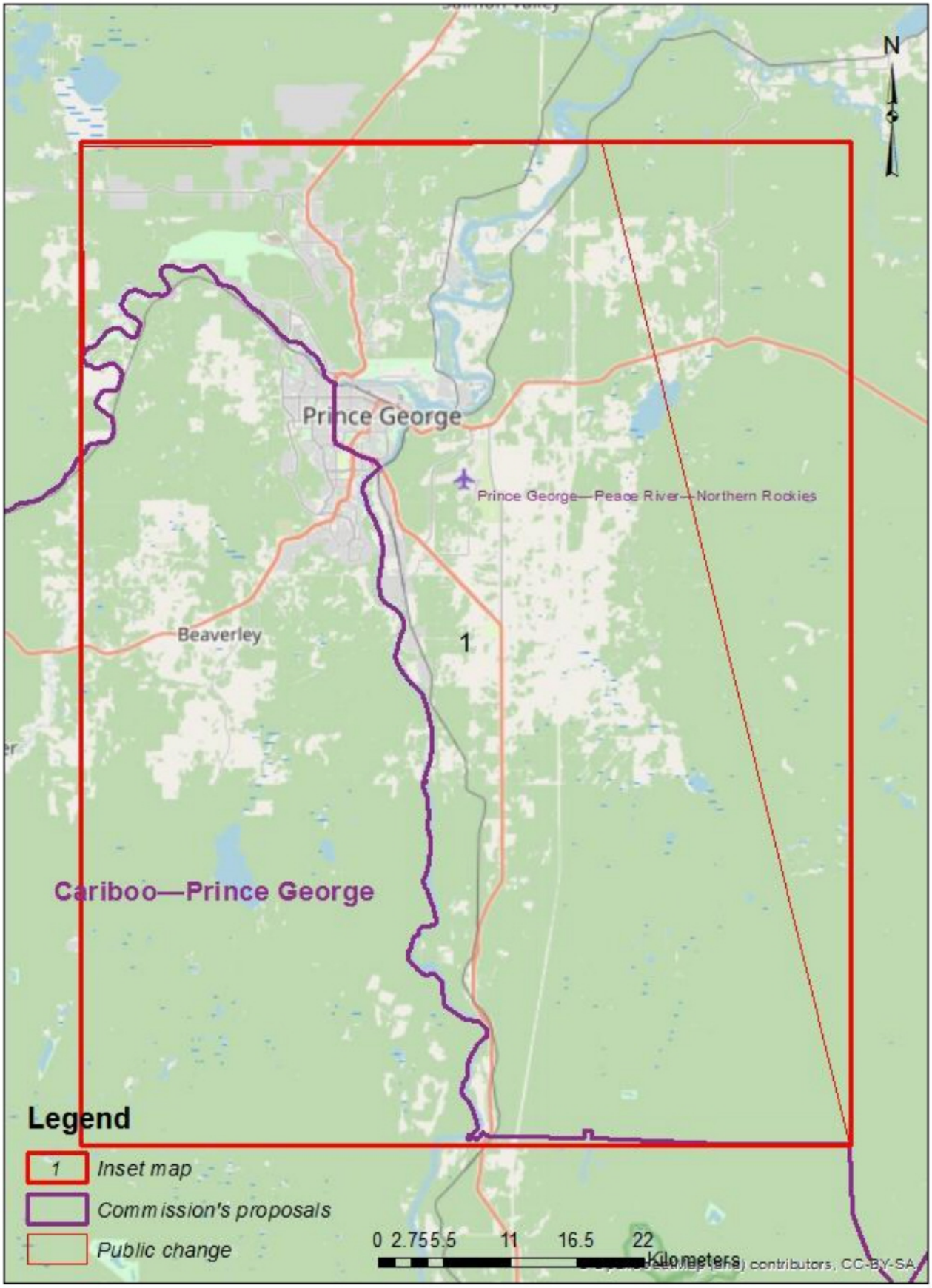

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Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59026

Name to modify: Prince George—Peace River—Northern Rockies / Prince George—Peace River—Northern Rockies

New name: Peace River—Northern Rockies / Prince George—Peace River—Northern Rockies

Attachments:

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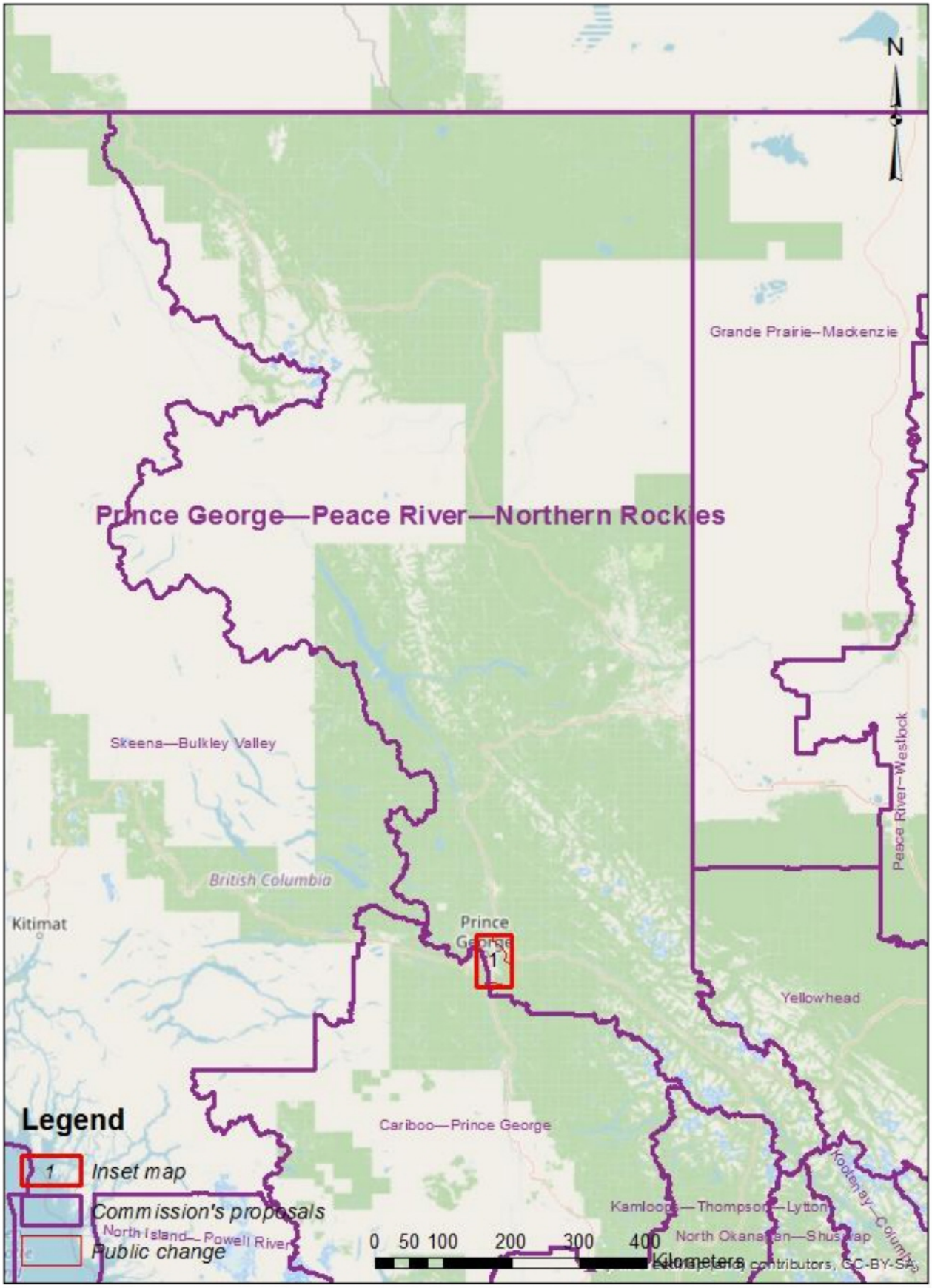

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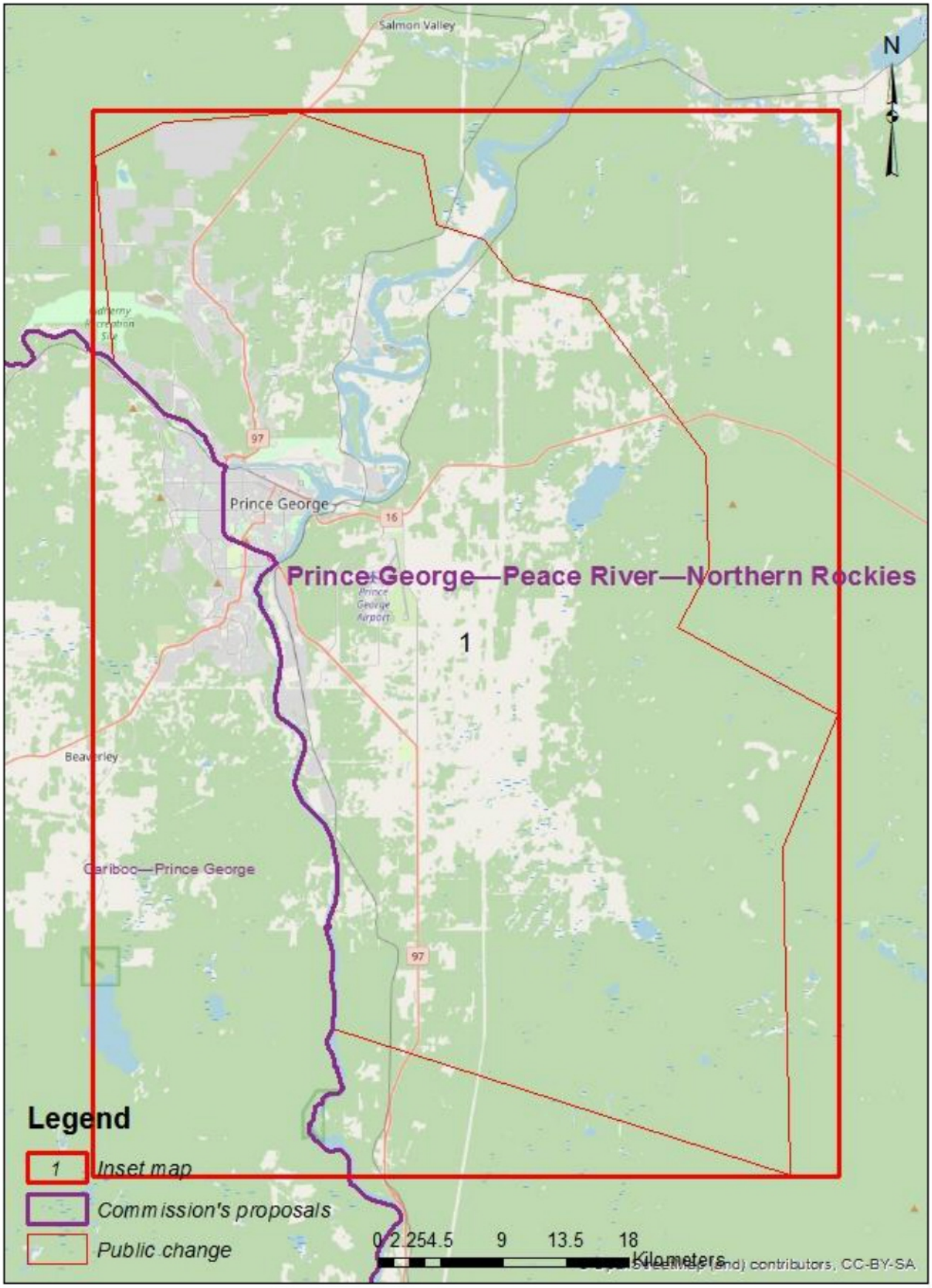

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 13, 2022 6:43 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New redistribution for Port Coquitlam

Hello,

I would like to express my concern over the redistribution of our community between two electoral ridings. The proposed map shows that the city of Port Coquitlam will be divided between two ridings. We do not necessarily have the same issues as the community south of the Fraser River and it is simply confusing to divide a city between two ridings.
I would very much hope the decision makers for these electoral boundaries take a look at this and see how problematic this is.

I do look forward to your response on this matter.

Thank you
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Sent from my iPhone

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 10, 2022 3:25 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Dan.Albas@parl.gc.ca; Richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Redistricing British Columbia

With regard to the proposed redistristricing of the:

- South Okanagan-West Kootenay
- Coquihalla (proposed)
- Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton

I am writing to object to these arbitrary redistricting proposals.

- It does not make any sense to have half of Penticton in one riding and half in another.
- Economic and social ties logically place Summerland and Penticton in the same riding.
- Lumping Summerland in with Logan Lake is nonsensical. Their tie should be Kamloops.
- Summerland has nothing in common with Kelowna

I assume this hopelessly artbitrary proposal was created by Ottawa staff who have never traveled west of Ontario. (One Elections Canada staffer I spoke with tried to tell me Penticton was in New Brunswick.)

Please re-think this nonsensical plan!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 6, 2022 3:51 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes

To Mayor, Provincial and Federal Politicians for Delta,

Delta is a community 19(1) To think of North Delta being divided up into three different parts makes absolutely no sense. We are a community - this plan would completely destroy the idea of community.
The schools our children attended and the stores we shop at would not be in the same community our home is in with the proposed divisions occuring along 112 St and 72 Ave.

We have had an excellent Federal representative for all of Delta for a number of years, who has done good work for our community and country.
For me to vote for someone who basically represents Richmond and a tiny piece of North Delta would likely mean I wouldn't bother voting!!

Make sure this change is not allowed. It does no good what so ever for Delta or the people of BC.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 24, 2022 5:16 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: mayorharvie@delta.ca
Subject: Redistribution plans for Delta B.C.

Hello,
I am writing to express my total and absolute opposition to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries currently in place for Delta B.C.
If this is allowed to happen, we may as well take down the "Delta" signs because it will be gone. Without our consent we are to be subdivided between Surrey and Richmond, dispersed like unwanted property. You cannot justify to the citizens of Delta changes wherein we become a mere backwater at the edges of larger communities, communities where the majority of the population will neither know nor care about what is happening here, not know nor care about any of our issues and concerns, not know nor care about the thousands of people who call Delta “home”. We will to all intents and purposes, have NO Federal representation for our voices in Ottawa. What purpose this proposal serves I do not know, I only know that it DOES NOT serve the citizens of Delta.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 6, 2022 10:26 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Change in electoral boundaries for Burnaby, BC

19(1)
19(1) that the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries for Burnaby would negatively impact the citizens and businesses of Burnaby. We are a separate and unique city. We are not suburbs of neighbouring cities and certainly do not identify ourselves with the communities in cities across city boundaries. Our needs are different and we need representation at the federal level that has our needs top of mind.

19(1) I know that the people in North Vancouver that reside within that riding do not feel a part of the North Burnaby area. They would need to cross a busy bridge just to get to north Burnaby for training and counting and therefore refused to work for the elections office in the north Burnaby area. And the people of Burnaby did not want to work at the polls in North Vancouver because of the bridge traffic. The people I spoke to felt very distanced from the election process because of their remoteness. This is just a symptom of what they face in feeling included in the electoral process.

Burnaby has a significant population and deserves its own electoral boundaries contained within the city limits. We are a very different community from Vancouver and from Surrey and our needs from our members of parliament are very different.

Please do not proceed with the changes proposed to the electoral boundaries that affect Burnaby, BC.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 13, 2022 2:14 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: ken.hardie@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Federal Ridings: redrawing of boundaries

19(1)

Fraser Heights is in the northern area of Surrey, bordered by highways and the Fraser River.
It is a community of approximately 32 thousand caring people, who support each other through adversity, sadness 19(1) community spirit, caring, housing refugees. We are a walkable, thriving community.

The idea to divide this community in half is unconscionable.
The proposed division will see half align with Port Kells, Fort Langley and across the river with Port Coquitlam.
These are all good communities as well, however, they have no more in common with Fraser Heights than we have with them.

To obtain more federal representation by growing the number of MPs is a useless exercise.
The last few years have shown the number does not reasonably need to increase - what needs to be done should be done without additional MPs.
I implore the committee to re-think this proposal and be honest to what do your agenda truly is.

Are you really serving Canadians in a more productive way?
I believe you are not.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 11, 2022 10:42 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam / Fort Langley new proposed riding

While I appreciate the efforts of this committee to accommodate new electoral districts, the proposed Port Coquitlam - Pitt Meadows - Fort Langley riding was clearly created from leftover bits as a shortsighted afterthought.

The interactive tool only allows me to redraw the riding boundaries, but this error is so egregiously wrong that the entire lower mainland needs to be re-examined.

Culturally there is nothing to connect the pieces of this riding. It serves only a bureaucratic purpose and is not remotely supportive of representative democracy. Practically, it means that to serve constituents would mean any MP elected would need to have 3-4 separate offices. This is impractical. Failing this, constituents with limited mobility options will be forced to cross a major river to access their MP. This is unjust and unnecessary.

No riding in Metro Vancouver should span two major rivers.
Port Coquitlam already struggles to retain connection between north and south (divided by the CP rail yard). This is a city with a strong sense of community despite that. This proposed district will serve only to further alienate our residents from Canadian politics.

A still highly imperfect but slightly less intolerable boundary to consider might involve combining all of Port Coquitlam along with Pitt Meadows and possibly some of Maple Ridge depending on how the numbers work out.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 25, 2022 2:57 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal redistribution as it effects Ambleside West Vancouver

19(1) We share the community centre, arts facilities, shopping venues and school district as well as sharing concerns around transportation infrastructure and other issues. The boundary proposal to split the community into two different ridings which will fracture and dilute our representation. It will not align with local government boundaries, school district boundaries nor with community infrastructure which is found on both sides of 15th Street.

I urge you to find an alternative that will keep the federal riding intact for this connected and evolving community.

Regards

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 12:25 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast Redistribution

We are against any proposal to split the Sunshine Coast Federal election area. This is one community that needs to be together and represented by one MP.

19(1) feel part of the greater community including Powell River.

I believe that your proposal is the correct one, NOT the Liberal / Conservative proposal.

Thanks for all the good work that you do, please resist any efforts to gerrymander the district by political parties.

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19(1)

"The stars died so you could be born" - Lawrence M. Krauss
"If all are guilty, no one is" - Hannah Arendt
Common sense is the cultural norm, not universal rights.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 6:01 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast

Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

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19(1) learned yesterday of the need to remove 10,000 voters from that riding so that it is in line with the provincial average.

I also learned that in response to your proposal (to take those 10,000 voters from the West Van area), Liberal and Conservative representatives are suggesting that the Sunshine Coast be cut in half! I strongly oppose the Liberal / Conservative suggestion. First because dividing the Sunshine Coast in half would make it extremely difficult (and therefore unlikely) for many people here to make the journey to see their MP. Second, dividing the Coast is dividing a community of shared interests and concerns (e.g. ferry travel; local transit; community agriculture; watershed protection; health care access; building community with the First Nations on whose land we live).

This part of the riding is historically quite progressive, the Liberal-Conservative recommendation strikes me as a blatant political power move.
Your original proposal to allocate a portion of West Van to the North Van riding makes much more sense to me. It neither divides a geographically delimited community, nor does it inhibit those reallocated voters from easily meeting with their elected MP.

Thank you for the important work you do and for doing it in a non-partisan way.
Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 23, 2022 11:44 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Re: Coquitlam - Port Coquitlam riding redistribution

I am requesting the written reasons behind the redistricting.

As there are no historical, economic, political or geographic ties between Coquitlam- Port Coquitlam and the Maple Ridge to Fort Langley area I wish to know the decision making behind moving a long standing portion of our "Tri- Cities" population out of our historical, geographical and political home.

I require this information to prepare for my presentation on September 27, 2022.

Yours truly,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 6, 2022 6:34 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: mayor@corp.delta.bc.ca
Subject: Proposed riding(s) for Delta BC

Hello.

19(1) I'm writing to express my opinion on the proposed federal riding(s!) for my city.

I am dismayed to see that Delta, with a large enough population to support a dedicated federal representative, would be chopped up into 3 separate parcels.

How does this provide an effective voice for Delta's issues and concerns? I've thought about this a lot before deciding to write to you. So far, I haven't found even one benefit to Delta citizen's with this proposal. It seems to me that Delta citizens are being sacrificed to boost the population count for federal ridings in surrounding municipalities.

I would be interested in learning of the rationale that convinced your committee to supported this proposal. Unfortunately, I'm not able to attend the upcoming in-person meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 26, 2022 9:52 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed draft map for redistribution of federal ridings

Sent from my iPad

I am writing in response to the proposed draft map for redistribution of federal ridings.
Our city of Delta is currently represented by one member of parliament. Under the new proposal, Delta would be carved up into three ridings and split between Richmond and Surrey. This would mean Delta would be a minority and Richmond and Surrey would decide who represents Delta. The proposal would weaken Delta's position in the Canadian federation. It would also delegate the decision making to our neighbours. Our local MP understands Delta's issues. Riding boundaries do matter and therefore I would say no to the proposal.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 13, 2022 8:59 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Delta Federal Electoral Boundary Changes

To Whom It May Concern:

19(1) We have seen many positive changes to North Delta in our time. There are more parks, new sidewalks, new and improved streets like 84th Avenue and 116th Street, efficient first responders, effective bylaws officers, direct transit buses to Richmond, just to name a few. Thanks to former and current City Council of Delta, North Delta have truly evolved into a very livable city.

We appreciate the past participation of the federal government in the road improvement project near North Delta Secondary School. It resulted in a much safer environment for the students and for the rest of the community.

North Delta is doing well with the currently structure. On the federal level, we have ONE MP who is dedicated to Delta. This arrangement has served us well for many years. We do not want Delta to be cut up and be represented by THREE MPs who have divided interests.

Under the proposal and on a federal level, Delta will diminish in voice. If approved, we will take a huge step backwards. It will be counterproductive to our progress and it will not be to our best interest.

Who stands to gain under this proposal and why are we changing things when nothing is broken?

We cannot support the changes, which we view as the breakup of our beloved City.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 13, 2022 9:22 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Boundary Change Pitt Meadows Maple Ridge

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows riding boundaries proposal ignores natural divisions, the Fraser and Pitt rivers. It ignores municipal divisions placing parts of five municipalities in one riding. The main transportation corridors are also not cnsidered - Highways 7 and 1 are north and south of the Fraser River. This proposal may result in poorer access to consitituency offices or in more expense if satellite offices are needed. The proposed new riding boundaries are unnatural and contrived. Please reconsider.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 18, 2022 9:51 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Fwd: Federal Electoral Boundaries in BC

To whom it may concern,

Please find my "representation" below. It is short, so I do not intend to attend a public hearing to present it.

19(1) I have no comments about the proposed boundary changes for my riding.

My comments are about the inherent unfairness of the proposed boundaries for the province. At the extremes, Skeena-Bulkley Valley, with fewer than 90,000 residents would have the same representation in the House of Commons as North Island - Powell River with almost 126,000 people i.e. a vote in the latter is worth only 2/3 of a vote in the former. This is unacceptable in a representative democracy.

The electoral quotient for Canada in 2022 is 121,891. More work needs to be done. Almost every riding on Vancouver Island is above this number. Both ridings in northern BC are under. This is unfair. Perhaps Powell River should be added to Skeena - Bulkley Valley instead of to North Island.

Also, the map shows a number of small cities in BC split and attached to different, more rural, ridings.:Courtenay-Comox, Kelowna, Penticton, Prince George This doesn't seem to represent the interests of either the city dwellers or the other areas well. Similarly, wouldn't Langford residents have more in common with residents of urban Esquimalt and Saanich, and residents of Sooke have more in common with residents of the Cowichan riding?

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 6, 2022 11:44 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta Electoral Boundary Proposed Changes

As it is 6/6/2022 and 7 days notice is required to speak at the public hearing to be held 6/9/2022 I will therefore submit my opposition to the proposal via this email;

I am totally opposed to the proposed changes being made . Delta is one community comprising of Ladner, Tsawwassen & North Delta ;
Whomever thought of the new proposal should be reminded of that. I wonder if they even live in Canada to make such a proposal! I am sure they did not check the area out,, or communities of Delta or even step one foot inside of the communities of Delta.
Delta has always been well represented as one total caring community . I feel that the proposed representation is very ill thought out and would in effect tear the community apart rather than build it as one total concise caring community as stated in our Livable Region Plan. I feel the proposal conflicts with the livable Regional Plan
The proposal that is before us reminds me of the typical Gerrymandering that seems to be the way politicians in the USA do business and I certainly don't want Canada to be like the USA, in fact we should learn from their poor examples.
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Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 8, 2022 9:34 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundaries for Kelowna, Lake Country and Vernon

19(1)
19(1) I would like to comment on the proposed electoral boundary redistribution.

First of all, Kelowna's boundaries are already confusing because a small geographic area of downtown is allocated to the West Kelowna riding across the bridge. I imagine that crossing the lake was required to include more population in that riding. The population on the west side has grown considerably so I should think the boundary could now be adjusted to go through the middle of Lake Okanagan to reduce confusion. If this is not possible, please do not further break up Kelowna by using the proposed riding of Vernon-Lake Country.

My problem with the Vernon-Lake Country proposal is that it does not really reflect the community very well. Vernon-Lake Country makes sense as long as the boundaries do not go through the middle of Kalamalka, Wood and Duck Lakes. The geographic boundary would be better done using a north/south dividing line rather than the longitudinal division proposed. The Vernon community wraps around Kalamalka Lake to the east and then stops due to wilderness or topography. The Lake Country community wraps around Wood Lake entirely and those parts of community near Duck Lake are more akin to the rural /recreational life of Lake Country. It makes no sense to divide the Oyama isthmus into into two different ridings, as the community behaves as one. The Glenmore section of Kelowna that is proposed to be hived off to join Vernon-Lake Country is much more akin to Rutland which is still going to be part of Kelowna than it is to Vernon. There is no reason for the current Kelowna riding to go as far north as it does when other geographic boundaries such as Mill Creek could be used to better define the riding.

In my opinion, it would be much more effective for an MP to represent a riding that is easy to travel through and around, that represents its people and existing population areas and is not uneccessarily split up among disparate communities. This redistribution can bring a more logical division between three ridings: West Kelowna, Kelowna , and Vernon-Lake Country. I urge you to reconsider what has been proposed because it seems to need adjustment.
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Regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 12:54 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Pitt-Meadows-Langley riding

Please registered my disagreement with the proposed new riding of Pitt-Meadows-Langley, 19(1) 19(1) This proposed new riding will truly dilute our voice as a community and I opposing the creation of this new riding.

Thank you,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 18, 2022 6:22 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Pitt Meadows Maple Ridge riding change

Greetings:

I object to the proposed riding changes. The existing riding of Pitt Meadows Maple Ridge roughly conforms to geographical and historical boundaries (ie.: the rivers), as well as to municipal jurisdictions. It encompasses a set of historically connected communities. The proposed ridings seem to be random swathes of population. One is left wondering what demographic agenda might be at work and whether gerrymandering is taking place. Such suspicions will undermine faith in our democracy. I expect ridings that reflect natural boundaries and historic communities would be easier to understand and have people feeling better represented.

Regards,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 30, 2022 10:26 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Concerns about Abbotsford's Proposed Electoral Boundaries

Attaching a message I sent my local M.P., Brad Vis, on June 18th. He encouraged me to send this to the Commission.

Hi Brad,

19(1) Thanks for sending your newsletter about the proposed riding changes; I had some major concerns when I initially saw the proposed map.

I am concerned with the proposed ridings specifically as it relates to Abbotsford. I feel it inappropriately segments the City of Abbotsford and its historical communities, identities, and orientations.

I think the biggest underlying flaw in the proposed map for Abbotsford was that the Commission does not understand that Abbotsford has always been a west/east oriented city, not north/south. It makes absolutely no sense (to anyone that has lived in the City) that essentially all of the south of Abbotsford is now in the ***Chilliwack*** riding. Adding to the insanity of this is the recent flooding which devastated this part of our city; how can an MP representing Chilliwack adequately advocate for the recovery of this community?

What makes sense to me would be something like the following proposal of ridings:

1. **Abbotsford West-Aldergrove**: western boundary around 264th St., eastern boundary at Gladwin Rd., southern boundary at the USA border, and the northern boundary at the Fraser River.
2. **Abbotsford East-Mission**: western boundary at Gladwin Rd. (for the Abbotsford portion of the riding), eastern boundary at Boundary Rd. in the Sumas Flats (keep all of the Abbotsford area impacted by the flooding being represented by an Abbotsford MP), southern boundary at the USA border, and the northern boundary the Mission city limits. Also could include some of the smaller communities that are historically tied to Mission including Dewdney, Deroche, Lake Errock.

Other notes:
1. I see really no need to change the existing **Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge** riding. Adequate population to justify being its own riding, growing quickly too, and those two communities are linked inextricably.
2. Population growth (and continued projected growth) of **Chilliwack** completely justifies it being its own riding consisting of its city boundaries and closely linked communities like Agassiz and Harrison Hot Springs.

I can't speak much to the Canyon communities, but hoping this provides some good input for Abbotsford and surrounding areas.

Thanks Brad,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 24, 2022 11:51 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution

19(1)

I find this interesting that this is coming up as the Liberals and NDP have their new alliance.

This riding is traditionally NDP so it will strengthen them as well propping up the Liberal Kingdom.

Please tell me I'm 😑 wrong!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 8:04 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Protect Sunshine Coast Redistribution

I am in favour of

- the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding
- all of Sunshine Coast staying together in one riding
- ensuring our votes don't count less than in other ridings

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 1, 2022 4:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Protect the Sunshine Coast from Electoral Boundary Reform

To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention that there is a consideration to adjust the boundaries of our riding so that the Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into 2 parts at Sechelt. 19(1) this makes absolutely no sense to me and I am completely opposed to this notion.

The community of the Sunshine Coast is like an island in that it is only accessible by ferry. From Langdale (where the ferry docks) all the way up to Egmont (where we take the ferry to Powell River) we are a series of small community hubs very much related in terms of our culture (both historically and presently), our concerns and our activities. Although we have 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such things as water and solid waste infrastructure, one hospital, one school district, and connected fire departments, libraries and recreation centres. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are ONE community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. Years ago the Upper Sunshine Coast(Powell River) and Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) voted together. When this got changed due to population increase, the Lower Sunshine Coast got separated from Powell River and attached to West Vancouver- a community with very different concerns and values from us. This has never made sense to us "coasters". We have far more in common with Powell River than with West Vancouver. If any change is to be made in electoral ridings, I would recommend that you consider attaching the **entire** Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to the North Island. Splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

I sincerely hope that you will listen to the voices of the people who live on the Sunshine Coast and abandon this current proposal.

Thank you for your consideration and for the work that you are doing.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 3:35 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

Importance: High

19(1)

My subject: I wish to very loudly voice my vehement opposition to the electoral boundaries redistribution plan – as it stands – for the City of Port Coquitlam. It is my opinion that electoral boundaries should take into account demographically-linked communities. The Electoral Boundaries Commission's plan for Port Coquitlam splits our small city in half and cleaves the South from our broader community of the Tri-Cities.
My comments will be in: English

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 24, 2022 11:04 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

Importance: High

19(1)

We are happy with the services we have received from Delta office, close and easy to get to . We are listened to Don`t want to be part of Surrey!
My comments will be in: English

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 21, 2022 5:01 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Boundaries for New Westminster

To the Electoral Boundaries Commission:

I am very disappointed the proposed boundaries for the federal riding which will incorporate the majority of the City of New Westminster excludes an integral portion of our City (ie. The neighbourhood of Queensborough). At the same time as it excludes Queensborough, it incorporates random parts of two other municipalities, one of which is the Bridgeview district of Surrey, which is on the other side of a major river from New Westminster and is an industrial slum with virtually no commonality of interests whatsoever with the highly urbanized City of New Westminster. This smells strongly of "gerrymandering" for the benefit of the Liberal Party in East Richmond at New Westminster's expense.

A much more equitable solution is to retain the status quo. This include the whole City of New Westminster in the riding and adds a portion of East Burnaby to the riding to achieve the population requirement.

Yours sincerely,
19(1)

Sent from Mail for Windows

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-05

RIM ID: 1651732238XPFOCYOVSX

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

New Westminster and Burnaby have a very long history together. In fact, southern Burnaby follows the New Westminster street-grid and numbers first established around 100 years ago. Also, Queensborough is a part of New Westminster and should be part of its electoral district. Lastly, Surrey and New Westminster do not have much in common; they should be kept as separate electoral districts.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59020

Name to modify: New Westminster—Bridgeview / New Westminster—Bridgeview

New name: New Westminster—Bridgeview / New Westminster—Bridgeview

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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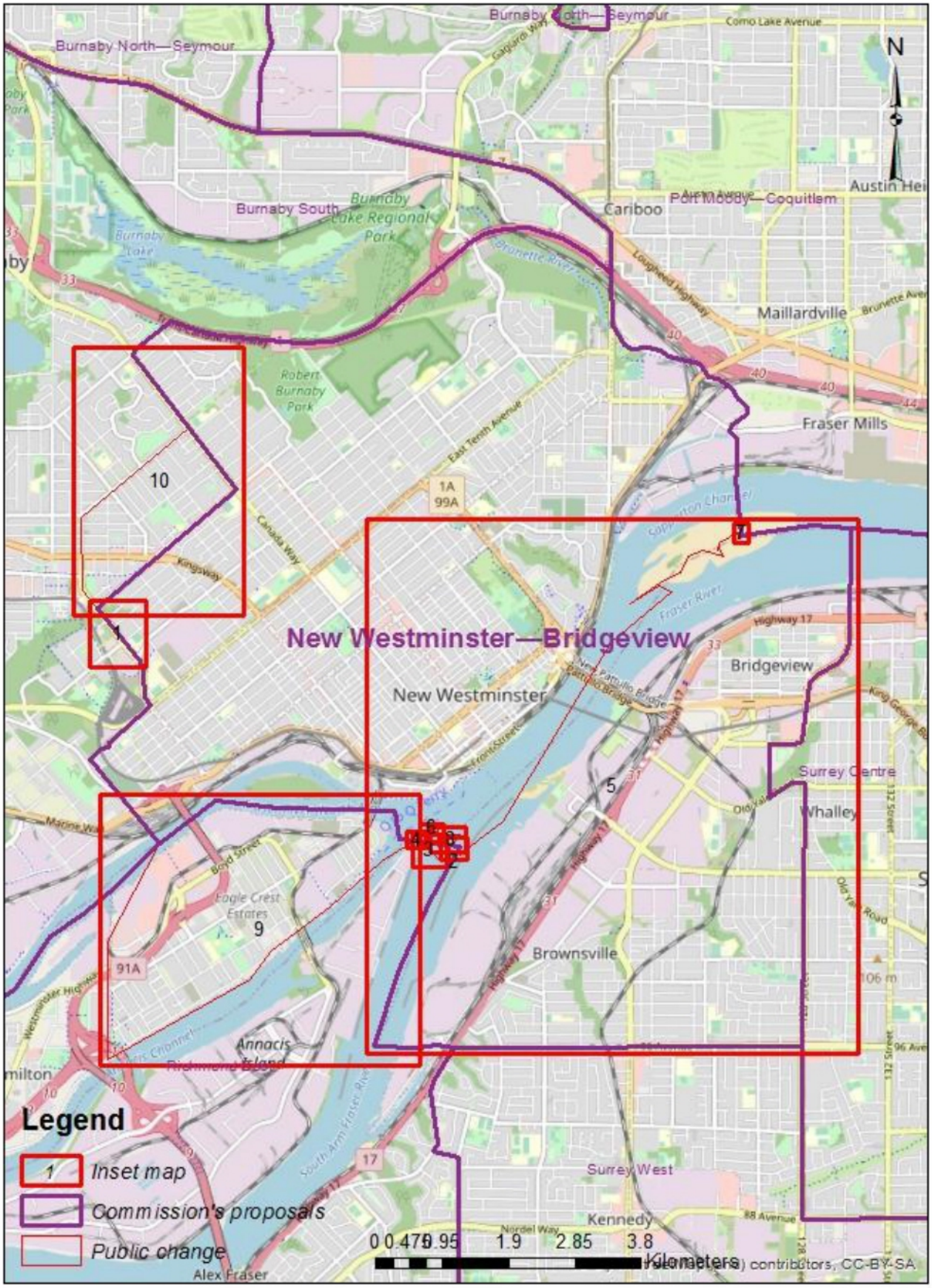

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 6, 2022 10:28 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Change of Federal Riding Boundaries

On the subject of Federal Riding Boundaries for the Interior of BC I strongly suggest that Clinton and the Area around it geographically belong in the Cariboo Prince George Riding rather than Kamloops Thompson Lytton. 19(1) 19(1) being centered in Kamloops when all of our services come from the Cariboo. Let's rethink our boundaries in a logical manner. Feel free to contact me by phone 19(1) or by email if you need more information
Sincerely
19(1)

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-09-01

RIM ID: 1662069447ZEBQMNZTRN

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Fraser Heights and Fleetwood should be clustered together. Demographically they have very much in common in many different categories. Also it makes zero sense to divide Fraser Heights into two different electoral districts.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59013

Name to modify: Fleetwood—Port Kells / Fleetwood—Port Kells

New name: Fraser Heights- Fleetwood / Fleetwood—Port Kells

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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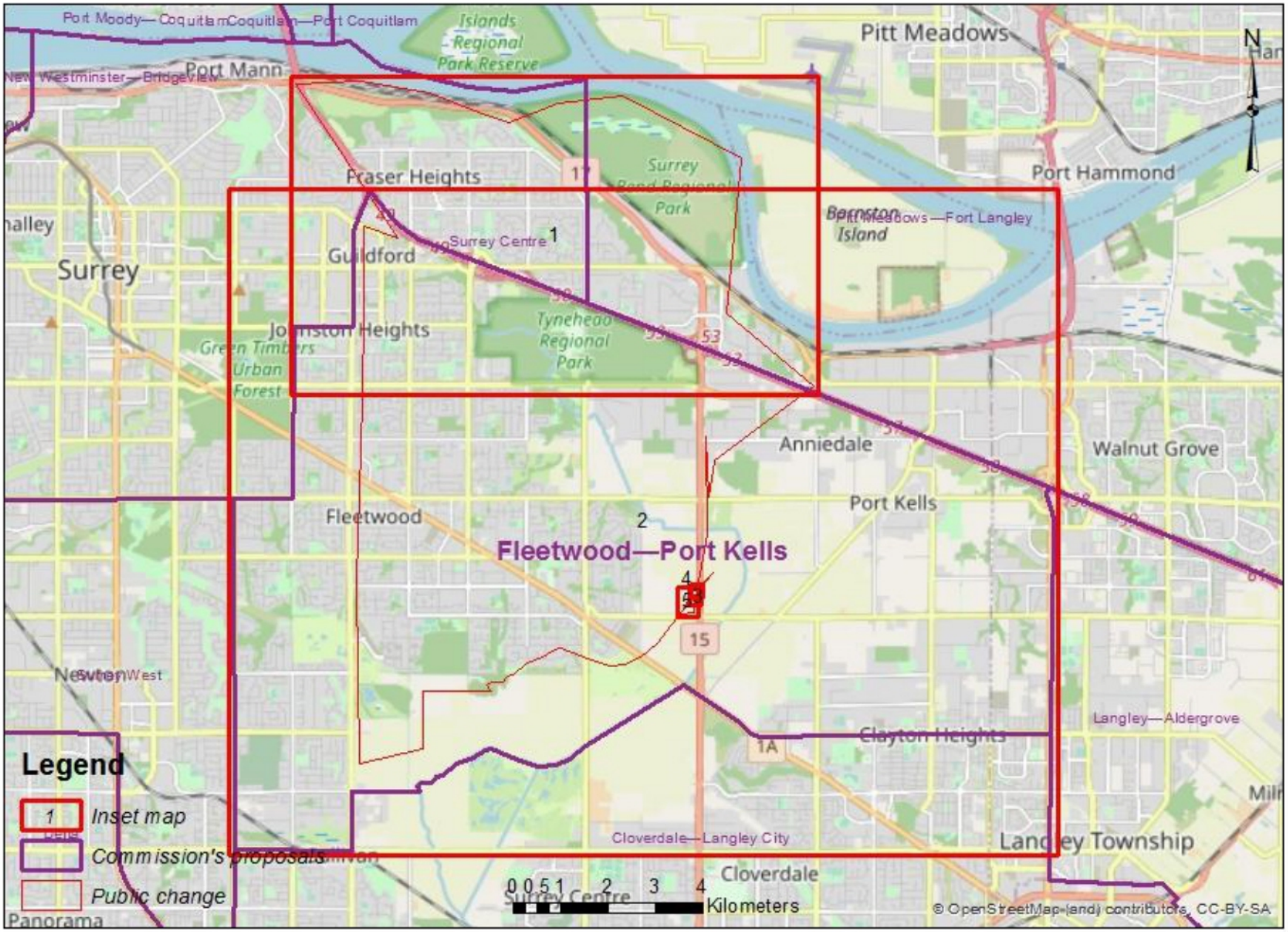

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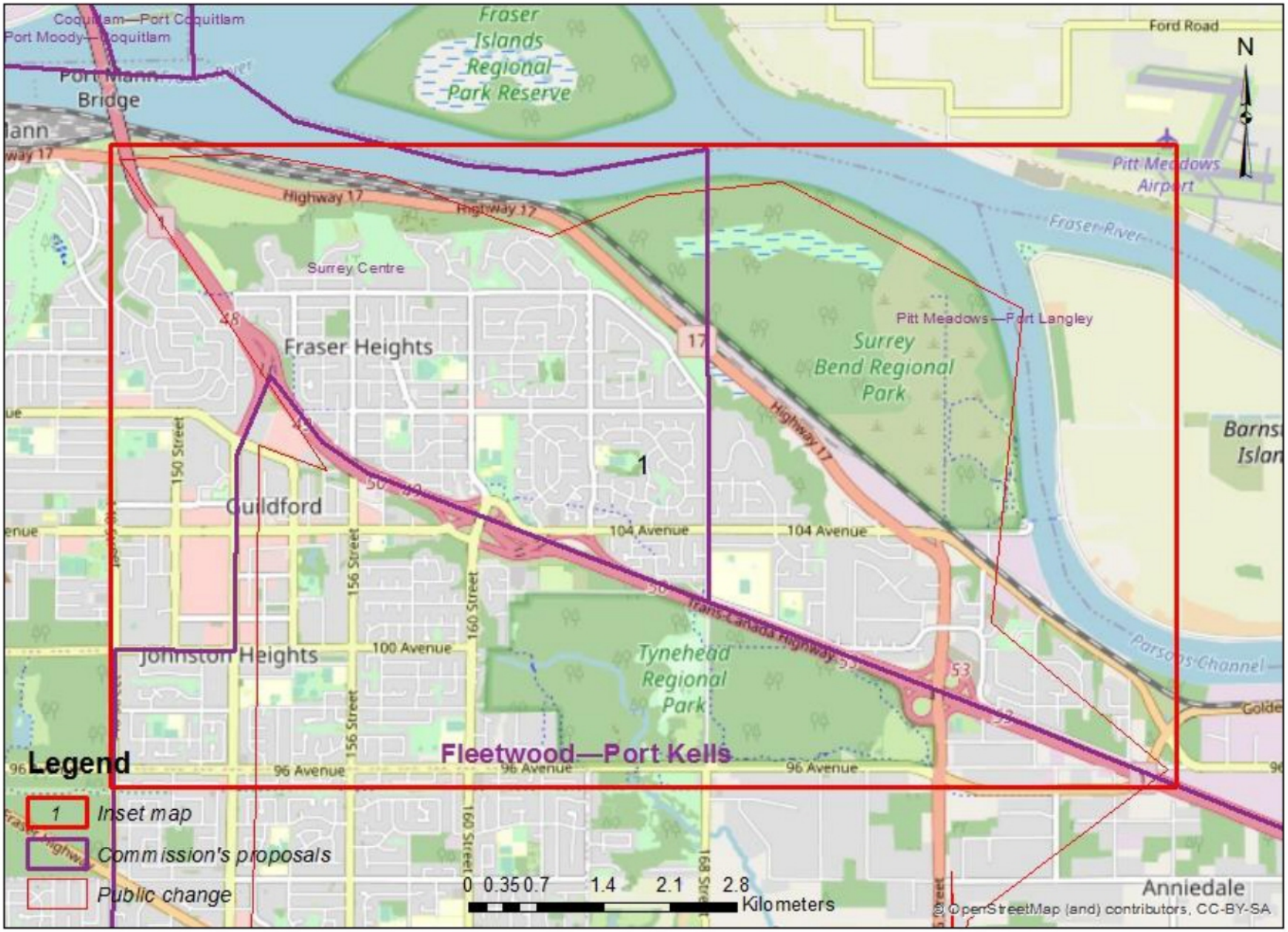

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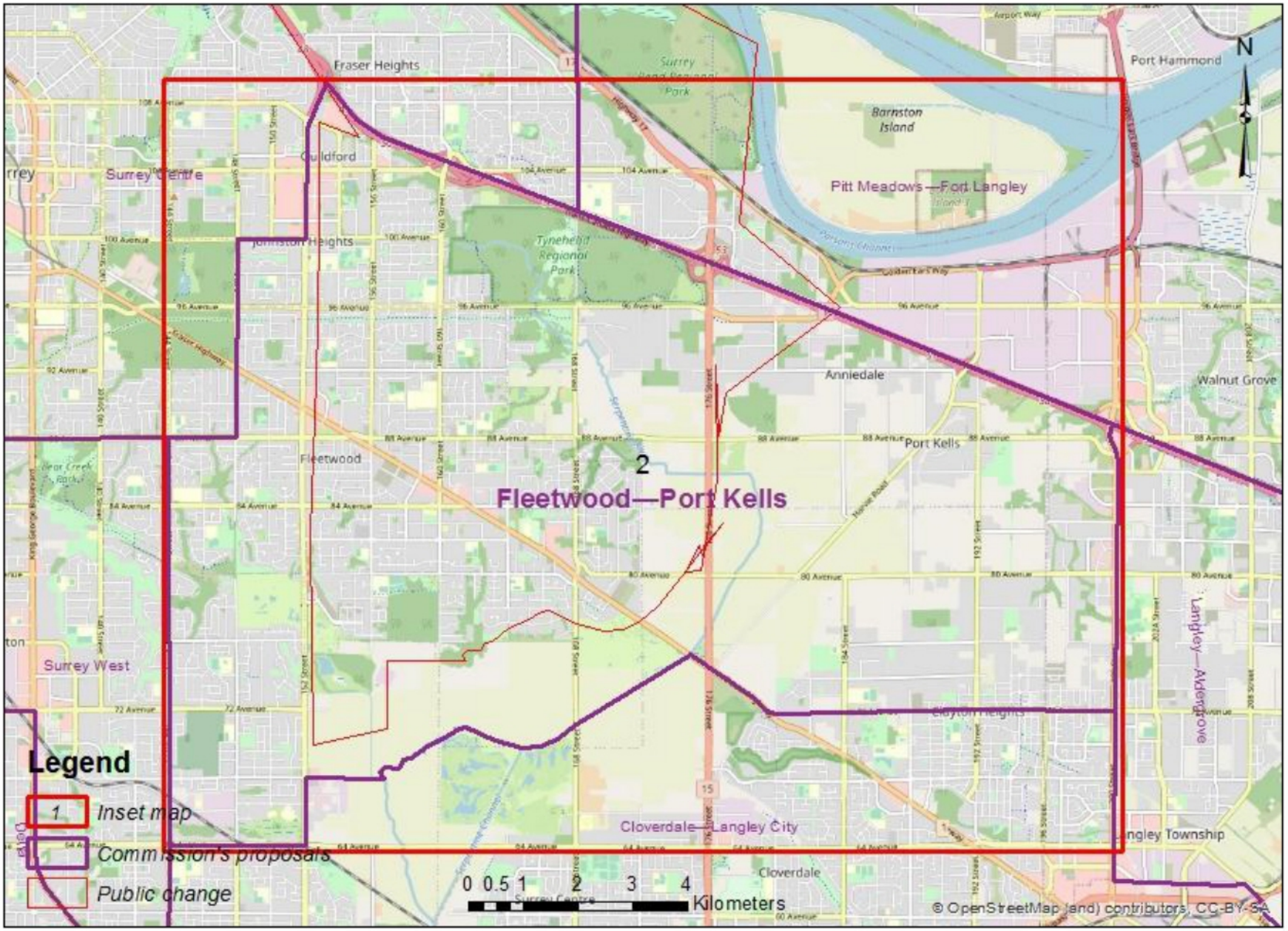

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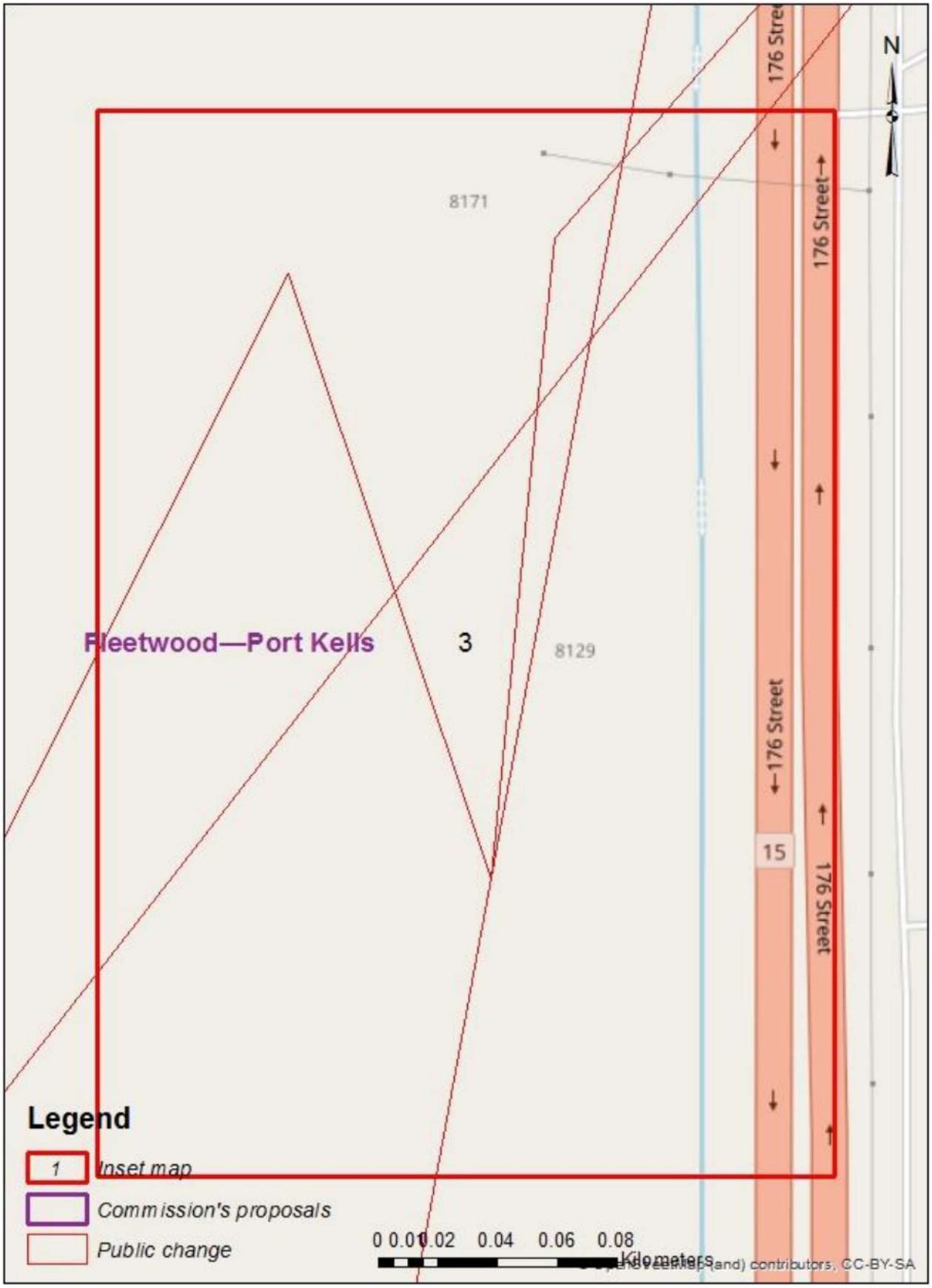

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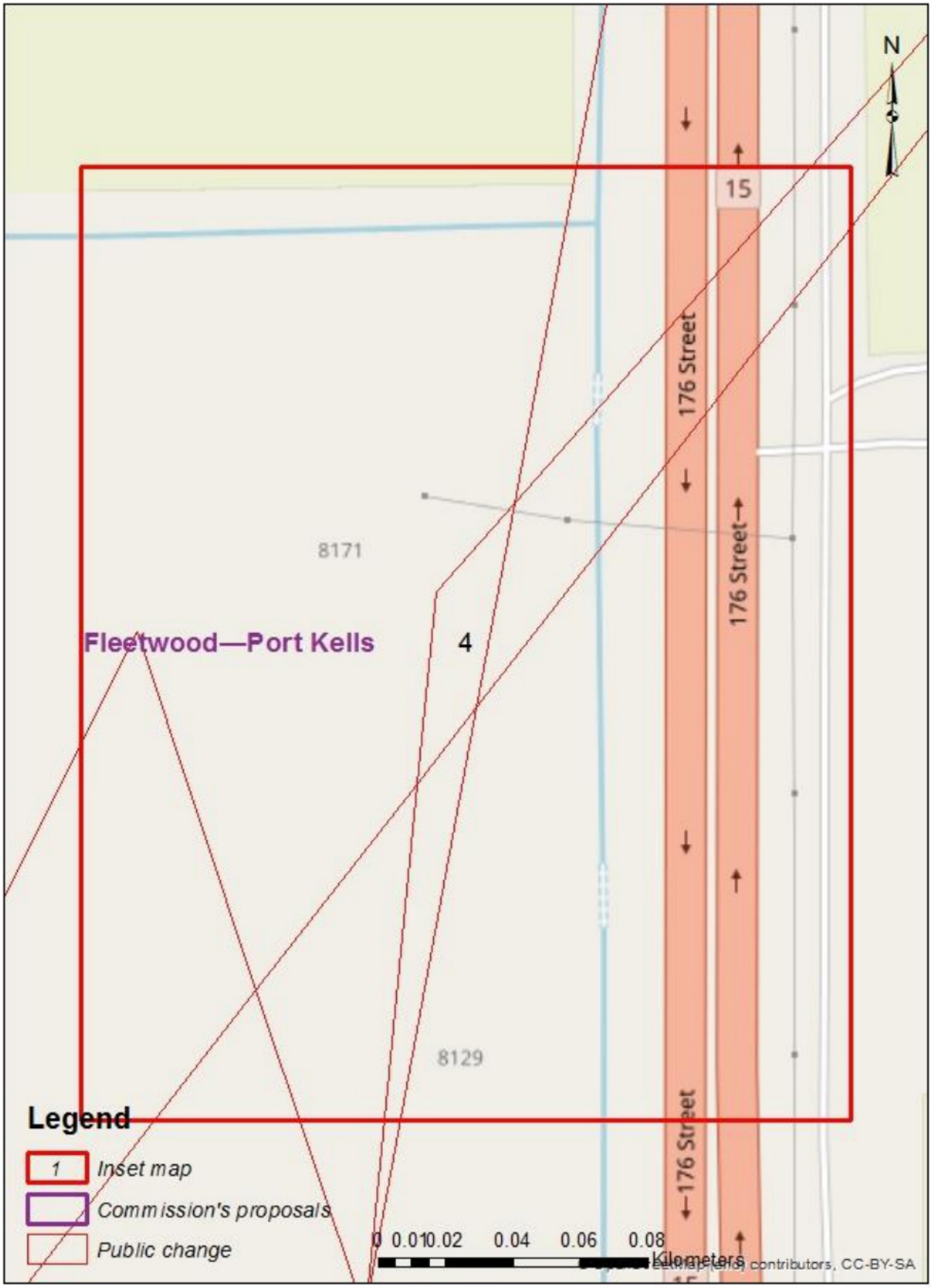

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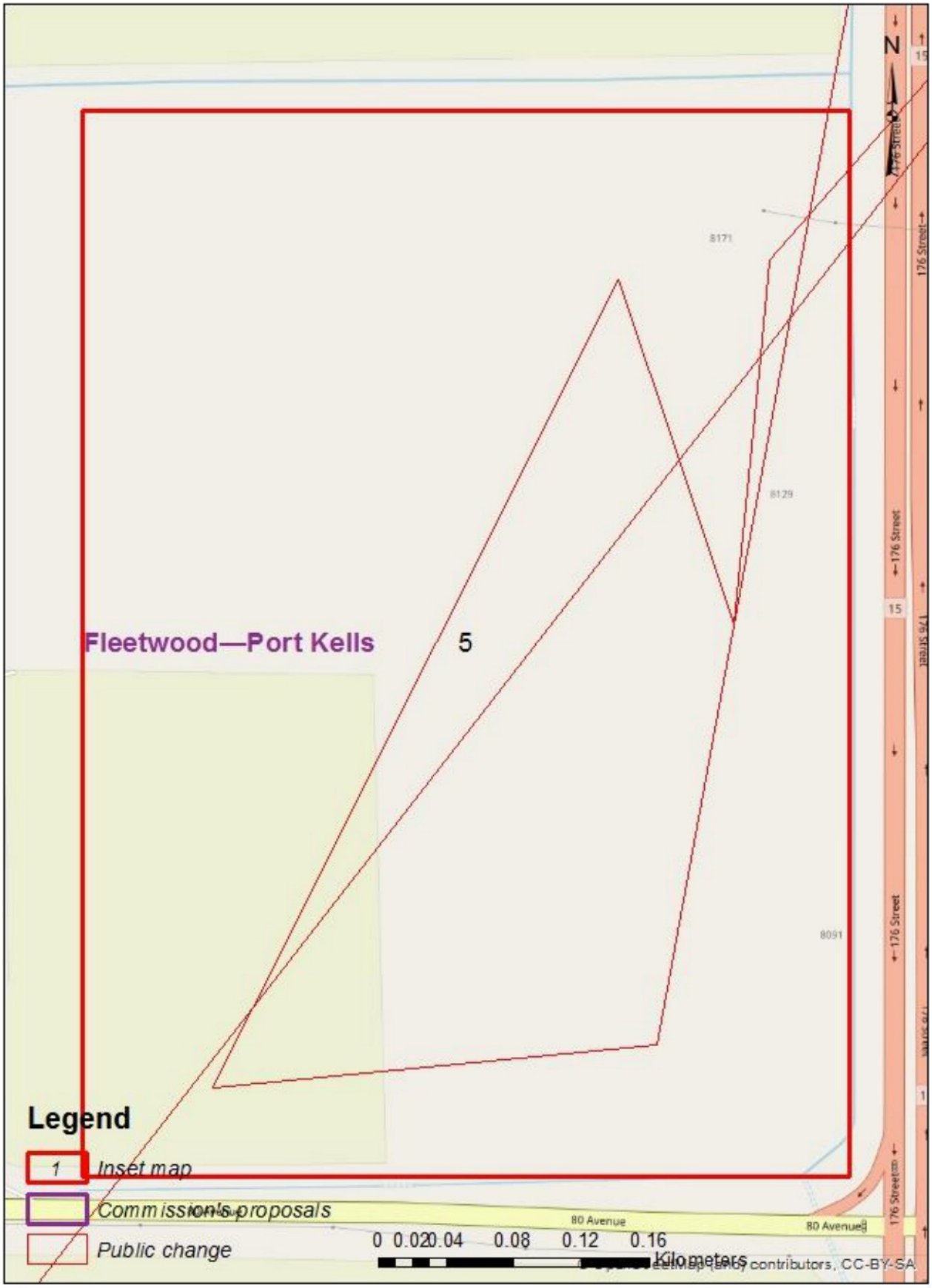

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 5, 2022 3:55 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Boundary Ridings - Fraser hHeights, Surrey

To Whom It May Concern,

Fraser Heights and Fleetwood should be clustered together.

Demographically they have much more in common in many different categories.

Also it makes zero sense to divide Fraser Heights into two different electoral districts.

Thank you.
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RIM ID: 1662657370AZCXBUIOCO

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The proposed boundary of the Pitt Meadows Fort Langley electoral area doesn't make any sense as it's grouping together residents of five different cities (Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, Langley and Surrey). These are areas that do not function as a community and have very different needs/local issues. They don't use the same roads, parks, shopping areas, etc. As a resident of the Fort Langley area, I rarely go to Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows or Maple Ridge, and I think the same could be said of residents of those communities. It would make more sense to have the boundaries align with the natural community boundaries. This would generally be the Fraser River and Pitt River. I think that Fort Langley should be part of the Langley-Aldergrove district.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59024

Name to modify: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

New name: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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RIM ID: 1654295063YDYFRFUCAY

Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

All of the District of Hope needs to be included in the Chilliwack riding, which is our service centre for shopping, government services, medical services, and to which we are connected by our Regional District (FVRD) and by Transit. There are no such relationships or services provided by the Coquihalla constituency area to Hope. Hope needs to be in ONE riding and that's Chilliwack. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59005

Name to modify: Chilliwack / Chilliwack

New name: Chilliwack / Chilliwack

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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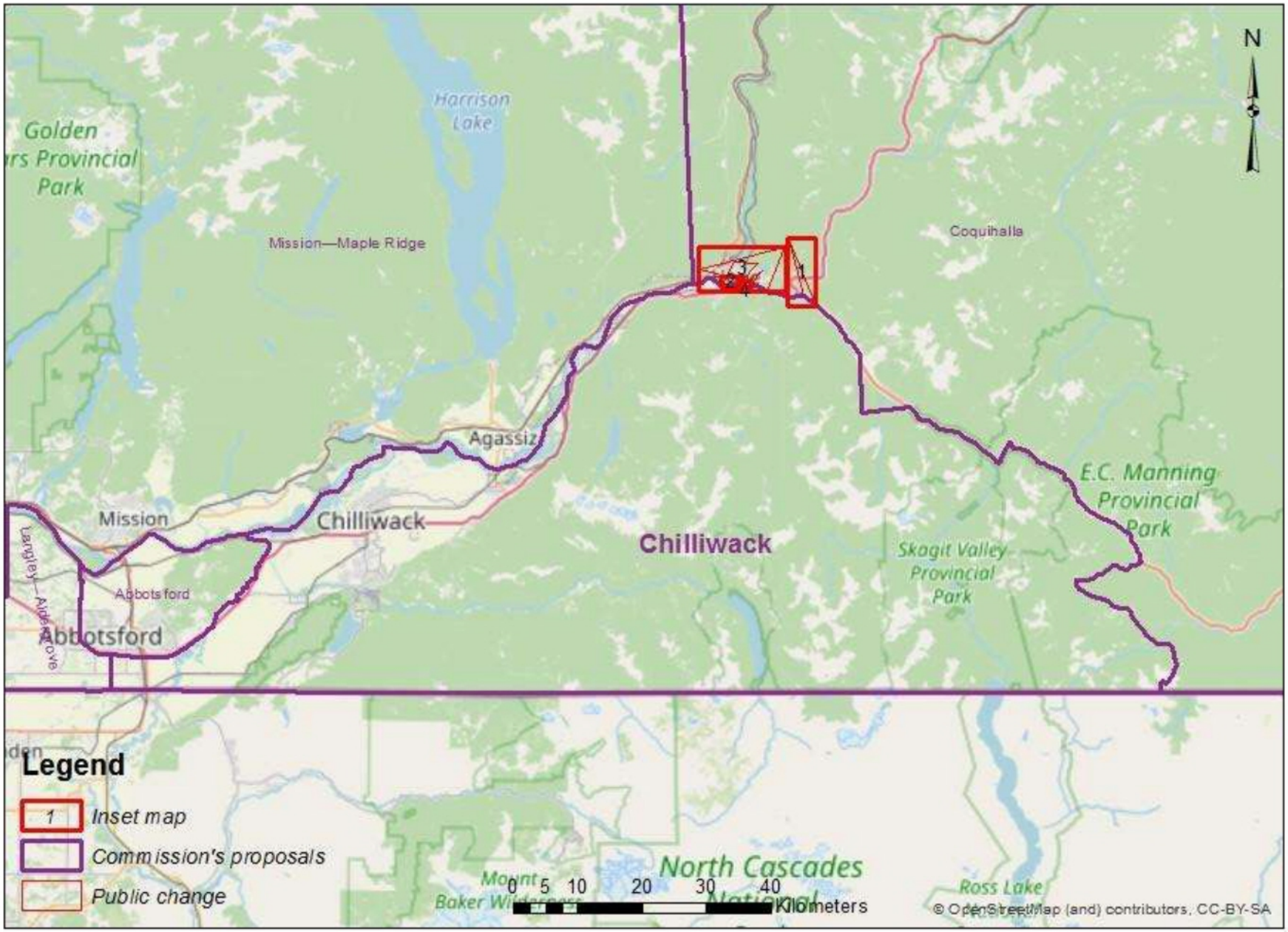

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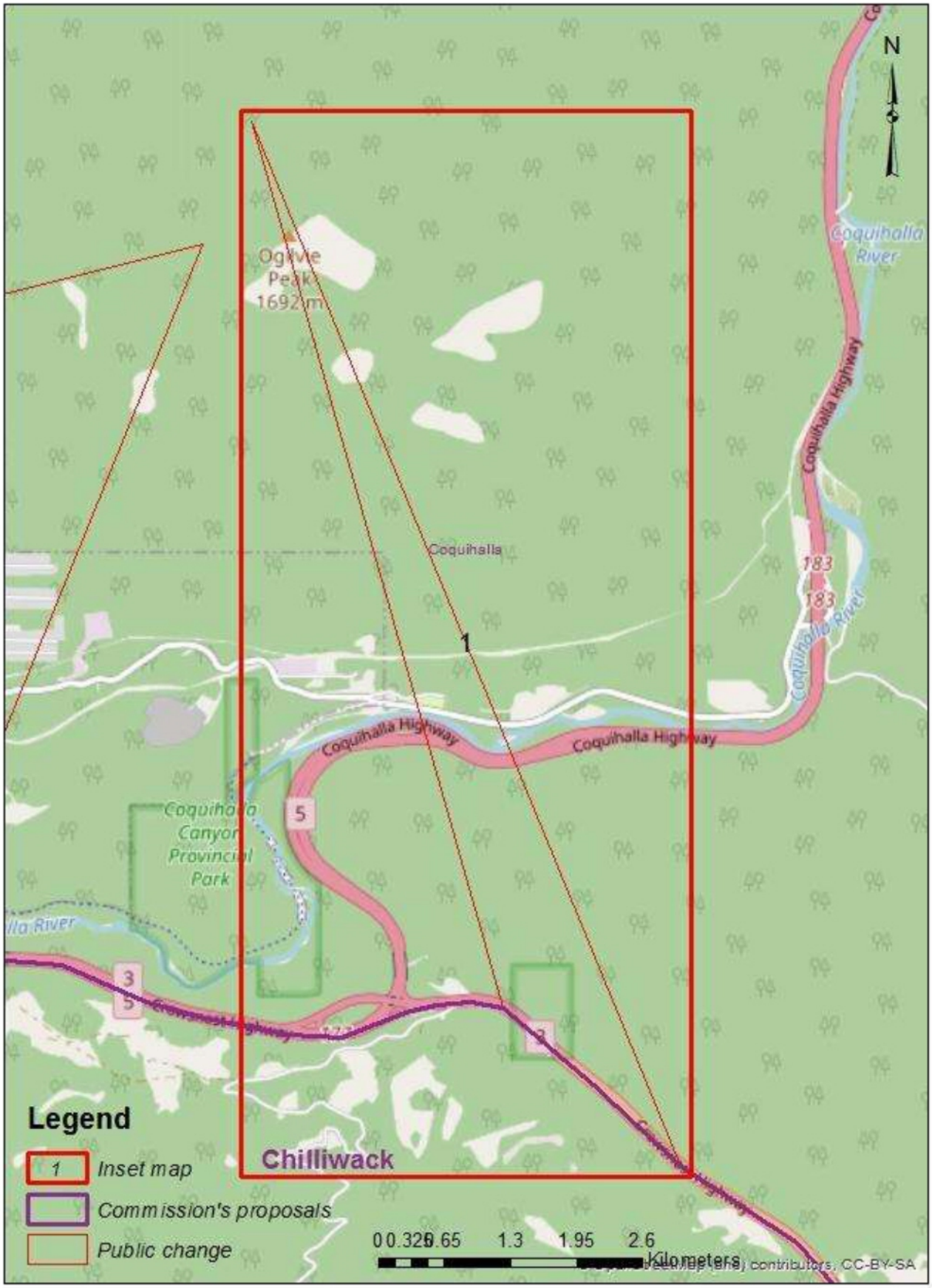

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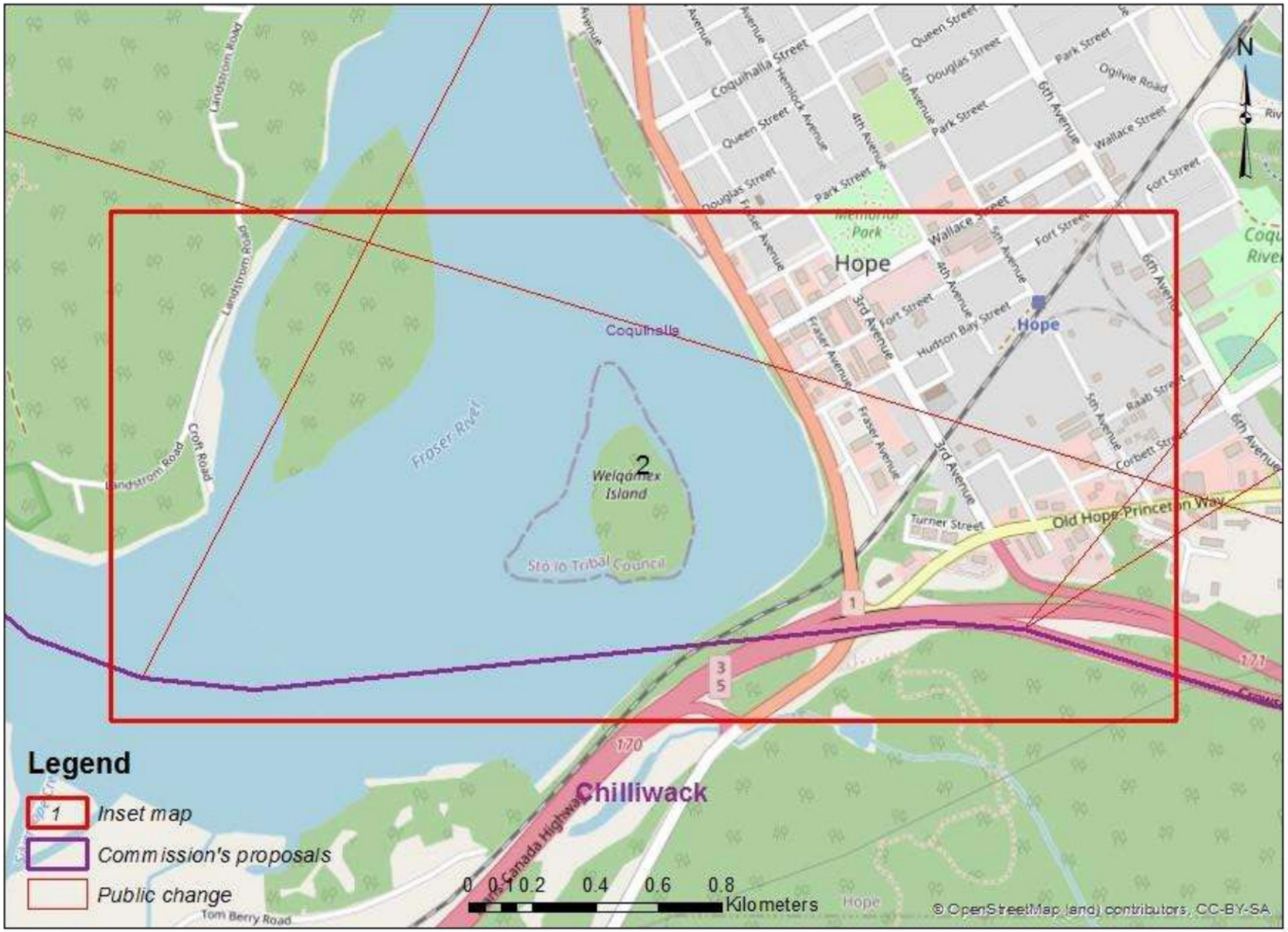

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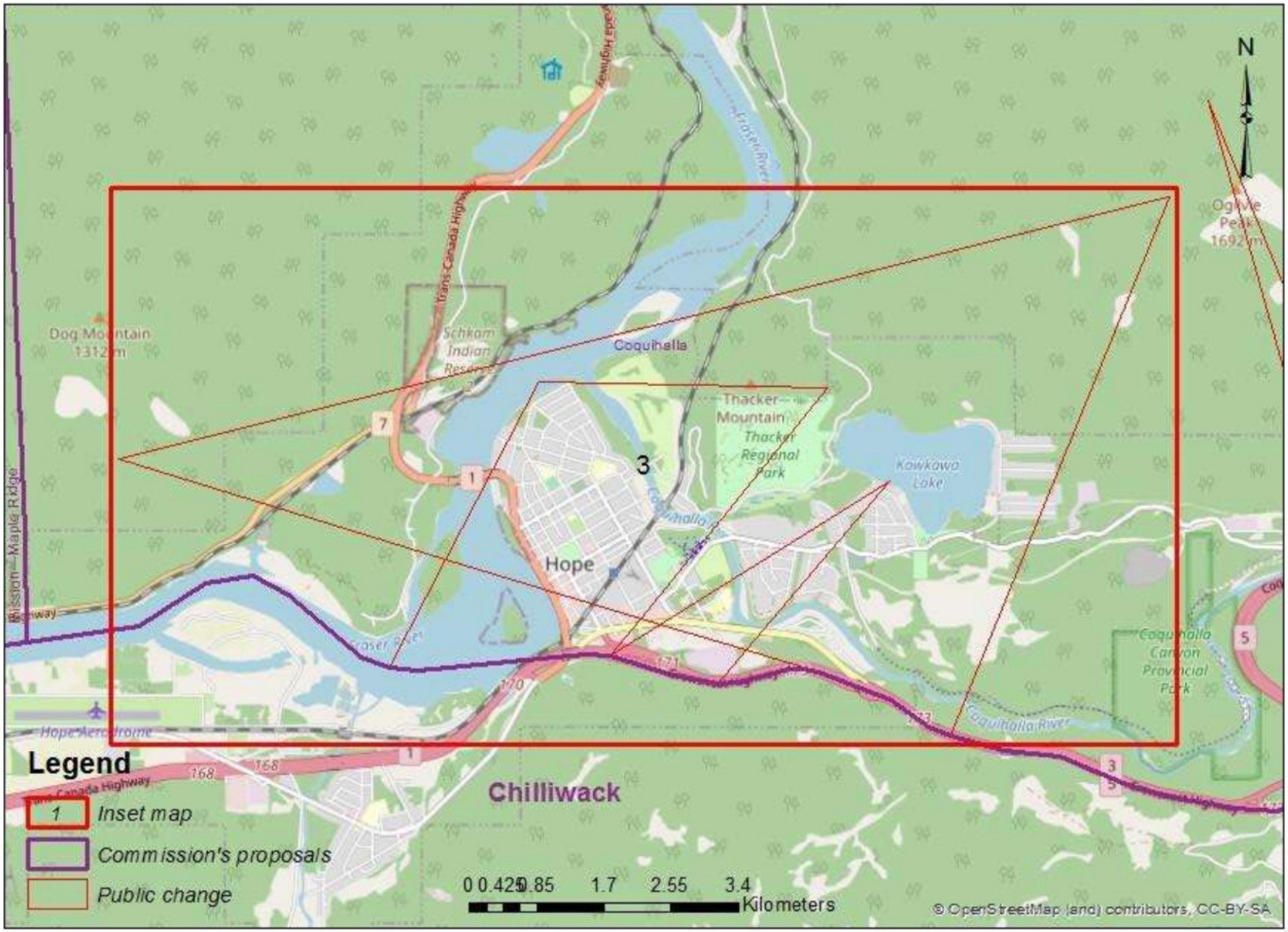

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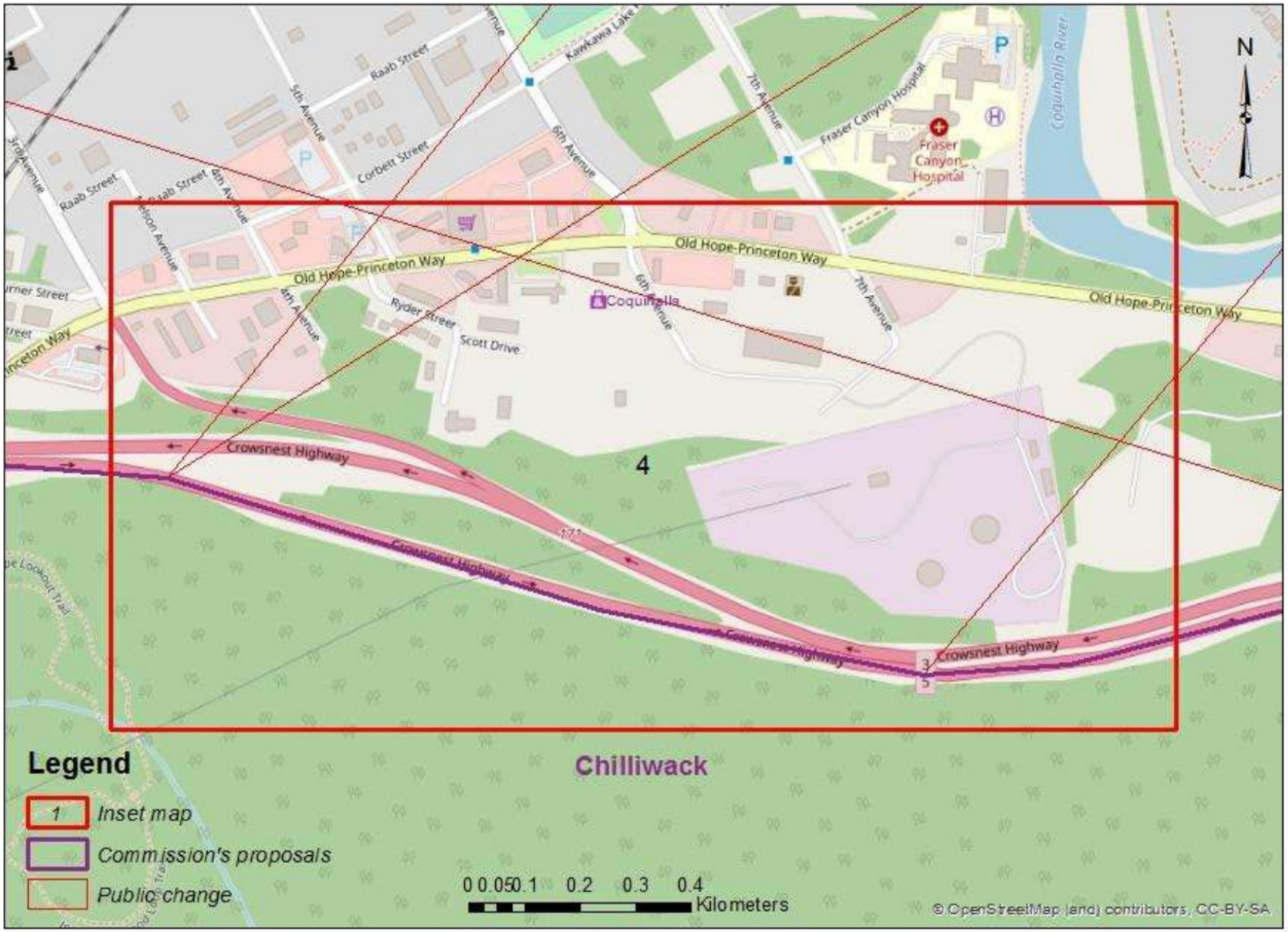

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RIM ID: 1655737947WJAPBDHORT

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Lilloet, Lytton etc. should belong to another district they are to far away from Kamloops to have anything in common with us. If anything they should be joined with Boston Bar, Yale etc.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59014

Name to modify: Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton / Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton

New name: Kamloops—Thompson / Kamloops—Thompson

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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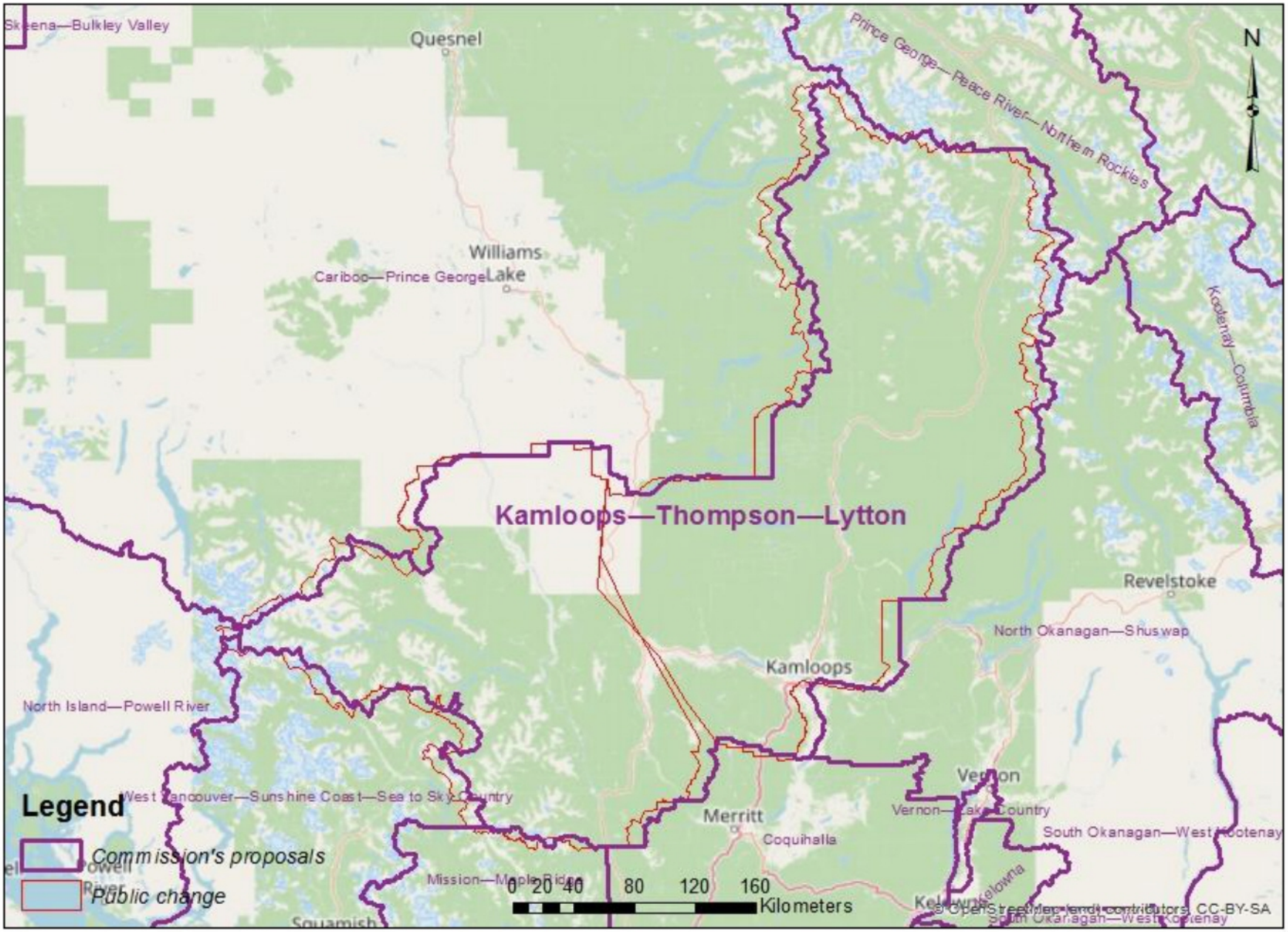

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RIM ID: 1653062021EHNLAHVJBZ

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

If any changes are made, the part of North Delta that was going to be part of Richmond, it makes much more sense to make it part of Surrey as government issues would be much more applicable as part of the Surrey riding, than Richmond.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59034

Name to modify: Surrey West / Surrey-Ouest

New name: Surrey West / Surrey-Ouest

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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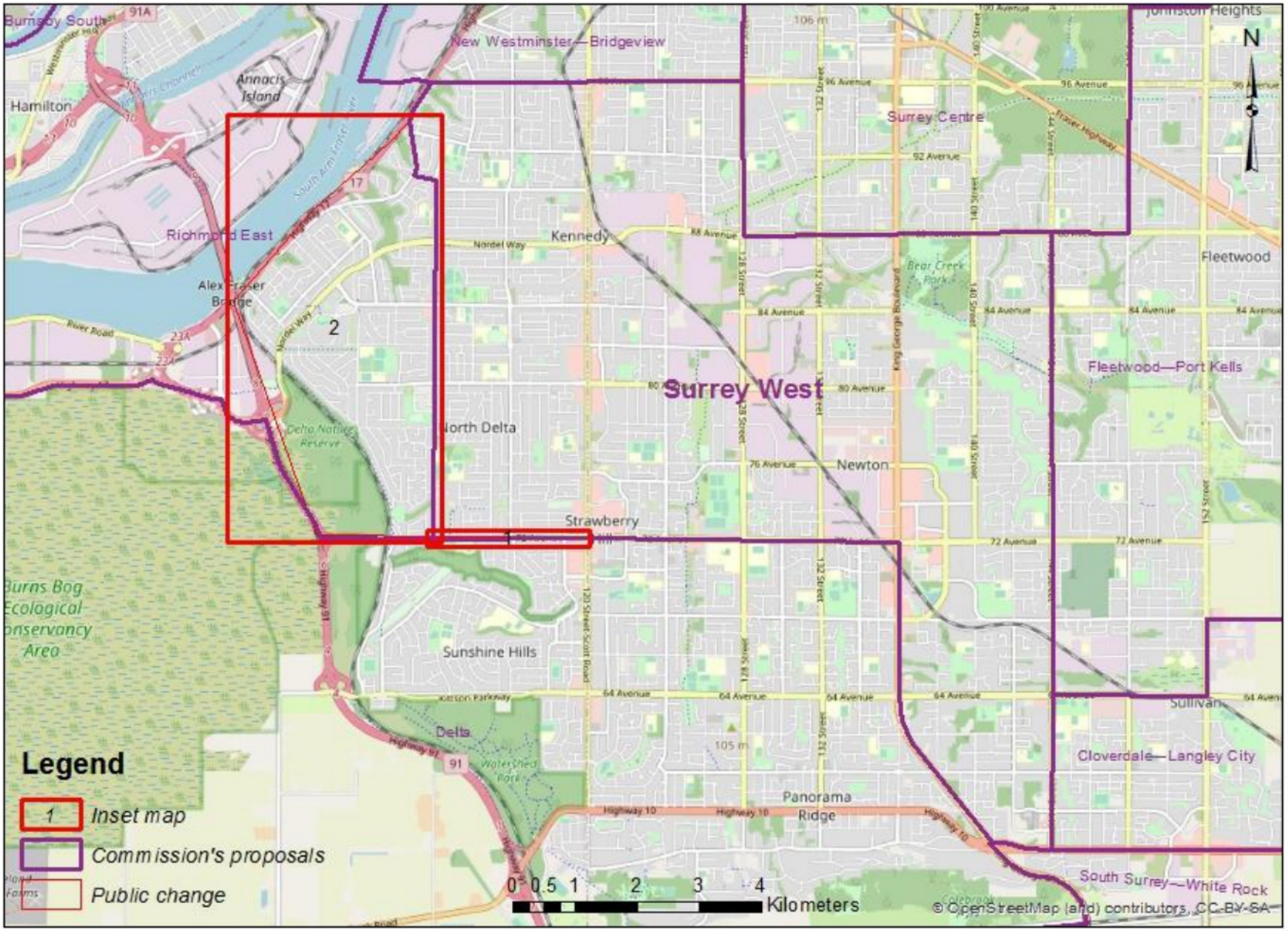

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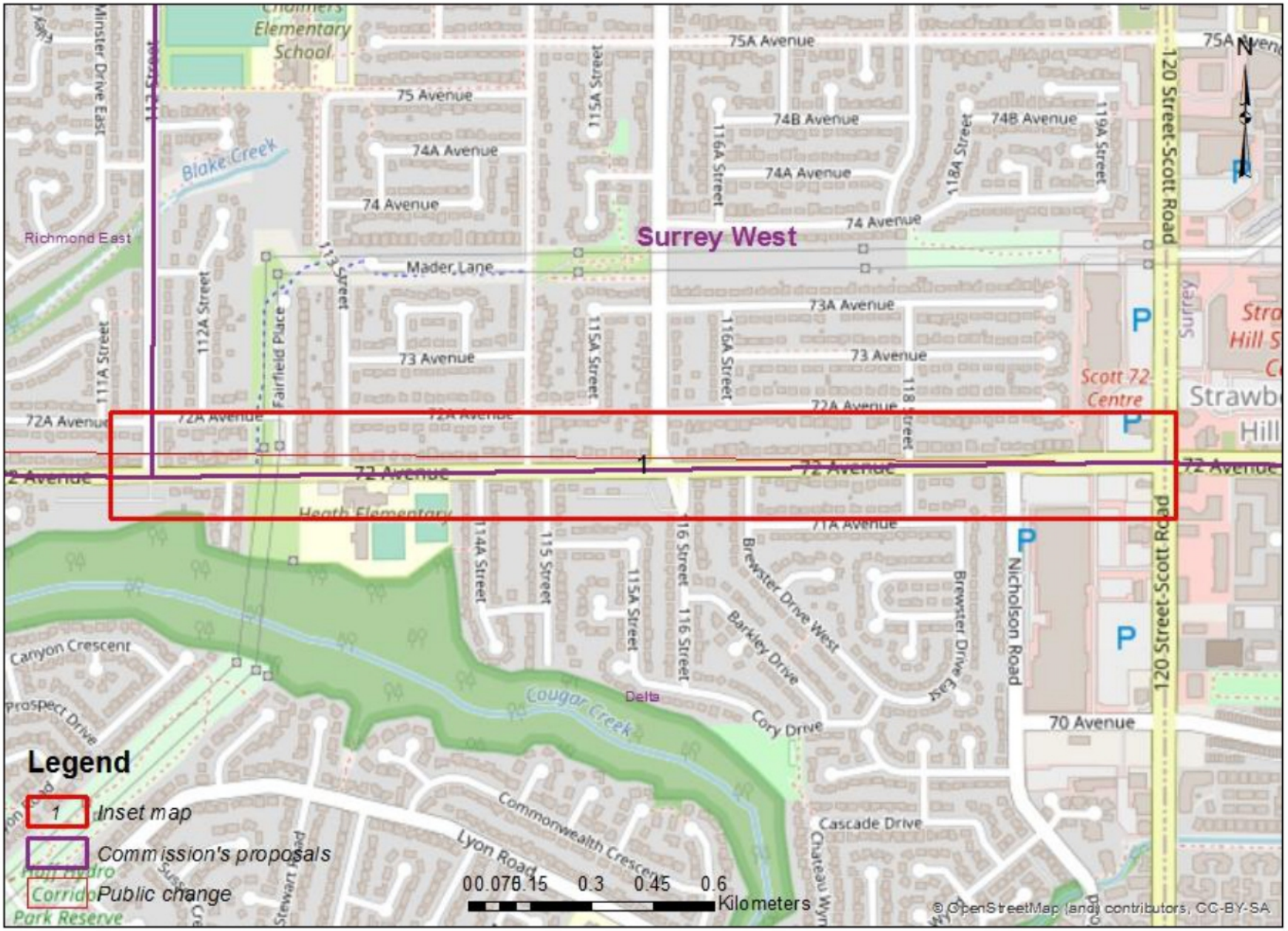

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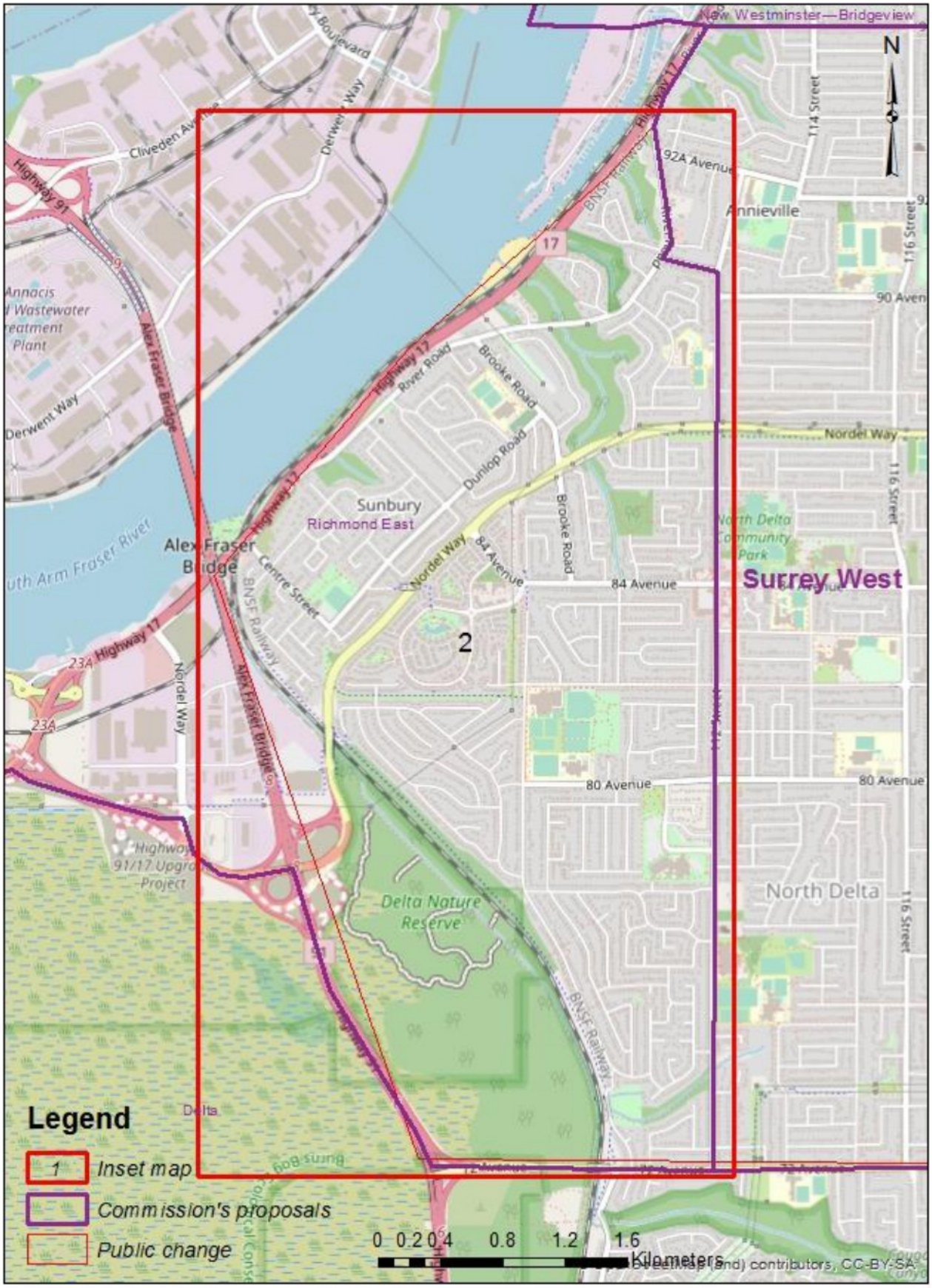

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 7, 2022 6:41 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kelowna and Vernon-Lake Country

To whom it may concern:
It would seem to me that whoever drew up the boundary between these two ridings is unaware of local realities. To divide both Oyama and Winfield in half seems quite unreasonable. Both those communities AND their surrounding rural populations should be included in Vernon-Lake Country. To account for the population addition to "Vernon-Lake Country" some, or all of the area of Kelowna from mid-Okanagan Lake easterly along Clement Avenue to Glenmore and back to and along Harvey Avenue westerly to the Okanagan Lake should be added to the "Kelowna" riding. In this manner both ridings would have a similar population and would more naturally hold together demographically. (see map below.)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 16, 2022 6:10 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: Proposal for a revision to the current (BC) Pitt Meadows- Maple Ridge electoral district

Hello there

I would like to register my objection to the proposed changes to the current Pitt Meadows - Maple Ridge electoral voting district. 19(1)

For many years, Pitt Meadows has been strongly linked to Maple Ridge both historically and culturally. Up until a few years ago, as an example, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadow had one jointly administered Parks and Recreation Program. We also currently have the same RCMP detachment , i.e Ridge Meadows RCMP.

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It makes no sense, to first of all separate Pitt Meadows into two ridings, rather than one riding, and not to link it to Maple Ridge. Pitt Meadows is small close knit community and won't be well served to have two representatives for two ridings. I don't believe that our issues and concerns will be served well by these proposed changes, being such a small community, versus the Tri-Cities and Fort Langley.

We also have no common ties, nor historical links to the Tri-Cities or Fort Langley. In fact to travel between Pitt Meadows and the Tri-Cities as well as travel to Langley, you must physically travel over a bridge because we are separated by a body of water. (Pitt River between PM and the Tri-Cities), and the Fraser River (between Pitt Meadows and Fort Langley) .

I would suggest if there have to be changes to the proposed riding, that Pitt Meadows be represented by the same riding, and if linked to another community - that it be all or part of Maple Ridge.

Thank you

Regards

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Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Port Coquitlam should be represented in the name of the riding given that Central Port Coquitlam is in the riding.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59024

Name to modify: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

New name: Port Coquitlam—Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Port Coquitlam—Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Date received: 2022-08-30

RIM ID: 1661903317RKPEAGIYKK

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

There are some basic amenities which are not available in some parts of queensborough like public washrooms and side walks which makes it sometimes difficult to walk. Cars are parked on side of road where there are no side walks, as a result the person has to come on road to walk which could be dangerous sometimes.
I feel that there is less attention
being paid to queensborough and hamilton areas as they are far away from mainland richmond area. If possible please transfer them to New Westminster federal electoral district.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59020

Name to modify: New Westminster—Bridgeview / New Westminster—Bridgeview

New name: New Westminster—Bridgeview / New Westminster—Bridgeview

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Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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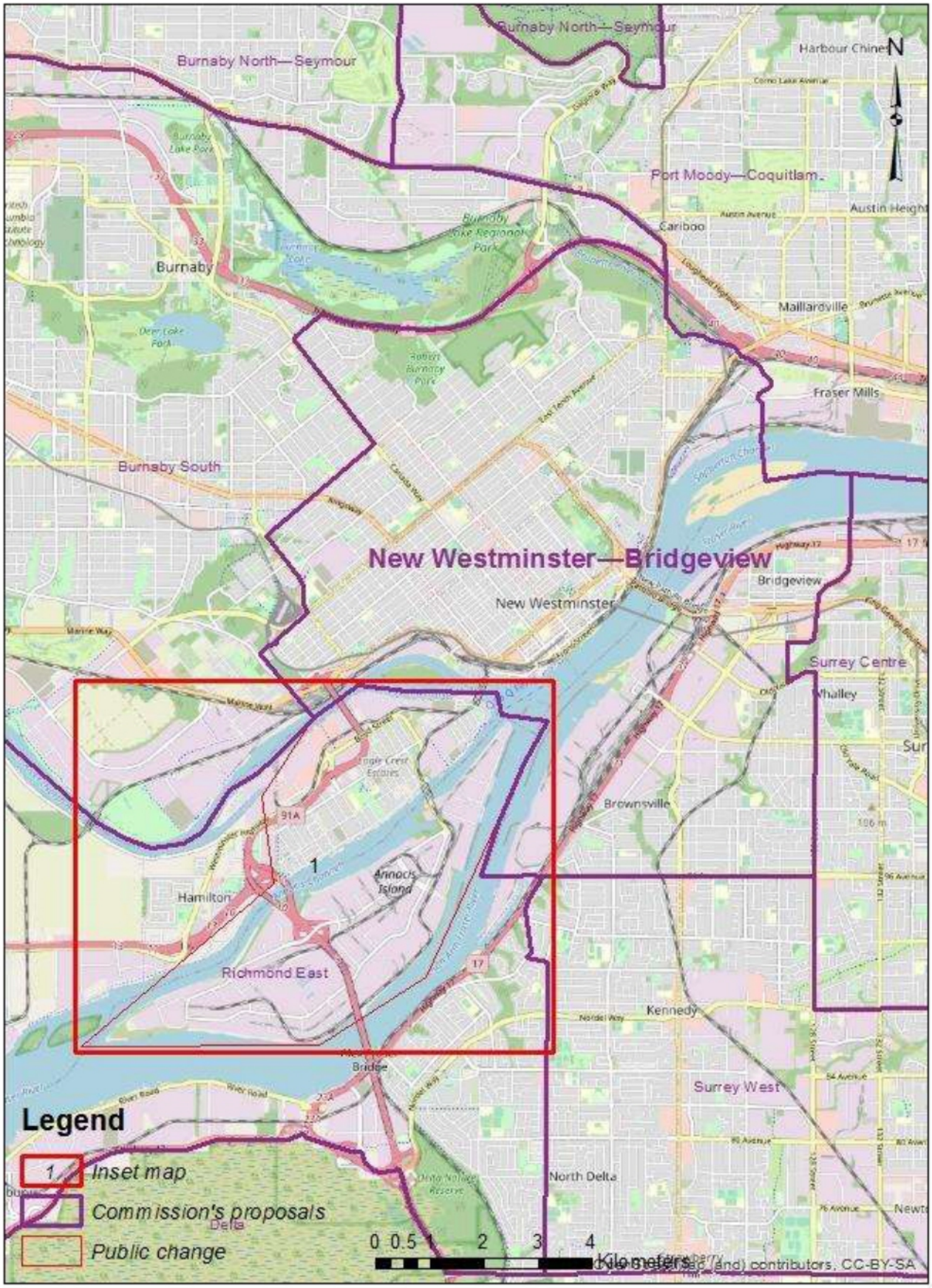

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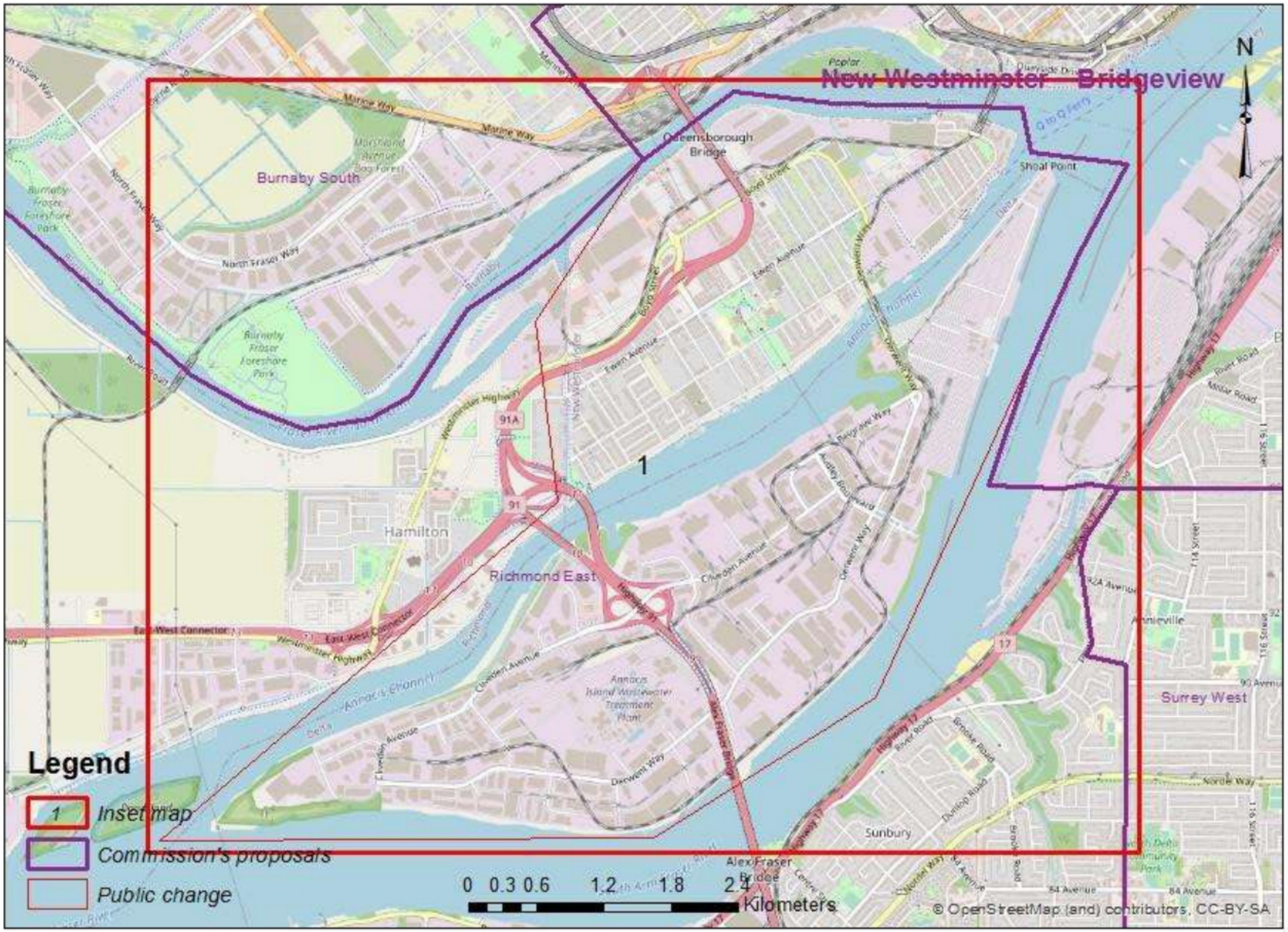

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 6:02 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1)
Subject: WestVancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky District

We are in the West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country District. The Sunshine Coast is a **rural community** with a demographic of **35% of the 29,000 population being over 55 years of age.**

Looking at the Electoral District Map we can see how we ended up grouped with West Vancouver from a population only perspective, but from an issues and representation point of view feel we are at a distinct disadvantage. Even Squamish and Whistler demographically and from a rural perspective is not well aligned with the Sunshine Coast. In addition, the Sunshine Coast in marketing and mapping includes Powell River, it is the upper coast and between Earls Cove and Langdale, we are the lower coast. We understand the selections are made based on population for equal representation, but if West Van has an issue it will have more weight than our issues for a representative and therefore community/city composition should have bearing on redistribution.

It makes more sense to have the Sunshine Coast including Upper and Lower portions grouped with Courtenay. One major element these communities have in common is the BC Ferries service and that combined with the rural aspects of these makes for a better representation of the electorate.

This feels futile, but we can't complain about what we perceive as an inequity if we don't stand up and say what we think, for whatever it may be worth!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 8, 2022 5:22 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Resigning federal ridings boundary on the Coast

19(1) it has never made sense to me why we are bound in with West Vancouver. Our desires and needs are completely different.
It makes far more sense that the Sunshine Coast and the North Island–Powell River riding be one.

"In this we journey together."
Dwell in trust, peace and love.
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 15, 2022 9:41 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Vancouver Kingsway Electoral Boundaries

Honourable Electoral Boundaries Commissioners (B.C.):

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19(1) I am very familiar with the Lower Mainland of B.C. My experience is that each separate municipality has different expectations, demographics, traditions, and city councils.

I have looked at the proposed re-drawing of the Vancouver Kingsway riding and find it problematic for several reasons. I have some suggestions for modification of the boundaries.

Including a portion of Burnaby in the riding causes problems. If our MP has the riding office in Vancouver, people travelling to the office from Burnaby will cross a boundary which results in a higher transit fee, as they are travelling across two zones instead of one. For seniors, immigrants, and other low income residents(of which we have many in Vancouver Kingsway) this is a hardship. Also, each city celebrates special holidays separately, such as Canada Day, BC Day, Chinese New Year, Family Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Remembrance Day, and the annual MP's picnic. How is the MP supposed attend both celebrations on the same day?

Our MP also holds Town Halls on various topics of interest. Will these town halls be held in each jurisdiction? Will different topics need to be addressed in each city? Will our MP need to collaborate with two city councils on topics or issues which involve more than one jurisdiction?

During the previous Electoral Boundaries review, my submission emphasized the importance of having electoral boundaries that made sense and were clear to residents. The proposed boundaries of Vancouver Kingsway this time are confusing, as the boundaries not only cross city boundaries(on the east) , but change from one avenue/street to another several times: on the north proposed boundary (from 15th to 16th and back again several times) and on the south proposed boundary (from Kingsway to 41st Avenue).

In order to amend the boundaries, I suggest that Boundary Road from Grandview Highway to 41st Avenue (all of which are major thoroughfares) should be left as the eastern boundary. Grandview Highway (12th Avenue), also, is a major thoroughfare and makes sense as the northern boundary. Previously, Ontario Street from 12th Avenue to 41st Avenue formed the western boundary; it is the dividing line between the east side of Vancouver city and the west side of Vancouver city. On the east side of this street house lots are 33-35 feet wide; on the west side the house lots are 55-70 feet wide. This may not seem like a major issue, but it makes a big difference in terms

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of property value in our city. As well, housing density and development of multi-unit construction is much more intense on the east side of that street than on the west. It is a real boundary that we are all aware of. So, issues for residents on the east side are different from those for residents on the west side.

On the south side of the riding, 41st Avenue from Boundary to Ontario makes sense, as it, also, is a major transportation route for all traffic, including transit lines.

It is important to make the boundaries of each riding as simple and explicit as possible. Reducing the number of crossings of city boundaries, waterways, bridges, tunnels, and other major barriers--whether geographic or jurisdictional--would be very helpful to residents of the ridings, as well as their MP's. Making the ridings as straightforward as possible would be a major benefit.

I respectfully ask you to consider my comments in your decision-making. I will not suggest the boundaries of other ridings, as others in those ridings will know what works for them better than I would. I realize that all changes affect other ridings. I hope that these changes result in a more understandable map for the next 10 years.

All the best in your deliberations. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input, and thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 9:26 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky modification to proposed boundary

I strongly urge the commission not to accept any partisan influence to change the original boundary proposal for this riding. Namely, the suggestion that the Sunshine Coast should be excluded and joined with the Vancouver Island-Powell River riding.

The Sunshine Coast is culturally, economically, environmentally and geographically tied to Howe Sound and Metro Vancouver, and not northern Vancouver Island. There are several well-established reasons why these communities should remain associated with the existing boundary.

Howe Sound is recognized by UNESCO as a biosphere region and to separate parts of it through political boundary modification will only serve political goals and not environmental ones, and will degrade federal representation for this crucial ecosystem:

https://en.unesco.org/biosphere/eu-na/atlka7tsem_howe-sound

First Nations would also be fractured under this proposal, with Squamish Nation territories existing both in Gibsons and in The existing riding. The voices these people have would be split across a far wider area than under the proposed change to the redistribution commission's proposal and would make it difficult for any reconciliation actions to be taken should another riding be added to their territory.

https://native-land.ca/maps/territories/skwxwu7mesh-uxwumixw/

Furthermore, the Sunshine Coast is economically linked to Metro Vancouver and Howe Sound to a significant degree, and not as well associated with Vancouver Island. This is exemplified by the numerous marine and resource businesses that serve an area extending toward Squamish, and the numerous commuters who take the 40-minute ferry to Metro Vancouver for work, shopping, and vital services. This would also mean that residents' member of parliament would be less accessible to them.

The correct action is to carve off heavily urbanized portions of West Vancouver, as proposed originally by this commission. Those residents are more likely to have economic and social ties to a North Vancouver riding.

I can only speculate that the voices calling for the Sunshine Coast to be separated from this riding are looking at their own political gains and not what suits the residents of this area the best.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 7:08 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Vernon-Lake Country new federal BC riding

Hello,

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19(1) Below is a transcript of my presentation with suggestions for amendments.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Presentation:

- I love that BC will gain one more seat in the House of Commons
- I love that Vernon and Lake Country will be the home of that new seat
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  While this might be commonplace in a large metropolis, it doesn't make sense in a small cities and rural areas like mine.
- Foothills neighbourhood should be included in VLC because, technically, it is part of the city of Vernon.
- All the streets in the North BX should be included. They all dead-end on this side of the mountain. There is no through street over the mountain into other portions of the North Okanagan-Shuswap electoral district. Residents do all of their business and shopping in the city of Vernon. It makes sense to include them inside the Vernon-Lake Country boundary
- All of Oyama, Woodsdale, Lake Country and Winfield should also be included in Vernon Lake-Country. These communities should not be bisected by the new boundary line.
- Coldstream proper could also be included in the new Vernon-Lake Country district
- If these additions make the population numbers too high for VLC, then return some of the downtown Kelowna neighborhoods to the Kelowna riding.
- The carving up of these communities neglects to take into account the culture, habits, and experience of each place. The electoral district should be a place of shared circumstances and lifestyle.
- Constituents should have reasonable access to their MP. Is it reasonable to expect residents to drive through another electoral district to get to their nearest MPs office?
- **My biggest issue is that Kelowna is vastly different in culture, perspective and mentality than the communities of Vernon, Lake Country, Winfield, Coldstream etc. Kelowna should not be included in the new riding.**

MY PROPOSAL:

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1. Add these polls (150-156,143) to the new Vernon-Lake Country riding from the North Okanagan-Shuswap
2. Add these polls (9,15-17,19,20,23,26) to the new Vernon-Lake Country riding from Kelowna.
3. Add these polls (48,49,51,70-76,86,88,89,92,99) to Kelowna from Vernon-Lake Country.
4. New Population numbers: VLC=111,050, K=113,349, NOS=107,054
5. My proposal does push the new Kelowna riding population numbers higher, so some polls (approx. 2,000 voters) from Kelowna could be shifted to South Okanagan-West Kooteny (108,957) which has some room.
6. Alternatively, Coldstream proper could be included in the new Vernon-Lake Country riding and then even fewer downtown Kelowna polls would need to be part of the new riding

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 28, 2022 7:41 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New boundary for federal election Vernon Lake Country

Hi
I do want to support electoral reform. I am totally mystified as to why you would cut our community of Coldstream in sections in the new proposed boundary. Although historically Lavington was a separate community, it is part of Coldstream now. I believe separating off part of the community in the federal election supports divisiveness. We already have it separated off in recreation and other activities so we have experience with how this divides our community. I understand this potentially leads to treating part of our community with a different set of priorities and values as a result of having two MPs that represent one community. I do want to have one MP represent our community. Further, as a community nurse I know the complexities of providing services to this new proposed boundary. It makes sense since CORD has suggested Fintry and Valley of the Sun come under RDNO, due to the inability of the Kelowna area to provide services then the federal electoral boundary should create this unity presently under consideration. For all the reasons previously listed it also makes no sense to include part of Kelowna. The boundary needs to stop at Lake country. Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 2:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: The Federal Election Boundaries Commission for B.C.

Dear Mayor Harvie and Delta Council

I think it is ridiculous to change Delta's borders.

What kind of representation would we get by making our city smaller?

Would new boundaries north of 72nd become part of Surrey, would Surrey collect the taxes from this area and represent it?

Would Surrey have a say in what the new regulations, bylaws, etc would be in that area?

How can part of Delta be represented by Surrey in elections, how can Surrey rep support Delta's interests.

I'm not very good at writing so hope you understand what I'm trying to say. In short form, it's a really bad idea.

Thanks for your time

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 13, 2022 9:30 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Comment on Burnaby North - Seymour Riding

To the 2022 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of British Columbia:

I have input regarding the *Burnaby North - Seymour* electoral district. This electoral district was created during the last redistribution and does a great disservice to the voters within it as it is comprised of portions of two essentially unrelated communities (District of North Vancouver and City of Burnaby). The two communities are separated by a significant water body and connect by land only via a single congested bridge that poses a significant impediment to travel between them (e.g. to visit an MP's office). While such an arrangement might be necessary in a less densely populated area of the province, it seems that there would likely be more appropriate ways of drawing electoral district boundaries within the Greater Vancouver area that would not create such a problematic district and that would be more respectful of s. 15(1)(b) of the act.

A further problem with this electoral district relates to public perception of it. Various persons seem to think that the arrangement of this electoral district was in some way gerrymandered to advantage one party or another. While I do not believe this to be true, there is some truth to the saying "perception is reality" and it is critically important to public trust in the electoral system that there be no perception of partisan favouritism in the construction of electoral district boundaries. I believe this is another reason to reconsider the nature of this district.

It was a great disappointment to me to see this electoral district persist substantially unchanged in the 2022 proposal. I strongly suggest that the commission consider a broader scope of changes to Greater Vancouver area electoral districts than is currently proposed in order to correct this inappropriately constructed electoral district.

Regards
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 6, 2022 11:08 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistricting of West Vancouver -Sunshine Coast

Hi,
I would like to write to voice my concern about the proposed redistricting of my riding-West Vancouver -Sunshine Coast. 19(1) My understanding is that the plan is to cleave the neighbourhood of Ambleside, West Vancouver in half by moving the eastern border of the district from Capilano Road, NV (the border between North and West Vancouver) to 15th Street in Ambleside, West Vancouver, BC- the centre of Ambleside, WV.

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This does not make sense to me. I understand that it has to do with growing populations to the west however it is not right to cut some West Vancouver residents off from their community as if we are an afterthought! The boundaries of the community should be respected. I know that the goal is to make things fairer but this should not be at the expense of making things less fair for some citizens.
I am totally opposed to this proposal and would ask that it be reconsidered.
Thank you

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 21, 2022 10:22 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Comment re. Delta riding - change necessary

Good morning,

19(1)

I am very concerned about the proposed division of the municipal boundaries of the City of Delta into three distinct ridings that are shared with larger neighbours.

It will be a significant loss to Delta residents if we are no longer represented by one MP.

The changes to the Delta riding the last time the boundaries were redrawn were logical and beneficial. Delta has one MP, two MLAs and one city Council.

The new proposal would place Delta into three ridings without a majority in any of them. Our city's concerns would be of less interest and the synergy between our federal, provincial, and municipal representatives would be lost.

The City of Delta has passed a Housing Action Plan that contains significant strategies to add housing and increase our population. This will help the riding of Delta to hit the quota of residents per MP that the commission is seeking.

Please reconsider the proposal to split Delta and weaken our representation in Ottawa.

With respect for your labours,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 28, 2022 1:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: South Okanagan-West Kootenay Redistribution

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19(1) and would like to urge you to reconsider the proposed plans.

This plan includes cutting Penticton down the middle using Main Street as the boundary. Since your mandate is to consider historical patterns, geographic size, and communities of interest or identity, the plan would divide a smallish community of 35,000 in all three categories and probably separate property owners from their business, company, non-profit organization, City Hall, hospital, etc.

This is not a viable solution.

As it stands now, the current riding is rather strange since it includes the West Kootenays which are geographically and culturally very different from the South Okanagan. As well, an 8-hour drive to part of the riding is ludicrous.

My suggestion for the updated riding is as follows:

Summerland, which has more in common culturally and geographically with Penticton and the South Okanagan than Nakusp and Castlegar, should be part of South Okanagan. People commute from Penticton to Summerland and vice versa for work, entertainment, social activities, etc. As well, ,it is orchard and wine-growing country so has more in common with the South Okanagan than the Coquihalla area.

Trail and Castlegar should be taken from South Okanagan and moved into the East Kootenay riding which makes geographical and cultural sense. Silverton, New Denver, Nakusp ,and Arrow Lakes should go to the North Okanagan riding.

Finally, since Kelowna-Lake Country is one of the fastest growing areas in the province, it makes sense that the new riding be there.

Geography and common sense should prevail overall.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 11:29 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re: Public inputs

Thank you Susan, I will scroll down to see if any of the 28 sites and times are good for me.
Please pass along my concerns if I'm not able to make a worthwhile presentation.
Thank you,
Blessings,
19(1)

Sent from my iPad

On May 17, 2022, at 10:30 AM, BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

> Dear 19(1)
>
> Thank you for your email. You ask me to "RSVP". Would you like to register make a representation at one of the upcoming public hearings about the proposed new federal electoral boundaries in BC? This link will take you to our website where you can scroll down to see all the places and times of our public hearings:
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> https://redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca/com/bc/phrg/index_e.aspx
>
> Best regards,
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> **Susan McEvoy** <image001.png>
> Secretary | Secrétaire
> Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia |
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> fédérales pour la Colombie-Britannique
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: 19(1)
> Sent: May 17, 2022 9:40 AM
> To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
> Cc: 19(1)
> Subject: Public inputs
>
> I would like to know how we can get Regional representation across Canada and BC Without compromising the cities or those of us who choose to live in the rural country settings. I'm tired of the 6 major metropolitan cities dictating how we should live in the country, and we also shouldn't dictate how city folks should live. We are two different population groups, like apples and oranges.

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Please RSVP
Yours truly,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 13, 2022 4:30 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Concerns regarding redistribution of Delta boundaries

I am writing to express my extreme concern regarding the proposed riding changes within Delta, specifically North Delta 19(1)

Delta has its own unique set of needs and challenges and the existing configuration with one riding has proven that this works very well. If these changes proceed, Delta will undoubtedly lose not only it's autonomy, but also it's identity. We are not Surrey, we are not Richmond. We have worked hard to ensure community voice in this riding, and representation that reflects who we are, and what we are about, and the priorities we hold.

Please record our position as one that rejects the proposed changes to the Federal Electoral Boundaries which will negatively affect the City of Delta

Thanks,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 16, 2022 3:46 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver Library Public Hearing Participation - 19(1)

Dear Judge Saunders—

This email is intended for you, Judge McEvoy and also for Stewart Ladyman. Your graciousness in attending a hearing at West Vancouver Memorial Library last month was matched only by your professionalism in your roles as Electoral Boundaries Commissioners.

My response to you is in apology for my own incredibly sub-par presentation before you. 19(1)

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My intention was to state that Ambleside represents more or less 75% of West Vancouver's territorial and community identity. Municipally, most of our funding and attention is showered on Ambleside. Provincially, every MLA representing West Vancouver-Capilano for decades has lived Ambleside, voters of every persuasion identify heavily with Ambleside. And federally, the heaviest density of electors in our riding reside in Ambleside—especially the half that is proposed for redistribution.

At the Federal level, our enormous riding is a catch-all of so many disparate communities that none ever can-- or ever will-- get the attention they need from their MP, regardless of party, due to the sheer size and multiple imperatives that each region clamours to be addressed. That said, the largest concentration of electors in the Federal riding is in Ambleside. To bisect our primary community, give the prime half of it— the half that West Vancouver's taxpayers have spent decades planning and providing services in an attempt to meet Metro Vancouver's growth targets—to North Vancouver-Capliano, already dense and now inheriting a cluster of brand new high-rises just west of Capilano Road, seems unfair. Actually, it feels like punishment for West Vancouver as a community.

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19(1) [redacted] Regardless of which party is in power federally, those electors we lose from the denser half of Ambleside—the half that will become vastly more dense with the expansion of Park Royal and First Nations housing (estimated at approximately 32,000 citizens—will positively affect the future of North Vancouver-Capliano and without a doubt. But it will present a loss to West Vancouver-Sea-to-Sky-Sunshine Coast. This presents as a wound to the pride and to decades of the community's struggle to improve and modernize on the backs of taxpayers at every level of government and also professional staff hired by West Vancouver taxpayers. If all this time, I had known that the density I fought for in the area affect by this redistribution were going to North Vancouver's MP, I would not have bothered. They are already dense, have not fought for density in my lifetime. West Vancouver electors fought tooth and nail for that density, and suddenly, it's carved out and handed to North Van?

The pace at which the East side of Ambleside will grow is highly likely to exceed the growth of the entire remainder of WV-S2S-SC. This is will offer to electors in East Ambleside the ability to reach their MP in person in a 15-20 minute car ride. Electors in West Ambleside can reach their MP in perhaps 40 minutes, but in Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, Bowen Island, the Sunshine Coast all the way from Gibsons to Pender Harbour, an electors would have to pay well over $100 to see his MP in person or wait days or weeks before their MP visits their region. Why not focus on ***how*** all electors in every riding could better be severed by their federal MP by completely rethinking the ***means*** and texture of representation instead of trying to equalize the ***numbers*** in every electoral district. Numbers do not shape identity, cohesion and representation. Place does.

It's difficult for me to shake off my initial reaction to this redistritution equation as a federal rewriting of Solomon's suggestion to competing mothers appearing before him for justice. Should he simply decree to cut the disputed baby in half and give one half to each mother? Obviously the real mother chose her baby should live with a false mother, while the false mother was willing to take half of a deceased baby just to win the dispute. Is there justice in severing a living entity with a sword in order to redistribute electors? Or can we look into the heart of this matter and find another way that is less clinically "correct," that doesn't terminate the identity of the true mother and her baby?

Thank you Judge McEvoy and Mr. Ladyman, for listening to me--again. This time, I hope, with more coherence—and will apologies for my last presentation.

Best regards,

19(1) [redacted]

From: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:12 PM
To: 19(1) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1) [redacted]

Dear 19(1) [redacted]

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Thank you for this notice of representation. 19(1)
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The Commission looks forward to your comments.

Best regards,

Susan McEvoy
Secretary | Secrétaire
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-----Original Message-----
From: 19(1)
Sent: June 4, 2022 10:48 PM
To: BC-CB <BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)
Importance: High

19(1)
My subject: The redistricting of a large portion of Ambleside on the Eastern side of the WV-SC-S2S riding, forcing life long members of West Vancovuer to now identify as North Vancouverites in Federal representation only. This proposal disenfranchises an integral part of WV, forcing those voters to accept North Van as their representation. Voting districts may appear to bureaucrats as simply "numbers," but to voters, their district is their identity and loyalty. Unfair to WV and to these voters.
My comments will be in: English

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-04

RIM ID: 1651643719DETHXWJULN

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: N Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Lytton is an unnecessary addition into the riding name when Lytton is in Thompson-Nicola which is already partly in the name

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59014

Name to modify: Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton / Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton

New name: Kamloops—Thompson / Kamloops—Thompson

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 21, 2022 6:25 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: I live in Ambleside

Leave things alone it makes more sense to remove the Sunshine Coast than cutting up WVan and N Van Is that not obvious?
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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-06

RIM ID: 1654487654WOFSRRGUML

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information: 19(1)

Comments provided:

The area of West Kootenays should be anything west of Sandon bc

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59016

Name to modify: Kootenay—Columbia / Kootenay—Columbia

New name: West Kootenay— columbia / West Kootenay—Columbia

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

Wednesday September 28, 2022 7:00 PM

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 23, 2022 11:55 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Port Coquitlam federal boundary changes

19(1) I am opposed to splitting our city into two electoral ridings. We are a small city and are more aligned with Coquitlam. Our concerns and needs are not the same as Surrey, Fort Langley and even Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge.
Please respect that our identity and concerns would be lost if grouped into these different electoral ridings.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 17, 2022 3:31 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: mayorharvie@delta.ca
Subject: Proposed Changes to Delta Riding

Good Afternoon,

I have recently read a number of articles and reviewed the proposed changes to the federal riding boundaries for Delta, BC. I must say that after trying to comprehend why recommendations would be made to cut up Delta and blend it in with other ridings (Richmond & Surrey), I have come to the conclusion that the recommendations are incomprehensible and make absolutely no sense whatsoever. I see absolutely no benefit to these changes and actually feel that the proposed redistribution is harmful for City of Delta residents. Delta has three distinct parts (Ladner, North Delta and Tsawwassen) and their residents deserve the right to be represented as one riding. From what I understand, the population of Delta on it's own is in line with the guidelines provided by the Federal government. Please keep the current electoral boundaries in place and respect the residents of the City of Delta.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 21, 2022 1:27 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Qualtrough, Carla - M.P.; mayorharvie@delta.ca
Subject: Proposed Changes to Delta Electoral District Boundaries

To whom it may concern,

19(1)

I respectfully request that the current boundaries of the federal election district of Delta be retained, keeping the entire City of Delta, Tsawwassen First Nation, and Musqueam Indian Reserve No. 4 as one.

The concept of spreading the current election district of Delta into three different districts doesn't make sense. The new boundaries don't have a visible logic. My house would become part of Surrey-West. We are connected to our own city of Delta, not Surrey! I don't understand why a district with clear and logical boundaries would be broken up as proposed for "progress."

Please keep the federal election district of Delta as it currently is.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 10:53 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution Lower Sunshine Coast

Any plan of redistribution should make sense for citizens.
A cohesive Sunshine Coast makes sense. The Lower Coast has little in common with West Vancouver in terms of, for example, medical services and provincial transportation. In relation to Federal Government issues we are a very separate community from West Vancouver.
The idea that you would split our community and further dilute whatever small representation we have as voters living between Langdale and Sechelt, by reassigning the area north of Sechelt to North Island is truly appalling, not to mention anti-democratic.
If changes are to be made, consider re-united Powell River with the Lower Sunshine Coast. Residents of these areas have more common interests and are affected by government decisions in ways that do not impinge upon West Vancouver, or North Island.
Uniting the Sunshine Coast as a riding would provide residents with better representation and be better for candidates.
Are these your intentions?
Thank you for your consideration,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 25, 2022 8:43 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: PLEASE DO NOT DIVIDE WEST VANCOUVER!

Dear Staff People,

Please do NOT divide West Vancouver! We already live in a ridiculous riding! It makes NO sense to have the Sunshine Coast (that should be with Powell River, as per the "Half of Ambleside…"article.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 14, 2022 3:47 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Feedback on Proposed redistribution of Port Coquitlam

Hello,

I noted that the bulk of the information online speaks to the population served by the electoral districts and nothing further. What other factors were considered in drawing the new districts?

If it is simply numbers, I am concerned about the decision to split Port Coquitlam in the proposed fashion. I noted that the Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam district is intended to serve 114,901 people and Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley serves 116,538 people.

The posted range of populations per district spans from 89,689 to 125,964. There seems to be room for the Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam district to absorb more. I am concerned that the small pocket of Port Coquitlam residents will objectively have a smaller voice at the table in the new district due to the percentage of the district we represent - a note further reflected in the naming of the district where Port Coquitlam is omitted.

Thank you,

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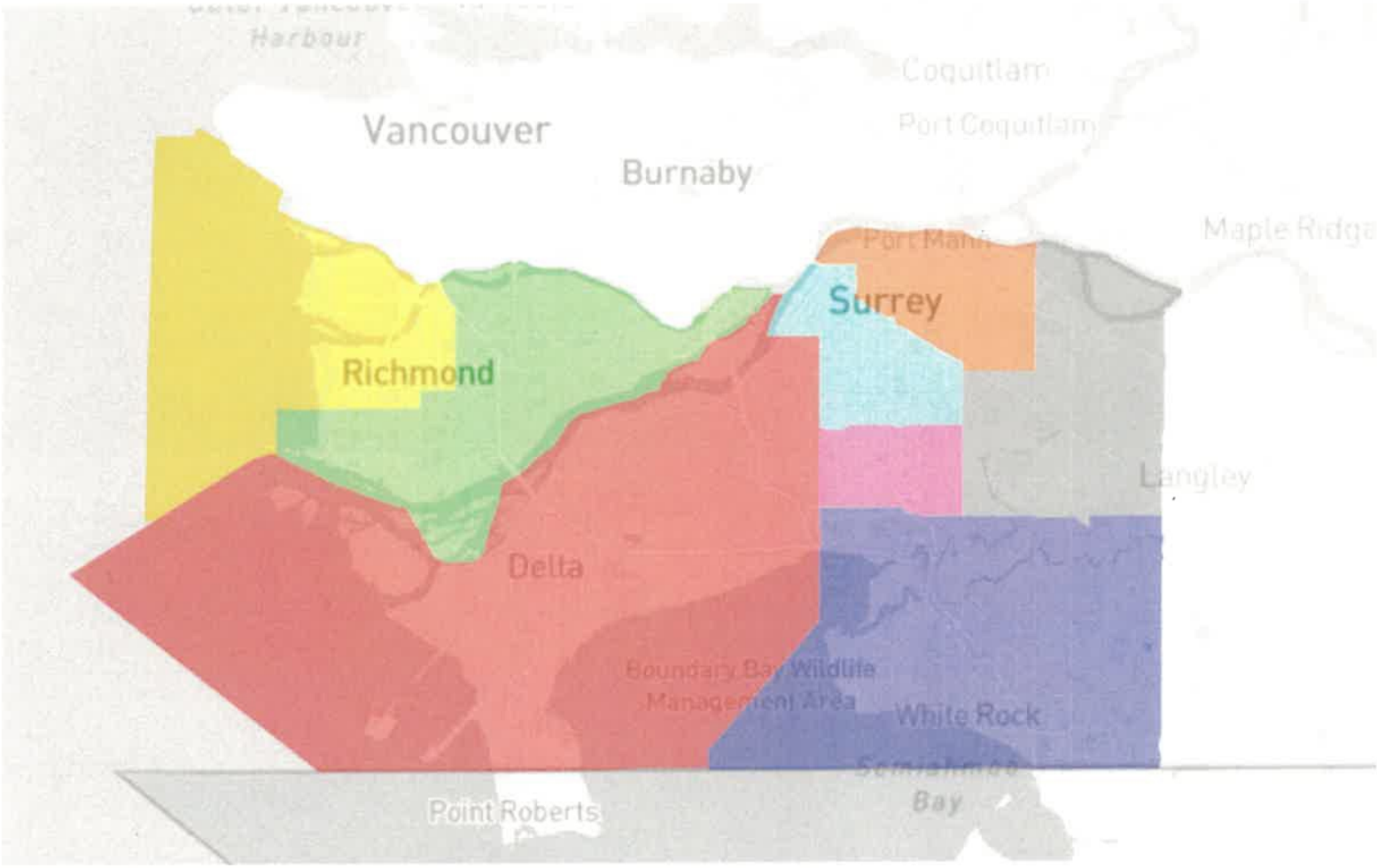
SW Fraser Valley Riding Boundaries

19(1) [redacted] June 9, 2022



Region Summary

Total Populatior	922135
Quotas	7.928
Deviation from (	-0.904

Delta

110721	-5597	
Total Population		110721
Quotas		0.9519
Deviation from Quota (%)		-4.812

Richmond Centre

110434	-5884	
Richmond East - Steveston - Quee		
110486	-5832	
Total Population		220920
Quotas		1.899
Deviation from Quota (%)		-5.036

Surrey Newton

121735	5417	
Surrey West		
115371	-947	
Surrey North		
119552	3234	
Surrey East		
114174	-2144	
South Surrey - White Rock		
119662	3344	
Total Population		590494
Quotas		5.077
Deviation from Quota (%)		1.508

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Dear members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,

19(1) **I would like to support the proposed boundary readjustment within my riding of West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country, which will see the dense urban population in the southeast corner of West Vancouver moved into the North Vancouver electoral district.** This is the most efficient, least disruptive option available to rebalance the population in favour of the electoral quotient. Here is why:

- West Vancouver has a lot in common with the North Shore with shared transit links and neighbourhoods. As it currently stands, this riding has approximately fifteen thousand people more than the average. That means that if we do nothing, if the boundaries of the riding do not shift, then the value of one vote in West Van - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky would be valued less than a vote in another riding. To do nothing would undermine the very equality of the Canadian voices that participate in our democracy.

However, the alternative proposal that has been presented to the commission, to instead divide the Sunshine Coast by shifting some voters over to the North Island/Powell River riding, makes no sense to me. Here is why:

- It would become extremely difficult, and therefore far less likely, for voters to make the long journey to consult with their MP. As well, to divide the Coast is to divide a rural community of shared interests and concerns – a few examples include ferry travel, local transit, community agriculture, watershed protection, health care access and building community with the First Nations on whose land they live.

It seems crystal clear to me the original proposal is by far the fairest and most equitable. It would leave all communities within the riding intact, and result in minimal disruption for voters.

Thank you again to the commission for your time and efforts,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 1, 2022 9:52 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed new electoral boundary for Delta, BC

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am completely opposed to the proposed changes to the electoral boundary for Delta in British Colombia. The changes would divide up our community into multiple ridings and prevent local representation. This would mean in some cases Delta would have to deal with 3 MPs in order to negotiate on projects with the federal government. Residents in other communities who have no interest in ours would be making decisions on our behalf and our interests would not be represented in Ottawa.

This is a bad idea and not an acceptable situation. As I have explained there are other things to consider than just population. If there needs to be another seat in BC please find another way to do this other than sacrificing Delta in order to do that.

Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 8:58 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Re. Resetting of electoral boundaries

Hello,
19(1) I read the article from the North Shore News and there seems to be a strong pushback opposing what you're planning on doing- taking a section of West Vancouver and adding it to the North Vancouver district. I disagree with the statement in the article saying 'it will cut the heart out of West Vancouver'. That seems overly dramatic to me considering that that it has a population of over 42,000 and the entire Sunshine Coast has a population of just over 29,000. The section that would become part of the Powell River and Nanaimo district would have 2 ferries to traverse. That would make it much prohibitive to contact their representative. 19(1)
Please stick to your original plan since it really is a much more logical way to go. I respect and appreciate all your hard work in making these decisions.
Regards, 19(1)

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-04

RIM ID: 1651649388DKMIUIYXCS

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The City of Delta and the Tsawwassen First Nation

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59011

Name to modify: Delta / Delta

New name: Delta / Delta

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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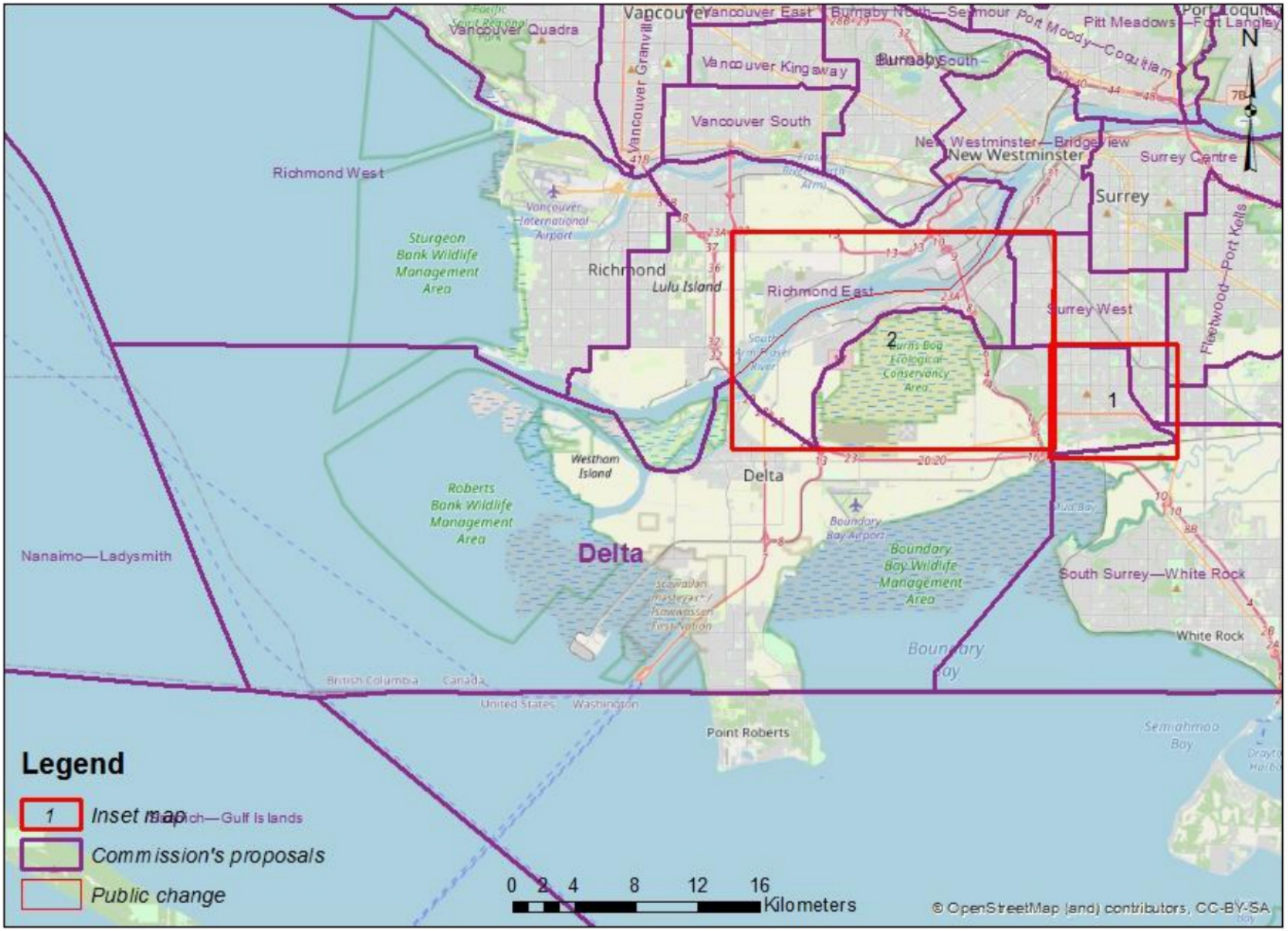

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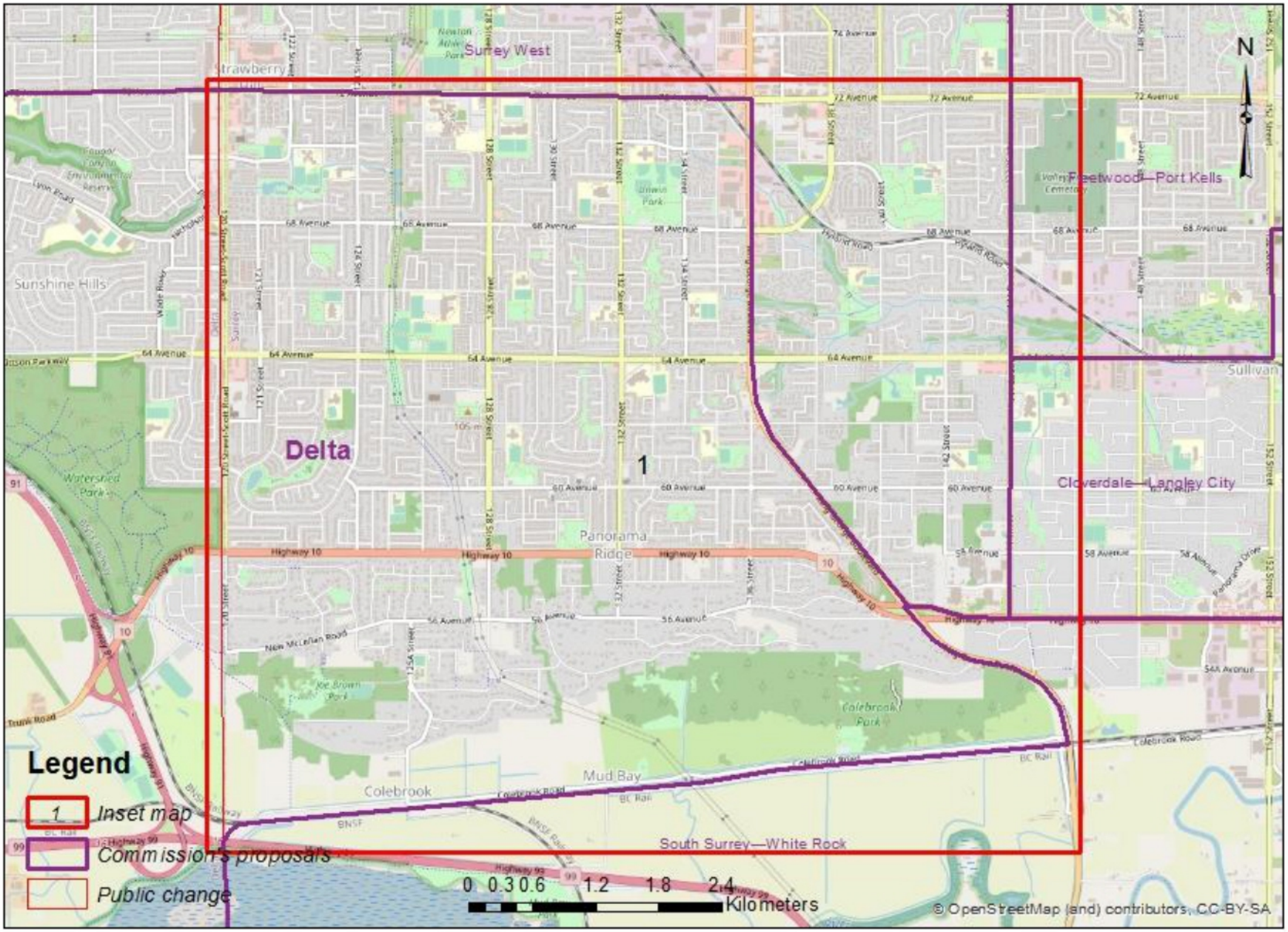

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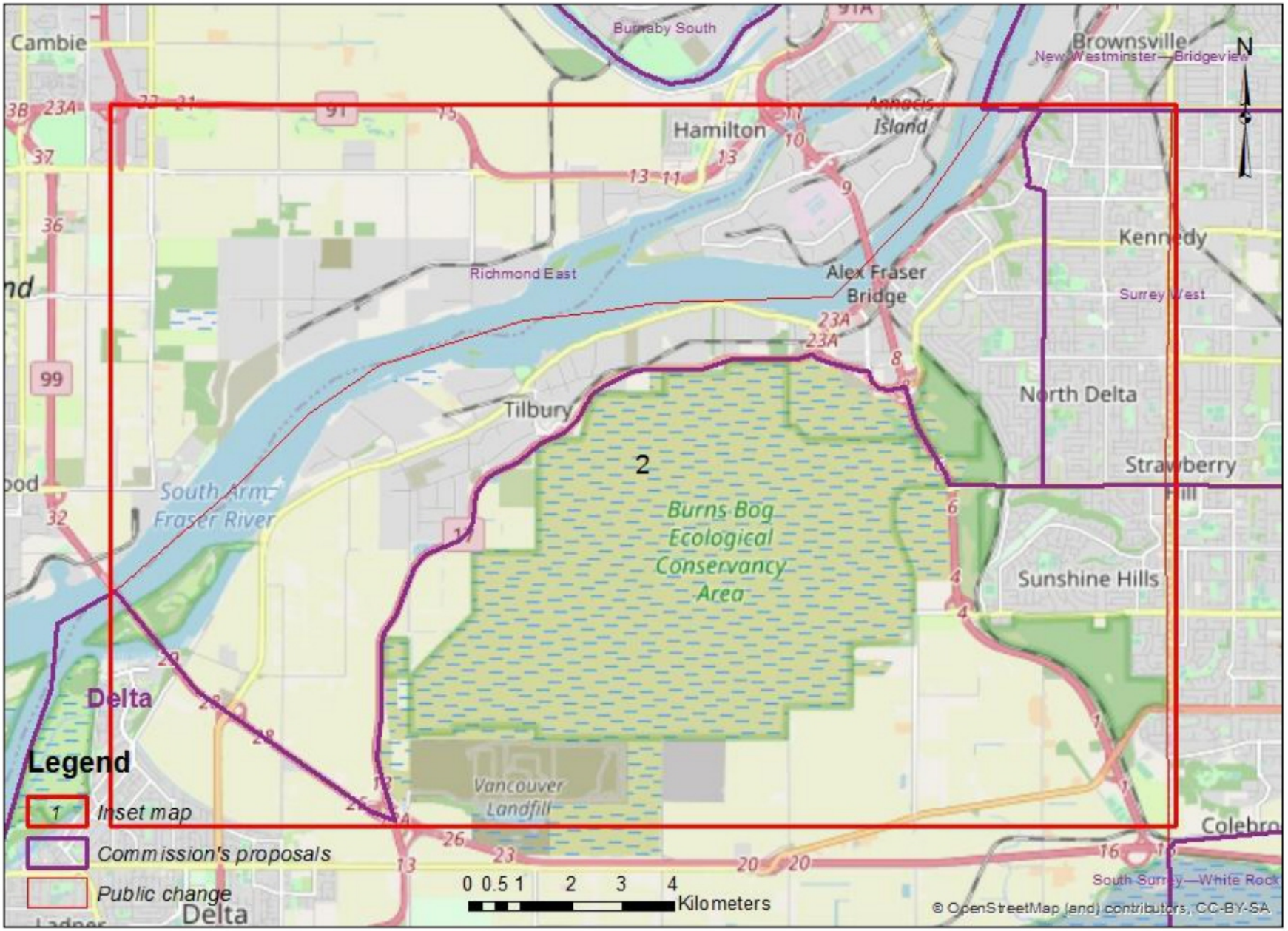

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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The creation of this new electoral district does not fundamentally make sense for the individuals residing in North Delta. It is better to maintain an electoral district that encompasses all of North and South Delta together as one entity. When we are electing our local MP the interests of North Delta and Surrey are vastly different. I would like our Delta City Council to have the ability to lobby for funding and infrastructure projects that make sense for Delta on a whole. By dividing Delta into three separate electoral boundaries to be incorporated into Surrey and Richmond does not fundamentally make sense. Our municipality is divided by a protected environmental Burns Bog that splits our population between North and South Delta. To separate our electoral district would weaken our voice and if you proceed with the present changes, the City of Delta will be represented by three different MP's possibly from three different parties.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59034

Name to modify: Surrey West / Surrey-Ouest

New name: Surrey West / Surrey-Ouest

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 16, 2022 2:09 PM
To: BC-CB

Why was no one informed that the redistribution was going on.
Fort St James should not be in stikene with out vanderhoof as all our business is either Vanderhoof or Prince George.
We get no representation from Smithers

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 6, 2022 10:51 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Qualtrough, Carla - M.P.
Subject: Proposed Changes to Delta Riding

I am reaching out to express my sincere disapproval of the suggested changes to my Federal Riding of Delta.
These changes just break apart our riding, dumping some areas off into neighbouring ridings and are not to the benefit of the residents and voters in Delta.
Please consider the objections of myself and other residents/voters and leave our riding as it is!

Thank you,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 3:19 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: BC Lower Mainland Redistribution

Dear Members of the Commission,
Please accept this letter of concern regarding the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in the lower mainland of BC.
While the efforts to maintain a **equality** of votes in each Federal Riding are acknowledged, the more important **effectiveness** of the vote, compromised by splitting communities, must be considered.
Thank you for your service,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 29, 2022 8:33 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution of Delta BC

I wish to register my negative opinion on the splitting of Delta BC into three separate ridings. We are a unique community that takes pride in our three town centres within one municipality. However, to separate us to three different MPs will not allow cohesive federal government support for our municipality.
We require federal support for such things as ecology of the Fraser River, the dikes and potential flood risks, the port issues, our precious farmland, Boundary Bay airport, the busiest airport in Canada in 2021 to name just a few.
To divide us up does not allow an MP to view our area as a whole and would be a very bad idea. I do not support this proposal.
Thank you

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 13, 2022 4:11 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops Redistribution

Hello,

I've read about the redistribution of ridings in Kamloops.

From the Castanet Media report interviewing our Mayor, Ken Christian, I'll reiterate exactly what he said in his interview.

"New mapping suggests splitting Kamloops into two ridings using the South Thompson River and the Trans-Canada Highway as boundaries."

"Christian noted his criticism isn't directed at sitting Members of Parliament representing other ridings, but said he would prefer to see the City of Kamloops kept in one riding. If a division is necessary, Christian suggested the federal government use the same northern and southern boundaries as provincial electoral ridings."

"This notion of simply trying to get to the numbers without taking into account things like trading area, hospital district, school district, areas of employment and where people live and the communities that are involved, I think, goes a little too far," he said.

"Christian advised the public to look at the proposed changes in the document, and to take advantage of opportunities to provide opinions to the federal government."

I wholeheartedly agree with our mayor on this proposal. The government's idea to split Kamloops makes no sense at all and could, IMHO, do more harm than good for it's residents. I encourage the government to keep our community together.

Thanks,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 12:12 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Federal redistribution

Hello,

I understand that and adjustment to the boundaries of our riding is being considered. The Lower Sunshine Coast would be split into two parts with one part being part of the riding as it stands now, with West Vancouver, and the other being part of the Powell River North Island riding. I am completely opposed to this idea. The community of the Sunshine Coast is only accessible by ferry with no road access. This is a ribbon community with small communities along its 84 km length, bound together by a regional district. We may be scattered along the ribbon but we're all part of one community with one hospital, one school district, and numerous other services that we all use.

This idea doesn't make sense to me. The idea of a divided community is nonsensical and unacceptable to me. Years ago, both the lower and upper Sunshine Coast were united in a Federal riding which made sense at the time, but Powell River grew to such an extent that it became more practical to include it with the North Island, but at that time the lower Sunshine Coast became attached to West Vancouver. I've never felt comfortable with this connection because we have very little in common with West Vancouver, but the status quo would be preferable to cutting our community in half. How could our entire community be represented to maintain our common interests? In today's world unity is a worthy goal, not division.

I hope that this idea will be abandoned as unworkable.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my opinion in this matter,

Yours sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 30, 2022 8:50 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca
Subject: proposed electoral boundary changes

Hello: I am writing to express my disagreement with the proposed electoral boundary change for the riding in which the City of Penticton sits. The proposed change will have a major impact on our riding, and in particular our city, by literally splitting Penticton in two down Main Street. This means if you live on the east side of Main Street you will be represented by a different MP than if you live a few hundred feet to the west. This has an impact on our municipal government's relations with the federal government and on how we make decisions as a community in relation to federal mandates and funding allocations. The proposed change is not respectful nor apparently even moderately aware of the geography of our city. The entirety of our city should remain in the existing boundary which has served the community well for many years.

There is not logic that can be found in the proposed boundary that I can see. I urge you to reconsider this suggested change.

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Regarding the riding of West Vancouver Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky:

It has been brought to my attention that an option for the Federal Boundary Commission to consider would be to divide the Sunshine Coast component of our riding between the ridings of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky and North Island-Powell River in order to meet the numerical Rep-by-Pop representation.

I believe this would be a poor choice as the Sunshine Coast Regional District is a unit, tied by many common interconnected components such as a hospital and health care facilities, a comprehensive public transit system, shared recreation facilities and organizations, integrated fire services along with a host of integrated community societies and organizations. Although there are 3 small municipal governments, there is one regional district which manages such services as water and solid waste infrastructure. We have one hospital, one school district, connected fire departments, libraries, and recreation centres. People frequently move from one part of the community to another but remain within the Lower Sunshine Coast. People work, shop and play fluidly throughout the area. We are a community!

It makes absolutely no sense to divide our community in terms of federal representation. There was a time when our riding had both the Upper Sunshine Coast (Powell River) and the Lower Sunshine Coast (Port Mellon to Egmont) together. But as the population grew, this was changed so that Powell River (qathet) became attached to the North Island and we were attached to West Vancouver. This has never made sense to us. We have so much in common with Powell River and little in common with West Vancouver.

If any change is necessary, you could consider attaching the entire Sunshine Coast including the Upper and Lower parts to the North Island. But splitting our community in half is unworkable. It is hard to imagine how an MP would be able to manage a riding such as the one being considered. It is also hard to imagine how we, as the electorate, would be able to effectively engage on issues of importance to us.

Having a Sunshine Coast partitioned into a small component of two federal ridings would result in a considerable loss in political representation to satisfy a numerical outcome.

A more appropriate reorganization of political boundaries would be to shift some of the West Vancouver population into the North Vancouver riding as posed by the Federal Boundary Commission. Unlike the Sunshine Coast there is little community distinction for the whole of the North Shore.

A still more favourable outcome would be to combine the Sunshine Coast with Powell River and a portion of northern Vancouver Island. This configuration has much more in common – ferry system, forestry, commercial fishing and largely rural-based communities— than the Sunshine Coast has with West Vancouver.

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A Sunshine Coast - Powell River - North Island riding would allow a federal representative to concentrate on these values as opposed to the values of a highly urbanized, wealthy metropolitan landscape.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 22, 2022 10:16 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Districts

Hello,
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Because we are more of a rural than urban area our needs aren't being addressed. Our populations' needs are being overwhelmed by the population of West Van a mostly urban area. Voters here are left with the impression that our voices are being drowned out so why vote?
With the rapid population growth of Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton I feel we could be an electoral district. If we don't meet the population requirement then perhaps more communities north which are more similar demographically could be added.
I'm confident you will take this information seriously.
Thanks,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 21, 2022 10:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Hearing Statement 19(1)

I have a prepared statement, and (this is the part where I was called to speak and had to stop editing)

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19(1) But I and thousands of other Port Coquitlam residents would likely have to go this far a lot more often if the riding of Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley is made official.

Ah yes, Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley. To people like me, it's almost impossible to imagine there are people in the Lower Mainland who haven't heard about this thing. It's like Net Neutrality. Ask anyone on the street about it and they'll do one of two things: start to vent about how the ruling was a travesty and how our rights are under threat by the commission's blinkered, bureaucratic zeal; or scratch their head and ask what the heck you're talking about. This isn't really a debate we're having; it's a struggle against indifference.

So what is this riding I'm talking about? For those of us who haven't seen, allow me to explain it to you. Picture a blank map of the lower mainland. Imagine a riding with Pitt Meadows in it, and about half of Maple Ridge. Add the bits of Surrey and Langley that are north of Highway 1, then throw in the south side of Port Coquitlam for good measure. ...Do you see the problem yet? We're lumping suburban Metro Vancouver in with the Fraser Valley in a bizzare semi-urban patchwork. Of course we've all got the same values around the economy, and climate change, and healthcare, and so on; but I'd bet we have different priorities. Some problems are more urgent based on where you live.

That brings up an interesting question: who would be able to call this riding their own? People in Pitt are gonna be outnumbered on all sides, and the other cities have representation elsewhere. There's no constituency because there's no community. Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley is based around not a city or a town or a neighbourhood or a hamlet, but a highway. Now personally, I haven't seen that many thriving businesses or bustling crowds on the side of Lougheed or the Trans-Can. They're just not built that way. This isn't Main Street, it's a waystation between five cities.

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19(1) It's not surprising to see why. The MP for Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley would have to stay in touch with Mayors Bill Dingwall, Brad West, Mike Morden, Doug

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McCallum, and Val Van-Den-Brook, on top of the 32 members of their respective city councils and four MLAs. Not many people would want that job.

So what would a better way look like? What does this guy who's been complaining for three-and-a-half minutes actually want? For starters, I don't know why we're fiddling with Pitt and Maple Ridge. The two cities have a hundred ten thousand people between them, which is already reasonably close to the quota of a hundred sixteen thousand. Secondly, let's try to keep our communities together. Keep the Tri-Cities together; keep Ridge Meadows together, keep Langley and Fort Langley together. Perhaps we could move the riding specifically into Surrey, and in so doing smooth out the split riding of New Westminster-Bridgeview. Perhaps an riding just for part of the overpopulated Tri-Cities, like PoCo and South Coquitlam. Make sure everybody knows who their MP is, and try to make sure they live in the neighbourhood. You know why? Because I believe our government works best when MPs, MLAs and Mayors work with each other to make life better for the people they represent. When our democracy is close to its people, it becomes worthy of its people. That's when it lives up to the common decency of its citizens, and the majesty of the title: Government of Canada.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 30, 2022 3:11 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: electoral boundaries

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia,

I support MP Parm Bains in his concerns about changing electoral boundaries.

The 2022 proposed redistribution of the Steveston-Richmond East electoral area divides communities and will have a negative impact on how residents of the region are served by their elected official. 19(1) 19(1) the following paragraphs describe negative impacts the proposed redistribution has to our community and city:

1. Along with Richmond, the inclusion of Queensborough, Ladner and North Delta would divide communities and negatively impact how four different municipal townships are served. This poses a considerable risk to the delivery of our support and services.

2. The proposed redistribution poses considerable transit challenges. Travel between the townships cannot be achieved without the use of multiple crossings. The crossings include the busiest corridor in British Columbia, which has over 80,000 vehicles crossing through a 4-lane tunnel every day. None of these crossings include a dedicated transit lane. This limits the ability of residents to have access to their elected official.

3. Every township includes unique pocket communities and traditional heritage or cornerstone events that are unique to the settlement of each pocket or corner of the city. All these unique areas are at severe risk of being underserved or given the attention they need to preserve the heritage of the area. These unique areas are also at risk of not receiving the necessary support and services which are unique to an area.

4. Every township included in the proposed redistribution falls on different traditional Indigenous territories. If we reflect upon the very important work being carried out to achieve Truth and Reconciliation, our Indigenous neighbours are at severe risk of being underserved or supported.

5. It must be recognized that our services, supports, community centres and caregivers all need the help of federal funding to provide our communities with the necessary care. The proposed redistribution puts our community - and others - at severe risk of not receiving a fair and equitable share of the support we need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my concerns. I kindly request the Electoral Commission to reconsider the redistribution of Steveston-Richmond East.

Please don't divide our community.

sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 8:43 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky riding

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I appreciate and am grateful for the hard work you are doing to make our democracy work for everyone. It is apparently not something to be taken for granted.

I would like to comment on an idea that has apparently been floated of removing part of the Sunshine Coast from this riding in order to balance the population numbers. In order to do this, you would have to cut off a cohesive community that is otherwise divided by water from the rest of the world.

I can't imagine how we would operate politically if this was done. How would people in Sechelt and north hold all-candidate's meetings? How would candidates travel from northern Vancouver Island (long drive, two tiresome ferry rides) to the Sunshine Coast? How would our MP stay in contact with us? How would we stay in contact with our MP? It really doesn't make sense and I encourage you to dismiss this idea and stick to the original idea of moving some of the population of West Vancouver to a North Vancouver riding, where all this communication could be done by rapid transit.

Again thank you for your work,
Sincerely
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 14, 2022 7:49 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Delta riding

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the dividing up of oour Delta riding for Federal government. For the past ten years, approximately, We have had a federal parliamentary representative for all of Delta. This has allowed us to elect a person who will present our point of view and needs from a federal point of view.

The division of Delta into three different ridings will destroy our representation. North Surrey, South Surrey and Richmond are very different communities than Delta, and the much larger populations in these areas than the small portion of Delta to be attached to each will result in election of persons looking to please the larger populations. To lobby for something to benefit Delta we would have to approach and convince three members of parliament. I find this to be untenable and grossly unfair to those living in Delta.

Thank you for your attention.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 23, 2022 8:29 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed changes to West Vancouver riding

To: BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
Attn:Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

I have reviewed the Commission's plan to redesign the Federal Riding of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country in which the South-East portion of West Vancouver is to be added to the North Vancouver Riding. This portion of West Vancouver is the Ambleside district and is one of the main cultural and business areas of West Vancouver.

I wish to protest in the strongest possible way of this plan and request that the Ambleside area be retained within the West Vancouver electoral area. Ambleside is an important part of West Vancouver and there would be an injustice if this area was hived off into North Vancouver.

If retaining Ambleside within West Vancouver creates a population apportionment problem, then what about taking the western portion of Sunshine Coast and adding it to the North-Island-Powell River riding?

Thinking to the future when the population of West Vancouver District has grown to the point where it becomes a separate riding, keeping the district coherent would make future changes easier.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 5, 2022 10:05 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: mayorharvie@delta.ca
Subject: Delta Federal Electoral Redistribution

Having reviewed your plethora of documentation and maps, I am failing to see the net benefit of carving a portion of Delta (South of the Fraser) over to the Richmond – East electoral district.

There is no commonality of issues (Residentially, Business, Corporately or Farming Community) between these two communities.

Delta has been Federally and Provincially lacking in representation often pitting Municipalities against one another based on Electoral decisions.

Rather than a realignment, I would support retention of existing Federal Boundaries with the focus to improve jurisdictional representation. And yes, we have a Federal MP currently, but what has she done for the riding she represents?

I am strongly against the carving of the section of Delta to Richmond – East despite the poor representation of our current Federal Minister.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 10:42 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast boundary redistribution

I am strongly in favor of the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding, so all of the Sunshine Coast can speak through one representative's voice.

We are a small population and, because we are somewhat unique and even remote, we should be in only one riding so our votes can potentially count for more and not be swamped by "big city" votes which may not represent us at all.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 6, 2022 9:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Removal of a portion of Ambleside from West Vancouver

I strongly object to splitting off a portion of Ambleside from the West Vancouver riding.

Park Royal, Lions Gate Bridge, the waterfront, etc. are all integral parts of West Vancouver.

The removal proposed is illogical, senseless, and would cause serious loss to West Vancouver and result in a tug-of-war between the two parties involved when changes are proposed.

This is a no-brainer - just drop it!!!

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 3:14 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed riding..Port Coquitlam

19(1) and I strongly oppose dividing the community into two federal ridings and lumping part of it to proposed Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley electoral district.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 9:15 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposition towards change in electoral district

Hi there

19(1) and strongly oppose dividing the community into two federal ridings and lumping part of it to proposed Pitt Meadows - fort Langley electoral district.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 12:16 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Oppose to the division into 2 federal ridings

19(1) and strongly oppose dividing the community into two federal ridings and lumping part of it to proposed Pitt Meadows - fort Langley electoral district.

This is a ridiculous proposition.

Thanks for listening to PoCo residents.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 12:06 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Opposed to dividing POCO

19(1) and strongly oppose dividing the community into two federal ridings and lumping part of it to proposed Pitt Meadows - fort Langley electoral district.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 10, 2022 10:50 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Representation - opposed to riding boundary change

Dear Commission Secretary,

I am writing to provide my comments and feedback on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names.

This is my representation. 19(1)
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I am strongly opposed to the proposed boundaries that would change my electoral district.

The proposed boundary involves the loss of much of Ambleside to the North Vancouver riding. The proposal to shift the western boundary of the North Vancouver riding from Capilano Rd. to 15th Street, effectively cuts Ambleside in half. This will affect over 10,000 constituents who traditionally have voted in the West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky Country riding.

This a very bad idea.

The Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act recognizes that "historical patterns and communities of interest and identity must be given great weight," while trying to address serious over- and under-representation. West Vancouverites have a strong and distinct identity with their community: culturally, historically, and politically. People pay taxes, use community services, and raise their children in the District of West Vancouver and send their children to school within School District 45 that embraces all of Ambleside. As a resident of Ambleside I have viewed myself as distinctly part of West Vancouver (and not North Vancouver) since this community was established over 110 years ago.

I am strongly opposed.

Kindly confirm that my representation has been received and recorded.

Thank you,

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June 17, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Dear Commissioners,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Federal electoral boundaries redistribution last evening.

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19(1) [redacted] They note the City of Kamloops serves as a central trading area hub to the numerous towns, emerging resort communities and regional district areas situated west, north, east and south of the city. Many of these satellite communities are among the fastest growing in the Province, (Tobiano 141%, Sun Peaks 128%, Logan Lake 13%, Ashcroft 7%, Census 2021), resulting in a current trading area of approximately 150,000 people.

19(1) [redacted] consider a redistribution that splits the current Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo riding in an east/west configuration, retaining Kamloops constituent representation within all quadrants of the City, building upon the historical travel and trading patterns of the Region, while improving MP accessibility for the constituent communities surrounding the Kamloops hub.

I propose the following alignment for the Commission's consideration:

Proposed Northeast area riding
TNRD Areas A, B, O P, L, Clearwater, Barriere, Sun Peaks, Chase
City of Kamloops North (north of South Thompson River)
City of Kamloops Southeast (south of Thompson River, East of Hwy 5A)
Pritchard, Monte Lake

Proposed Southwest area riding
TNRD Areas J, E, I, Cherry Creek, Tobiano, Savona, Cache Creek, Ashcroft, Clinton, 70 Mile House, Logan Lake, Spences Bridge, Lytton
City of Kamloops Southwest (south of Thompson River, West of 5A)
Squamish Lillooet EA A, EA B, Lillooet, Bridge River, Gold Bridge

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I attach a sketch map in support of this distribution.

Other Observations

- Traditional territory of the Secwepemc people aligns with the trading area confluence of the North and South Thompson Rivers; several Indigenous organizations including the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council office are situated in Kamloops (9 Bands – Adams Lake, Bonaparte, Neskonlith, Shuswap, Simpcw, Skeetchestn, Splatsin, Tk'emlups, Whispering Pine/Clinton https://shuswapnation.org/about/bands/).

- Kamloops Lake (west of the confluence of the North and South Thompson Rivers) and the surrounding TNRD Area J recreational communities of Cherry Creek, Tobiano, Savona, Fredrick, are emerging growth centers closely aligned with Kamloops tourism marketing initiatives. Sun Peaks (northeast of Kamloops), now the second largest ski resort in BC, is a potential 2030 Olympic event location, similarly aligned with Kamloops tourism initiatives, area employment, YKA airport and other Kamloops service and supply facilities.

- The Commission notes "effective Federal representation" is not solely an exercise of population count, but also by reasonable constituent/MP access across vast riding areas with limited travel routes. The size of BC Interior ridings, travel times across those ridings, and MP connectivity to and from Ottawa, are major factors in effective Federal representation.

- In good weather, travel time between Bralorne and Kamloops is a 5-hour drive, one way; Blue River and Kamloops is 2.5-hr drive, one way. The proposed Kamloops-Thompson - Lytton configuration would make the communities along these two opposing routes the responsibility of one MP. Alternatively, reconfiguring the riding into east/west areas served by two MPs, would significantly improve constituent/MP access and effective representation.

- A Kamloops MP has no direct flight option to Ottawa or Toronto from Kamloops (unlike MPs from Vancouver or Kelowna airports). A Kamloops MP must often travel three connecting flights to and from Ottawa one-way, experiencing the wait times and delays between flights, before initiating travel through the riding. Redistributing the "new" BC riding through an east/west division of the expansive Kamloops trading area offers a significant enhancement to effective Federal representation.

- Rather than a 4-riding configuration of the Okanagan region, constituents in the proposed Vernon-Lake Country riding could be represented through the three adjoining Coquihalla, North Okanagan-Shuswap and Kelowna ridings. Incorporating southeast Kamloops and Chase populations into a proposed Northeast Kamloops riding will otherwise reduce the population of the proposed North Okanagan Shuswap riding, accommodating Vernon populations into the North Okanagan Shuswap.

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- Densities of the three Okanagan ridings and two Thompson ridings, will be approximately 100,000-118,000 each; variances balanced by reduced MP/constituent travel times and improved Federal MP access and representation.

I hope you find these proposals useful in your consideration of BC's riding redistribution.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: map

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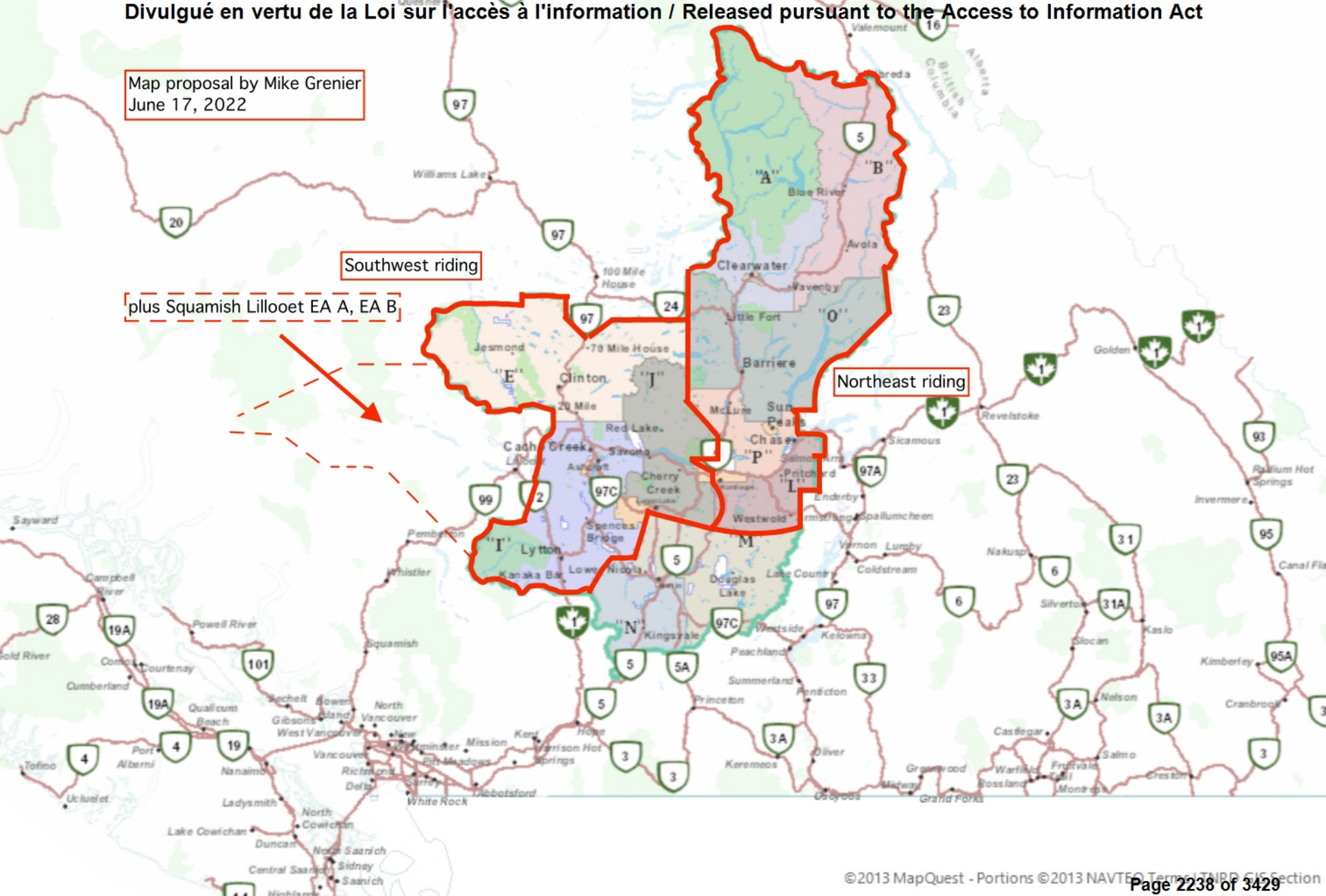

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Representation to the
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

With regard to the Proposed Boundary Changes to Kelowna area ridings

1. We understand that the drawing of political boundaries is inevitably a difficult and often contentious matter. We are fortunate that the process is not in the hands of political parties as is the case in the US. We would hope that the process remains out of the control of political parties.
2. The objectives of the process should be to ensure that (a) districts contain approximately equal populations of eligible voters, and (b) that boundaries are drawn so that districts reflect the character of a community. While the proposals address objective (a) adequately, they do a poor job of reflecting objective (b).
3. The proposed Coquihalla riding comprises a large land area of vastly differing communities. The greater Kelowna area is divided between Coquihalla, Kelowna and Vernon ridings. Observations of the political landscape of western democracies clearly show that the interests of urban and rural voters are distinctly different and conflict on major issues. To expect elected representatives to adequately advocate for both competing constituencies, is a recipe for voter dissatisfaction.
4. While the population of the Greater Kelowna area is large enough to merit at least two ridings, its character, which is predominantly urban, would be diluted by the inclusion of large rural areas, to the detriment of both.
5. We urge the commission to review their proposals and consider boundaries that reflect the urban-rural division and include West Kelowna and Westbank First Nation's urban portion with Kelowna, as is currently the case with the provincial riding of Kelowna West.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 3, 2022 9:37 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Submission to Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commissioner for BC,

I will be providing feedback on the following, newly proposed, federal electoral districts:

- Pitt Meadows–Fort Langley
- Maple Ridge–Mission
- Abbotsford
- Chilliwack
- Coquihalla

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And, on the whole, I find the currently proposed federal electoral boundaries to be nonsensical.

Pitt Meadows–Fort Langley

The 'South of the Fraser' region is just that – its own unique region (the exception in the Fraser Valley being the communities of Mission and Abbotsford, which have been connected by one bridge or another for over 100 years). It is conventionally described as including Tsawwassen, Delta, Surrey, the Langleys and sometimes Abbotsford, i.e. it does not include communities north of the Fraser, namely, Pitt Meadows.

Pitt Meadows and Surrey/Langley have very little in common culturally – they've only very recently been connected via a bridge – and one which had tolls for the first number of years of its life, leading many to avoid it. This Pitt Meadows–Fort Langley monstrosity comprising the random parts of five different municipalities does a disservice to its citizens and the hapless MP that would have to represent the region. I do not have the time or will to unpack how ridiculous it is – and how different the City of Surrey is on its own – but this haphazard conglomerate simply cannot remain.

The preceding ridings: Dewdney–Alouette, Pitt Meadows–Maple Ridge–Mission and most recently, Pitt Meadows–Maple Ridge, attest to the make-up of the region that has been overlooked. Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge are one urban/suburban conglomerate and belong together in a federal riding. The portmanteau "Ridge Meadows" exists for a reason. They're one-in-the-same community.

Maple Ridge–Mission

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From the outset, a “Mission-Matsqui” riding is what should have been created and is what I hope the commission will now course-correct to.

During the last redistribution it was clear the Mission–Matsqui–Fraser Canyon riding was made up of the discarded puzzle pieces from other, more established ridings. 19(1) what I already knew became even clearer – the needs of communities in the Fraser Canyon and communities in the Fraser Valley are very different. Culturally, economically, environmentally, geographically, etc., the differences are many.

While this redistribution attempt seems to try and address the previous misstep of slapping Fraser Canyon communities into a Lower Mainland riding as an afterthought, the proposed Maple Ridge–Mission boundaries are again ill-conceived. To reach communities in the northern part of the riding, an MP would have to travel outside their riding to get to them. Again, communities in the northern parts of the riding – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous – have vastly different needs of their federal representative than the suburban ridings of Maple Ridge and Mission.

Additionally, as one who spent my formative years in Mission, it is universally understood by residents that the cities of Mission and Abbotsford are far more socially and economically intertwined than Mission and Maple Ridge. If we needed more shopping options, we went south to Abbotsford, not west to Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows. 19(1)

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Mission and Abbotsford share a sewage treatment plant. Mission provides Abbotsford potable water. The new hospital in Abbotsford is where many go for healthcare needs. Stats Can reports on Abbotsford-Mission census area. Mission and Abbotsford are part of the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD), while Maple Ridge is in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD). The list goes on and on.

The Matsqui portion of the Mission–Matsqui–Fraser Canyon riding should remain connected to Mission. If additional communities are required for population purposes after removing Maple Ridge, include Hope and Yale. But lumping in the seemingly orphaned communities north of Harrison Lake and further north in the Fraser Canyon makes no sense.

Abbotsford

Parcelling off Abbotsford to a Langley riding and the Chilliwack riding is odd, but somewhat understandable. That said, removing Matsqui from Mission–Matsqui–Fraser Canyon is not.

A “Mission–Matsqui” riding, per the above section, makes the most sense.

Chilliwack

Excluding Hope from a Lower Mainland riding, in this case Chilliwack, does not make sense. While relatively far-flung (for a Lower Mainlander), Hope is part of the Fraser Valley and the Lower Mainland. Culturally, it does not belong in the Coquihalla riding, but with Chilliwack or a “Mission–Matsqui" riding.

Coquihalla

This entire riding is a dog’s breakfast. West Kelowna, Summerland, Penticton are world's apart and have very different needs than Hope, Boston Bar, Merritt, Princeton, Tulameen, Hedley. It should just be revisited completely. It's reminiscent of the disparate communities combined together to form the Mission–Matsqui–Fraser Canyon riding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: October 2, 2022 7:36 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Submission re: Cloverdale - Langley City riding boundaries

Dear Commission Members;

Upon reviewing the current boundary revision plan I thought it would be helpful for the Commission to understand what I heard from Constituents 19(1) 19(1)

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19(1) Again, I believe this is due to the fact that residents in Sullivan identify with Surrey rather than Cloverdale – Langley City.

With the current plan to reorganize boundaries, this is an opportune time to realign the borders to better serve Sullivan constituents by including them within the more natural riding of Surrey.

19(1) the natural movement of constituents through the riding, especially those in the Brookswood area who constantly traverse throughout Langley City on their way to Willowbrook Mall, Costco, Kwantlen University and Highway 1. Residents of Brookswood much more naturally identify with Langley City as a riding due to the fact that their main shopping, schooling and access to the freeway are within the Langley City boundary.

Again, this is an opportune time to create a more natural boundary by including Brookswood within the riding of Cloverdale – Langley City.

Thank you so much for you consideration of these important issues.
Sincerely,

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September 15, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries
Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Attention: The Honourable Justice Mary Saunders
Dr. R. Kenneth Carty
Mr. Stewart Ladyman

Dear BC Commission,

Re: Olympic Village and South False Creek (Electoral District of Vancouver Granville)

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19(1) I am writing to you today as a follow up to formally submit my findings as a report with regards to the proposed boundary changes to the electoral district of Vancouver Granville.

I am writing today to convey the concerns of the residents of Olympic Village in South False Creek. 19(1)
19(1) – and spoke with a number of residents living in the area, of which I'll speak about three. These three conversations were selected because they best embody the three trains of thought and opinions when it comes to redistribution and how Olympic Village is federally represented in the House of Commons.

The first conversation came from a voter who believes strongly in keeping all of South False Creek – from Burrard Street to Olympic village – in one community. She believes that South False Creek represents one community, and when asked how she felt about the community being split up between federal electoral districts and being represented by separate Members of Parliament, she articulated the opinion that the community should have one Member of Parliament who would be best enabled to represent the needs of the community of South False Creek.

A significant proportion of the residents of Olympic village, and from South False creek, who we spoked at Milton Wong Square that day – echoed sentiments that primarily corresponded to this position. Other things that were brought up included the sentiment that the arbitrary division of the community along electoral boundary lines represents a certain strain of West alienation – that federal electoral districts are drawn by bureaucrats in Ottawa who neither understand Vancouver, nor British Columbia. All in all, there was a sentiment that the community ought to stay together.

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The second conversation that I would like to bring up was with a voter who spoke with me at length about federal funding for the Olympic Village community. He articulated the belief that Olympic Village, by remaining in the riding of Vancouver Centre, would be neglected when it came to federal funding and representation. The basis for this belief came from his observation that the downtown core and Yaletown represent a far larger proportion of Vancouver Centre's population, development, businesses, and services. As such, he professed a conviction that by remaining in Vancouver Centre, Olympic Village would always remain a lesser priority when it comes to federal funding for community programs and services – and that Olympic Village would be more adequately represented for funding purposes by relocating to an electoral district that is both less dense as well as contains fewer businesses and organizations within its bounds.

The second opinion was articulated by fewer residents than those who shared a belief in the first opinion – by only three other residents with whom we spoke. Nonetheless, they represented a particular strain of thought – that Olympic village would be better served by moving to another riding.

The third and final conversation that I would like to bring up was with a resident who spoke with me about how he identifies geographically. As per his observation, Olympic Village is separated from downtown Vancouver by False Creek. As such, Olympic village is a constituent part of the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood, separate from the communities in downtown that line the northern half of False Creek. As a resident, he and his neighbours enjoy shopping locally. Their communal life is centered around the surrounding neighbourhood and its amenities. He remarked me that it is important to note that many of these neighbourhood-based amenities – including the Whole Foods grocery store, and the shops and restaurants that line the Cambie Village, including Vij's, are currently located in the electoral district of Vancouver Granville. As such, the areas that these residents frequent, and cite as part of the neighbourhood with which they identify, lie within the electoral district boundaries Vancouver Granville. Consequently, these residents believe that Olympic Village and Southeast False creek should be included in the riding of Vancouver Granville – because they are practically members of the community of Vancouver Granville, their local issues are aligned with those of Vancouver Granville (verbatim), and as such, Olympic Village is geographically – both in the physical as well as the community senses of the word – part of Vancouver Granville.

This third and final opinion was articulated by approximately the same number of residents than those who shared a belief in the first opinion. They represented the strain of thought and the position that Olympic Village unequivocally belongs to the riding of Vancouver Granville, as the northern proximity of the Cambie Corridor.

I am articulating these concerns on behalf of the people with whom I spoke that day, and I would like to synthesize from my experiences speaking with them – that the overwhelming majority of these residents believe themselves to be better served if they were within the electoral district of Vancouver Granville.

With my warmest regards,

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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

September 14, 2022

Re: Boundaries of Vancouver East

Dear Members of the Commission:

19(1) is please to participate in the decennial review of our electoral boundaries. As per your analysis, the riding of Vancouver East, exceeds the permittable 25% variance. Consequently, the boundaries of Vancouver East will change. We support the proposed changes (map attached), as they will better serve the future of our communities and constituents.

We accept the removal of the block at the south-west corner of the riding (west of Main Street from 2nd to 16th Avenue). For the boundaries redistribution, we believe the less change the better, as fewer constituents will be affected and confused. Currently, Canada Post's postal walk in Vancouver East is very much in line with the current boundaries. Changes may end up with boundary constituents receiving mailers and householders from 2 different MPs. However, the proposed change by the Commission is acceptable to us.

Best regards,

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Appointed Officials,

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission,

British Columbia

Dear Chair and Commission Members,

Purpose:

I am respectively writing to provide you with background and current information for your consideration with the proposed Boundary Changes for the Federal Electoral District for West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky Country (WVSCSSC).

Proposed Electoral District Change 2022:

The proposal to eliminate the western boundary of the WVSCSSC electoral district (15th St. Ambleside-Capilano Rd.) and incorporate this area of the West Vancouver electoral district with another community, the North Vancouver electoral district.

Issue:

The epicenter and hub of the West Vancouver municipality and business centre resides west of Capilano Rd., particularly in Park Royal and the proposed area of Ambleside.

The approximate 10,000 residents of this section of Ambleside and Park Royal use the West Vancouver Memorial Library, the West Vancouver Community Centre, the Ambleside West Vancouver Beach and Golf Course and the majority of business owners belong to the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. Very clearly, the residents and business owners of this compact section of West Vancouver identify with their 110-year-old municipality of West Vancouver and not with North Vancouver.

Criteria to be Considered:

1. <u>Population Equality & Population Growth</u>

Part of the area under consideration in West Vancouver is on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish People, in particular, the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam First Nations who have an historical and a strong community identity with the municipality of West Vancouver. The Squamish First Nation is a key

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partner with the municipality of West Vancouver and is the recipient of West Vancouver municipal services.

The district of West Vancouver was incorporated in 1912 and its unique socio-cultural history of growth is distinctive and different from that of North Vancouver and most other communities. The first official Community Plan under the Town Planning Act of 1926 banned any new industry, and today, 2022, there are no industries within the borders of West Vancouver.

The population of West Vancouver is comprised of a large percentage of senior citizens (30+%) and a smaller proportion of young adults and families with children compared to other communities. This statistic concerning the percentage of senior citizens is significantly higher in the proposed Ambleside area. The lack of industry and young families in the community greatly retards significant future increases to population growth.

2. Historical Patterns of Previous Boundaries

The WVSCSSC electoral district is comprised of eight unique municipal intact communities. WVSCSSC has historically for decades been a difficult electoral district to represent, requiring the MP and volunteers to often take ferries to reach the electorate in the district, or for the electorate to meet with their MP.

In 2012 the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC (FEBC-BC) took time and with foresight made the decision based on population, socio-cultural representation and geographic concerns to have Powell River withdraw from the WVSCSSC electoral district and to become part of the North Island-Powell River (NI-PR) electoral district.

The 2012 FEBC-BC considered population equality, but also carefully took into consideration the cultural identity of Powell River, its unique historical past and the geographic location and size. This has proven over time to be the correct decision by the 2012 FEBC-BC.

3. Manageable Geographic Size

The large geographic size of the WVSCSSC and the external boundary locations offer challenges to both the municipality of Sechelt and the municipality of Pemberton. However, both Sechelt and Pemberton have close geographic locations to the adjoining electoral districts of Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon (MMFr) and North Island Powell River (NI-PR) respectfully.

a) Municipality of Sechelt:
Sechelt, apart from Gibsons, is isolated within the electoral district and requires land travel and ferry travel to reach West Vancouver and other parts of the WVSCSSC electoral district.

b) Municipality of Pemberton:

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Pemberton is located in the far western part of the electoral district, and in good weather is a two hour drive or bus service to West Vancouver and requires both land and ferry travel to reach Sechelt for a combined 3 hours of travel.

Recommendation:

It is only prudent with this written presentation that Alternate Electoral Boundary Solutions be proposed and be considered by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission - BC.

Proposal:

1. The WVSCSSC Electoral District Remain **Unchanged**

- West Vancouver has a fairly stagnant population growth rate, approximately 30+% are senior citizens, significantly higher in the Ambleside area, and population projection rates are low in comparison with most other communities.

2. Municipality of Sechelt Become Part of the North Island-Powell River Electoral District

- Geographically and culturally the municipality of Sechelt is more aligned with Powell River than it is with West Vancouver, Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton.
- Sechelt is significantly closer to the MP's NI-PR Office than it is to the West Vancouver MP's office in West Vancouver.
- It is presently an area of population growth by retiring citizens and families looking for more affordable housing.

3. Municipality of Pemberton and Mount Currie Become Part of Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon Electoral District

- Geographically, Pemberton is significantly in closer proximity to the Fraser Canyon area than the business community of West Vancouver, Gibsons or Sechelt.
- Pemberton is a small town on the move attracting young families and has great potential for growth.
- Pemberton has a more socio-cultural identity with the Fraser Canyon area than it does with West Vancouver, Squamish, Gibsons or Sechelt.

Conclusion:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Commission with additional historical and geographic information on the WVSCSS electoral district. Lastly, the opportunity for the authour to provide the Commission with specific information and clarification that will assist the Commission to evaluate alternative decisions for the WVSCSSC electoral district.

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Thank you for your consideration to this written presentation and kindly confirm that this electronic copy has been received and recorded.

Respectively Submitted,

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June 18, 2022

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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia
1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

Attention: The Secretary

Dear Commission Members:

Re: Another Look at West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your deliberations. I offer this analysis and these conclusions as my personal opinion.

Many are the factors you may consider in determining how to reallocate electoral boundaries. The most important among these has to be the quality of representation of the people. Other factors compete with this one, including the objective of reducing the population of the most populous ridings. Given that boundary redistribution is characterized by competing factors, it will not be possible to achieve all objectives. Therefore I have organized my recommendations which follow in order of priority.

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The people of West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country will be best represented if certain communities of interest are preserved. In order of priority:

- The District of West Vancouver must remain within one Federal election boundary;
- The Sea to Sky Corridor and West Vancouver should remain together, with a possible exception for Pemberton; and
- The Sunshine Coast is a more independent region, a portion of which could be considered for adhesion to North Island – Powell River.

Priority #1: The District of West Vancouver Must Remain Within One Federal Election Boundary

To split West Vancouver between two Federal Members would hurt federal representation of West Vancouverites and would cause confusion concerning which Member should appear at local events. Of all the reconfigurations which may be considered, a primary objective should be to keep West Vancouver intact.

The Commission may be tempted to split West Vancouver in order to reduce the population size of the current riding. However, based on a host of demographic, transportation, education, health and other axes of reference, West Vancouver will be best served by one and only one Member of Parliament.

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When municipal districts bestride more than one Federal electoral region, expectations arise which are difficult to manage. Sometimes, both MPs strive to represent the same person, group, or interest, which leads to overlap, confusion, and unnecessary potential conflict. Sometimes, each MP who represents the area may think the other is taking charge, resulting in a lacuna of representation.

In fact, in general, the Commission should avoid splitting municipal or local government regions into more than one Federal electoral district, wherever possible. Local government areas are key "communities of interest" which factor heavily in an MP's ability effectively to represent her or his constituents.

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19(1) [redacted] I observed the importance of local government "communities of interest". Much of an MP's work involves interfacing with local government; indeed, local governments often drive the priorities in infrastructure funding and other issues. 19(1) [redacted]

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The following analysis helps with an understanding of the cohesive factors that relate to West Vancouver as one federal riding:

History

- Source https://www.properly.ca/?ver=a

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- The Ambleside area has been part of West Vancouver since its inception on March 15, 1912
- Shifting Ambleside to the North Vancouver EDA cuts its residents off from this long history of shared concerns.

Municipal Government

- Source https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Vancouver
  - At the Municipal level Ambleside as part of West Vancouver, shifting it to the North Vancouver EDA disrupts this unity.

Business Associations

- Source https://adbia.ca
  - Ambleside Dundarave is represented by a single Business Improvement Association.
  - Moving Ambleside out of West Vancouver would mean impact the unity of this association as it would now have to deal with 2 EDA's

School District

- Source https://westvancouverschools.ca/about-wvs/our-community
  - Hollyburn and potentially would now be in the North Vancouver EDA thus splitting the school district between 2 EDA's

In sum, whether it is West Vancouver or any other area, keeping each local government area represented by only one M.P. provides advantages to the members of the community represented and to the M.P. in how he or she performs the job.

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Priority #2: The Sea to Sky Corridor and West Vancouver Should Remain Together

No one to my knowledge has recommended that the Sea to Sky Corridor be split from West Vancouver, though it might be tempting for Commissioners to move Pemberton back to the riding that contained it prior to 2015; at least there would be historical precedent to make this change. However, generally speaking, the area from West Van north to Whistler belongs with West Van due to transportation patterns; people who travel to Squamish or Whistler have to transit West Vancouver and Lions Bay.

The West Vancouver District is growing rapidly with the plans for the Park Royal neighbourhood and the adjacent growth in the Squamish Corridor. Good representation will be facilitated by keeping these communities together.

One aspect of sharing the common highway is the need for search and rescue operations to consolidate work; I was surprised how their interests were brought to me as a common front.

Many of the secondary residences owned at Whistler are owned by people of West Vancouver, due to proximity and a common allegiance to Alpine life.

During the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, both Whistler and West Vancouver were Host Cities. 19(1)

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The Gran Fondo bicycle race focuses the world's attention on West Vancouver and the Sea to Sky Highway as an entity joined together by a common passageway; common majestic landscapes; and common allegiance to a healthy, outdoors lifestyle.

Looking ahead, with another Olympic Bid in the cards (for 2030); and a chance to use past facilities and to expand relevant initiatives commenced in past in our riding, such as National Health and Fitness Day and the Canadian Health and Fitness Institute, Canadians will be better served if West Vancouver and the Sea to Sky remain in the same riding.

Priority #3: The Sunshine Coast and the North Shore

Of the three large regions in this riding (West Vancouver / Sunshine Coast / Sea-to-Sky) the Sunshine Coast (Pender Harbor, Langdale and points between, including Sechelt and Gibsons) is arguably less connected to the other two than the other two are connected to one another. Yes, the "Coast" is connected to West Vancouver by transportation infrastructure, health care (Coastal Health Region), education (Capilano University) and full-time employment. However, the absence of a highway between the Coast and West Vancouver makes

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Sunshine Coast dwellers somewhat kindred with Powell River, in spirit, ocean orientation, and living patterns. There is also a strong cultural association between Powell River and the Sunshine Coast and common interests in tourism and boating. There is a therefore a stronger argument to join portions of the Sunshine Coast with the North Island - Powell River riding than to split West Vancouver.

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Conclusion

19(1) there is a number of communities of interest. What really distinguishes one community from the next is their connectivity to the education system; health care infrastructure connection; common property ownership; and, in the case of West Vancouver and the Sea to Sky Corridor, common love for the mountains and outdoors. The reality is that this exercise for defining new boundaries is not just to balance population but also to improve representation.

I wish the Commissioners well in balancing these priorities and I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 19, 2022 9:56 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops Riding
Attachments: FRN_ED.pdf

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Hello:

19(1) My proposal was to see the City of Kamloops remain within one riding. One piece of information that I did not include was the comparison with the provincial electoral riding, that has been in place provincially now for some time. This riding known as Fraser-Nicola follows similar lines as I proposed in my presentation. With my key point being to added the difference from the Okanagan side to the North Okanagan-Shuswap by adding population from the rural part of Central Okanagan Regional District down towards Peachland (leave West Kelowna intact), include Peachland if required.

I would appreciate if you could acknowledge receipt of this email and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton Review
(June 16, 2022)

Presentation by:

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Population in Region

Community	2021 Census	Change from 2016	2021 Statistics Canada
City of Kamloops	97,902	8.4%	101,605
Ashcroft	1,670	7.2%	1,575
Logan Lake	2,225	13.1%	2,275
City of Merritt	7,051	-1.2%	7,666
Thompson-Nicola J	1,796	13.7%	
Thompson Nicola Regional District	143,680	8.3%	148,300
City of Salmon Arm	19,432	9.7%	19,825
City of Vernon	44,519	11.0%	44,916
City of Kelowna	144,576	13.5%	149,685
City of Chilliwack	93,203	11.2%	95,798
City of Hope	6,686	8.2%	6,767

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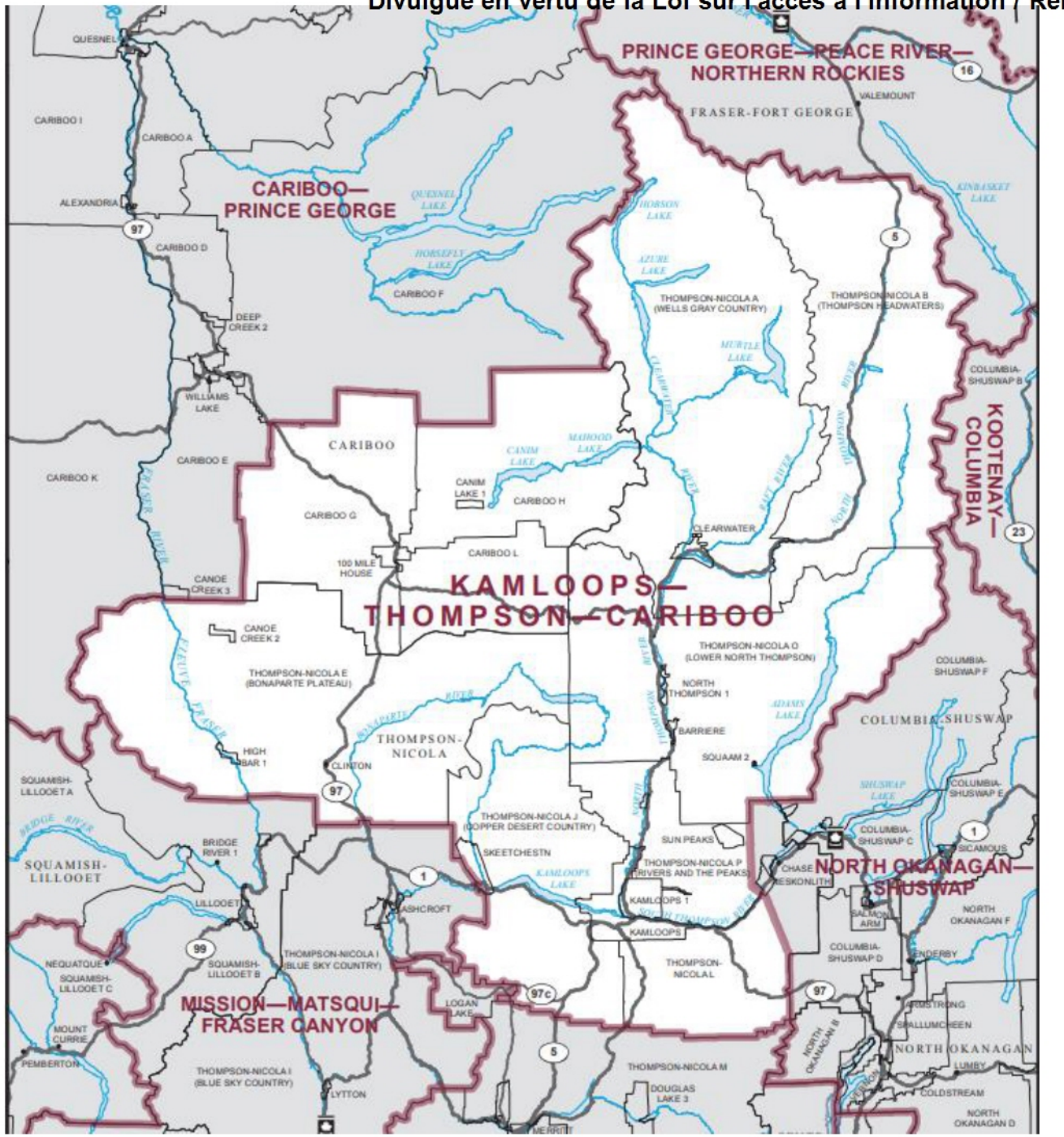

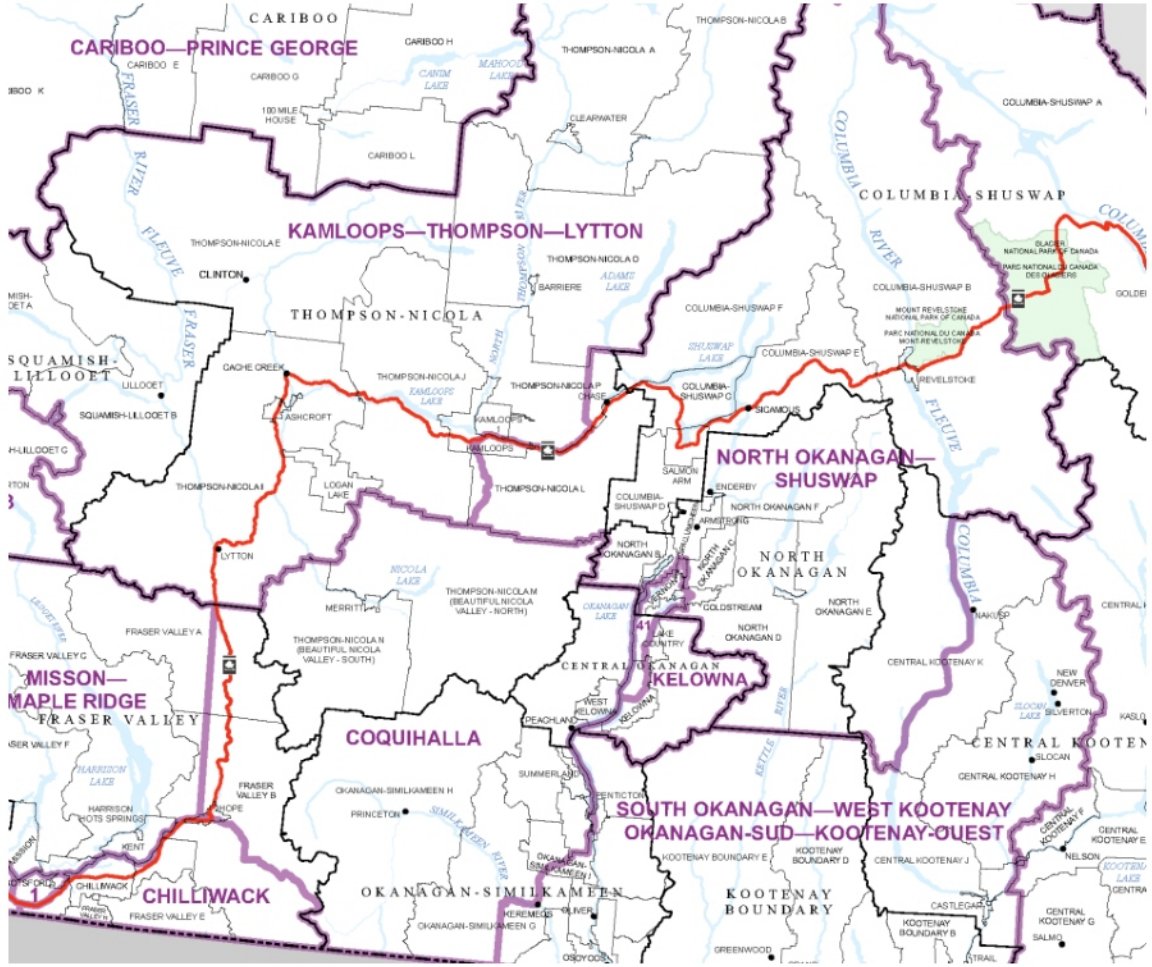

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Key Insights

- Kamloops has a relatively large shadow population
- Growth is accelerating in regions added to the West of KTL
  - Inland Port expansion
  - Indigenous communities working to see members return home (benefit agreements)
  - Tobiano is emerging as a fast-growing new community
  - Amenity migrants
- Kamloops has served as the service centre for the TNRD
  - Forestry and mining regional centre
  - University, health care centre
- North Thompson historical ties to Kamloops due to river and road and railway
- Coquihalla Hwy opened in 1986 and the Coquihalla Connector in 1989 - connecting Merritt and Grasslands south and west

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Key Insights

- Merritt and Gold Rush Country have historical bond and economic linkages
- Regional Industries in forestry and mining connect region
  - Timber supply areas combined in recent years
  - Major mining producer draws employment from communities
- Gold Rush Country already primarily within one provincial riding
- Physical divide between Nicola Valley makes for less connection to Okanagan Valley (Highway to Hell)
- North Okanagan and Central Okanagan have stronger historical ties
- North and Central Okanagan have similar economy and closer ties/easy commute

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Proposal

- Connect Gold Country within Coquihalla Riding – adds a minimum 11,122 not including on-reserve populations
- Add remainder of incorporated area Kamloops (Valleyview, Rosehill, etc.) to Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton
- Subtract portions of Central Okanagan Regional District from Coquihalla and add to North Okanagan-Shuswap

Community	Population
Ashcroft	1,578
Cache Creek	1,064
Clinton	597
Logan Lake	2,272
Lytton	276
Merritt	7,606

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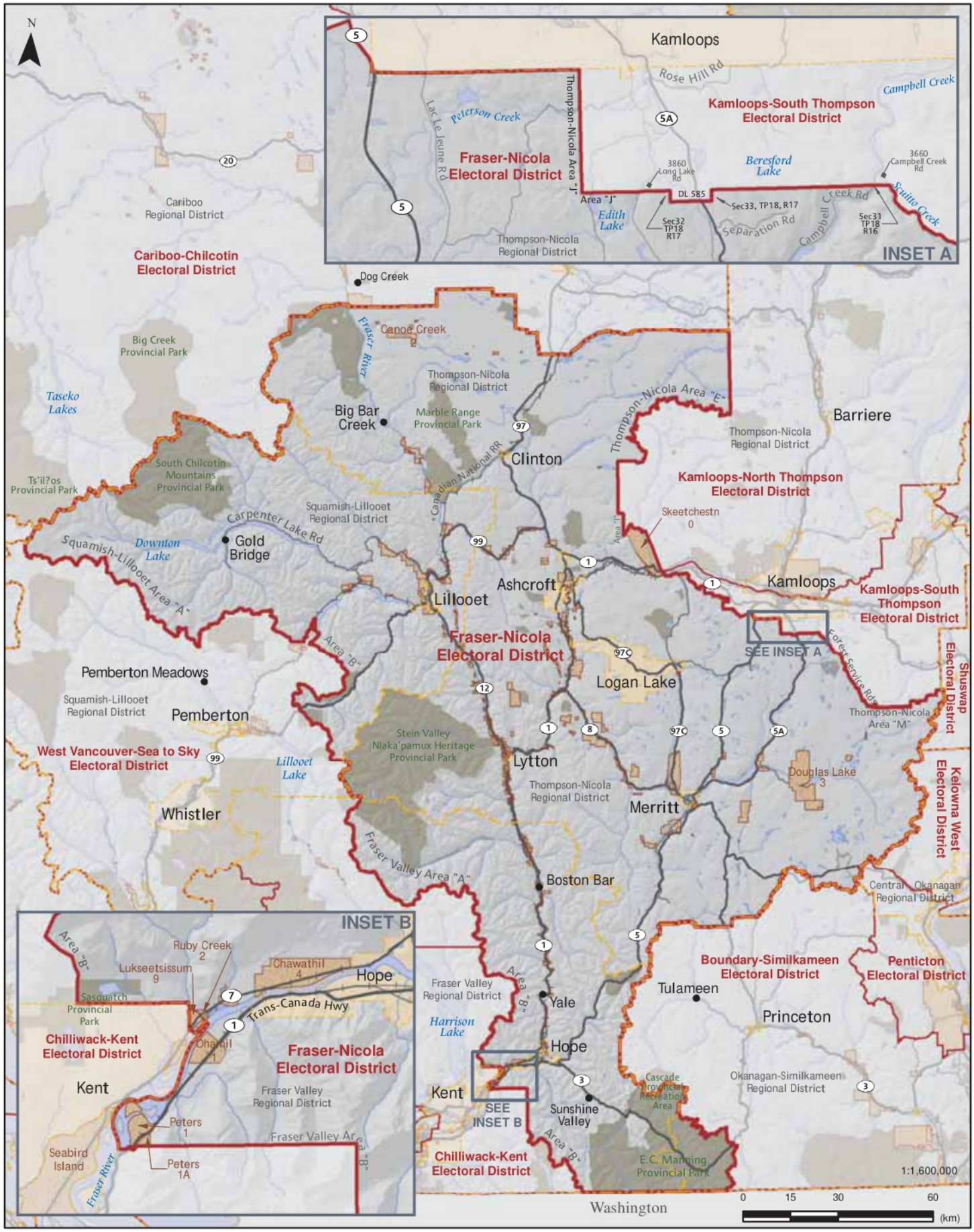

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Good evening,

Thanks so much for the opportunity to present. I have attached a copy of a draft map made using the election atlas ridingbuilder, which can be plugged into https://election-atlas.ca/ridingbuilder/rb.php?prov=59

It's worth noting that the non-contiguous Central Okanagan - Coquihalla can be fixed by trading land with the Kelowna riding. I thought this worked better for local boundaries.

The benefits of this layout include:

-Only splitting Kelowna and Kamloops, and only into 2 ridings. (For example, greater Kelowna being 3 and Penticton being split in the current proposal).

-Following regional districts as best as possible. Such as the Kootneys, Columbia Shuswap, etc.

Most of the ridings, barring one, are on the high side for population, and could easily be trimmed down to work better. I had to stretch to hit the average quote, but of course quotas on the mainland will be lower than quotas on the island, on average, which could help this proposal considerably at just 1-2 thousand each.

All the best

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Federal Electoral Redistribution: British Columbia (Vancouver)

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Written Submission and Presentation Outline/Goals:

1. Demonstrate how **it is essential and feasible**, to **keep** more City of Vancouver "**neighborhoods**/city planning areas," **within a single federal riding**
2. Propose a **realignment of ridings in Westside Vancouver**, to better reflect city land use, population demographics, and urban planning
3. Propose an **updating of federal riding names** to better reflect geography

Background:
Vancouver is often referred to as a 'City of Neighborhoods' with most residents identifying strongly with their local neighborhood (one of 22) in addition to being a 'Vancouverite.' These community identities must be reflected in federal ridings, but unfortunately have not been.

"The **establishment of this new electoral district (Vancouver Granville)** resulted in changes to most existing electoral districts in Vancouver. **…The general rationale underlying these changes was to create boundaries along major arterial streets** and, in the case of Vancouver South, to take account of what was submitted to be a community of interest in the Oakridge area.

- Quote; Initial Report to the House of Commons (December 18, **2012**) – British Columbia Commission, 2012 Federal Electoral Redistribution

Although it appears logical to divide federal constituencies based on major arterial streets, it **does not always intuitively create strong communities of interest**. For example, strongly identified communities such as Kitsilano, Shaughnessy, and Kerrisdale (see attached **images 1 and 2**), are split across more than one federal riding.

Oftentimes, both sides of major arterial roads in residential areas of Vancouver comprise a community of interest. Examples of this include the Punjabi Market in South Vancouver which straddles both sides of Main Street, and Kerrisdale which is built around Southwest Marine Drive. **It is superior and preferable to build federal constituencies using the bylaw-boundaries of identified "Official Vancouver Neighborhoods" from the "Official City of Vancouver Plan," on which much of city/community/neighborhood planning is based.**

Finally, there are identifiable unifying characteristics within each "Official Neighborhood;" predominantly these are demographics, land use, urbanization, and housing type. The **current North-to-South riding configurations on Vancouver's Westside (Quadra and Granville) do a poor job of reflecting communities of interest**, as Northwestern communities such as Kitsilano/Fairview and Mount Pleasant are rapidly urbanizing, whereas Southwestern communities such as Dunbar, Kerrisdale and Shaughnessy remain predominantly residential. In both of my submitted proposals, ridings on Vancouver's Westside run **West-to-East.**

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Ridings in the City of Vancouver - Population and Allocation

Population	Population
City of Vancouver	662 248
+ University Endowment Lands	18 296
+ Musqueam 2	1 646
TOTAL:	682 130
Allocated Ridings (116,300 quotient)	5.87

Vancouver has slightly less population than what is required for 6 full federal ridings. Likewise, I am submitting two closely related proposals that comprise:

Proposal A:
6 federal ridings fully within the City of Vancouver

Proposal B:
5 federal ridings fully within the City of Vancouver and one that will need a portion of the City of Burnaby (15-20k population)

note: In the contemporary era, there have been two historical federal ridings that crossed the Vancouver-Burnaby municipal boundary. Vancouver South - Burnaby existed in the late 1990s/early 2000s and attached a portion of Burnaby to South Vancouver; Burnaby - Kingsway existed in the late 1980s/early 1990s and attached a small portion of Eastern Vancouver (Renfrew Collingwood) to Burnaby. Due to the population distribution of various neighborhoods in Vancouver, the easiest configuration is Vancouver South - Burnaby.

In my attached Riding Proposal Document, there are 4 images of various **Vancouver riding configurations superimposed over "Official Vancouver Community Plan Neighborhoods"**

Image 1: Current Ridings
Image 2: Official 2022 Proposal Ridings
Image 3: Submission A (Mark)
Image 4: Submission B (Mark)

In this proposal explanation/write-up, I have also enclosed various tables, charts, and diagrams to further explain the geography of Vancouver human geography and justify choices in my two proposals, as well as information on boundary proposals, population (deviations), and community representation. These include **projected land use, boundaries of official Vancouver neighborhoods (City of Vancouver Plan), and current city zoning regulations.**

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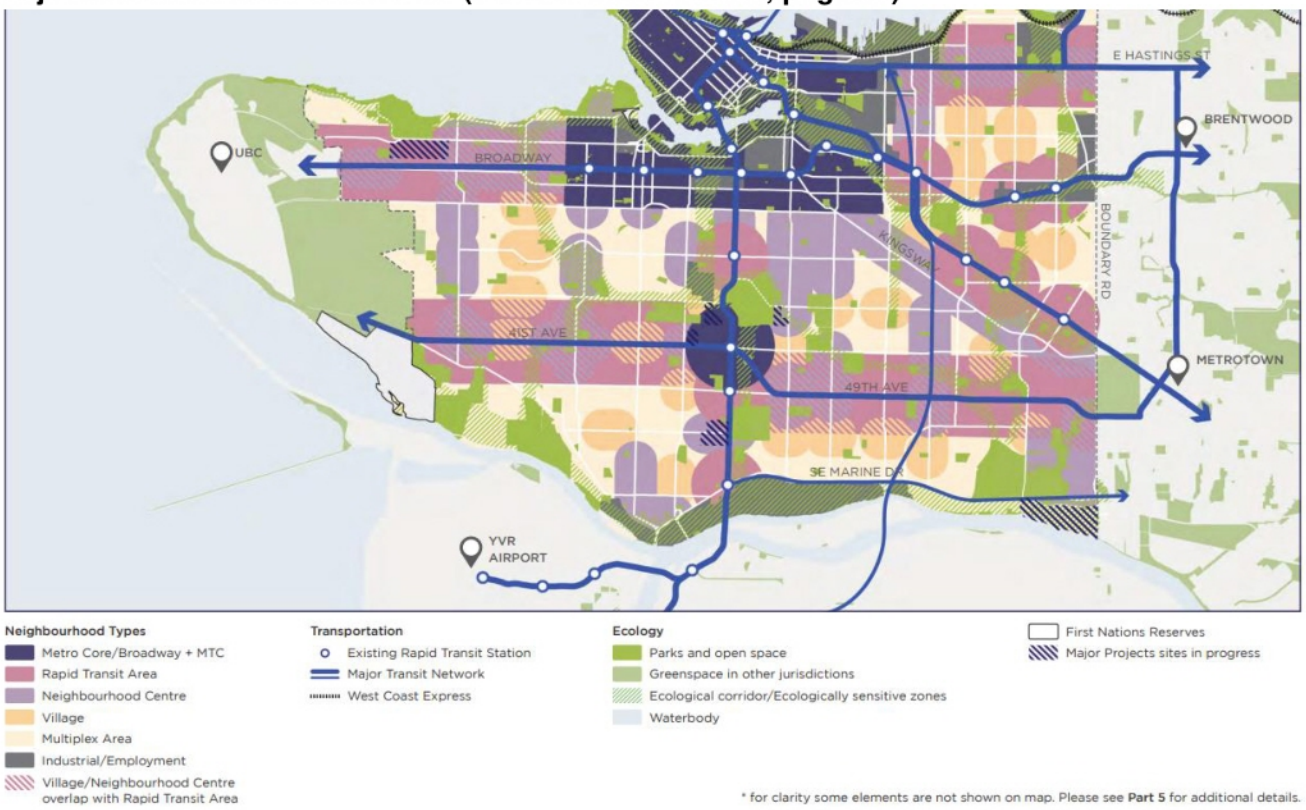
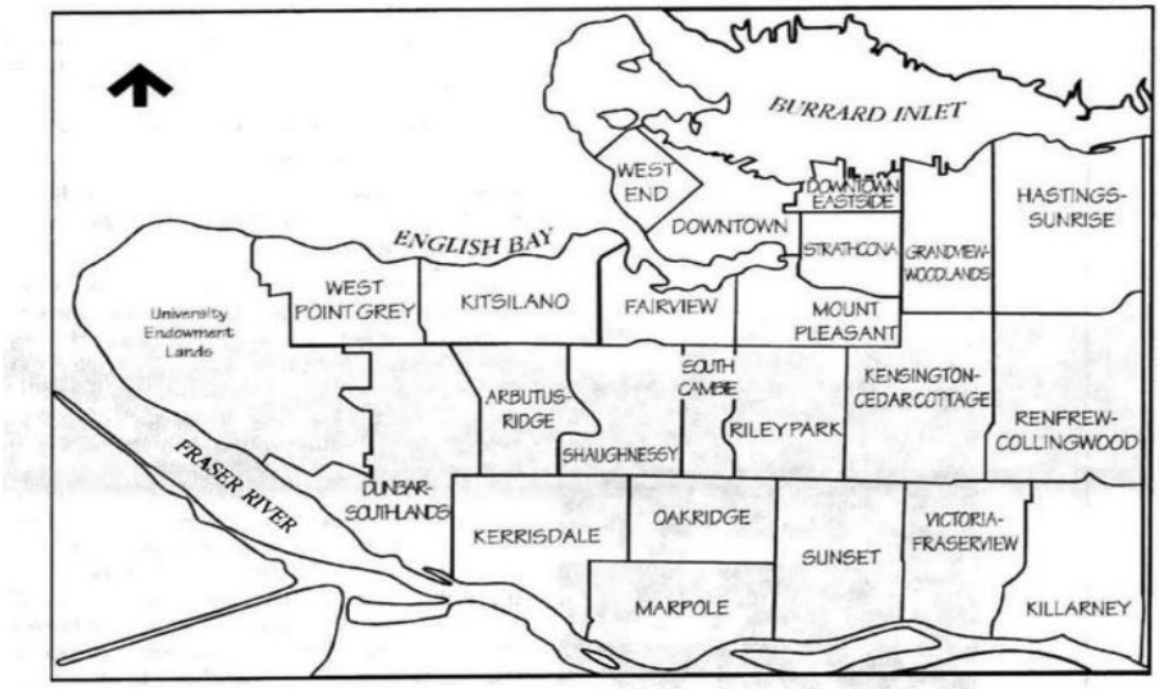
Projected Land Use in Vancouver (2022 Vancouver Plan, page 51)



Outline of Vancouver Neighborhoods (1995 Vancouver Plan, page 50)



Source: https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/neighbourhood-planning.aspx
https://guidelines.vancouver.ca/policy-plan-cityplan.pdf

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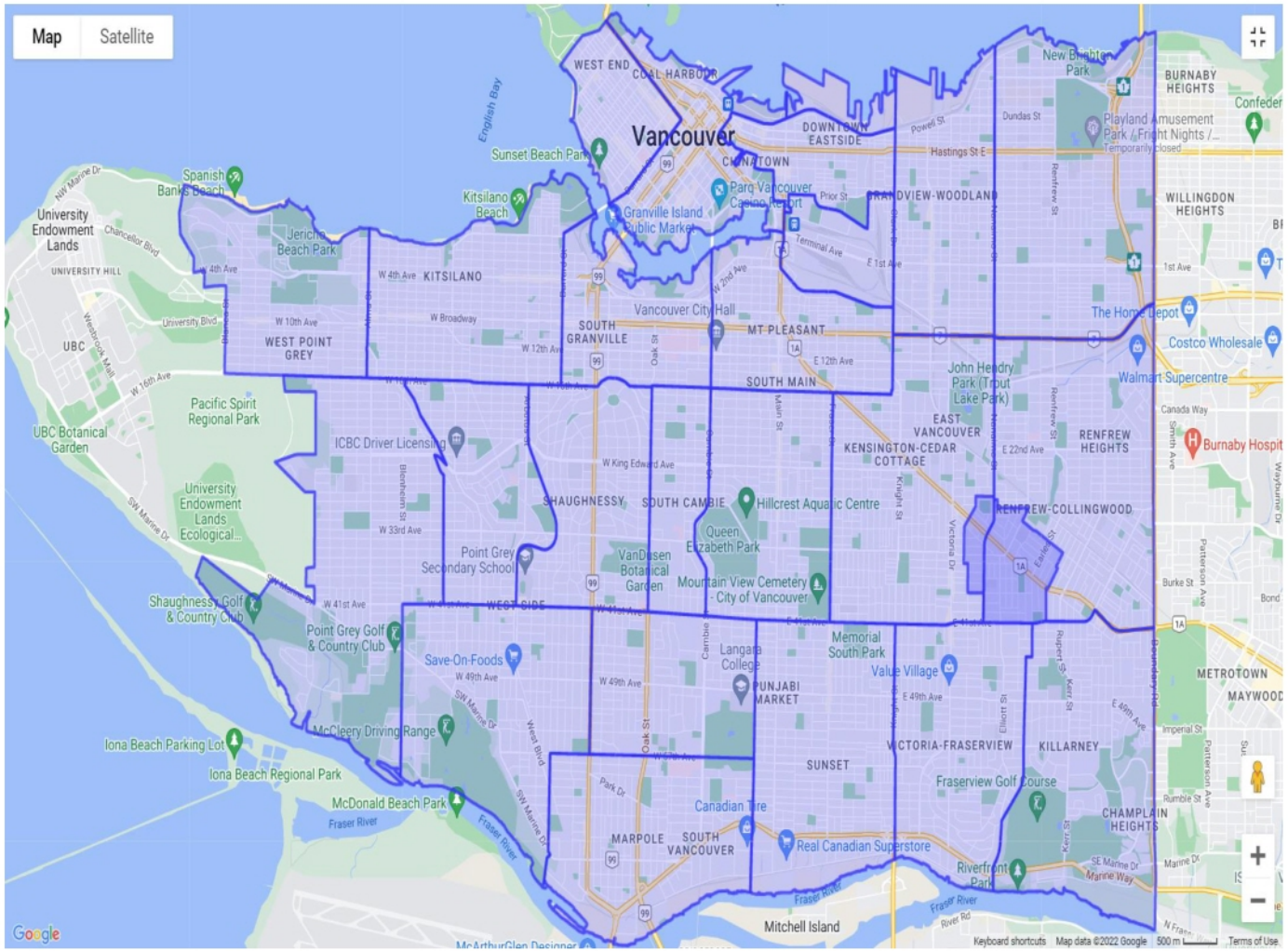
Map of Vancouver Neighborhoods per City of Vancouver Community Plan (1995, 2022) and City Zoning Website



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https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/neighbourhood-planning-projects.aspx

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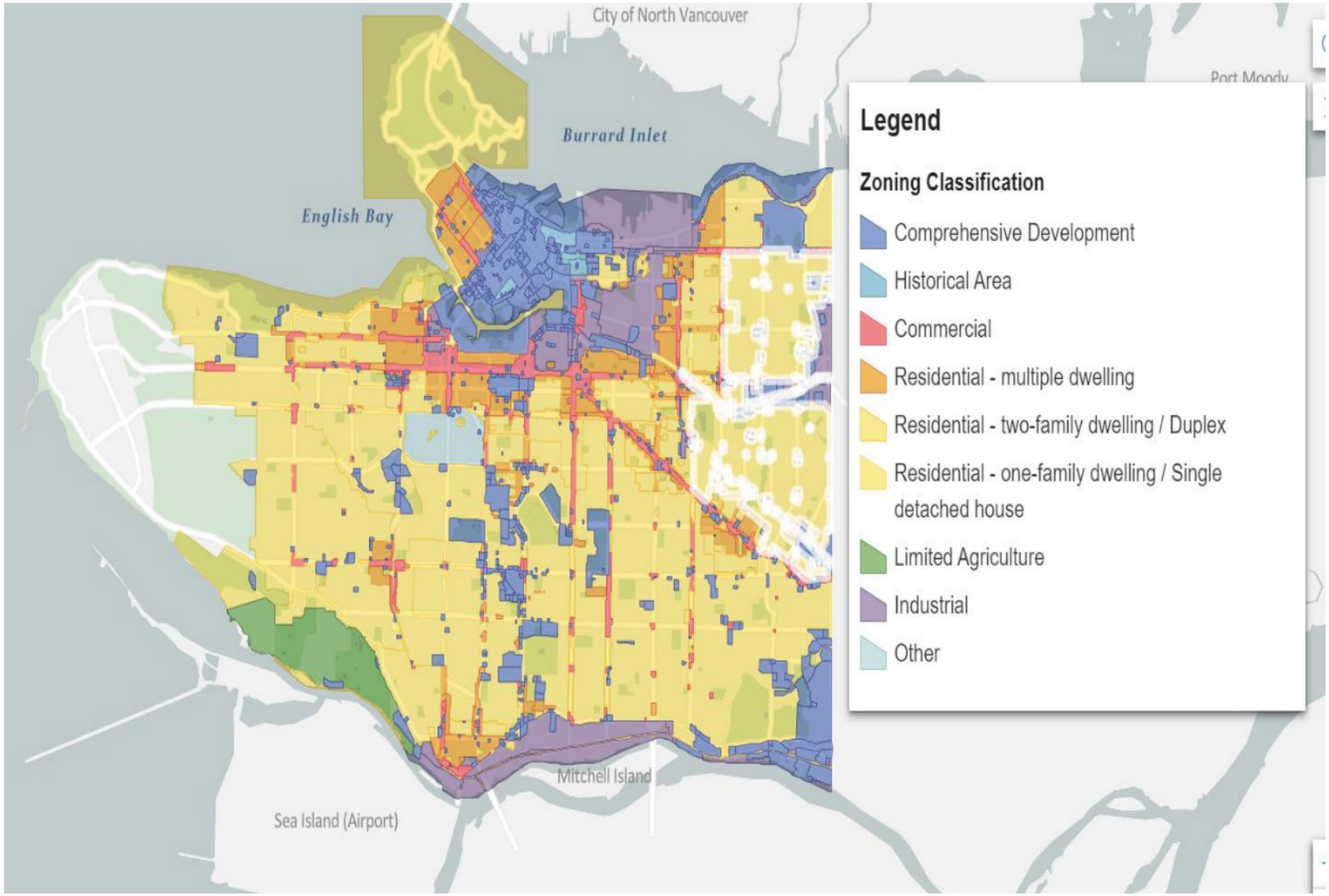
Map of City Zoning and Land Use – City of Vancouver



Source: https://maps.vancouver.ca/zoning/
https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/neighbourhood-planning.aspx

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Advanced/Detailed Vancouver Neighborhood Map (c. 2000)



Source: http://www.johomaps.com/na/canada/bc/vancouver/neighbourhoods.html

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Vancouver Neighborhood Descriptions - Population, Land Use

Neighborhood	Estimated Population (2021 Census)	Description and Land Use Character (City of Vancouver)
University Endowment Lands	18 296	Outside City of Vancouver, University of British Columbia, predominantly rural/park area
Musqueam 2	1 646	First Nations Reserve, residential single family dwellings
West Point Grey	12 886	Residential, suburban single family dwellings
Kitsilano	44 481	Residential with rapidly growing commercial, transportation, urban growth with multiple dwelling and high rise buildings
Fairview	33 969	Residential with rapidly growing commercial, transportation, urban with multiple dwelling and high-rise buildings
West End	47 746	urban with multiple dwelling and high-rise buildings, comprehensive urban development
Downtown	59 479	Urban core/comprehensive development - mixed land use for industry, commercial, transportation with multiple dwelling and high-rise buildings
Downtown Eastside	14 373	Comprehensive development - mixed land use for industry, commercial, transportation; social housing and high-rise buildings
Mount Pleasant	37 639	Rapidly expanding commercial, transportation, urban with multiple dwelling and high-rise buildings
Strathcona	9 084	Industrial, urban with multiple dwelling and high-rise buildings
Grandview Woodland	28 636	Mixed use of industrial, urban multiple dwelling buildings, and residential single family dwellings
Hastings Sunrise	35 555	Residential, suburban single family dwellings and industrial
Dunbar Southlands	20 285	Residential, suburban single family dwellings
Arbutus Ridge	15 476	Residential, suburban single family dwellings

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Shaughnessy	8 034	Residential, suburban single family dwellings
South Cambie	9 846	Residential, suburban single family dwellings and urban comprehensive/commercial development
Riley Park	23 682	Residential, suburban single family dwellings and urban comprehensive/commercial development
Kensington Cedar Cottage	50 700	Residential, suburban single family dwellings and commercial area
Renfrew Collingwood	52 974	Residential, suburban single family dwellings and commercial area
Oakridge	13 757	Residential, suburban single family dwellings and commercial area
Kerrisdale	14 836	Residential, suburban single family dwellings
Marpole	27 889	Residential, suburban single family dwellings and commercial/industrial area, growing urban nature Langara College
Sunset	37 170	Residential, suburban single family dwellings
Victoria Fraserview	30 753	Residential, suburban single family dwellings
Killarney	32 997	Residential, suburban single family dwellings, growing urban comprehensive development

Vancouver Neighborhoods - Representation in Number of Ridings

Neighborhood	# of Current Ridings	# of Official 2022 Proposal Ridings	Submission A # of ridings	Submission B # of ridings
University Endowment Lands	1	1	1	1
Musqueam 2	1	1	1	1
West Point Grey	1	1	1	1
Kitsilano	3	2	1	1
Fairview	2	3	1	1
West End	1	1	1	1
Downtown	1	1	1	1

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Downtown Eastside	1	1	1	1
Mount Pleasant	3	3	2	2
Strathcona	1	1	1	1
Grandview Woodland	1	1	1	1
Hastings Sunrise	1	1	1	1
Dunbar Southlands	1	1	1	1
Arbutus Ridge	2	2	1	1
Shaughnessy	1	1	1	1
South Cambie	1	1	1	1
Riley Park	2	2	2	2
Kensington Cedar Cottage	2	2	1	1
Renfrew Collingwood	2	2	1	1
Oakridge	2	2	2	1
Kerrisdale	2	2	1	1
Marpole	3	3	2	1
Sunset	1	1	1	1
Victoria Fraserview	1	1	1	1
Killarney	1	1	1	1
AVERAGE:	**1.52**	**1.52**	**1.16**	**1.08**

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Current and 2022 Commission Proposal Ridings, Population and Quotient Deviation

Riding	**Current Population**	Quotient Deviation %	**Official Proposal Population**	Quotient Deviation %
Vancouver Quadra	109 328	- 6.0%	115,873	-0.4%
Vancouver Granville	109 799	-5.6%	117,201	+0.8%
Vancouver Centre	126 995	+9.2%	115,964	-0.3%
Vancouver East	118 675	+2.0%	115,759	-0.5%
Vancouver Kingsway	108 054	-7.1%	117,209	+0.8%
Vancouver South	109 339	-6.0%	117,680	+1.2%
AVERAGE % Quotient Deviation		**-2.25%**		**+0.25%**
Range of Quotient Deviation (%)		**16.3**		**1.6**

Proposal Submissions A and B (Emmett Mark), Population and Quotient Deviation

Riding	**Submission A Population**	Quotient Deviation %	**Submission B Population**	Quotient Deviation %
Vancouver Musqueam	115 867	-0.4%	119 269	+2.5%
Vancouver Broadway	120 145	+3.3%	120 145	+3.3%
Vancouver Centre	107 225	-7.8%	107 225	-7.8%
Vancouver East	114 774	-1.3%	114 774	-1.3%
Vancouver Kingsway	114 840	-1.3%	119 857	+3.0%
Vancouver South (Submission A only)	109 339	- 6.0%		
Vancouver South Burnaby (Submission B Only)			Vancouver portion: 100 920	-13.2%
AVERAGE % Quotient Deviation		**-2.25%**		**-0.3%**
Range of Quotient Deviation (%)		**11.1**		**11.1**

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Submission Proposal A: Boundaries and Neighborhood Description
See Image 3

Proposed Riding Name	Vancouver Boundaries (Submission A)	Neighborhoods
Vancouver Musqueam	South of W 16th Avenue West of Main Street (when North of W 41st Ave) West of Cambie Street (When South of W 41st Ave) Musqueam 2	Whole: Musqueam 2 Dunbar Southlands Arbutus Ridge Shaughnessy South Cambie Kerrisdale Part: Riley Park (W of Main St) Oakridge (W of Cambie St) Marpole (W of Cambie St)
Vancouver Broadway	North of W 16th Avenue West of Ontario Street University Endowment Lands (Electoral Area A)	Whole: University Endowment Lands West Point Grey Kitsilano Fairview Part: Mount Pleasant (W of Ontario St)
Vancouver Centre	Identical to 2013 representation, but subtracting everything south of Terminal Avenue, and south of False Creek	Whole: West End Downtown
Vancouver East	Identical western boundary to 2013 representation North of W 16th Avenue (when West of Clark Drive) North of E Broadway - Hwy 7, (when East of Clark Drive)	Whole: Downtown Eastside Strathcona Grandview Woodland Hastings Sunrise Part: Mount Pleasant (E of Ontario St)
Vancouver Kingsway	East of Main Street North of E 41st Avenue South of W 16th Avenue (when West of Clark Drive)	Whole: Kensington Cedar Cottage Renfrew Collingwood Part: Riley Park (E of Main St)

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	South of E Broadway - Hwy 7, (when East of Clark Drive)	
Vancouver South (Submission A only)	Identical to 2013 Vancouver South boundaries	Whole: Sunset Victoria Fraserview Killarney Part: Oakridge (E of Cambie St) Marpole (E of Cambie St)

Submission Proposal A: Boundaries and Neighborhood Description
See Image 4

Proposed Riding Name	Vancouver Boundaries (Submission B)	Neighborhoods
Vancouver Musqueam	South of W 16th Avenue West of Ontario Street	Whole: Musqueam 2 Dunbar Southlands Arbutus Ridge Shaughnessy South Cambie Kerrisdale Oakridge Marpole Part: Riley Park (W of Ontario St)
Vancouver Broadway	North of W 16th Avenue West of Ontario Street University Endowment Lands (Electoral Area A) **Same as Submission A**	Whole: University Endowment Lands West Point Grey Kitsilano Fairview Part: Mount Pleasant (W of Ontario St)
Vancouver Centre	Identical to 2013 representation, but subtracting everything south of Terminal Avenue, and south of False Creek **Same as Submission A**	Whole: West End Downtown
Vancouver East	Identical western boundary to 2013	Whole:

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	representation North of W 16th Avenue (when West of Clark Drive) North of E Broadway - Hwy 7, (when East of Clark Drive) **Same as Submission A**	Downtown Eastside Strathcona Grandview Woodland Hastings Sunrise Part: Mount Pleasant (E of Ontario St)
Vancouver Kingsway	East of Ontario Street North of E 41st Avenue South of W 16th Avenue (when West of Clark Drive) South of E Broadway - Hwy 7, (when East of Clark Drive)	Whole: Kensington Cedar Cottage Renfrew Collingwood Part: Riley Park (E of Ontario St)
Vancouver South Burnaby (Submission B Only)	North of E 41st Avenue West of Ontario Street Indeterminate part of City of Burnaby	Whole: Sunset Victoria Fraserview Killarney Part: South Burnaby TBD - est. population 15-20k

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Updating names of Federal Constituencies in Vancouver

Vancouver Quadra has been the name of the Westside-Vancouver riding since **1949** and was named after **Spanish explorer "Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra,"** who surveyed areas of the Pacific Northwest Coast on behalf of the Spanish Colonial empire in the 1770s.

It was unclear why this name was chosen in the 1940s, but it was likely selected as to not avoid confusion with the 'City of West Vancouver'

I find the name of this constituency to be unsuitable for the following reasons:

1. De la Bodega y Quadra did not make any meaningful contributions to Canadian society or this community; although he surveyed this territory (with the rest of the Pacific Northwest), he **never resided in or visited this part of British Columbia**, as he spent most of his time near Nootka Sound, 270 kilometers away.

2. He was a **supporter and benefactor of the colonial Spanish-American slave trade**, and **unsuccessfully attempted to displace indigenous people and establish a Spanish colony** in the Pacific Northwest

3. There is a **similarly named 'Quadra Island'** 260 kilometers away, on the **Sunshine Coast**, which has led to confusion. Likewise, there is **no community, location or event that is called "Quadra" within this constituency.**

Sources: http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/bodega_y_quadra_juan_francisco_de_la_4E.html
https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/juan-francisco-de-la-bodega-y-quadra

In lieu of a federal riding named Vancouver Quadra, I suggest the name "**Vancouver Musqueam**" to support continued indigenous reconciliation efforts and to reflect the "Musqueam 2" First Nation reserve located in this community. This is consistent with the actions of federal electoral redistribution commissions in Ontario and Quebec.

Alternate names that fit the geographic profile of this constituency include "**Vancouver Westside"** or "**Vancouver Southwest**."

Additionally, per my two proposals, there is a proposed realignment of federal ridings west of Main Street in Vancouver. Instead of ridings running 'North-South' they instead run 'East-West.' As Granville Street is a North-South arterial road, it is no longer suitable to call a constituency "**Vancouver Granville**." Alternate names that better fit the geographic profile of this proposed federal riding include "**Vancouver Broadway,"** in recognition of the increasingly important West Broadway corridor that runs East-West, or **"Vancouver University"** to recognize the location of the University of British Columbia/University Endowment Lands.

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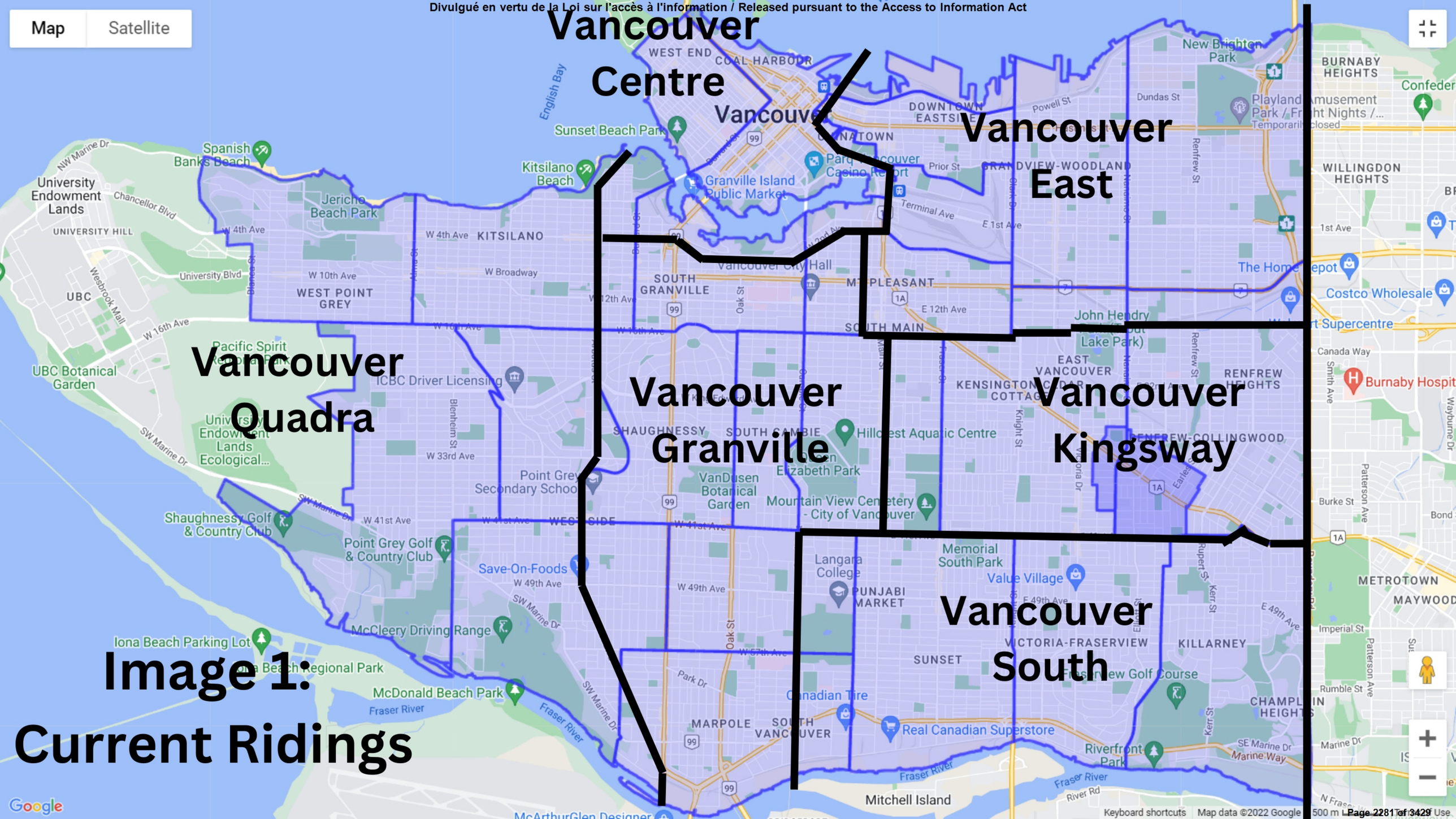

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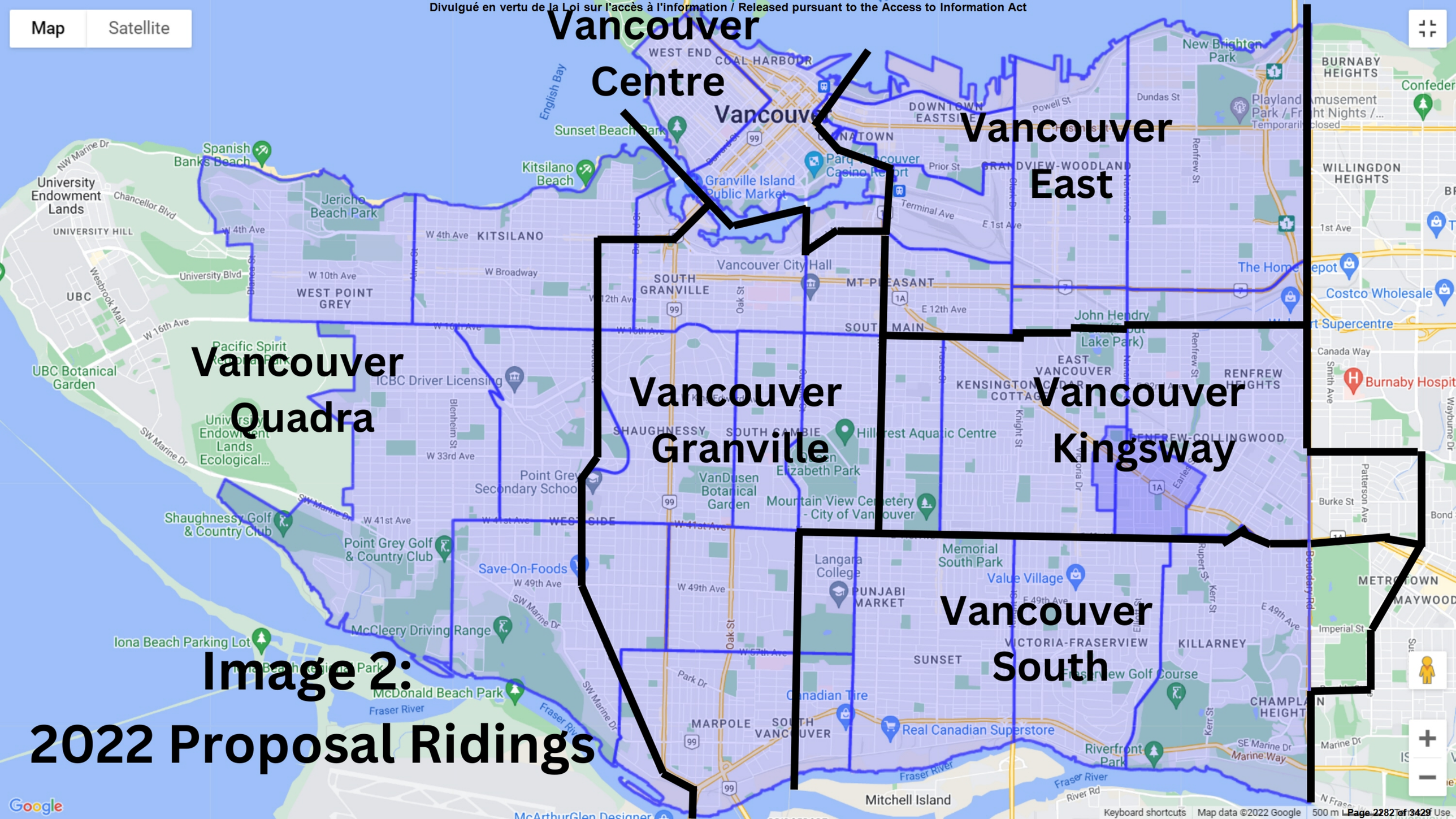

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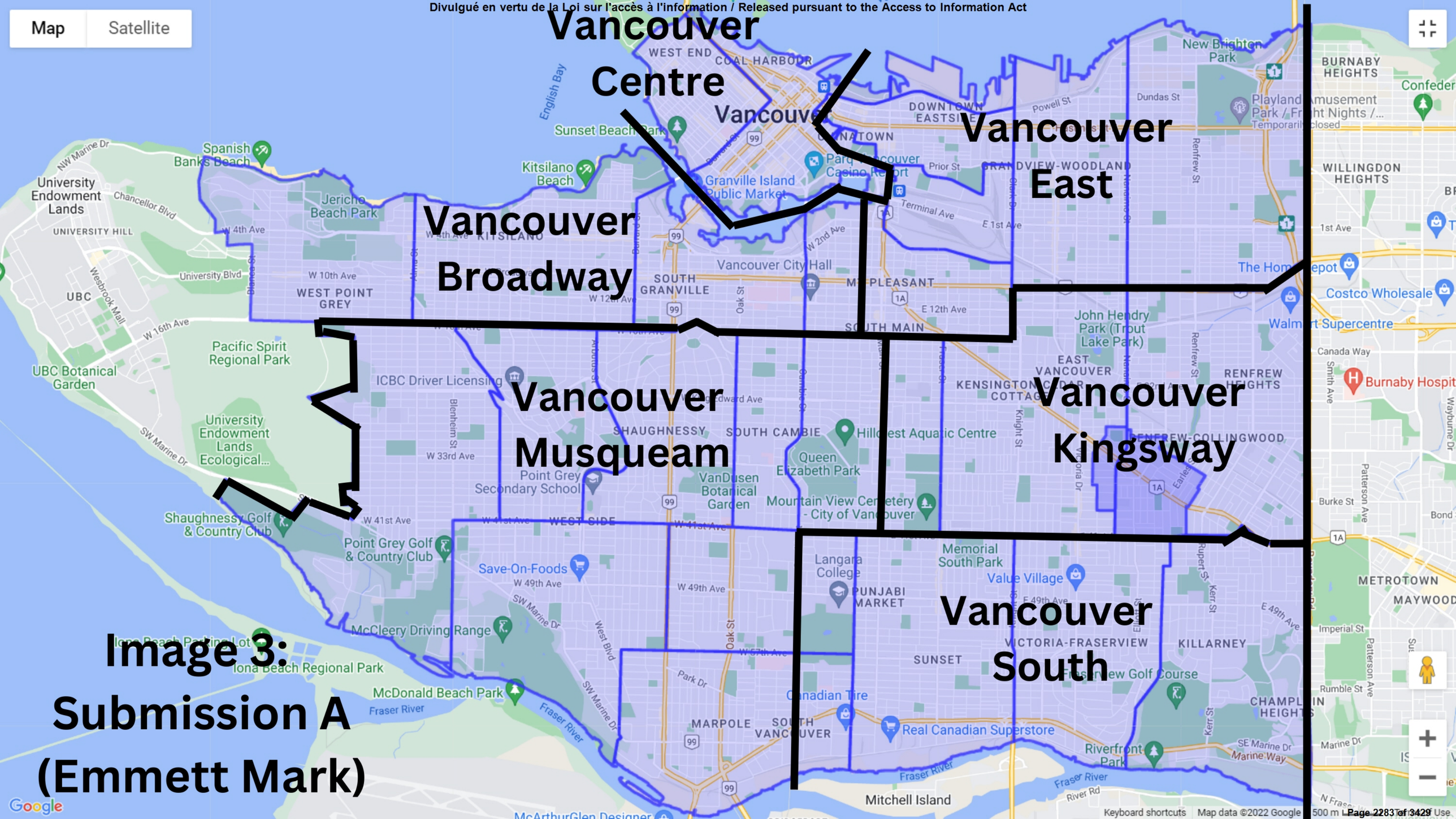

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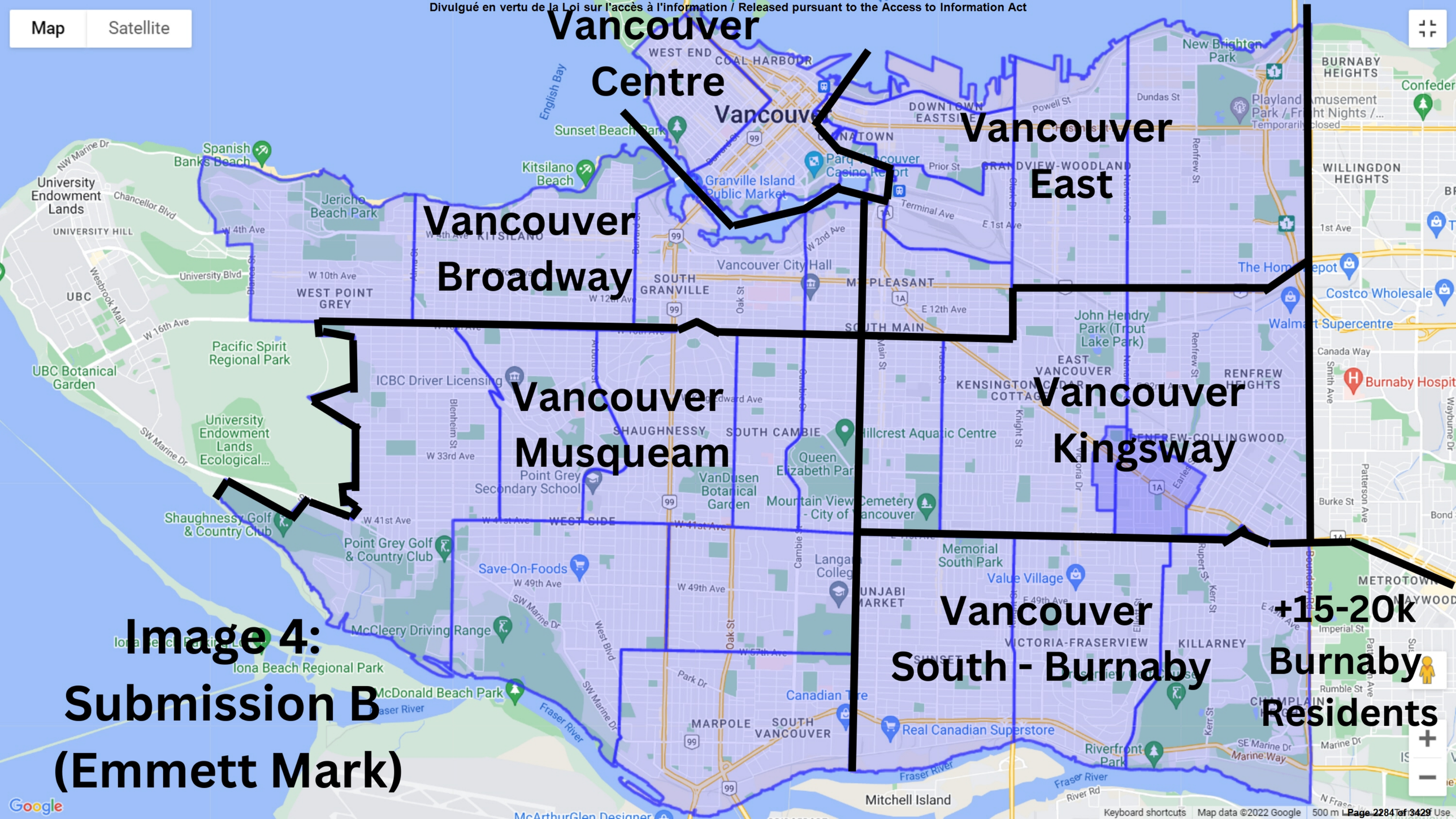

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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RIM ID: 1653436707XVTMCHKCVR

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

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Comments provided:

Geographically one block without a silly tail that seems appended on to the main body of the area.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59008

Name to modify: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

New name: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam / Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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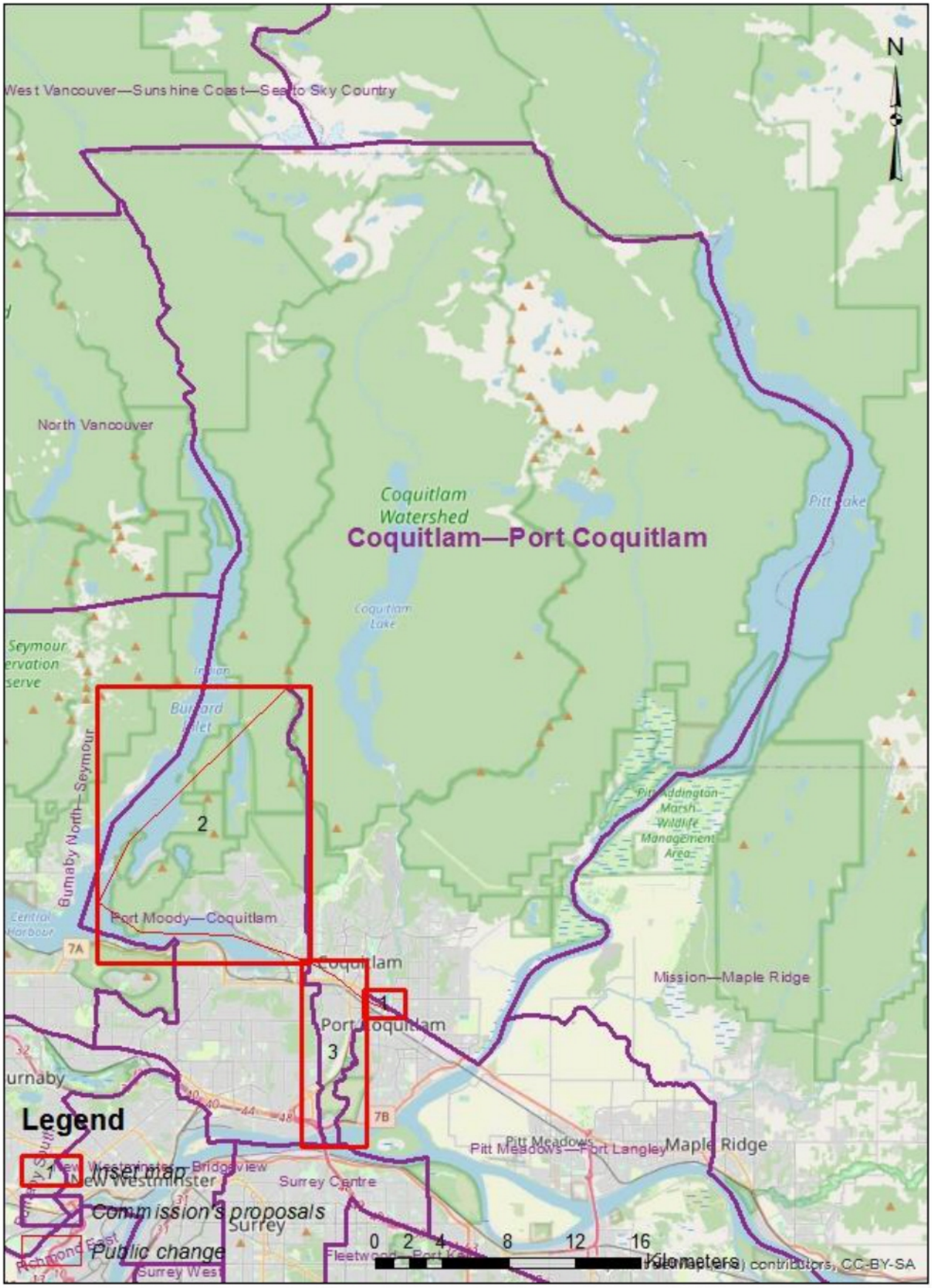

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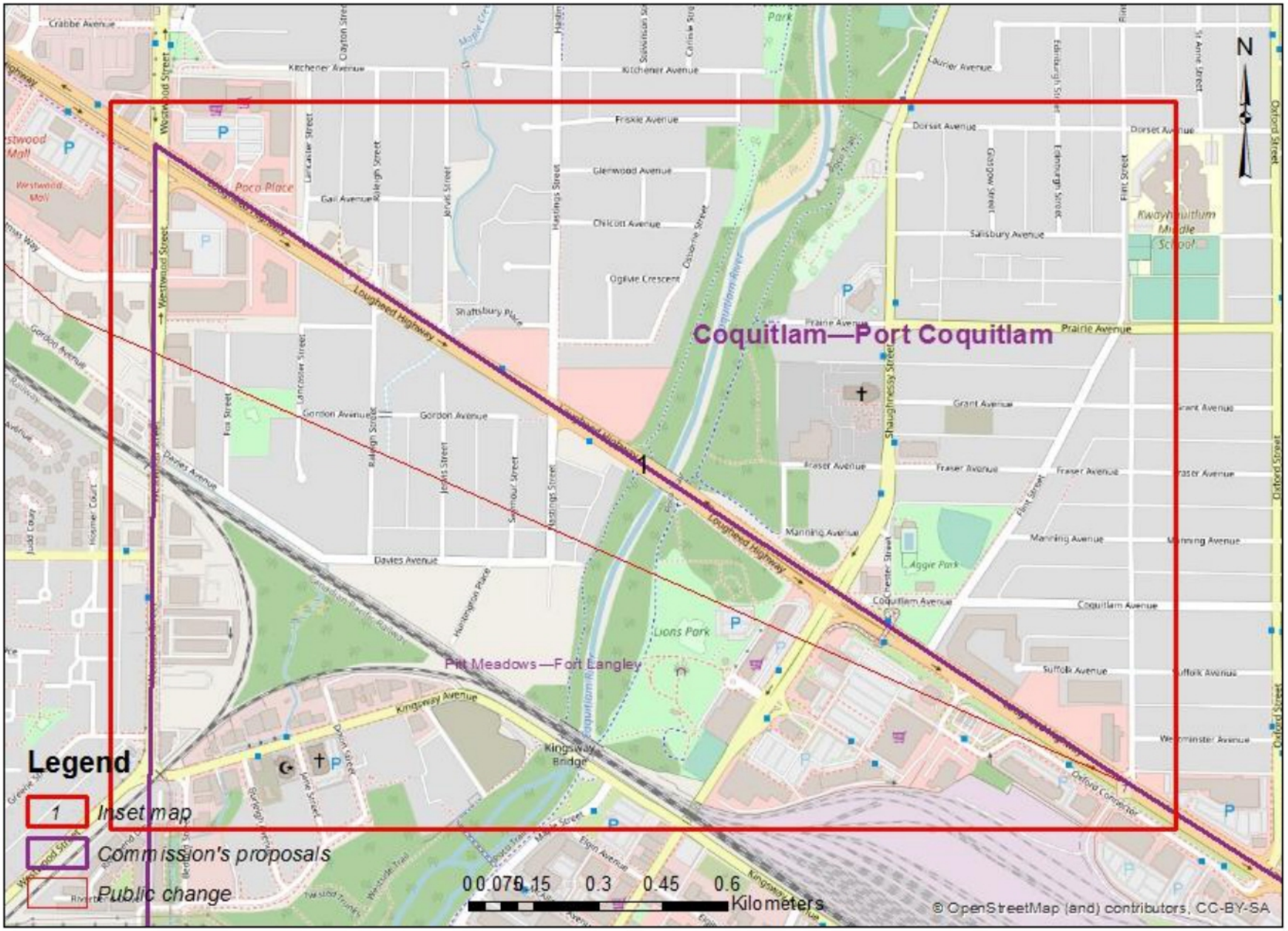

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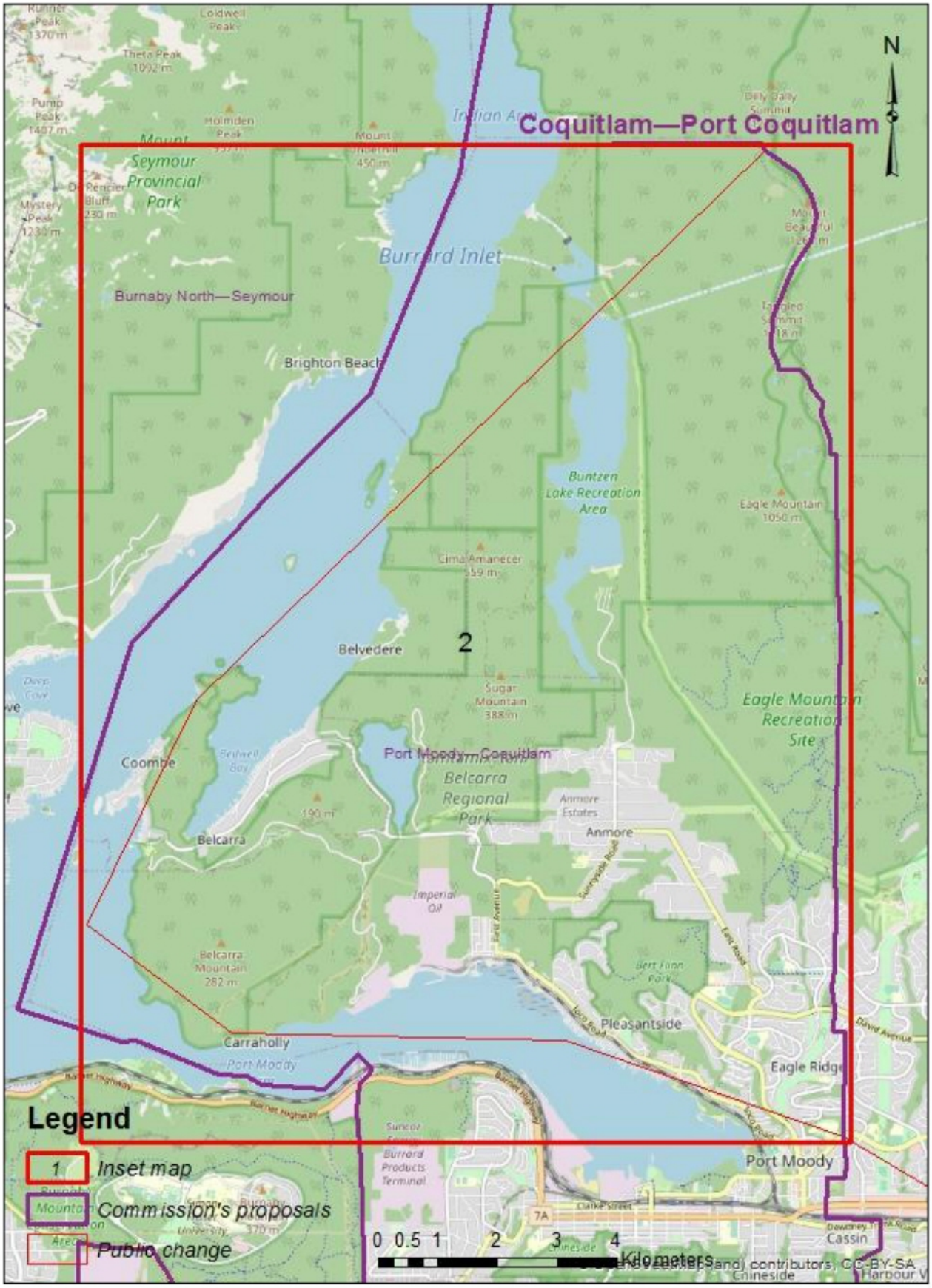

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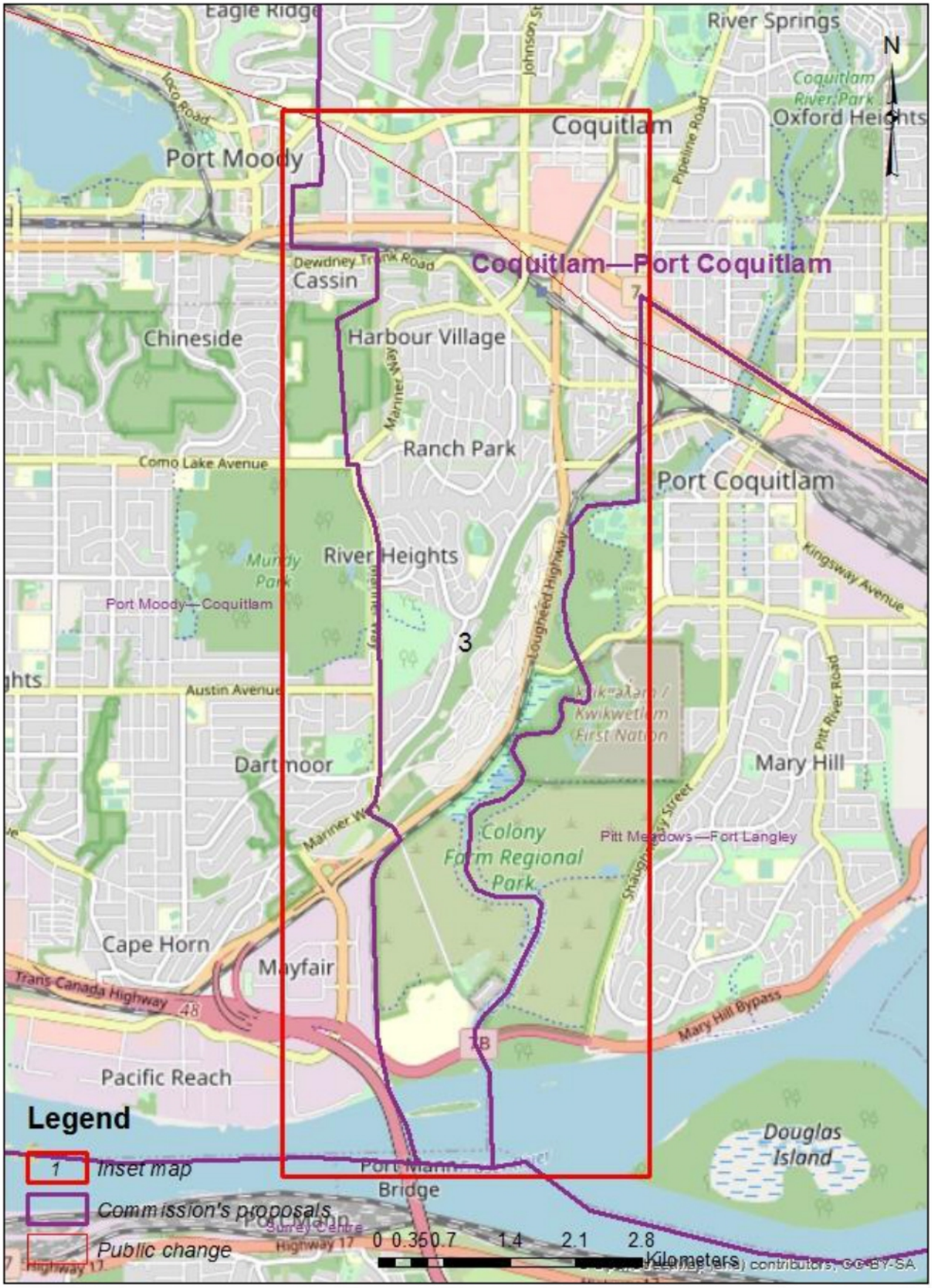

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New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Keep within city boundaries - swap area with Surrey West

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59011

Name to modify: Delta / Delta

New name: Delta / Delta

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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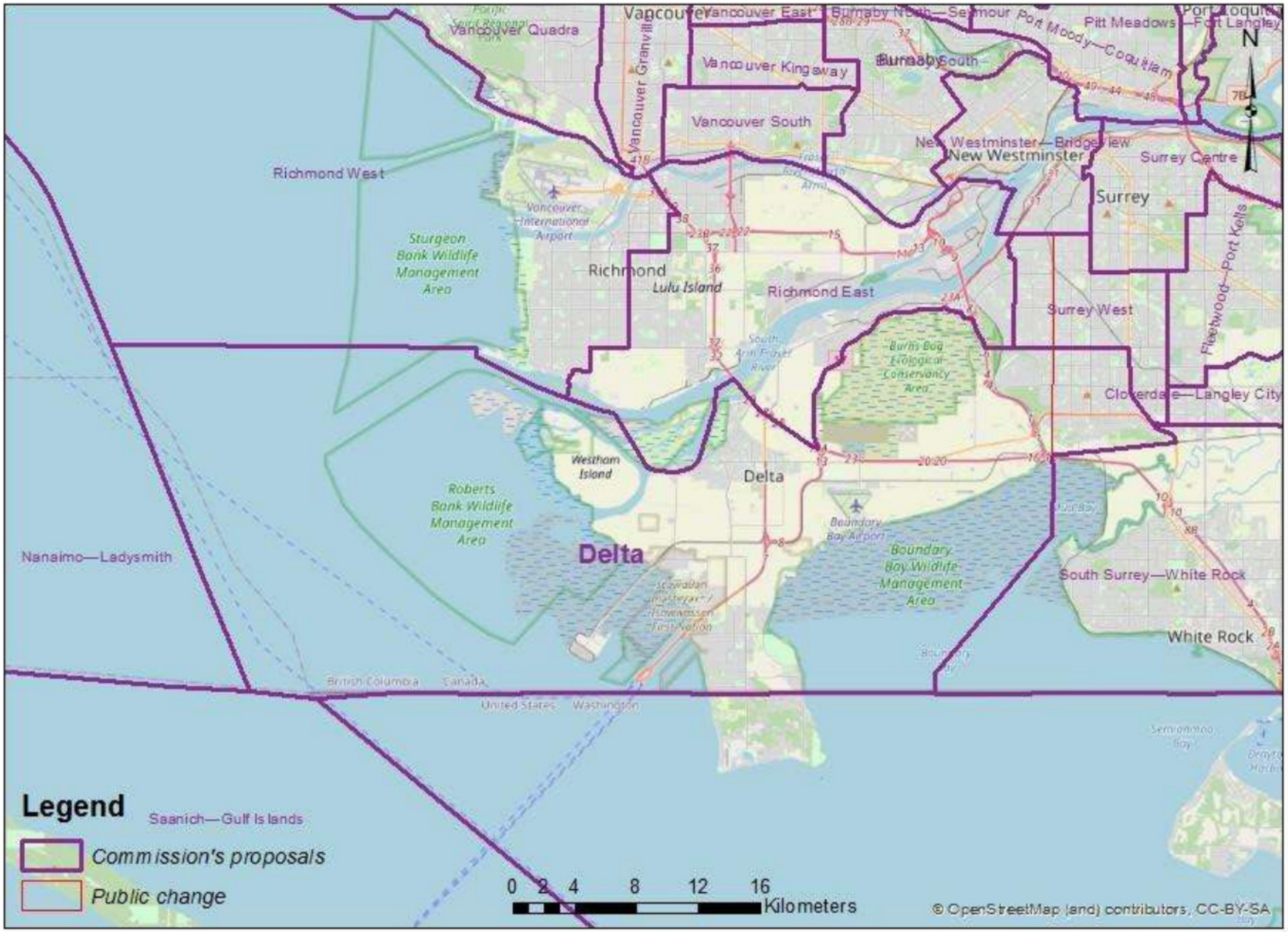

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Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Keep with city boundaries - swap part of area with Delta

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59034

Name to modify: Surrey West / Surrey-Ouest

New name: Surrey West / Surrey-Ouest

Attachments:

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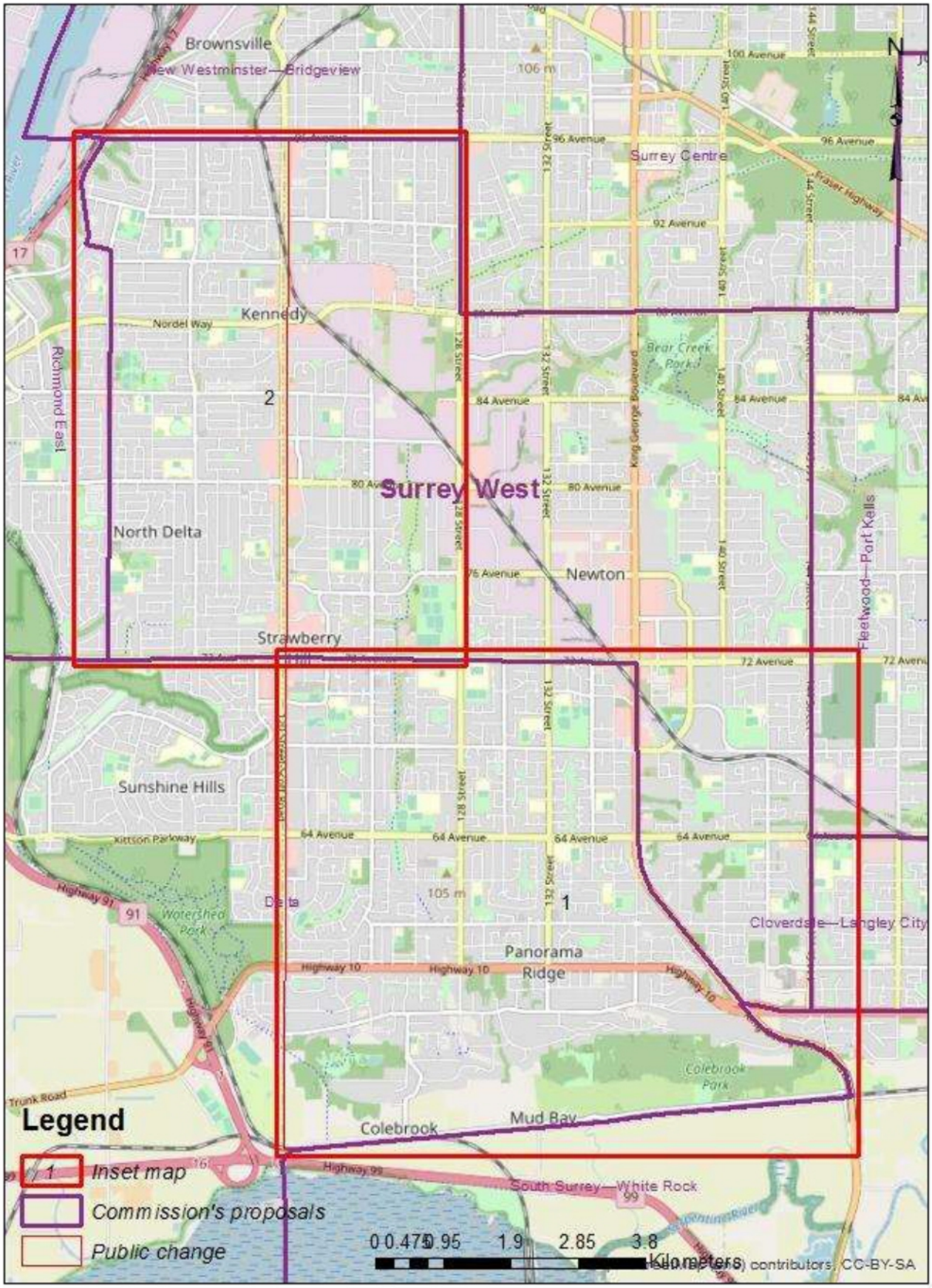

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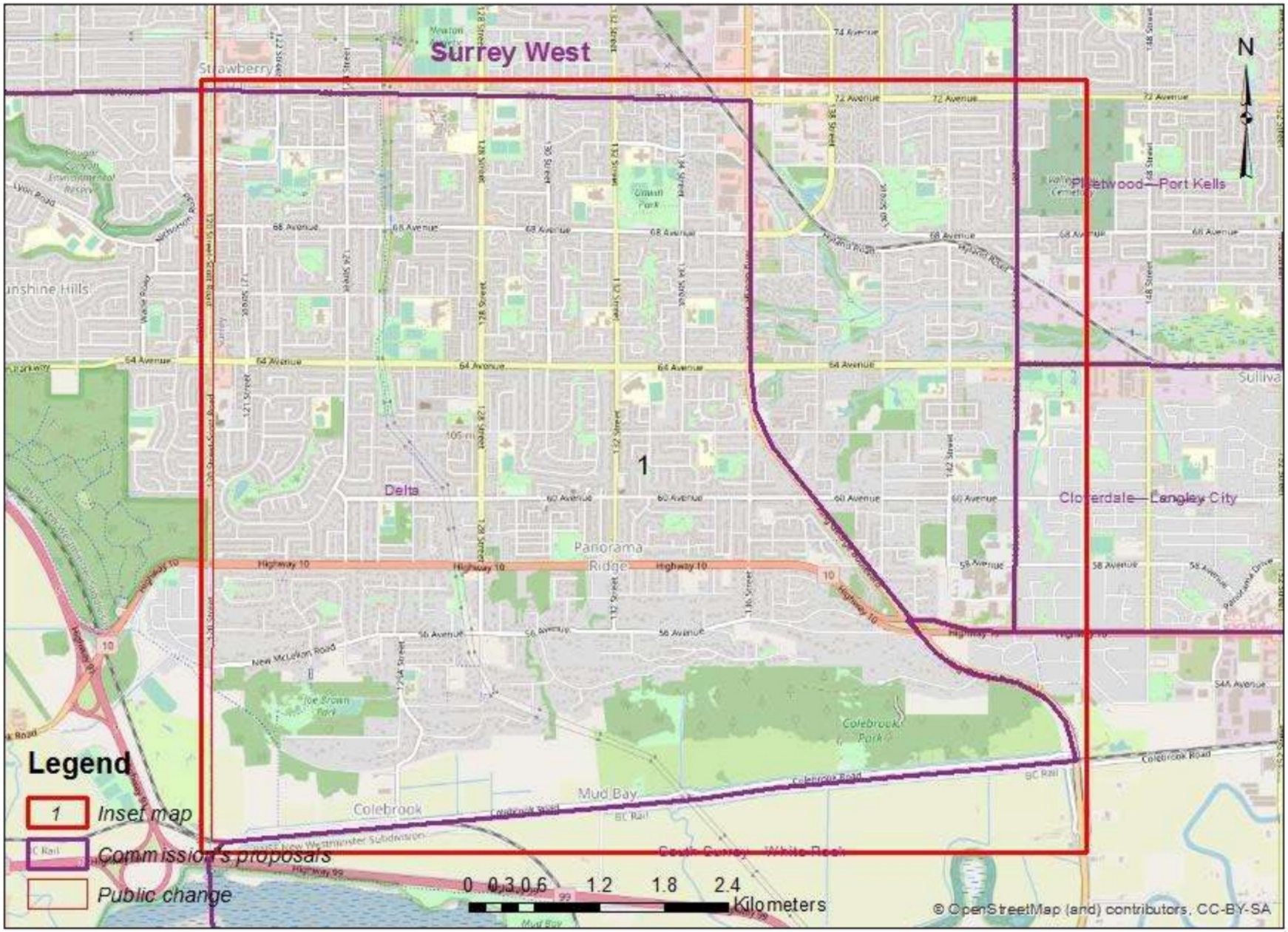

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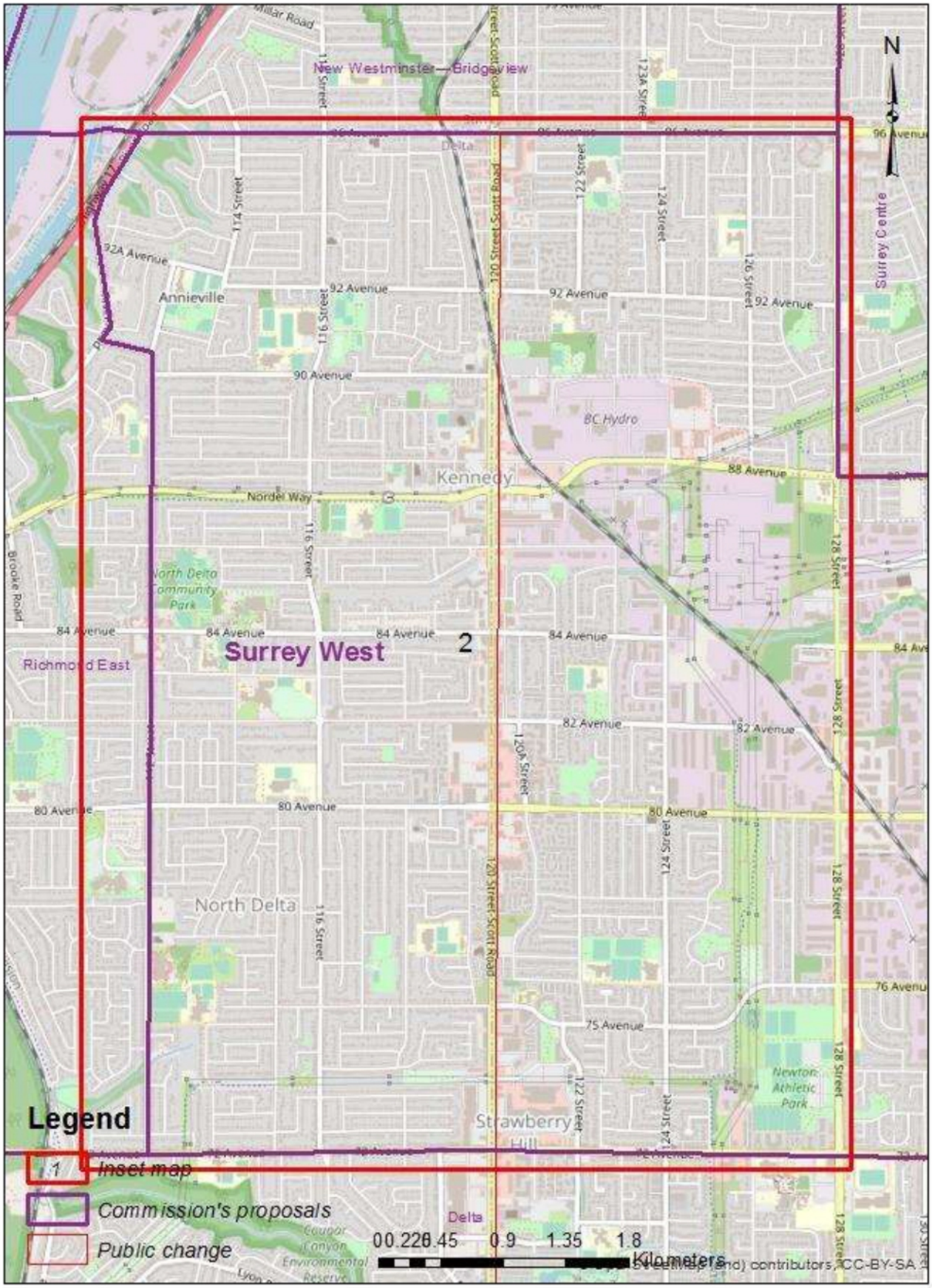

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Date received: 2022-05-08

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Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

With this proposed revision to the Delta constituency, several changes have been made. The boundary follows the Fraser River until the Alex Fraser Bridge, rather than until the George Massey Tunnel. Then, it heads South along Highway 91 before cutting across Cougar Canyon Creek. After that, the boundary heads North on 180 Street before heading West on 80 Avenue. Then, the boundary heads South on 120 Street until intersecting 64 Avenue, where it turns East. Once the boundary reaches King George Boulevard, it resumes the proposed constituency's boundary. With a revision on the Richmond East constituency to include more of North Delta, the revision to the Delta constituency draws the rest of North Delta into Delta. This would result in only 2 constituencies splitting North Delta, rather than 3 in the proposed maps. I think that would represent North Delta more effectively than having 3 constituencies sharing North Delta.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59011

Name to modify: Delta / Delta

New name: Delta / Delta

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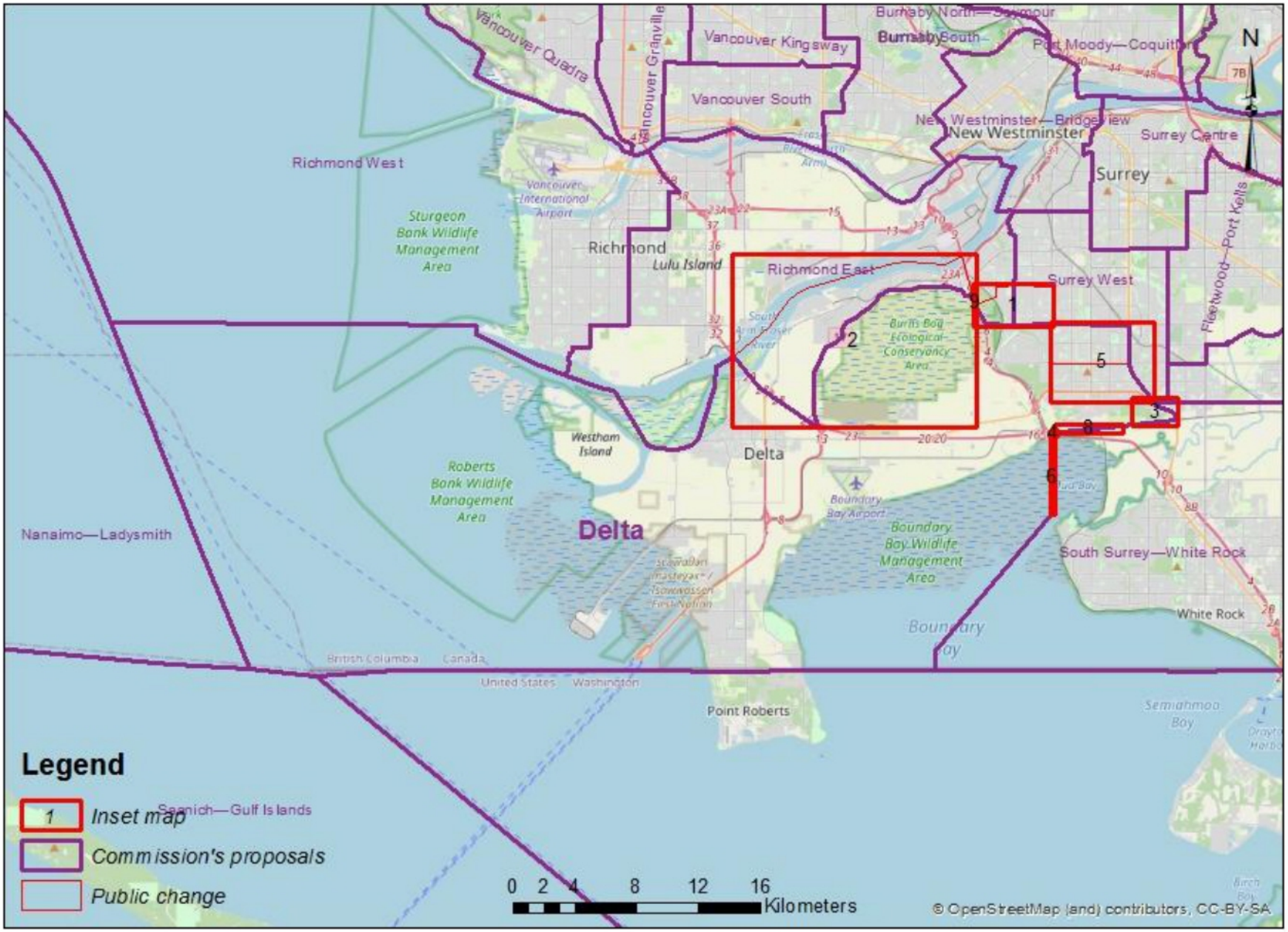

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Under this proposed revision of Richmond East, now known as Richmond East--Delta North, more of North Delta will be drawn into the constituency. The boundary continues East on 96 Avenue until reaching 120 Street, in which the boundary then heads South on 120 Street. Then, the boundary turns West on 80 Street, then South on 180 Street until it intersects with Monroe Drive. Then, the boundary heads Southwest towards Highway 91 and North on Highway 91 until over the Fraser River in between Delta and Annacis Island. Then, the boundary continues down the Fraser River until connecting with the existing boundary over the George Massey Tunnel. These changes would incorporate more of North Delta into the Richmond East while places such as Tilbury remain in the Delta constituency. Considering the original proposal drew Annacis Island into Richmond East, it would seem more logical to draw more blocks of North Delta into the new riding.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59027

Name to modify: Richmond East / Richmond-Est

New name: Richmond East--Delta North / Richmond-Est--Delta Nord

Attachments:

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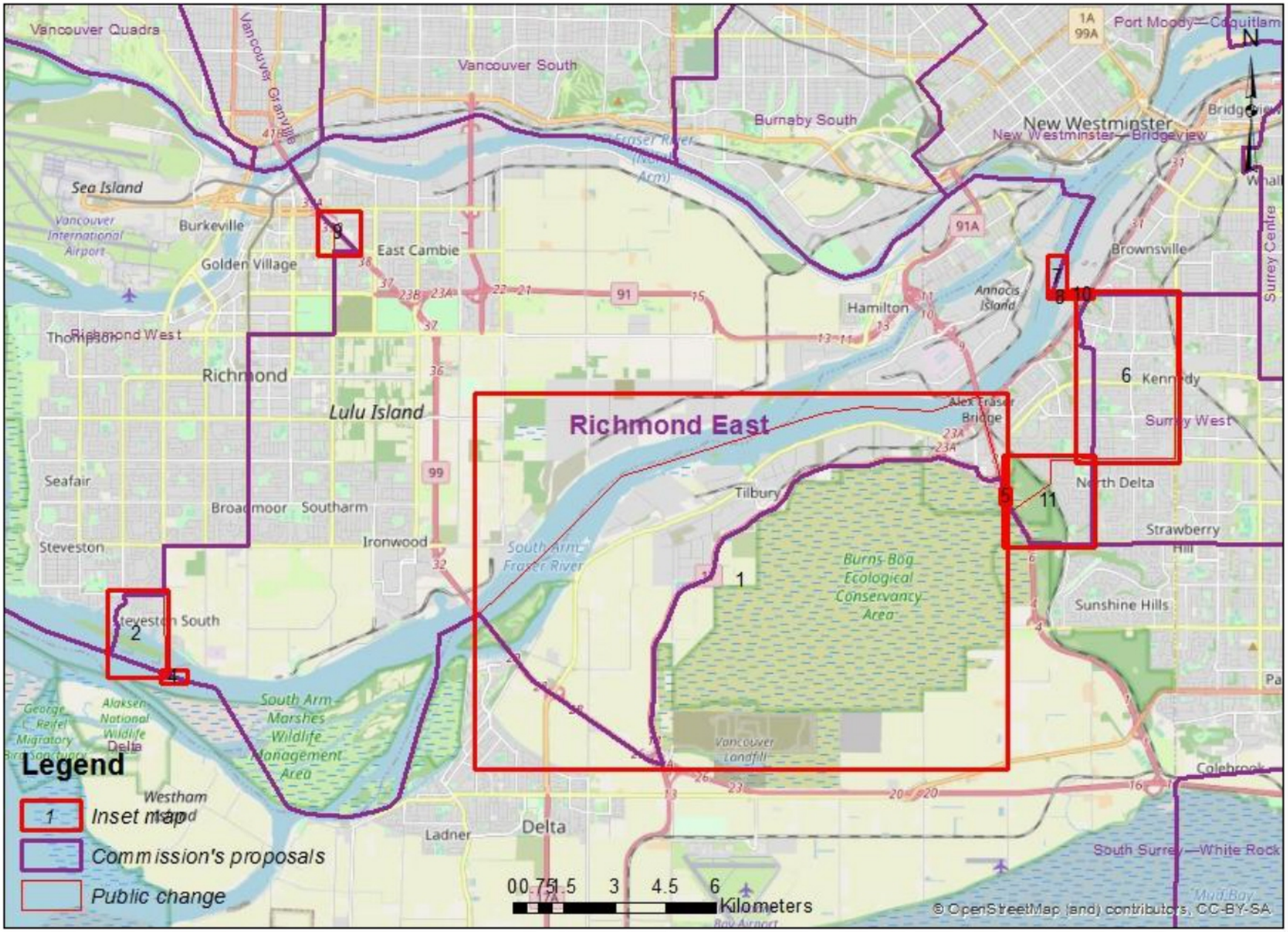

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Under this revision to Richmond West, the constituency will gain the entirety of Steveston but lose everything East of No. 4 Road. Instead of turning West on Moncton Street, the riding boundary continues South on No. 2 Road and into the Fraser River. To counteract drawing the entirety of Steveston into Richmond West, instead of turning East on Cambie Road from No. 4 Road and then Northwest along Highway 99, I propose continuing North on No. 4 Road until the exit lane from Highway 99 and then resuming Northwest on Highway 99. I believe it would be in the interest of the Steveston community to draw the entire community into one constituency instead of splitting 2 blocks off the community and assigning them to Richmond East.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59028

Name to modify: Richmond West / Richmond-Ouest

New name: Richmond West / Richmond-Ouest

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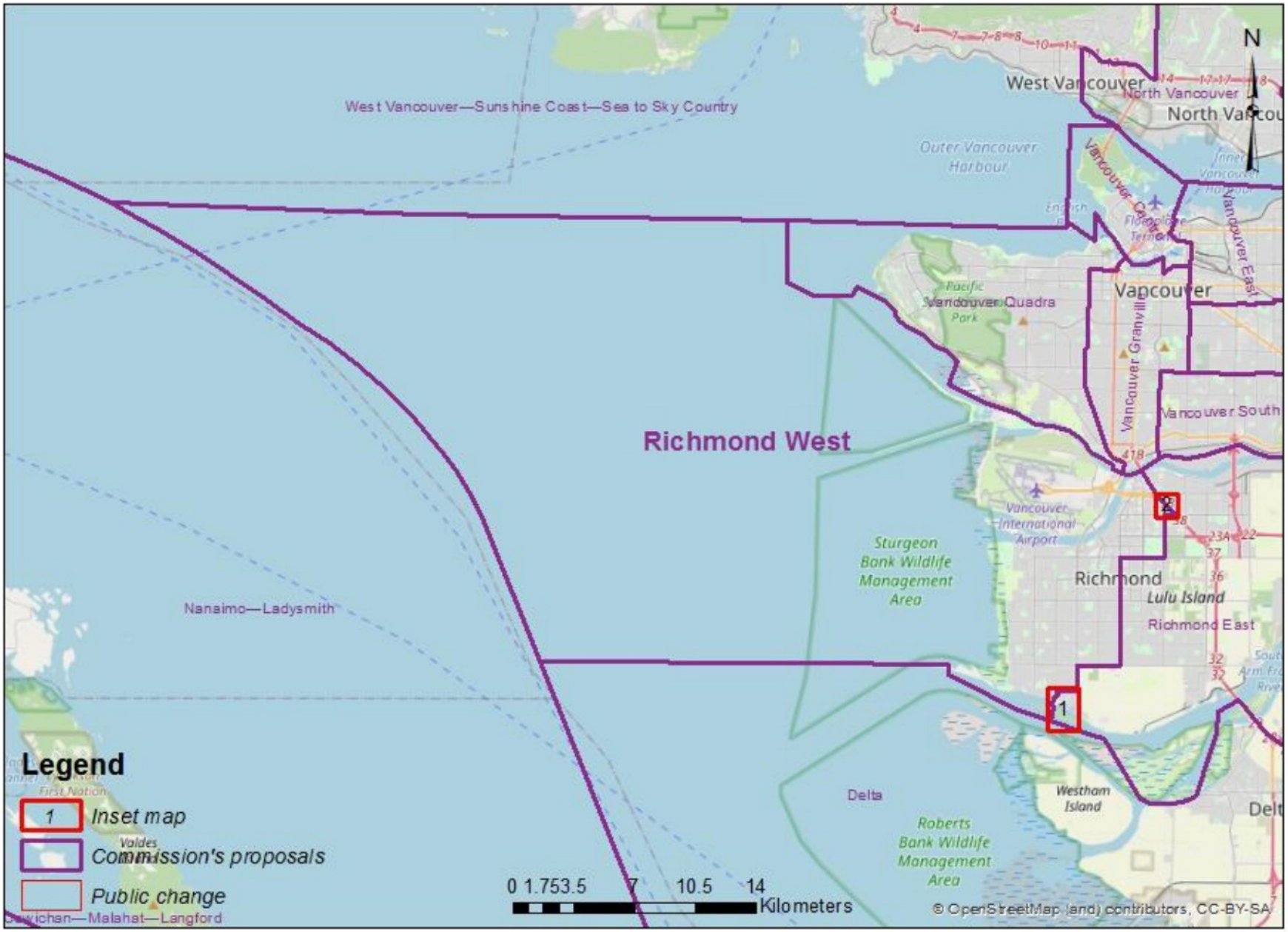

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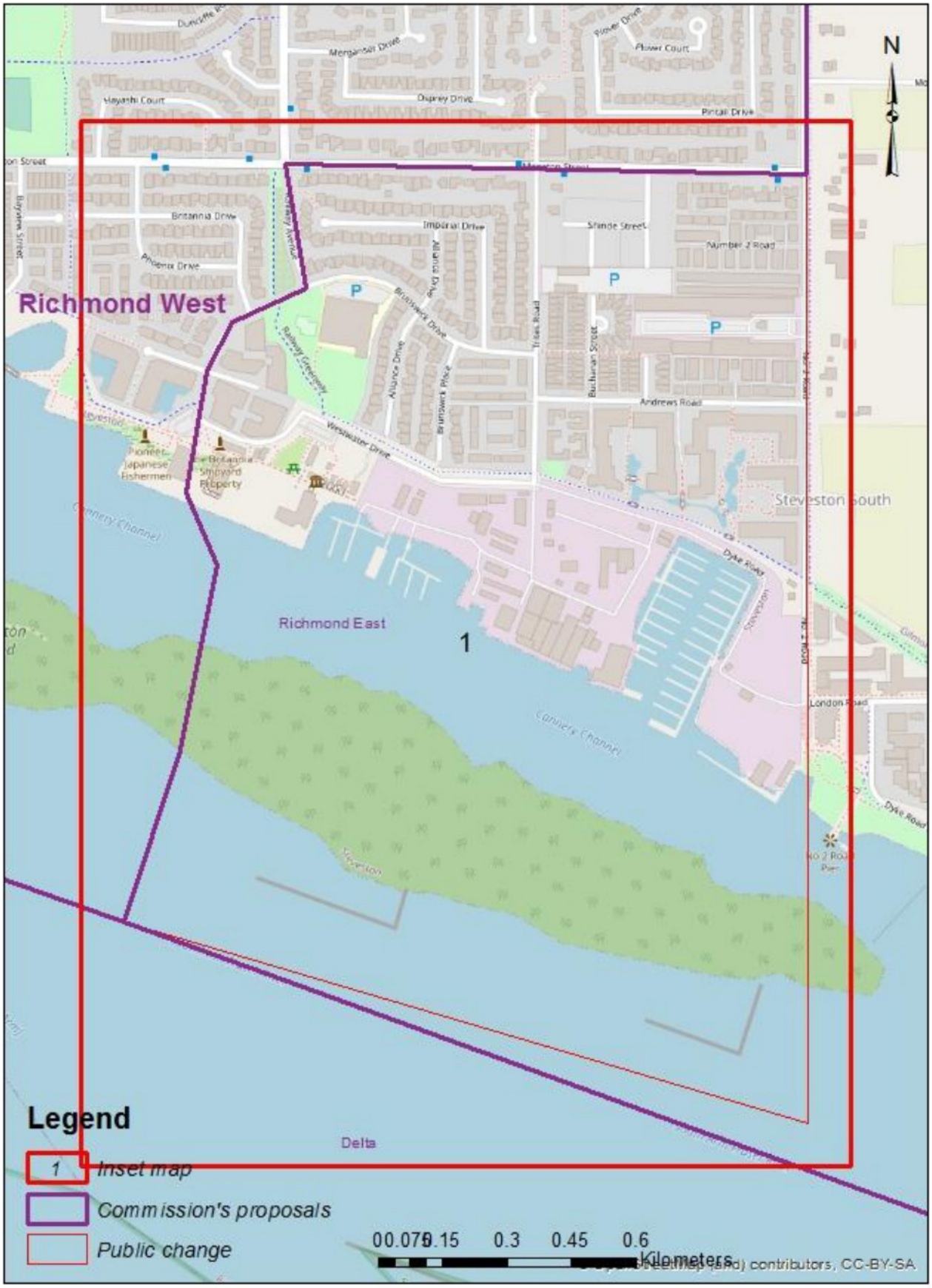

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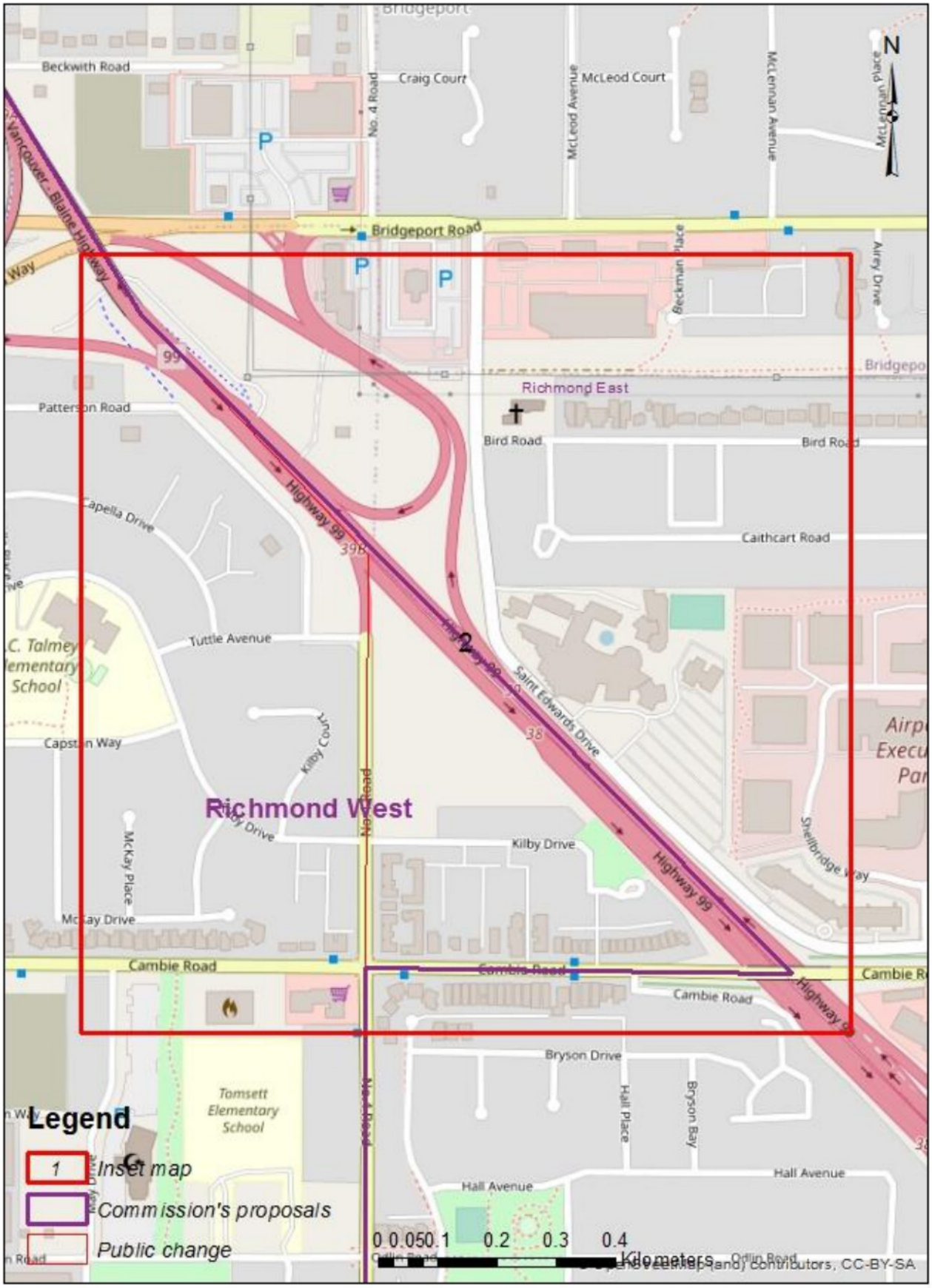

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 15, 2022 12:27 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: tako.vanpopta@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Riding Boundaries - feedback

I am unable to attend the public hearings but wish to provide feedback on the proposed changes.

It is logistically unworkable to make a MP responsible for a riding with so many different municipalities represented – especially ones without a lot of common concerns.

I respectively suggest that maintaining the current West and North boundaries and (assuming you have to increase the population #s) push the east boundary further into Abbotsford. This restricts the riding to only 2 municipalities (not 3) and will be more logistically feasible for the MP. Thus, improving the likelihood that the people will be better represented.

Thank you.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 1, 2022 1:15 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Electoral Divisions

Hello,

Thank you for your work in this area and allowing us folks that live in these ridings to add our input to the current proposal to “split the Sunshine Coast” electoral areas.

19(1) We love the Coast and all it has to offer, including a strong voice for our political and community needs. We are a unique community made up of several small communities. We do not live on Vancouver Island, we are all on a peninsula, and distinctly a part of the Sea to Sky West Vancouver area. Our strength is together, on the Coast and the proposal to “split the Sunshine Coast in half” is preposterous and unacceptable.

Please do not even entertain this ridiculous and obviously political move. It will not have any good or productive outcome for either Nanaimo or the Sunshine Coast.

With thanks,

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Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Just adjusting the boundary of Burnaby South to match my submissions for Vancouver South and Vancouver Kingsway, keeping Vancouver and Burnaby separate.

BTW, telling users " To delete vertices, right click on them" is less than useful for those on iPads. I couldn't figure out how to remove them as there is no such thing as "right click" on mobile devises. I tried the "long press" workaround but it didn't work.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59003

Name to modify: Burnaby South / Burnaby-Sud

New name: Burnaby South / Burnaby-Sud

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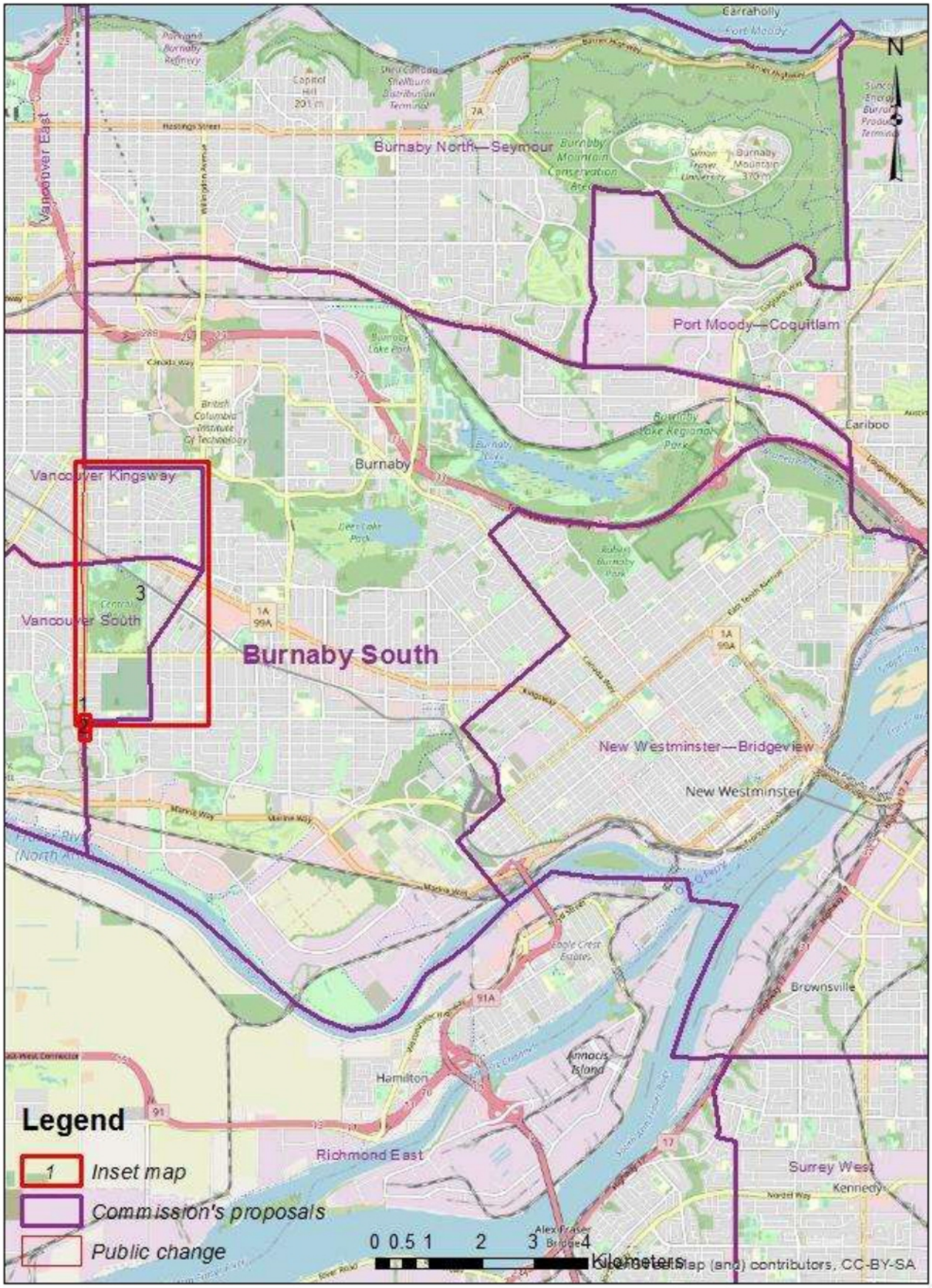

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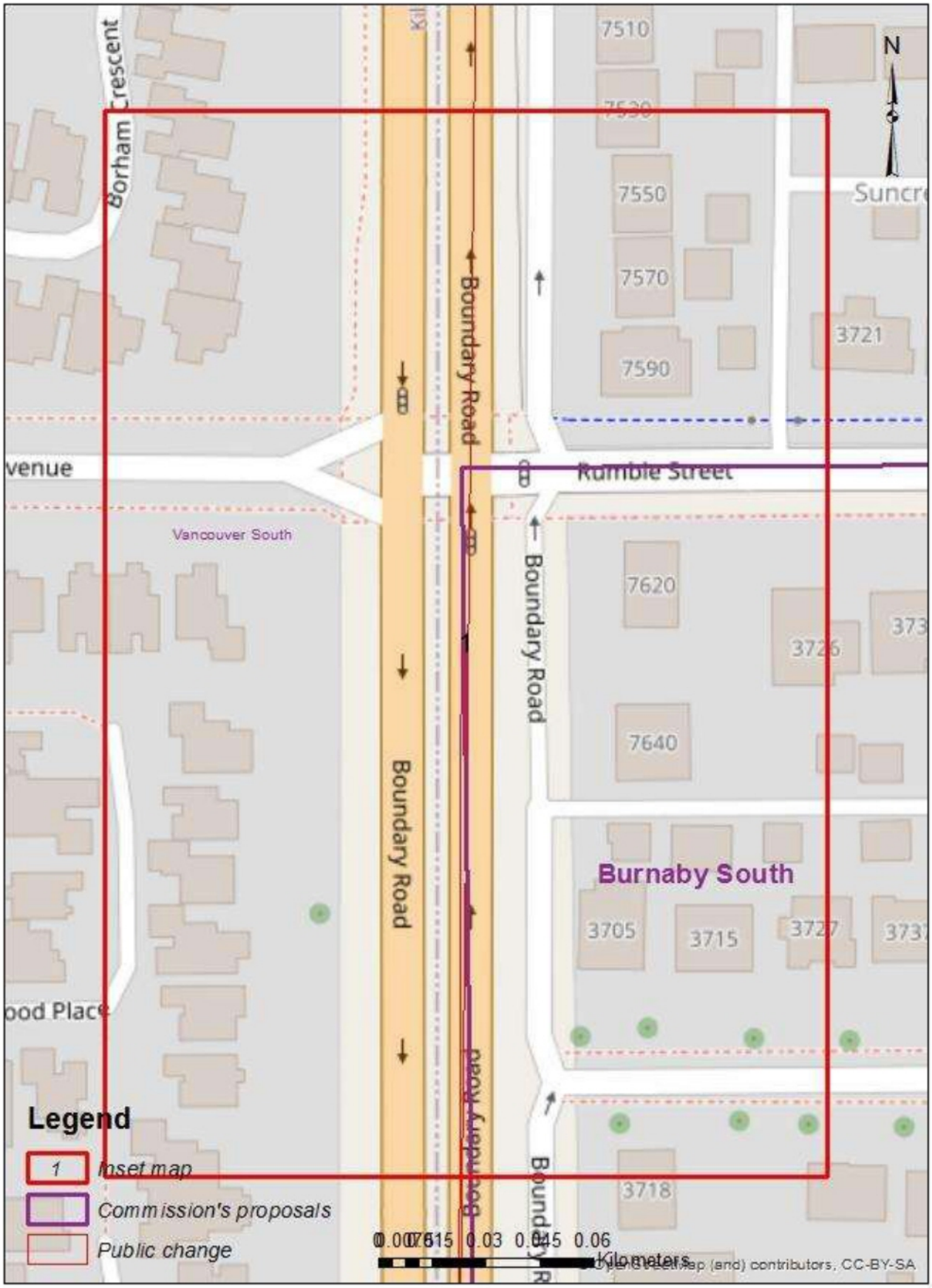

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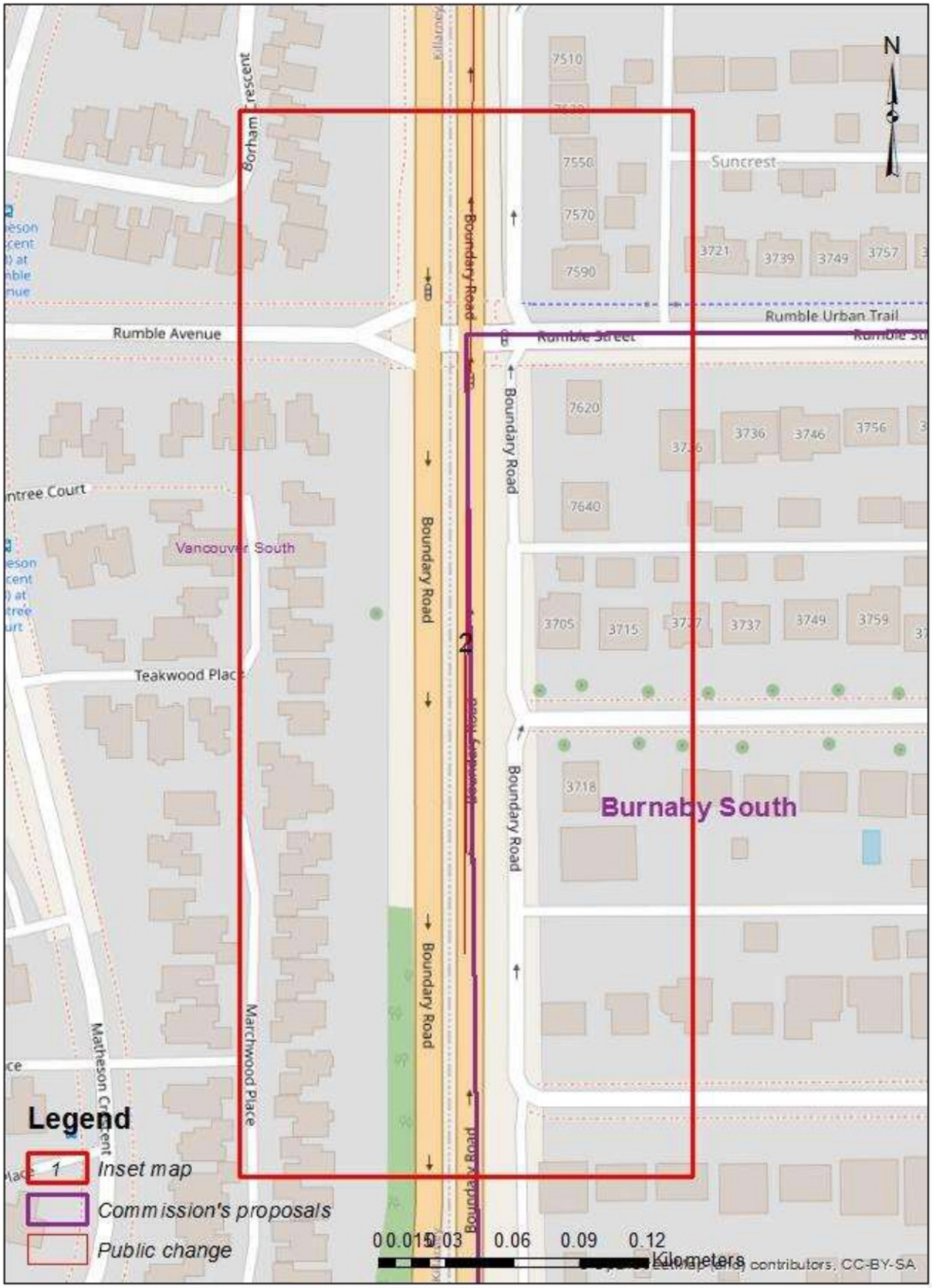

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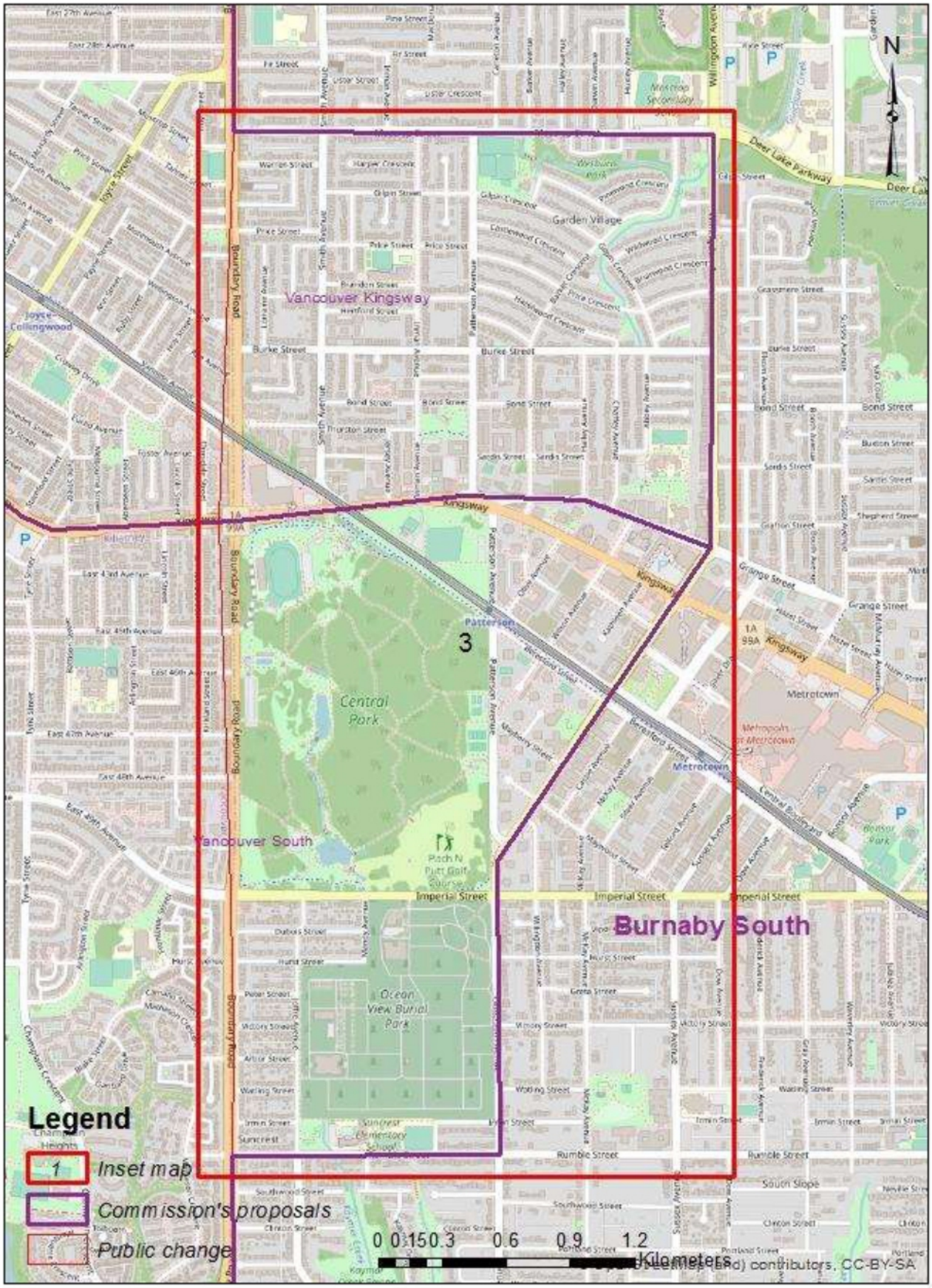

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Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information: 19(1)

Comments provided:

From Grand forks to nakusp. Around to Kaslo down to the border including Creston along the border back to Grand forks

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59031

Name to modify: South Okanagan—West Kootenay / Okanagan-Sud—Kootenay-Ouest

New name: West Kootenay / Kootenay-Ouest

Attachments:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 6, 2022 11:52 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: West Vancouver riding redistribution

I believe lions bay, squamish, sunshine coast, whistler , pemberton should have their own riding a very distinct community from west vancouver

west vancouver and the area west of lonsdale should also be its own riding

finally lonsdale east to deep cove n arm should be another riding all distinct communities

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

These communites are part of the South Cariboo and shop at 100 Mile House and Williams Lake. The climate and lifestyle in the South Cariboo, including these communities is more like the North Cariboo than Kamloops/Thompson

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59004

Name to modify: Cariboo—Prince George / Cariboo—Prince George

New name: Cariboo—Prince George / Cariboo—Prince George

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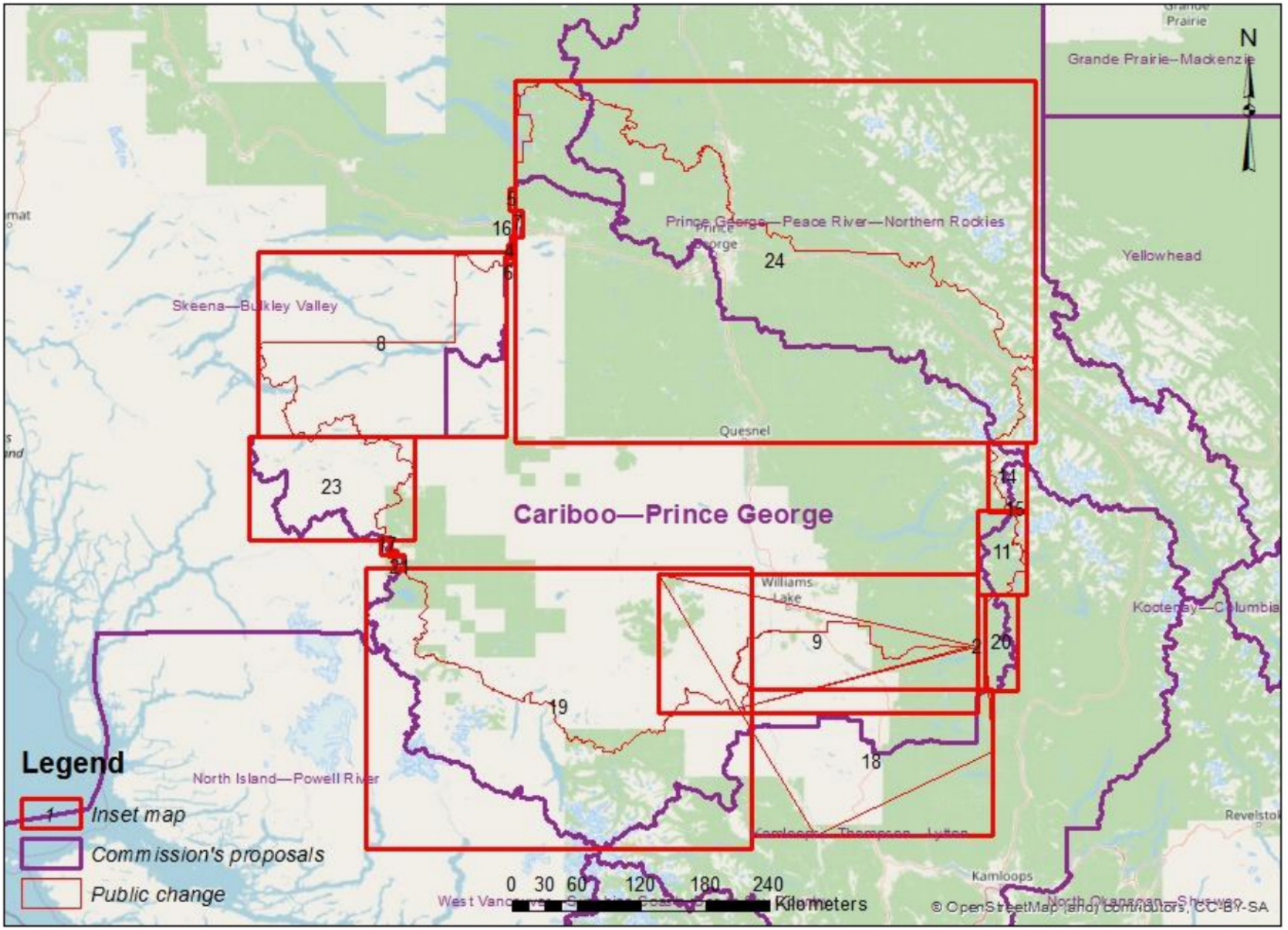

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Voter parity is unquestionably a key principal of our electoral system. Equally, given that representation in this system is based on geographically discrete electoral districts, there is also a presumption that there exists a community of interest among the electors of a given district. In this context, it is striking how often the Boundary Commission for BC has chosen to cross municipal boundaries and divide communities in its initial proposals.

Consider the case of Burnaby. The city's population of 249,125 is equivalent to slightly more than two electoral quotas, and the city is presently covered by three electoral districts, one of which is entirely within the city. The Commission has proposed, however, that Burnaby be covered by six electoral districts with, again, one entirely within the city. This seems less than desirable from the perspective of maintaining communities of interest.

Clearly, ensuring effective representation in BC is uniquely challenging, and the Commission faces a difficult task in achieving this. Rather than offering a general critique, however, this submission will concentrate on the region with which its author is most familiar, the Central Okanagan.

Minor Revision – Central Okanagan

19(1) the proposal to split the municipality between two electoral districts is highly undesirable. In so far as the proposed Vernon—Lake Country district has a unifying element, it is the location of its various communities along the Highway 97 corridor. Throughout the Central Okanagan, however, the Commission has opted to use this highway as a dividing line. While this is a reasonable practice in urban areas, it is sub-optimal in a comparatively rural community such as Lake Country.

Given that the population of Lake Country (15,817) is far below the electoral quota, some special justification for dividing the community seems called for. The proposed division ignores the municipality's ward structure as well as the fact that services provided to residents are identical either side of Highway 97. Indeed, the only notable division of the community along the highway consists of the elementary school catchment areas in Winfield.

While population figures sometimes necessitate the division of communities, this is not true here, and it is entirely feasible to avoid splitting Lake Country. This can be achieved by a minor exchange of population between the proposed Vernon—Lake Country and Kelowna districts. ***Specifically, all of Lake Country should be placed in Vernon—Lake Country, and a corresponding population in downtown Kelowna should be placed in the eponymous seat***. I would suggest that the area bounded by Bernard Avenue, Spall Road, Highway 97, and Okanagan Lake would be suitable. While this does carry the slight disadvantage of dividing Kelowna's downtown, I would argue that this is also true of the Commission's proposal for a division along Highway 97. Moreover, I would suggest that residents in the affected area are likely to prefer being part of a district centred on Kelowna. In short, this relatively small adjustment constitutes an improvement for all concerned.

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Major Revision – Central Okanagan

If the above minor revision were to be implemented, some unintended consequences might nonetheless present a challenge. The boundary between the municipalities of Lake Country and Kelowna in the vicinity of Beaver Lake Road is itself a poor reflection of community of interest. Thus, school catchment areas and fire services actually cross this boundary. This situation is further complicated by the proximity of the Duck Lake reserve lands in the same area. While it clearly isn't the responsibility of the Commission to comment on municipal boundaries, a more substantial revision of the initial proposals would obviate any problems in this area.

Consider the role that the Highway 97 corridor plays as a unifying element in the proposed Vernon—Lake Country district. As one follows the highway south from Lake Country, a greater population is to be found to the east, in Ellison and Rutland, rather than the west. Indeed, the area of Kelowna in the proposed Vernon—Lake Country district is connected to the remainder of the seat primarily via Glenmore Road. In its northern stretches, this is a narrow, winding, two-lane road, which constitutes a relatively poor connection with Lake Country and points north. ***If the Commission is committed to a Vernon—Lake Country district, it should consider including Ellison and parts of Rutland in that district, while Kelowna's downtown and Glenmore neighbourhoods remain in a Kelowna district.***

The boundary between the revised districts would pass from Okanagan Lake, along the southern boundary of Lake Country to Highway 97, south along that highway to the intersection with Highway 33, then east along Highway 33 to the RDCO's eastern boundary. In Rutland, this would have the advantage of replicating the boundary between the provincial seats of Kelowna—Lake Country and Kelowna—Mission. Furthermore, to some extent Lake Country, Ellison, and Rutland share a similar relationship with central areas of Kelowna, in so far as they are generally rural to suburban and look to Kelowna for whatever services are unavailable locally.

(In the event that the population of the revised districts is slightly imbalanced, additional areas such as Quail Ridge and McKinley Landing could be placed in the revised Vernon—Lake Country district.)

Conclusion

I hope that these modest suggestions will prove useful to the Commission. I anticipate, however, that changes are likely to be made to many of the electoral districts it has proposed, which may render these specific suggestions moot. I hope, nonetheless, that in its subsequent deliberations the Commission will give additional attention to the effects of its proposals on communities of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 30, 2022 3:36 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal Electoral Map - Fraser Heights Surrey BC

Hello,

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It is currently being proposed to cluster Fraser Heights with Central City and Whalley. Demographically Fraser Heights residents have little in common with those areas.

I suggest Fraser Heights and Fleetwood get combined since they have much more in common.

With that change it would make sense to then combine Cloverdale, Port Kells and Langley City together.

Thanks,

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Contact Information:

Comments provided:

I have attached a map of the revised boundaries of all of the Electoral Districts in the Southern Interior. My goal was to show that the City of Kamloops could be more evenly split between two Electoral Districts while still keeping the overall Southern Interior map workable. The populations of the Electoral Districts are as follows: Kamloops-Nicola-Cariboo 106,029; Kamloops-Shuswap 105,682, North Okanagan - Lake Country 109,812; Kelowna 118,626; Central Okanagan - Similkameen 118,310; South Okanagan - West Kootenay 114,380; Kootenay-Columbia 111,821. All of the Electoral Districts are within the 15% variance from the electoral quotient. The lower population of the Kamloops and North Okanagan ridings is justified by the boundaries keeping communities of interest together.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59014

Name to modify: Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton / Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton

New name: Kamloops—Nicola-Cariboo and Kamloops-Shuswap / Kamloops—Thompson—Lytton

Attachments:

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 16, 2022 10:24 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Draft boundaries in our area

Here are my comments on the suggested boundary revisions affecting the Matsqui, Mission, Fraser Canyon Riding

- I believe that parliament, no matter the party with a majority, has failed to tackle the inequities between rural and urban populations. I know the challenges of this, however, at some point this will need to be addressed, as will the growing number of MP's under the current process. I have thoughts on this, but until there is a will to address this issue I'll keep them.
- For Ashcroft and area this plan at least puts us in with regional urban centres that are more relatable than the current riding boundaries. (The lack of leadership in parliament to address urban/rural representation still leaves the small communities without an effective voice.)
- I believe the Canyon First Nations and others should be moved into the Chilliwack riding rather than Coquihalla. If this were to happen at least they would have direct road access to the rest of the riding.
- I believe dividing the "north and south" sides of the population so they are served on their side of the river is a good idea.

For our area (Ashcroft and district) this draft plan is a small step forward.

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Background

The riding of North Island – Powell River as it currently is configured is made up in whole or in part of the following regional districts:

Mount Waddington
Strathcona
Comox Valley, Areas B and C
quathet
Central Coast

The geographical area of this riding is significant. In its current form, it encompasses 57,911 square kilometres.

Population Growth

The proposed changes will result with the North Island – Powell River riding representing 125,964 people. This is significantly larger than many areas in the province. When consideration is given to the fact that the population on the island is increasing rapidly year over year, our representation will be significantly distorted compared to other ridings in British Columbia.

The population in the Regional Districts of Strathcona and Comox Valley have had significant growth over the years. Smaller towns such as mine have also seen a large influx of residents moving in from other parts of the province. This is due to the pricing of our homes, clean water, clean air, safe environment and stable, fast internet access. There are no signs that this is slowing down. It is quite the opposite; we are seeing more newcomers to the area.

The reason I draw your attention to this is because when homes are sold in this riding, it is for the intention of living in them. This is not true of other areas on the island or the mainland. A home sold in the riding of North Island – Powell River will directly impact our population growth. The builders are building as fast as they can acquire land and there is no sign of them slowing down.

Geography

I have covered many parts of the North Island – Powell River riding. Some of the communities are only accessible by boat, plane or helicopter. When medical services are needed, residents must travel to receive them. In an emergency, residents in remote communities such as Rivers

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Inlet and Kyuquot are flown to hospitals in the Strathcona and Mount Waddington Regional Districts. They also travel there for medical services and specialist appointments.

The residents of the quathet Regional District seek their services from the lower mainland. Having spent time in the communities there, most often I heard concerns that lead me to wonder how and why did the Powell River area get attached to the riding of North Island – Powell River. They are more connected with and aligned with the lower mainland than the island.

I commend you for adding part of the City of Courtenay to the riding but believe it should be the whole, not a part. There are streets, such as Idiens Way, that are currently located in the riding of North Island – Powell River and Courtenay – Alberni. While I realize this is occurs in many ridings, the Comox Valley is a small, compact area and it leads to confusion as to the candidates representing each riding.

Proposal

Powell River and the adjacent areas of the quathet Regional District should be re-united with the riding of West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country. Having spent time in this area of the riding, I can confirm that the residents of Powell River are more connected to the lower mainland than the island. Concerns I heard often related to services that they access on the mainland.

The residents and municipal government of Courtenay should be represented by one Minister of Parliament for the purposes of clarity and advocacy.

I would like to propose that the riding of North Island – Powell River boundary be adjusted to exclude the quathet Regional District and include the whole of the City of Courtenay. This does not address the population representation concerns but will permit better representation of the residents as a whole.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 5, 2022 9:30 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: Dan - M.P. Albas
Subject: BC Interior Electoral District Redistribution

I'm writing in response to your request for comments on the proposed redistribution, particularly in my home area of the Okanagan.

The proposals are in some ways quite peculiar. Penticton is split in half, right down Main Street; downtown Kelowna is in a district named "Vernon-Lake Country"; and so on. There doesn't seem to have been any consideration that a district should have some sort of common character.

Can we fix some of this by making some adjustments in a sort of circle? For example, West Kelowna is a very urban area of the Okanagan and has much in common with Kelowna. So move West Kelowna out of "Coquihalla" and form two ridings from West Kelowna + Kelowna.

That frees up room in "Coquihalla", so Penticton can now be united in one district. If the district is too small, it could include part or all of the Southern part of the Okanagan.

That might leave "South Okanagan-West Kootenay" short, so it would need to take from "North Okanagan-Shuswap". But that would be balanced by Vernon and possibly Lake Country moving into "North Okanagan-Shuswap".

Or if "South Okanagan-West Kootenay" is left really tiny you could fold it into "Kootenay-Columbia" and move the Northern part of "Kootenay-Columbia" into "North Okanaga-Shuswap". The commonality of the Southern district would be the Highway Three corridor, and the Northern district Highway One.

Remark: You should also see what Merritt thinks. I somehow doubt they feel like part of the Okanagan.

One last suggestion: "Coquihalla" is a poor choice for a name. The first thing that comes to mind is the highway, which has nothing to do with almost all the population of that proposed district.

Thank you for your consideration, and good luck.
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Date received: 2022-05-07

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Type of comments received:

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

It would be an unwise decision to split Port Coquitlam in two. Aside from the fact that it's clearly not big enough of a city - neither by population nor by area - to warrant needing to be split, the communities which the south of Port Coquitlam would be lumped into don't share the city's culture and lifestyle. A more fitting match would be to keep whatever ridings Port Coquitlam finds itself in with the other cities within the tri-cities (Port Moody and Coquitlam). New Westminster and Burnaby would even match closer to Port Coquitlam than Pitt Meadows or especially Langley. However,
if the decision to split Port Coquitlam in two were to carry on, the Pitt Meadows-Fort Langley riding name should also acknowledge Port Coquitlam seeings how it would be the largest city in the riding - even cut in half.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59024

Name to modify: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

New name: Pitt Meadows—Port Coquitlam—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Port Coquitlam—Fort Langley

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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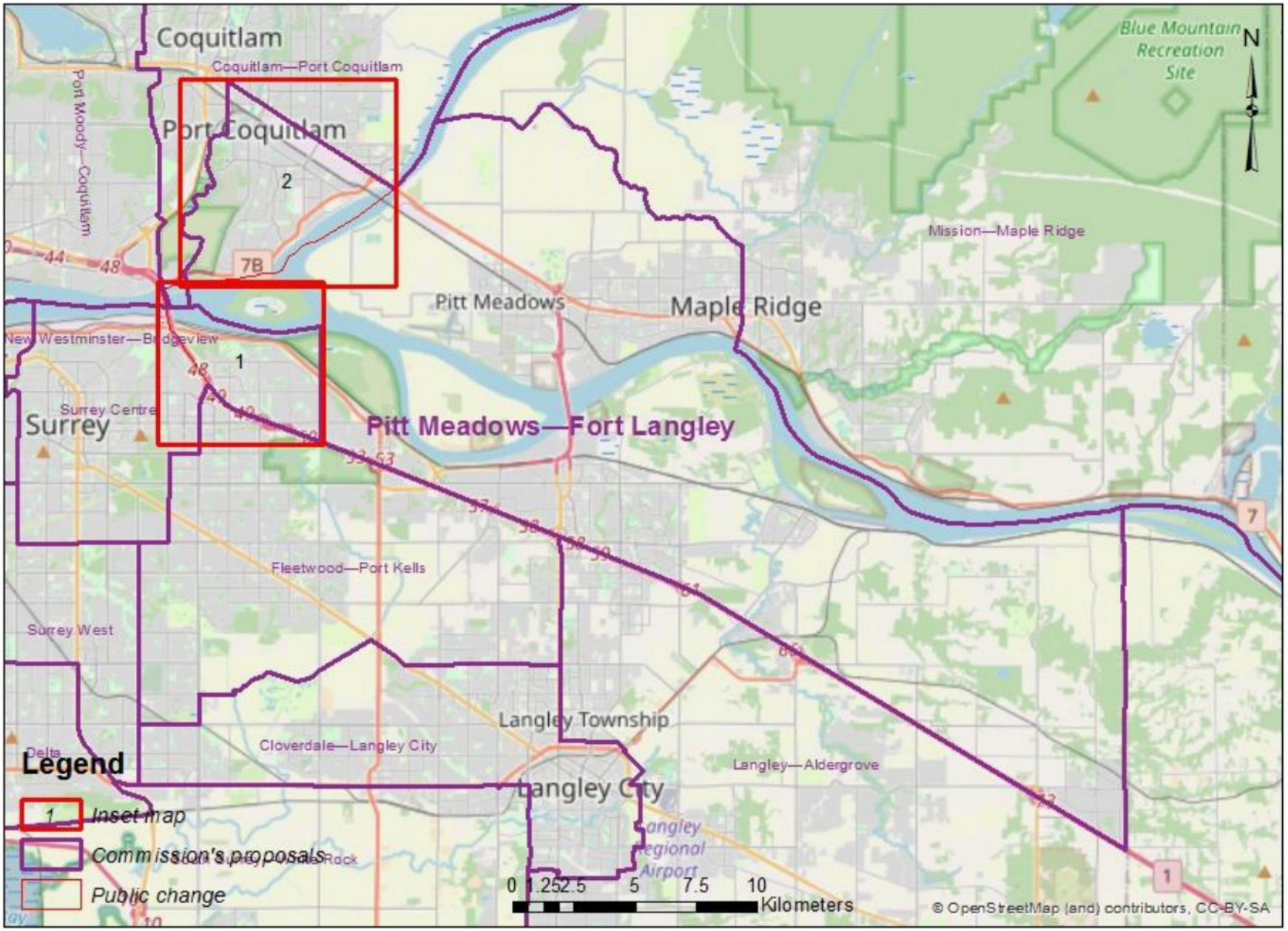

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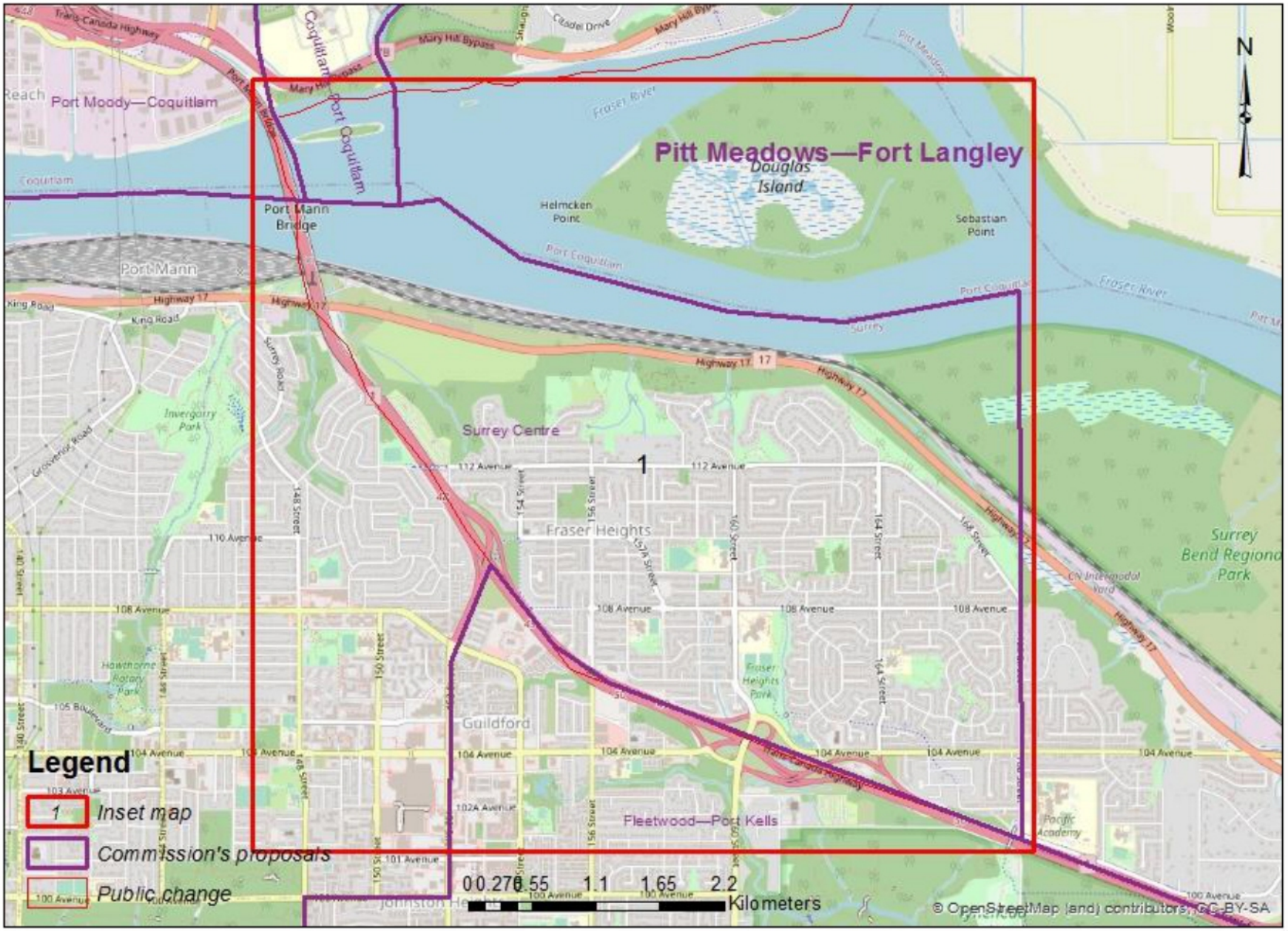

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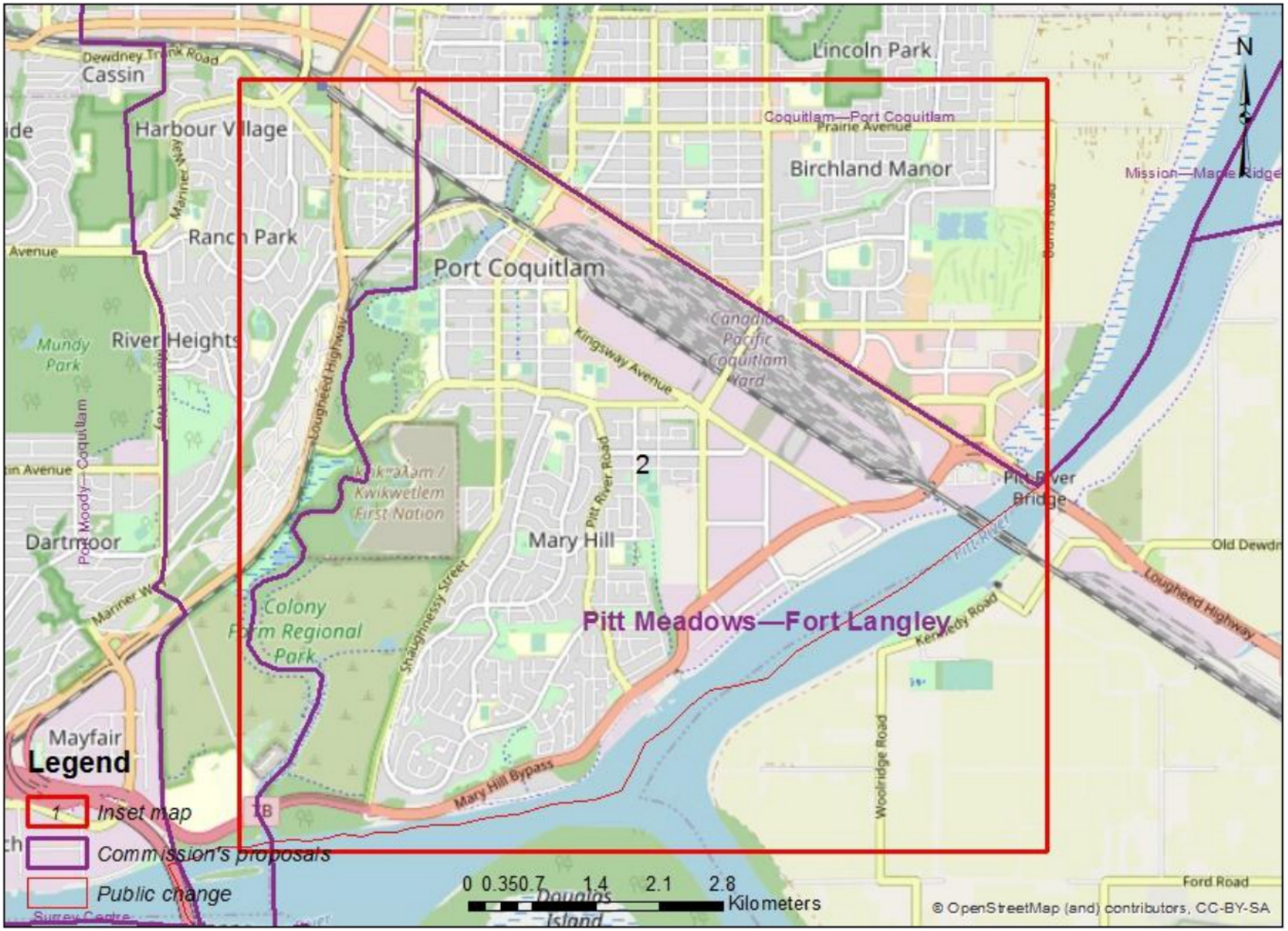

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Cowichan Malahat Langford

I am writing regarding the Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts. My suggestion is to move Langford to the Esquimalt Saanich Sooke riding. Then move Esquimalt to the Victoria Oak Bay riding. Saanich would then not include the Gulf Islands, which would be part of the Cowichan Malahat riding. Basically a counter clockwise shifting of the Electoral Districts. Boundaries of the ridings would be determined by population.

There are several good reasons for this shift. Langford, Colwood and Sooke are very close in proximity as well as have close connections in commerce, culture and community. We interact frequently and many of us have long ties to the other communities. Meanwhile Langford has nothing in common with Duncan / Cowichan. We are divided by the Malahat which acts as a barrier. The highway is closed several times a year for long periods of time, sometimes days.

The Gulf Islands have community ties to Cowichan and have easy access to the area.

Esquimalt has close ties to the City of Victoria, not just as a bedroom community but they also have a joint police department. As well an Esquimalt resident serves on Victoria City Council.

Our current MP has only had one public community meeting in Langford in the past 7 years. That meeting was at the same time as a municipal all candidates meeting in Langford. His office in Langford is rarely open, has no parking and is difficult to get into and out of. Langford is the largest municipality in the riding and receives second rate service. I think that this poor service would continue regardless of party affiliation unless we elected someone from Langford and then Cowichan would receive bad service. This poor service is more attributed to geography than the individuals involved.

This is not a political suggestion since I have no doubt that our MP would be NDP as well.

This also is to the advantage of Sooke and Colwood since the riding currently stretchs from west of Sooke to Quadra Street in east Saanich, a distance of many kilometers. This makes it difficult for the constituents to have reasonable access to their MP.

It will allow the ridings to be more geographically central.

Respectfully yours

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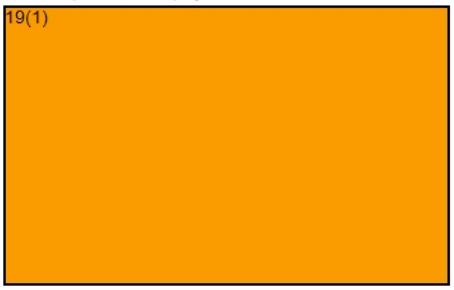

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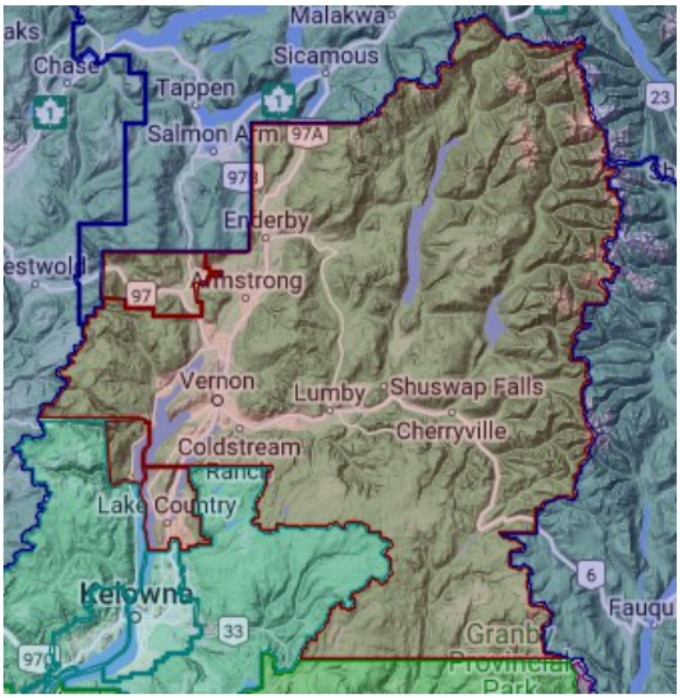
Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 6, 2022 2:18 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Vernon-Lake Country ED

Hi, I do not support the proposed new electoral district.

I recommend including in the proposed Vernon-Lake Country electoral district:

- Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO)
- Fintry, including La Casa Cottages, and the west side of Okanagan Lake north of Fintry
- Falkland, and the area between Falkland and Vernon
- Lake Country



To maximise voter engagement, the proposed Vernon-Lake Country electoral district should include nearby rural areas that are most strongly connected, geographically, economically, and socially to Vernon and Lake Country.

It doesn't make any social, economic, or geographical sense to include part of Kelowna.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 13, 2022 6:09 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Vernon-Lake Country

HI,
I would like to make some comments about the new proposed BC riding of Vernon-Lake Country.

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This really doesn't make sense. I also does not makes sense to exclude the Vernon Foothills neighbourhood from the new Vernon-Lake Country riding. The Foothills is technically part of the city of Vernon, even though much of the properties around the foothills are rural and in the regional District of the North Okanagan.

Will there be public meetings in our area with interactive maps, so residents can have input on how these boundary lines are drawn?

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 20, 2022 8:07 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Notice of representation

Dear Sir/Madam,

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My first concern with this proposal to change electoral boundaries is the cost. How much will the entire exercise cost? Our country is $1.2 trillion dollars in debt! Really, is it wise to be making changes to our electoral districts when our country is not in good shape financially?

We have seen in the past couple of years that norms of our life have been changed very quickly, so just because a review of electoral boundaries normally takes place every 10 years, that could be changed due to it not being affordable at this time.

I didn't see in the information we received in our mail box if more MPs will be brought into government, but I presume that is the case. More expense.

However, if our government is determined to change electoral boundaries this is what I propose:

The larger cities in our province have been divided to keep the electoral district to an average population of 116,00; that's inevitable. Our city, Penticton has a population of approximately 36,000. It's unwise to divide our city in half along Main St.

If Nelson (10,664) and Slocan (272) would be included in Kootenay East that would bring that total to 122,757. It would remove 10,936 from South Okanagan-West Kootenay reducing that total to 98,035. That should leave enough room for the other half of Penticton to stay in SOWK.

Incidentally, it would have been interesting to see the population numbers in the current electoral districts so we could make a comparison.

Thank you for taking note of our views.

Yours sincerely,
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BC-CB@redcoupage-federal-redistribution June 29, 2022

19(1) Like most of us who live in Langley, we find this proposal very strange. 19(1) this new proposed riding might combine our area with Maple Ridge on the other side of the Fraser River.

While there is now a bridge across the river, most citizens of Langley have very little communication with Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows. But we do have almost daily communication with Langley City (which has been excluded from the Langley riding for some time now).

If having relatively equal voting populations are a major factor in setting these new boundaries, I suggest that your proposed realignment of boundaries be reconsidered.

Checking online with the gross populations of the respective regions affected I have found this:

1) Langley Township and Langley City combined: about 167,000 persons.
2) Abbotsford: 168,773
3) Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows: 111,587
- However with the inclusion of Mission with 41,000 people, plus those from other points in between, No. 3 would total about 155,000.

These 3 communities have much more in common with each other through this suggested arrangement. Even moreso in common than do the current riding boundaries that include West Abbotsford, and excludes Langley City, from the Langley Riding,

I think that obscuring these ridings even more via some badly constructed new arrangement that combines Maple Ridge with North Langley should be avoided.

And what is more, with my suggested alignment of boundaries the populations are relatively equal.

Please consider this and let me know of your decision.

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cc. Tako Van Popta (MP)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 29, 2022 10:23 AM
To: BC-CB
Cc: donna shugar
Subject: Proposed Boundary Change

To Whom it Concerns:
The proposal to split this riding into two sections of the "lower coast" is senseless! 19(1) 19(1) This region is one cohesive region. The communities of Sechelt, Gibsons, Roberts Creek, 19(1) and Pender Harbour, along with a dozen other small local "landing" communities, all maintain their sense of heritage as well as a sense of being a part of the "Sunshine Coast''. West Vancouver is not and has never been a part of this Sunshine Coast.

That it was ever split apart was surely a gerrymandering issue

We share very much in common with Powell River and if there is to be a consideration of change it should most definitely be a return to the **riding of the complete SUNSHINE COAST** by re-orienting the Lower Coast with Powell River and away from North Vancouver with its "Sea to Sky".

Thank you for your consideration
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 1, 2022 4:37 PM
To: BC-CB

Please do not cut our federal riding in half. We are a cohesive area and want to remain as we have been.
I strongly urge you to not have half our Sunshine Coast with west Van and half with a totally different riding.
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Sincerely
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Date received: 2022-07-09

RIM ID: 1657381844BMVSXMTJXW

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The current boundaries prioritize the interests of West Vancouver, which do not reflect the needs, cultures, or economies of the Sunshine Coast or the Sea to Sky region; in fact, these are often in stark opposition, with Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky residents being significantly underserved and poorly represented on the federal level. West Vancouver dominates the riding, to the significant detriment of the rest of the riding, and a single riding that encompasses the entirety of the Sunshine Coast, along with Whistler and the Sea to Sky region, would better reflect the needs and interests of those regions.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59043

Name to modify: West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country / West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

New name: Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country / Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 30, 2022 1:26 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Protect Sunshine Coast

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The Sunshine Coast is a strong progressive community growing all the time and any move to divide us which as we know is strictly political, is strongly opposed. Any suggestion 19(1) of cutting the heart out of West Vancouver and adding it to North Vancouver, would somehow rob the riding's largest community of its economic and historical centre is, in our opinion nonsense. 19(1) I support the Electoral Boundaries Commission recommendation and are strongly opposed to splitting up the Sunshine Coast in any form.

Thank you for your hard work and fighting to keep the Sunshine Coast as we are.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 9:00 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: proposal for redrawing boundaries

To the Federal Boundaries Commission

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I support:

- the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding
- all of Sunshine Coast staying together in one riding
- ensuring our votes don't count less than in other ridings

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 3, 2022 11:11 PM
To: BC-CB

Dear Commission members,
I am writing in support of your proposal to change the electoral district boundary of West Vancouver-Sea to Sky-Sunshine Coast to include part of West Vancouver in other North Shore ridings. 19(1)
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I understand there is a proposal from the Liberal and Conservative parties to split the Sunshine Coast instead in order to arrive at the desired number of voters in our riding. I presume they see some political advantage to this proposal.
The riding currently covers a wide and varied geographic area from the urban core of West Vancouver to small, relatively remote towns like Gibsons 19(1) It is difficult for any government representative to be aware and serve the constituents of a riding with such diverse issues and needs. I think the northern and western areas of our riding have much more in common than we do with the densely populated and rapidly growing urban core of West Vancouver. This area has much more in common with other fast growing communities on the North Shore. Also the lower Sunshine Coast is a cohesive community with shared issues. We don't want to see our interests scattered in all directions
For this reason I support your original, considered, non-partisan evaluation and boundary adjustment proposal and I trust it will not be over-ruled for some political expediency. Thank-you for your thoughtful work.
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 9, 2022 2:20 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Kamloops-Thomson-Lytton

I fully support the proposed boundaries of the Kamloops-Thomson-Lytton riding. I enclose my comments to my MP 19(1) in my recent letter:

Of course the recommendation of the Electoral Boundaries Commission to remove the West Thompson Area from Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon Riding to the new Kamloops-Thompson-Lytton Riding makes absolute sense. Most people in the Cache Creek area have never even driven through Mission and don't know where Matsqui is! Including the West Thompson area with the North Fraser Valley area is not only ridiculous but reminds me of the political gerrymandering in the US and the weird shape of US districts to keep non-believers or colored people out of Republican areas. In my particular area we have always been closely tied to Kamloops in so many ways: our regional districts, our hospital districts, our garbage collection, our building inspections, our forest districts, our university, and much of our public school districts, water and wastewater, even our library system are all tied closely to Kamloops and certainly not tied in any cultural, economic, religious, environmental or historical ways to the North Fraser Valley. I am fairly certain that during the last redistribution the Convey Party of Canada local MP spoke strongly to include West Thompson in the North Fraser River electoral area – maybe you can explain to me how he was able to accomplish this mistake.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 10, 2022 2:12 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Vancouver Kingsway Redistribution

Dear Committee Members

Re: Proposed Redistribution of Vancouver Kingsway Federal Electoral District

September 10. 2022

Dear Committee Members

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and have been witness to a number of redistributions in my time. This latest proposal, with its intrusion into Burnaby City, puzzled me. “We are not the Vancouver Burnaby Riding.” I wondered. “What would Burnaby say about such encroachment? Is it necessary?” From my perspective such a move would create more angst than acceptance.

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19(1) My colleagues and I have found it to be an honest, accurate and well-articulated approach that circumvents any need for even temporarily redrawing our boundary. If you have not read his response, please do so. I am confident you will find it worthy of your consideration.

It is entitled Federal Electoral Boundaries Proposals for British Columbia; Vancouver Kingsway and it was sent to you on September 6.

Sincerely,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 28, 2022 1:24 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Dividing the Riding

To Whom This May Concern.

I learned recently of the proposal to divide the riding through some new boundary divisions.
I felt I had to write to say I am not comfortable with this new proposal.
I do not want to see my area reduced in any way.
SO much is happening on the Sunshine coast as it develops very rapidly, that there has never been a time more crucial for us to not be divided !
I support the original proposal.

Thank you so much for your time and the work you do but I respectfully ask that you not cut the SUnshine Coast in any way.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 3, 2022 3:50 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Federal riding boundaries

Dear Committee,

19(1) I've learned how the entire community along the coast from Gibsons up to at least Egmont functions as one community. We share the same resources for so many things including health, public works, water, culture and education. It makes no sense to split the riding for federal representation. It is one community that needs to be represented by one MP.

The current proposal makes sense however, that is the linking of parts of West Vancouver with North Vancouver - where they have many things in common.

I add my voice for this consideration and thank you for your work.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 10:38 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary Redistribution West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky

Dear Commission,

I support the boundary redistribution proposal you have come up with for my federal riding of West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky. I support taking out a small piece of North Vancouver, and leaving the lower Sunshine Coast intact.

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The lower Sunshine Coast is a community developed and defined by its geography, our connection to place and each other. For me, and so many others working together to support community initiatives on the Sunshine Coast, its important that the lower Coast stays together in one federal riding. That we are represented by one Member of Parliament that we can work with and who can speak for us as a community.

Your current boundary proposal aligns closely with the territorial boundary of the Squamish Nation and the Atl'Ka7tsem Howe Sound Biosphere Region in West Vancouver. I think this is a good thing. Cutting off the citizens of the lower coast from our neighbours in the SCRD and the shishalh Swiya would not be a good thing.

We're already a very big riding (geographic ally) with many different communities of interest. And we already have to work hard to be heard by our MP because, well, there are simply more votes in the higher density communities of West and North Vancouver. Carving off a chunk of the lower coast would make it even harder for us to have our voices heard. And it would make things much more challenging for our upcoast neighbours and allies who would be sucked into a new, different riding. Severing us would hinder our collective efforts to advance community initiatives that require federal government support.

I understand these boundary decisions are always tricky and nothing is perfect. And, I truly believe that the impacts on the people of the Sunshine Coast would be much more challenging (smaller population) than impacts for people in North Vancouver (denser communities).

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my point of view. I do hope you will stick to your original plan and keep the lower Sunshine Coast part of the riding intact.

Kind Regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 8:48 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundaries for Sunshine Coast -sea-to-sky-west vancouver riding

Dear friends,

This is to let you know that we, as residents of the Sunshine Coast, support the proposed re-division plan, uniting West Vancouver with other residents of the mainland, and leaving the
Sunshine Coast intact, thus ensuring our votes don't count less than in other ridings.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 11:43 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Riding Boundary Redistribution

Please note:

I am in favour of the current boundary redrawing proposal for our riding - West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country.

I support all of the Sunshine Coast remaining together in one riding.

Please ensure our votes don't count less than in other tidings.

Thank you

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Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information: 19(1)

Comments provided:

The eastern Columbia basin and the Central Kootenays are distinct cultural and political areas. A large majority of votes in e.g. Nelson are essentially worthless due to the much larger Conservative population in the Columbia basin. Removing Nelson and Revelstoke from Kootenay-Columbia still retains a sizeable population in the Columbia riding, and makes the representation much more adjacent; Nelson and Revelstoke are separated from the bulk of the Kootenay-Columbia population by Canada's highest mountain passes and one of the largest lakes in British Columbia, and the longest highway system ferry trip on earth. It's unreasonable for these communities to be lumped in with the others.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59016

Name to modify: Kootenay—Columbia / Kootenay—Columbia

New name: Columbia / Columbia

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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This map presents a large number of modification areas. It is therefore impossible to generate the details for each area in this report. Please contact your geography specialist for the extraction of the detailed information for this submission.

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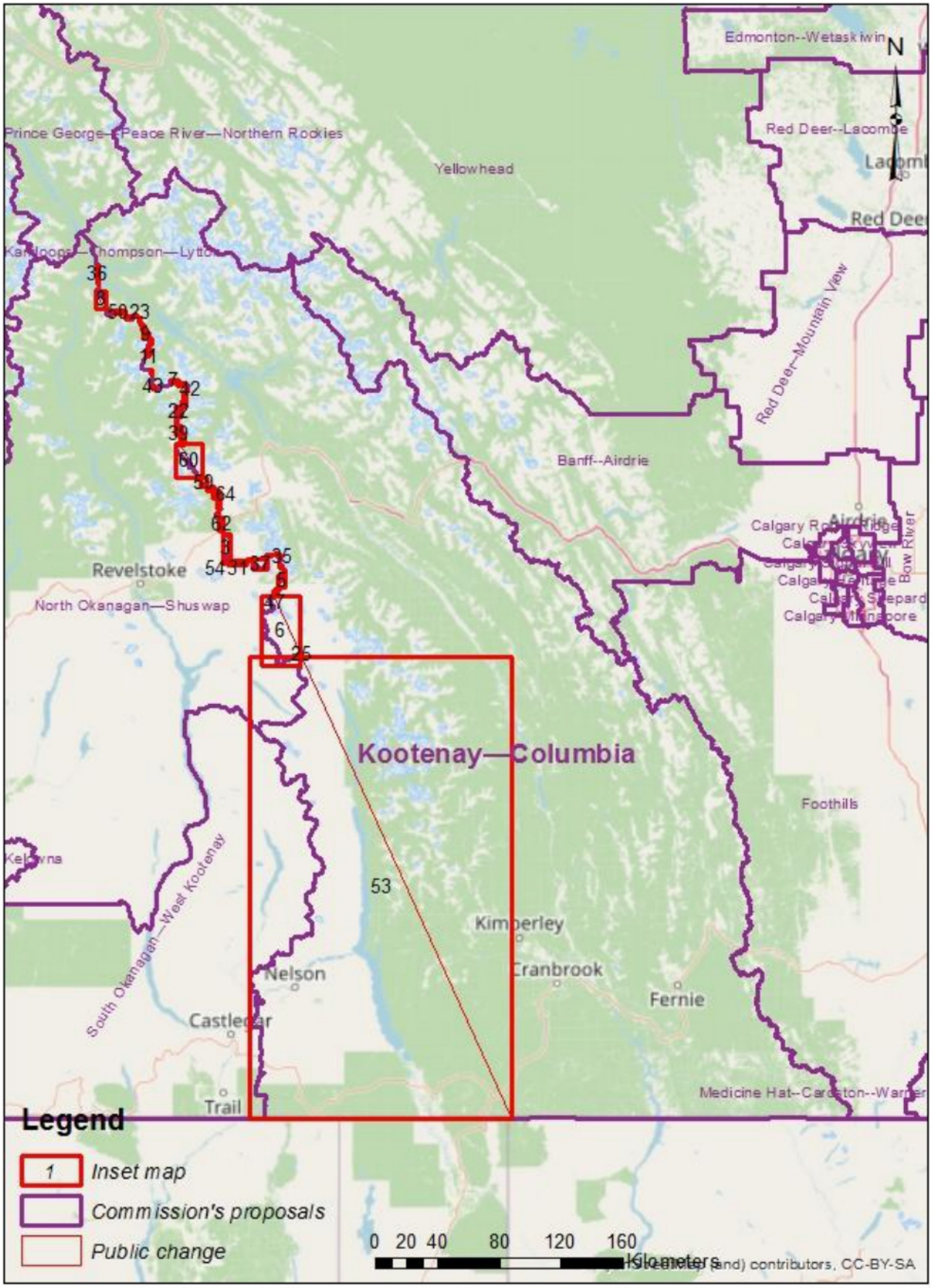

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 9, 2022 1:38 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Changes to Delta's Electoral Boundaries

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries affecting the City of Delta.

Delta is a city comprised of three distinct communities, Ladner, Tsawwassen and North Delta. These zoning changes fragment North Delta, where I live, into three different ridings, effectively taking away the voice of the North Delta community. While it is the aim of the commission to set electoral boundaries to evenly distribute the population, it is supposed to take into consideration neighbourhood communities, which this clearly does not. As per the Redistribution Federal Electoral Districts website, "The role of the electoral boundaries commissions in the federal redistribution process" is to work to:

- Propose a new electoral map for their province by considering such criteria as average population numbers, communities of identity and interest, historical patterns of an electoral district, and geographic size of electoral districts

Quoting from Wikipedia "Delta comprises three distinct, geographically separate communities".

I therefore submit that the electoral boundaries should continue to have The entire City of Delta as one electoral district.

Sincerely,

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To the Members of the Electoral Boundary Commission for British Columbia:

RE: Proposed Changes to Burnaby North - Seymour.

Dear Members,

Thankyou:

19(1) [redacted]

I want to start by thanking the Commission for taking on this extremely complex exercise. Having spent some time looking at just a fraction of your proposed changes, it is clear that the potential iterations are infinite. In order to simplify my presentation today, I intend to only comment on only the two municipal jurisdictions I represent including the City of Burnaby and the District of North Vancouver.

High Level:

From a very high level, I am perfectly satisfied with the boundaries as they exist today, and I am also quite satisfied with the boundaries that you propose given two minor tweaks. I have some further concerns about impacts in other areas of Burnaby, but I think it is smart for me to outline my concerns with the newly proposed Burnaby North - Seymour riding boundary first.

I am proposing two specific tweaks under the current proposal:

1. The first relates to a small area of Stoney Creek north of Broadway near the proposed South Eastern border of the new riding. Under your proposal, Rathburn Drive and Rietta Court would be segregated from their obvious residential neighbours to the South in the Lougheed area. This puts them almost 6km away from their nearest neighbours in the new Burnaby North - Seymour. Collectively this area represents about 81 households and would mean the people they go to school with, grocery shop with etc would all be represented by someone else.
2. The second relates to the North East part of the riding as you follow Lynn Valley Road South-West towards Highway 1. Looking at the map, there appears to be a very small part of the City of North Vancouver included in this area. I think it would be wise to cut out the City along the municipal boundary so that Burnaby North - Seymour continues to represent just the two existing municipal authorities. Adding a third, especially at this extremely small scale will add no value to the future representative nor the City of North Vancouver itself.

Reflections on Representing the City of Burnaby and the District of North Vancouver:

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I was very happy to see that the Commission's proposal continues to keep Burnaby North - Seymour as an electoral riding. The riding existed this way previously several decades ago and was then reshaped using the natural boundary of the Burrard Inlet. While there were some political concerns expressed regarding the putting together of these two communities during the last commission hearings, I can say with great confidence that the experience and socio-economic concerns of those living on either side of the inlet are very similar. 19(1) 19(1) 19(1) the ranking of issues and concerns tend to be remarkably similar on both sides of the water.

With regards to losing the Cameron/Lougheed/Forest Grove Area of Burnaby:

19(1) 19(1) I have invested my heart and literally soles (pun intended) getting to know this part of our community and we are just at a really exciting time with the growth we are seeing in the area. That growth however, is likely the very reason why you have decided to make this particular adjustment. Given the pace of growth of Brentwood and Lougheed, as two of Burnaby's four main population centers, it was only a matter of time before a change would have to occur. I think the idea to draw the new line primarily through North Burnaby's industrial property was an intelligent way to make the change. That industrial corridor provides kilometers of separation between North Burnaby's different residential areas.

Other Comments outside of Burnaby North - Seymour:

Keep Vancouver and Burnaby as separate jurisdictions:

The current proposal increases the number of representatives in the City of Burnaby from 3 to 6. Despite this perceived increase in representation for the residents of Burnaby, I would actually argue that this increase may be providing a disservice. The expansion of two Vancouver ridings in Vancouver Kingsway and Vancouver South, give a relatively small piece of Burnaby to an elected representative that will be primarily focused on the political affairs of the City of Vancouver. For the same reasons that I presented earlier with regards to why Burnaby North - Seymour shouldn't include a small fractional piece of the City of North Vancouver, I would urge the commission to draw a hard boundary line at the literal Boundary Road that separates the City of Burnaby from the City of Vancouver.

Keeping Burnaby Together:

In addition, if the commission does decide to remove the Cameron Lougheed/Forest Grove area from Burnaby North - Seymour, I think the citizens there would be better served by remaining with a Burnaby representative if possible. Currently you are proposing to make that area a part of Port Moody-Coquitlam. This crosses Burnaby's eastern border of North Road creating a

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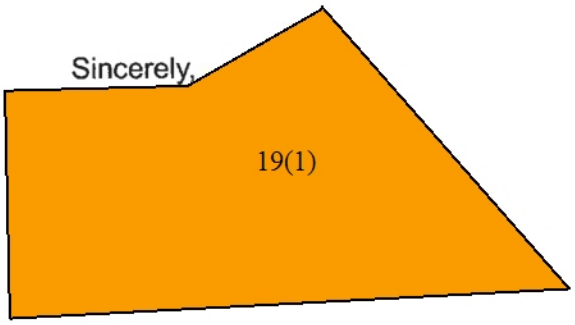
similar problem to the Vancouver incursions on the west side of the city. I do not have the mapping or population tools of the commission, but my natural instinct was to propose the following as a potential alternative.

If you prevent the incursion from the City of Vancouver representatives on the west side of Burnaby and you keep the Cameron/Lougheed/Forest Grove area within Burnaby, you may have the population to be able to avoid having to connect New Westminster and Surrey in the proposed New Westminster - Bridgeview riding. This seems like a better fit given how integrated Burnaby and New Westminster have become given its geography, its history and especially its current representation within the riding of New Westminster-Burnaby. This would allow you to maintain Burnaby North - Seymour as you've currently proposed, but also keep three relatively dense ridings within the boundaries of the City of Burnaby without diluting it substantially. This also means that the City would be represented by three representatives just as it is today, as opposed to the six that you've currently proposed.

This is my best attempt to represent not just my personal views 19(1) ts as well as various colleagues that I've had a chance to discuss your proposal with. If you have any questions or require follow up information please do not hesitate to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,



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19(1) [redacted]

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Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

While optimizing for ridings of 116,000 is on the surface a reasonable goal, in practice sniping bits of geography in order to arrive at a population means that some entire communities are rendered voiceless. The Kootenays is far more progressive than the Columbia or parts of the South Okanagan region, but anyone in Nelson voting for e.g. the NDP will find their vote wasted in the face of Cranbrook, Creston, and the Columbia Valley. The goal of the Redistribution effort *should* be to ensure than as many electors as possible can see their vote represented, and that communities are represented by someone whose values align with theirs. Further, the Central Kootenay communities are separated from the Columbia by the highest mountain passes in Canada, and the longest passenger ferry on the planet.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59031

Name to modify: South Okanagan—West Kootenay / Okanagan-Sud—Kootenay-Ouest

New name: West Kootenay / Kootenay-Ouest

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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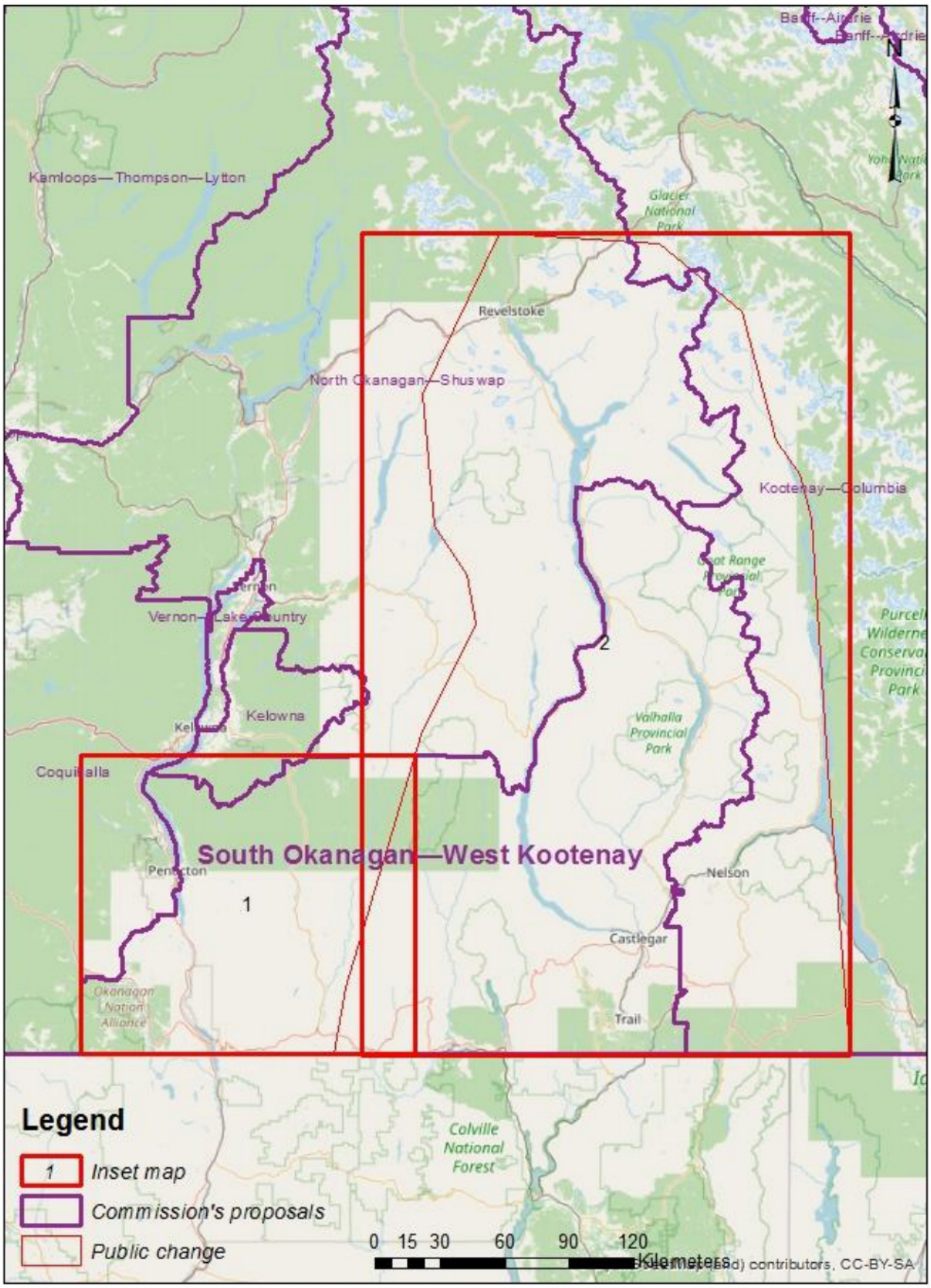

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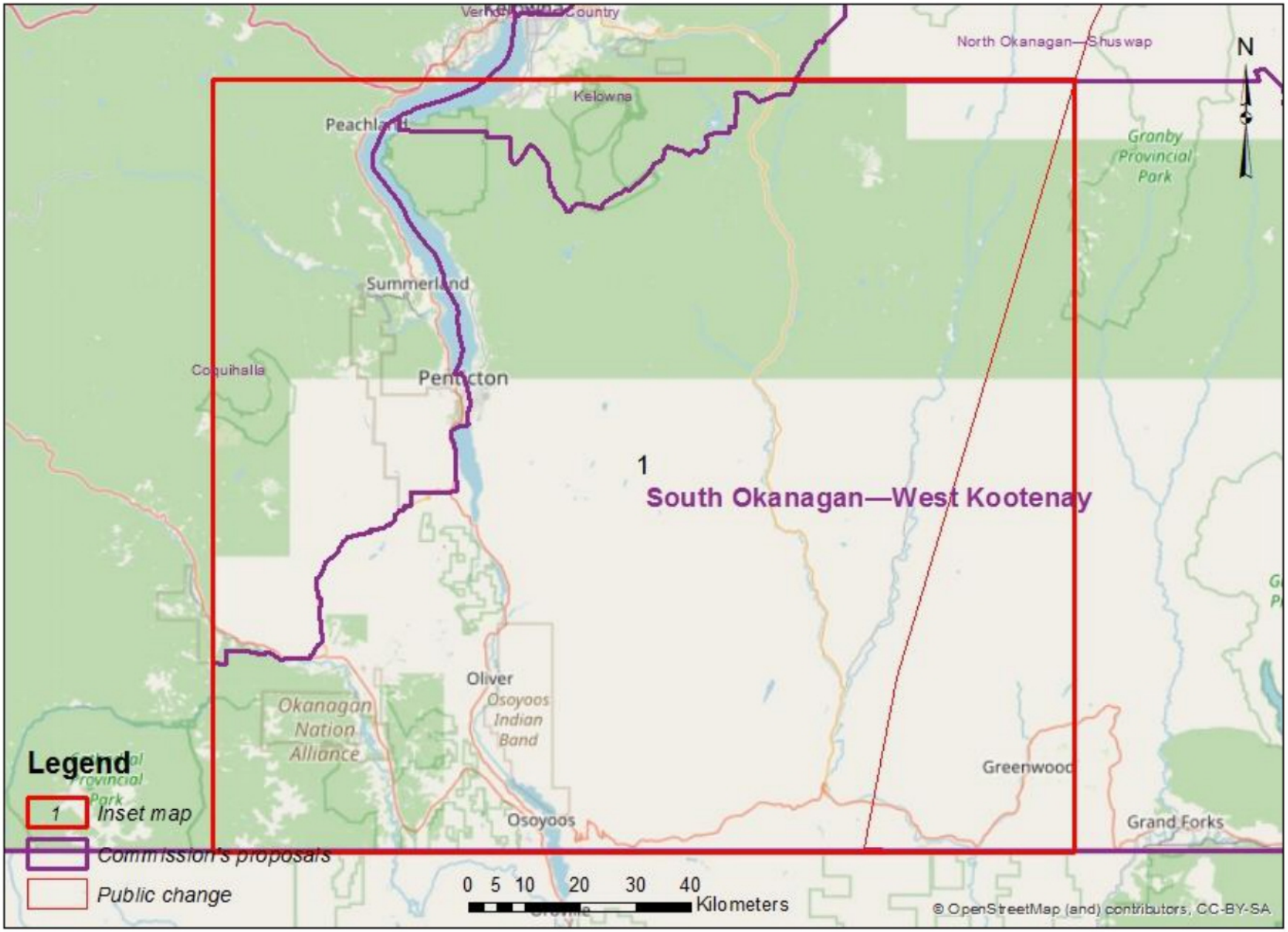

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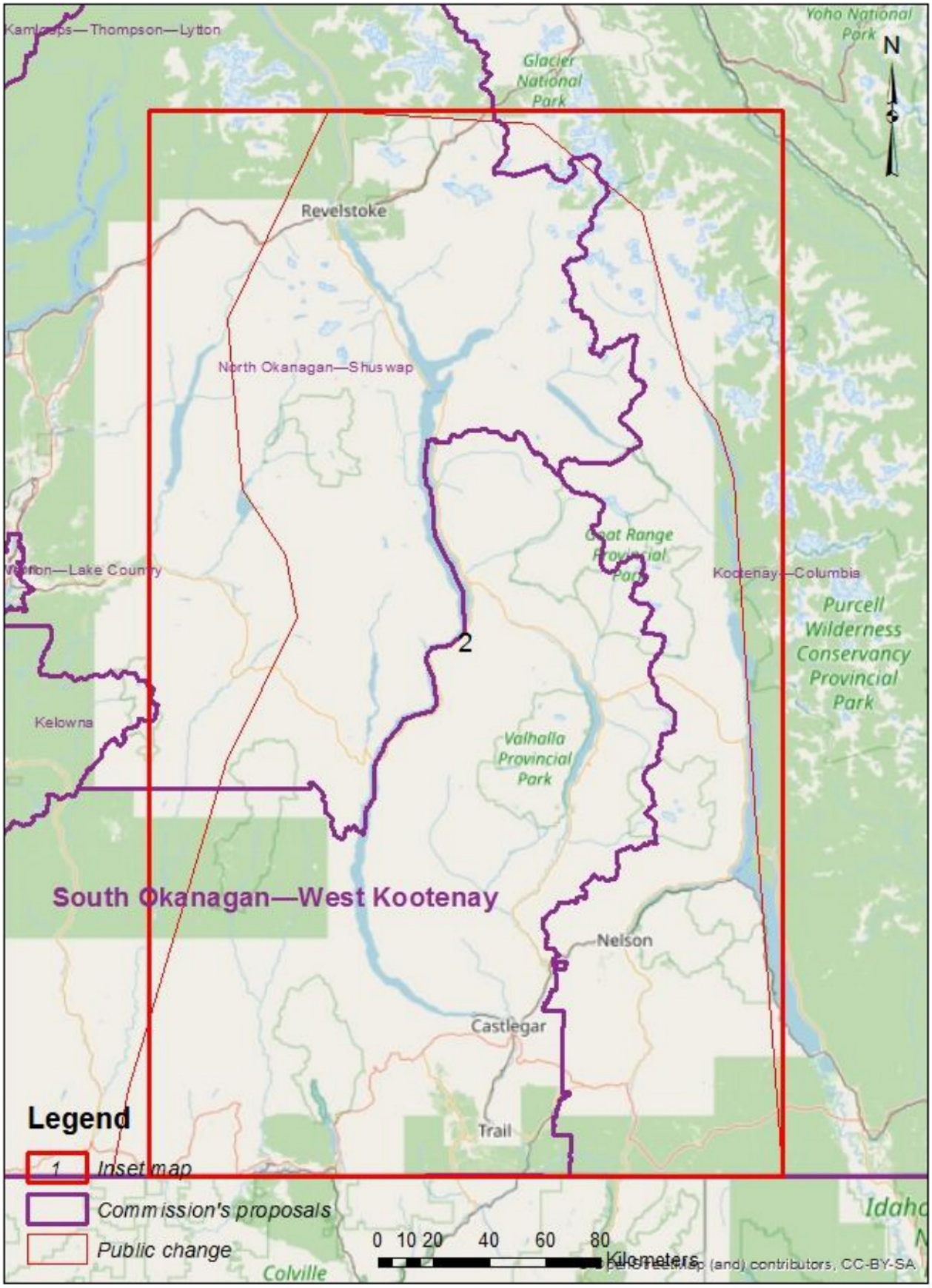

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 30, 2022 11:18 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redrawing the Sunshine Coast electoral map

Dear Commission,

19(1) I recently learned of your plan to redraw the electoral map for our Sunshine Coast riding. I totally support your proposal but am deeply opposed to the one suggested by the Liberals and Conservatives. Below are my reasons for this objection:

The redrawing of the map as suggested by the Liberals and Conservatives would weaken our voice federally, would divide our community, and make it more difficult to see our MP. Our communities are deeply connected and this connection should not be broken. We share many common interests and concerns.

I want to thank you for your work on this issue.

Best regards,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 4, 2022 12:27 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Pitt Meadows Fort Langley

This is the most ridiculous boundary I have seen in a long time. Were no locals consulted? Look at the rivers, they are a major physical and sociological boundary in this region. This would merge 3 districts (Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, Fort Langley) that do not naturally share anything of note. Honestly, this will be a travesty if this passes.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: September 9, 2022 9:42 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Comments on Pitt Meadows - Fort Langley Riding Redistribution

Hi There

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed federal riding redistribution, specifically the new proposed Pitt Meadows - Fort Langley riding. FYI…I live in Maple Ridge (v2X 5N2).

In simple terms, I do not support this proposal. I find it unfathomable to create a riding that has parts of 5 different communities. My sense is that this proposal was developed by those who are unfamiliar with the communities and who were primarily concerned about numbers rather than natural connections within and across communities.

My main concern is that I do not think an MP can effectively and fairly represent the interests of all of these communities nor do I think it will support MP accountability to her / his constituents and to communities as a whole (as communities are divided). The interactions between MP's and community based councils, organizations and groups will also be very confusing, inefficient and ineffective in my view as most communities will have multiple MP's.

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As a final point, I do think it is critical that riding boundaries seek to support and improve democracy rather than build mistrust. This current proposal will likely draw criticism from many about possible gerrymandering given the unexplained nature of the boundaries (beyond simply slicing and dicing communities to divide up population into relatively equal parts). I am not aware of anyone who supports this proposal (including friends and family in the other communities). I would be very concerned about proceeding with this proposal Without a clear and significant degree of community support.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 12, 2022 10:05 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: public feedback on redistribution from North Island-Powell River

19(1) I urge the commission to keep Powell River as part of the federal riding of North Island-Powell River.

Many residents of this region take the single direct ferry to Comox for certain health services and other amenities as it is the closest larger centre.

As a ferry dependent, small and remote coastal community, we have much more in common with the northern part of Vancouver Island than we do with West Vancouver.
When we were part of that riding before, we felt neglected and insignificant, a pawn of the Liberal party, making sure there was one less NDP member in the federal government.
Rachel Blakey has been a wonderful spokesperson for our area, as the liberal member never was. I appeal to your sense of justice and fairness to keep us connected with the island and not West Vancouver.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 8, 2022 10:03 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Lower mainland ridings

I have concerns about the approach of ridings created. They are almost totally based on census.

Ridings should be using city boundaries to guide the riding as a major-not minor factor in drawing boundaries. . Using census as major factor is not good because the change in population is changing yearly so a 5 or 10% population size for population is reasonable, Using the census only gives the impression that ridings are gerry mandering.

A lot of differences for needs of various cities exist. With some major cities having 2 or 3 representatives for various parts of the city does not give the loyalty to the city. A known candidate who is familiar with the details of a city may be elected and represent a part of the riding that includes city he/she has little knowledge or interest in.

If you put a lot of emphasis on census, then a lot more should be included in projected growth areas. Growing areas should have ridings with smaller census population.

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The people and needs of those on the west side of the Pitt River are very different than those on the east side. Having 5 separate cities be part of this riding is outrageous. I've attempted to keep the population relatively similar by moving part of the Maple Ridge-Mission Riding into this riding, while removing any bits of Port Coquitlam and Surrey.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59024

Name to modify: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

New name: Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley / Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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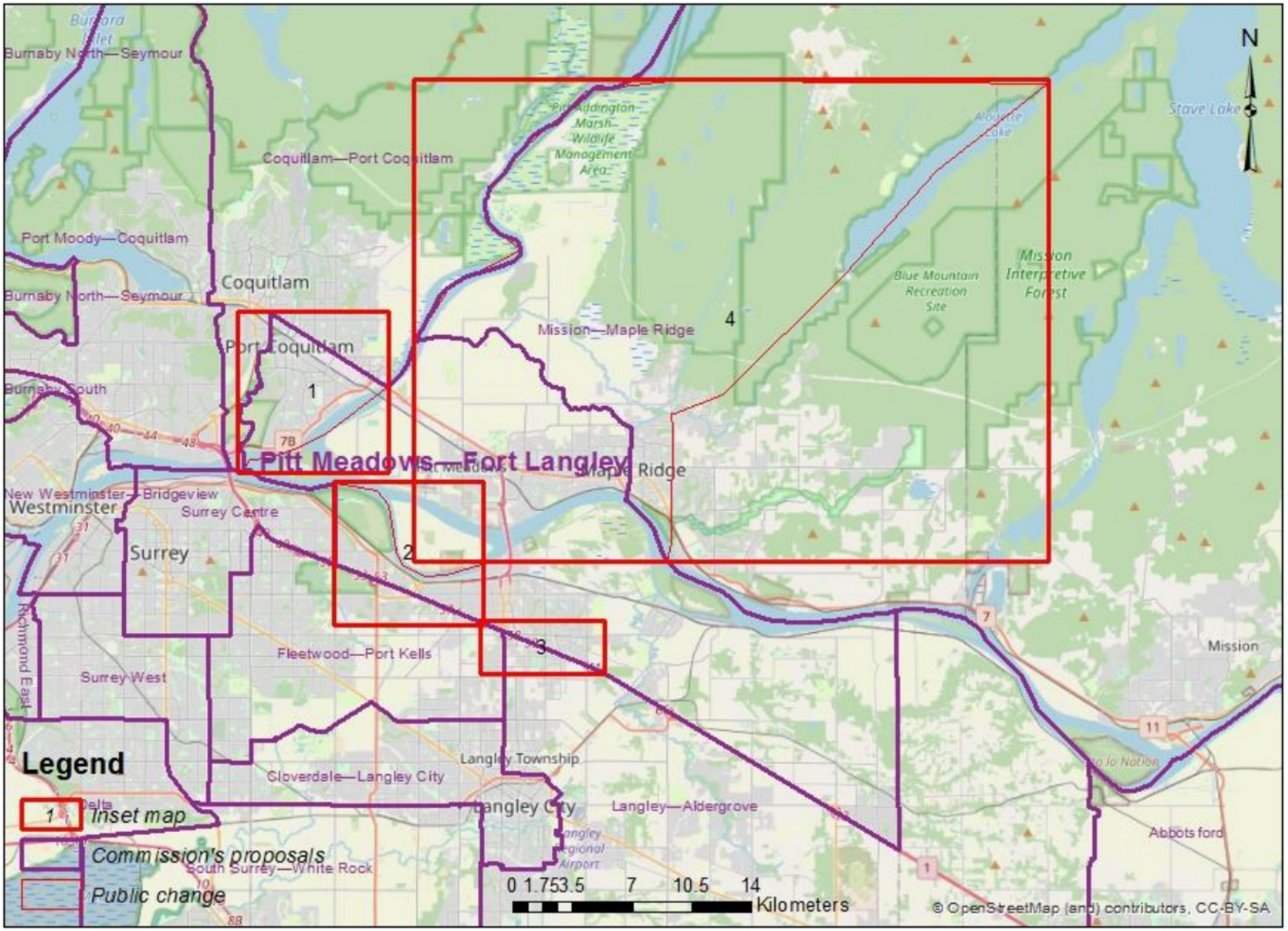

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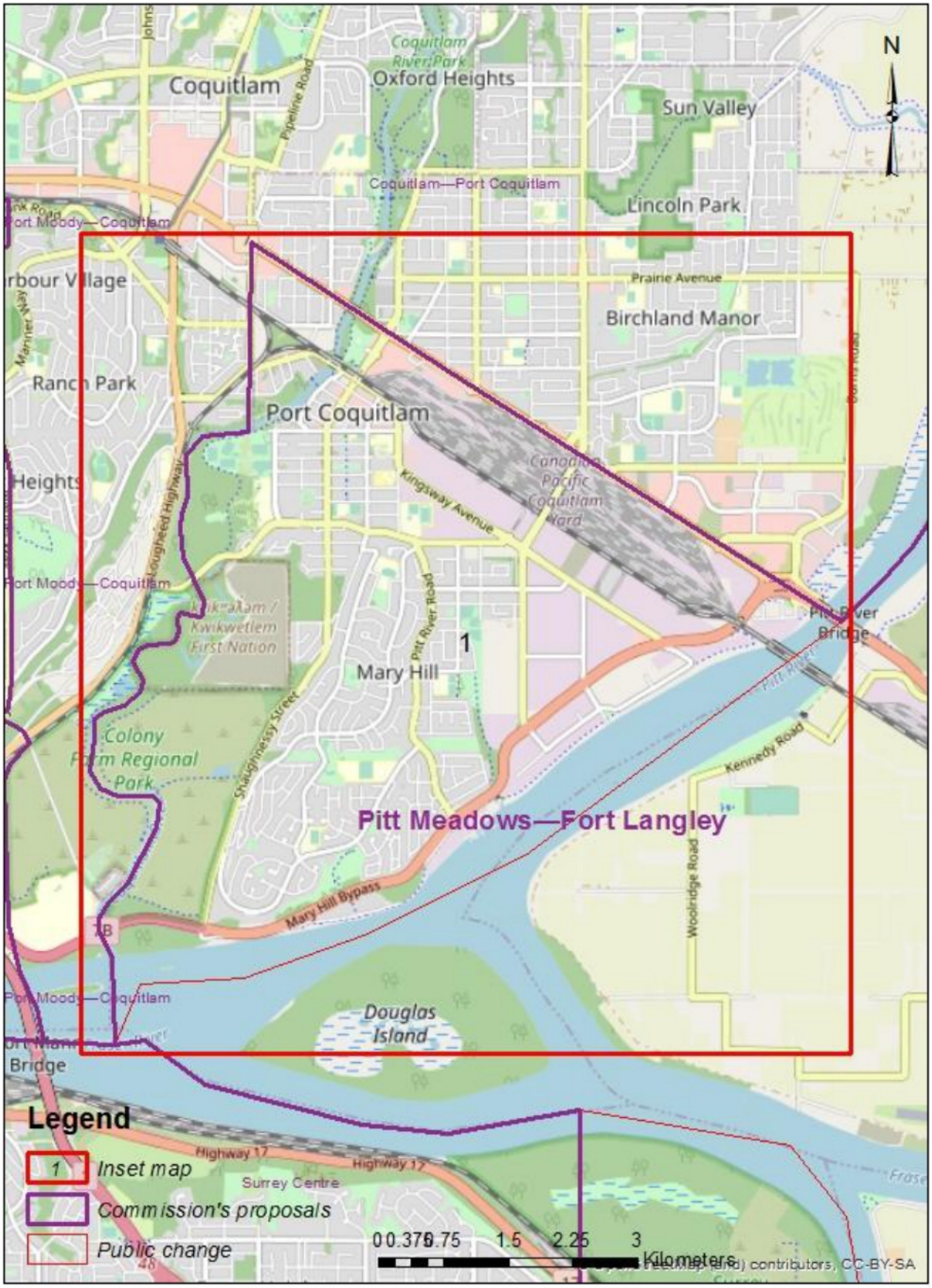

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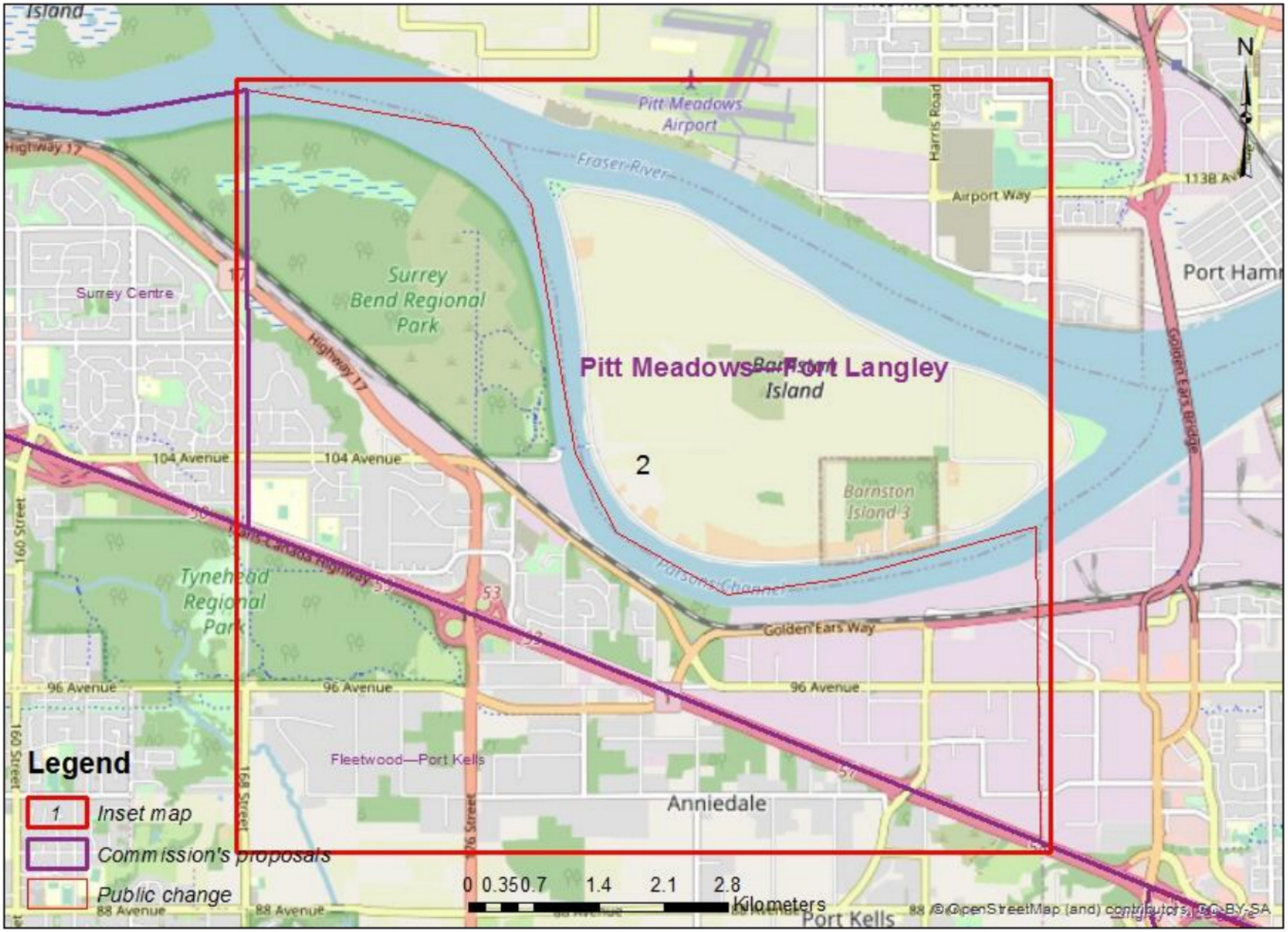

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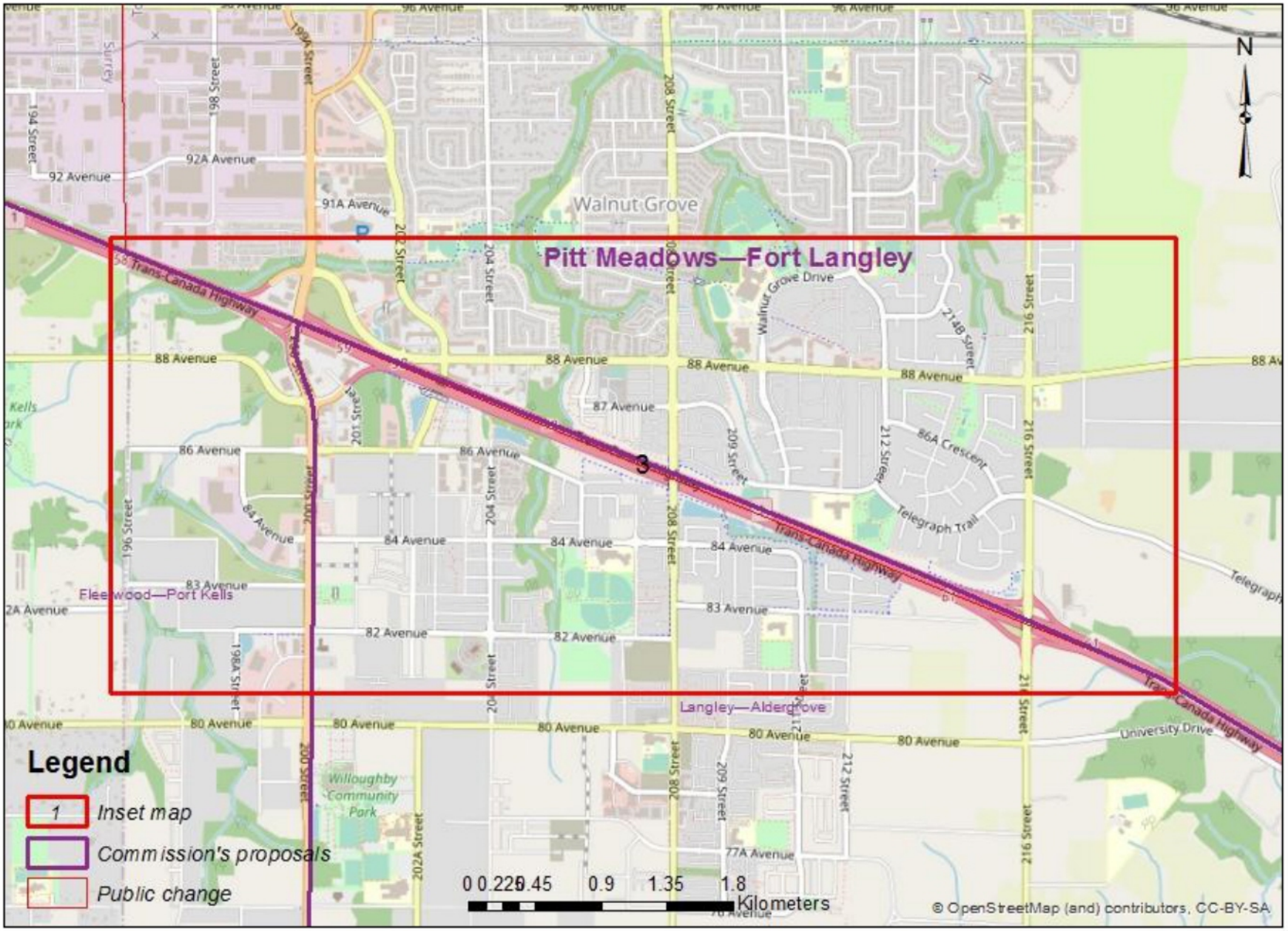

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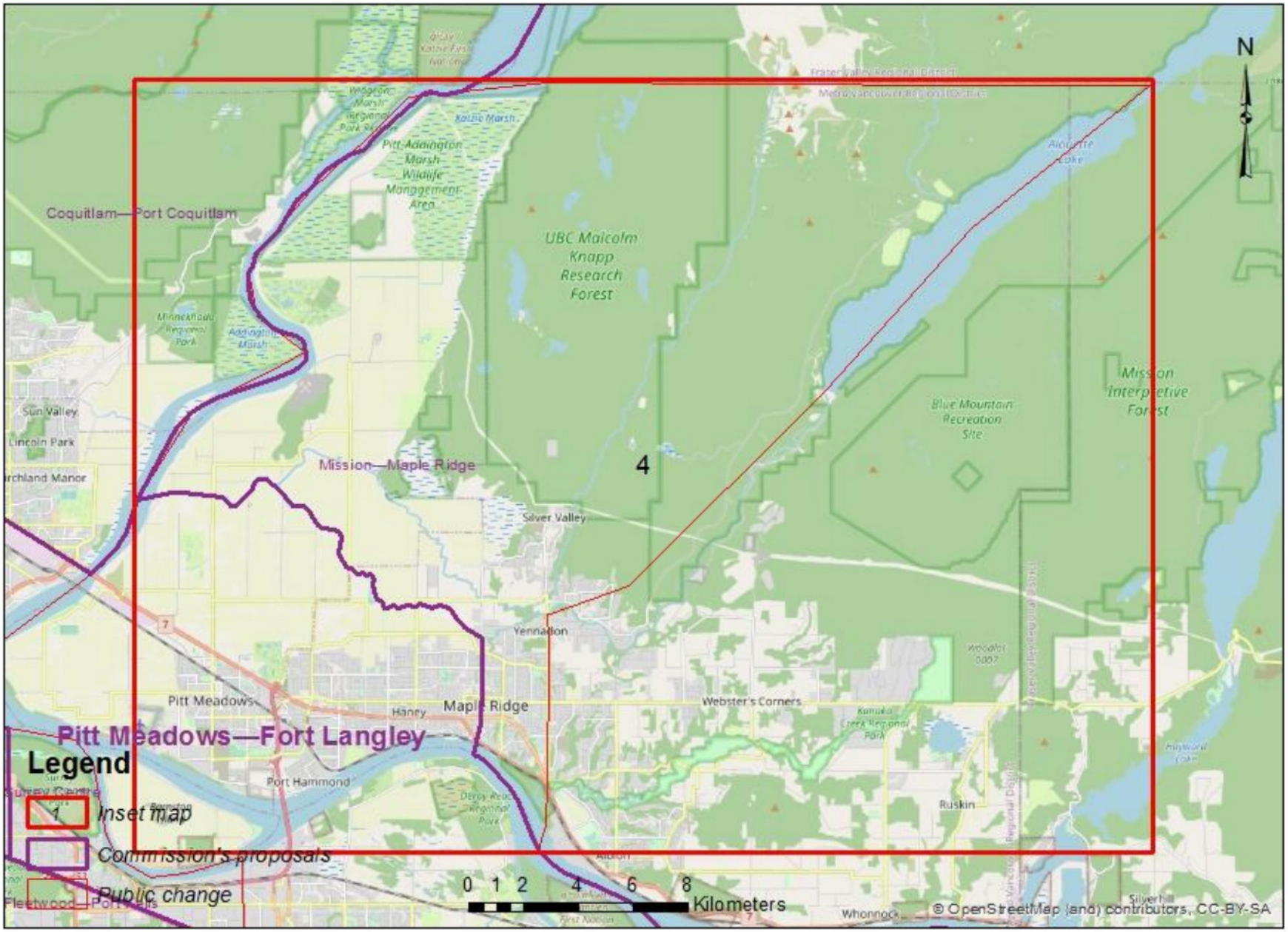

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 24, 2022 8:31 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Coquitlam- Port Coquitlam Electoral Riding redistribution

Attention Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission:

19(1) I find it very disappointing and unconscionable that you would consider placing a riding boundary on a highway that runs through our city, actually splitting our city in two! The City of Port Coquitlam has worked for years to unite the North and south communities and deal with our communalities. For the southern part of our city to be randomly split off and bundled in with other Fraser Valley communities with different concerns seems purely for your numerical convenience. We are very interconnected with Coquitlam, with common needs, roads, recreation, trails and a school district. For the southern part of our city to be randomly split off and bundled in with other Fraser Valley communities with different concerns seems purely for your numerical convenience.

The Pitt River serves as a very natural boundary and logical division.
Please consider using that as your electoral boundary and keep our city unified.

This new plan is certainly not in our best interests.
Please reconsider this “supposed better representation” decision.

Sincerely,
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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 13, 2022 8:03 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Redistribution and Port Coquitlam

To the Members of the Commission:

19(1) an area slated to be severed from Port Coquitlam North and bundled with Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge. This proposed move will remove any voice that the citizens of Port Coquitlam have in policy making. We will be effectively without representation going forwards.

There is no way to react to this but to be vehemently opposed to it. I consider that Port Coquitlam is a unique city with a different culture and "feel" than neighboring Coquitlam or than Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge. It is not as large as Coquitlam, so half of the a smaller city becomes just a postscript to concerns of a larger area, and the other half becomes a small part of the Pitt Meadows / Maple Ridge riding, and area of different needs and concerns. Our concerns will cease to matter, and therefore, cease to be addressed.

Do not do this injustice to us. Leave Port Coquitlam intact, so that its citizens will still have a voice in their future.

Regards

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While some of our broader regional issues are similar, we have had very different ways of dealing with some of the other local issues.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 7, 2022 5:07 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposal of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for. British Columbia

Greetings,
19(1) My analysis is focused on Population by Proposed Electoral District. I calculated the average population per district at 116,300.
The proposed electoral district by population for Vancouver Island districts is as follows: Courtenay-Alberni 123,978 pop, 6.6% above average
Cowichan-Malahat-Langford 123,679pop 6.3% above average
Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke 120,606pop 3.7% above average
Nanaimo-Ladysmith 121,508pop 4.5% above average
North Island-Powell River 125,964pop 8.3% above average
Saanich-Gulf Islands 122,147pop 5% above average
Victoria 123,482pop 6.2% above average All proposed districts on Vancouver Island are over 120,000 population. There are no other proposed districts in British Columbia with a population over 120,000.

The proposed electoral district by population for southern interior districts is as follows:
Coquihalla 110,820pop 4.7% below average
North Okanagan-Shuswap 109,971pop 5.4% below average
South Okanagan-West Kootenay 108,971pop 6.3% below average
Vernon-Lake Country 111,205pop 4.4% below average

The comparison shows inequitable balance and unfairness. The calculations show a pattern with consistent errors. This needs to be corrected. Was this calculated by a person or a computer?

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Thanks
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Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

By e-mail to BC-CB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Proposed Redistribution of BC Federal Electoral Boundaries

After reviewing your brochure enclosed in a recent edition of the *Globe and Mail* newspaper, I note with dismay that the proposed redistribution of federal electoral boundaries in BC would make Vancouver Island electors the most under-represented voters in the entire province. The seven proposed ridings each include more than 120,000 voters and are the only ridings in BC with so many voters.

Considering the fact that Vancouver Island is among the fastest growing areas of the province, by the time these boundaries are again reviewed after the 2030 census this under-representation will only have become much worse.

I ask that consideration be given to allocating eight federal ridings in Vancouver Island, to alleviate this situation and prevent it from becoming more acute in the next decade.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 10:11 AM
To: BC-CB
Subject: New electoral riding

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to strongly oppose the division of Port Coquitlam in the proposed change of election boundaries.
Our community is one of the strongest most up coming and progressive communities in BC and I have no idea why you would take half of its citizens and lump them
With a rural
Area that has no commonalities. I invite you to come and and visit this area and reconsider this.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 11, 2022 7:07 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Boundary Redistribution for Sunshine Coast

Greetings:

Please know that I am absolutely in agreement with a re-drawn boundary that will link the Lower Coast and Upper Coast. I believe that this is the commission's proposal and trust that it will be realized for the next election.

Sincerely, 19(1)

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: August 2, 2022 2:08 PM
To: BC-CB
Cc: 19(1) info@seatoskyconservative.ca; info@conservative.ca
Subject: Proposed new Eastern boundary of West Vancouver and Sunshine Coast Riding

Dear Madam or Sir

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19(1) This would remove me and and a considerable number of West Vancouver residents from our riding.

I have not been able to find a detailed map of this proposed boundary such as I saw earlier. The best I have found is the description of the proposed new boundary below taken from the website. I found it difficult to get my mind around where the line was actually running. The critical section I believe is defined by the section I have highlighted in bold. It sounds like the eastern boundary of the riding is not 15th street anymore? This is good if true.

Continuation of eastern boundary of West Van etc riding description from the commission website:
"…. thence generally southerly along said lake (Capilano) and the Capilano River to the northerly limit of Capilano Indian Reserve No. 5 and coincident with Marine Drive; **thence northwesterly, southwesterly and southeasterly along the northerly, easterly and southerly limits of said reserve to the mouth of the Capilano River;** thence southwesterly crossing First Narrows to the easterly limit of Subdivision A"

I found the detailed map but have difficulty getting it to hold on my area.

Is it possible to send or direct me to where I can see the West Vancouver riding map showing the proposed eastern boundary with North Vancouver?

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Thank you and best regards

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

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Date received: 2022-09-03

RIM ID: 1662221421NTFQTIIEUQ

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: N Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

the west kootenays should be together....castlegar nelson trail and the slocan valley/revy even should be a voting block untoo itself. Taking nelson creston and putting it with the pro oil alberta dominant east kootenays is wrong and silences our voices.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59016

Name to modify: Kootenay—Columbia / Kootenay—Columbia

New name: Kootenay—Columbia / Kootenay—Columbia

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: British Columbia

19(1)

Date received: 2022-08-29

RIM ID: 1661749070YUADNZQPMX

Type of comments received:

New: Y Map: Y Name change: Y Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

West Vancouver has absolutely NOTHING in common/issues are COMPLETELY different than Sunshine Coast. Powell River has way more in common with Sechelt and Gibsons than the island and is considered a part of the Sunshine Coast.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 59043

Name to modify: West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country /
West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

New name: Sunshine Coast /
Sunshine Coast

Attachments:

Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

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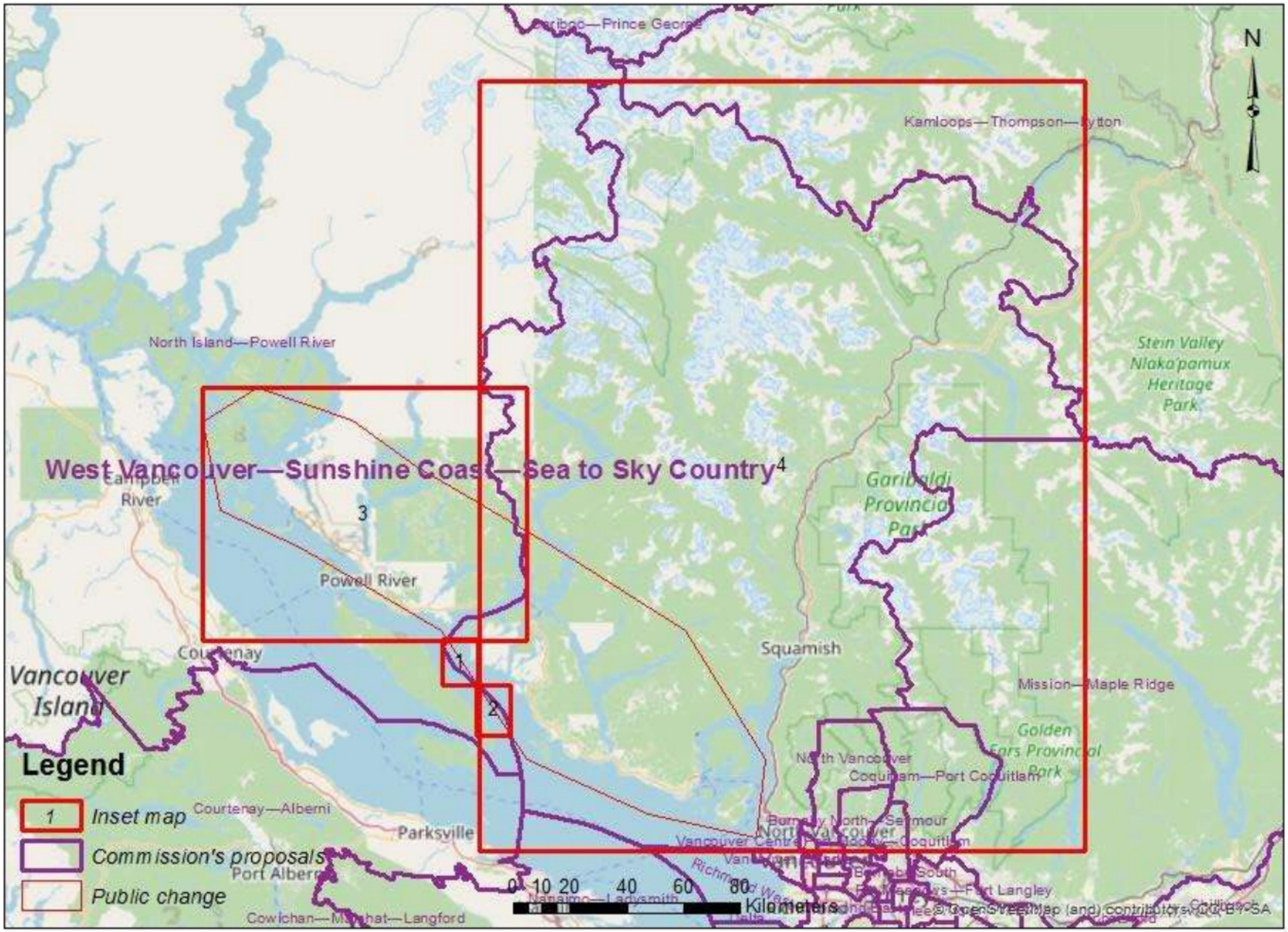

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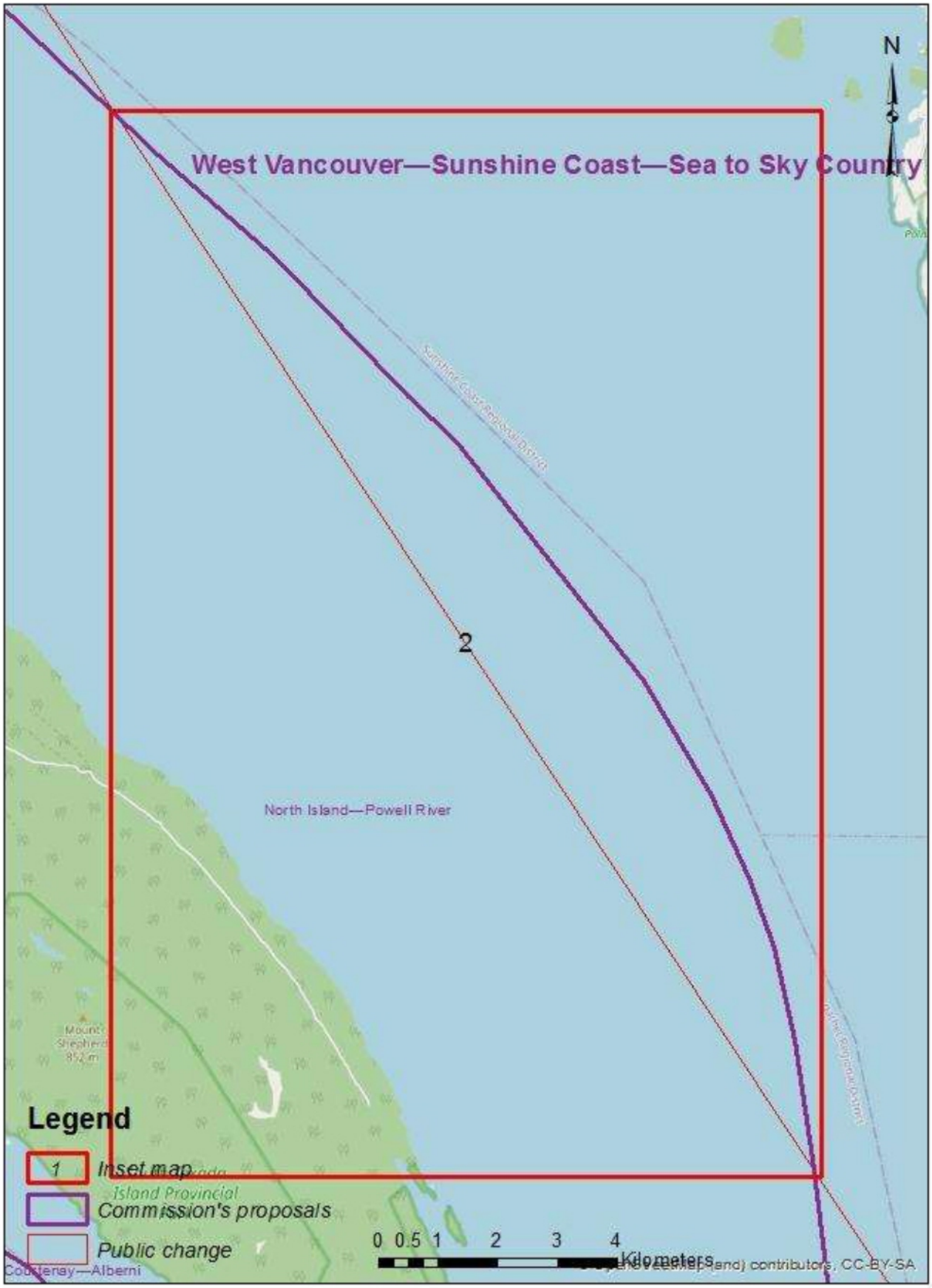

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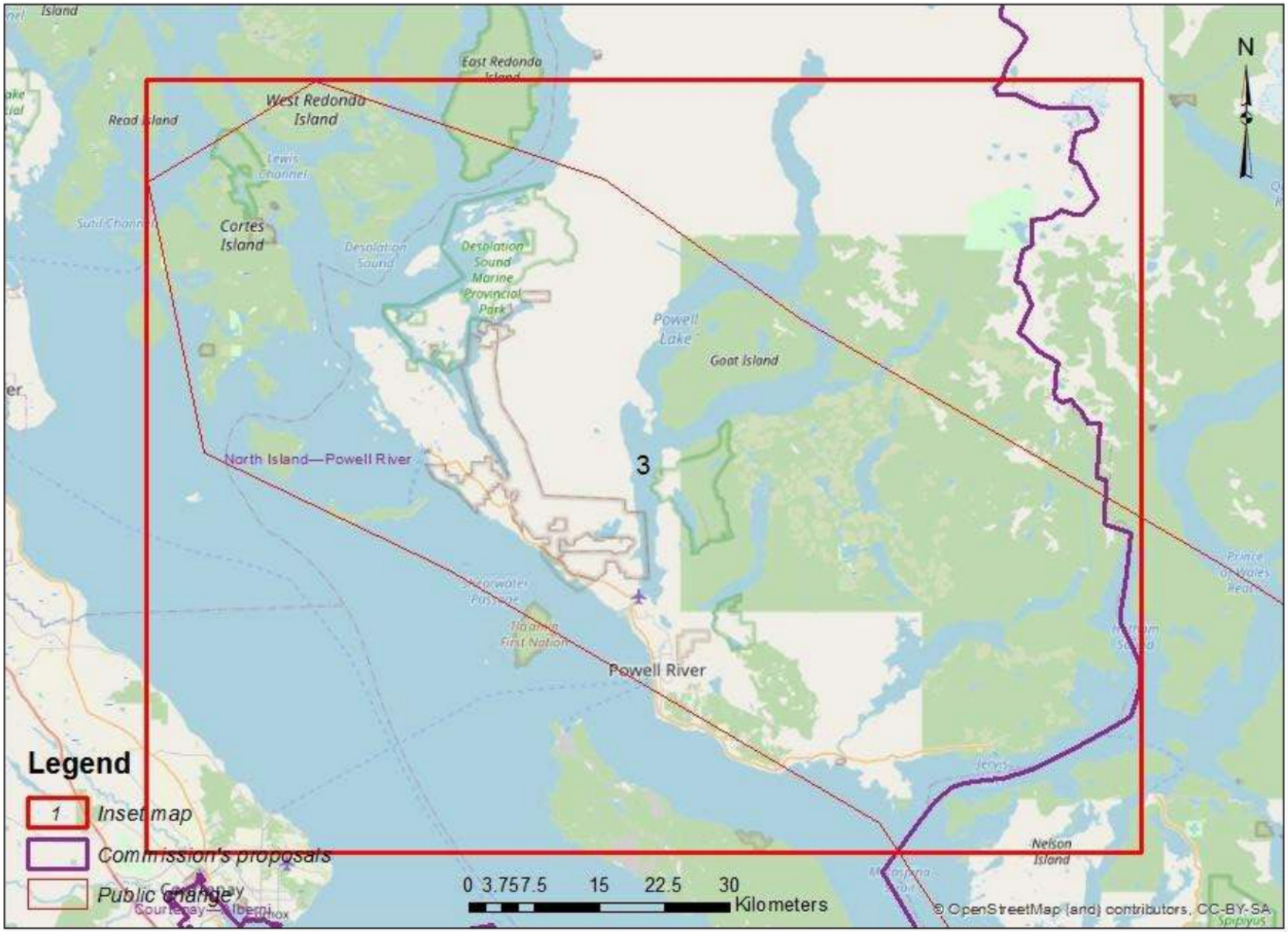

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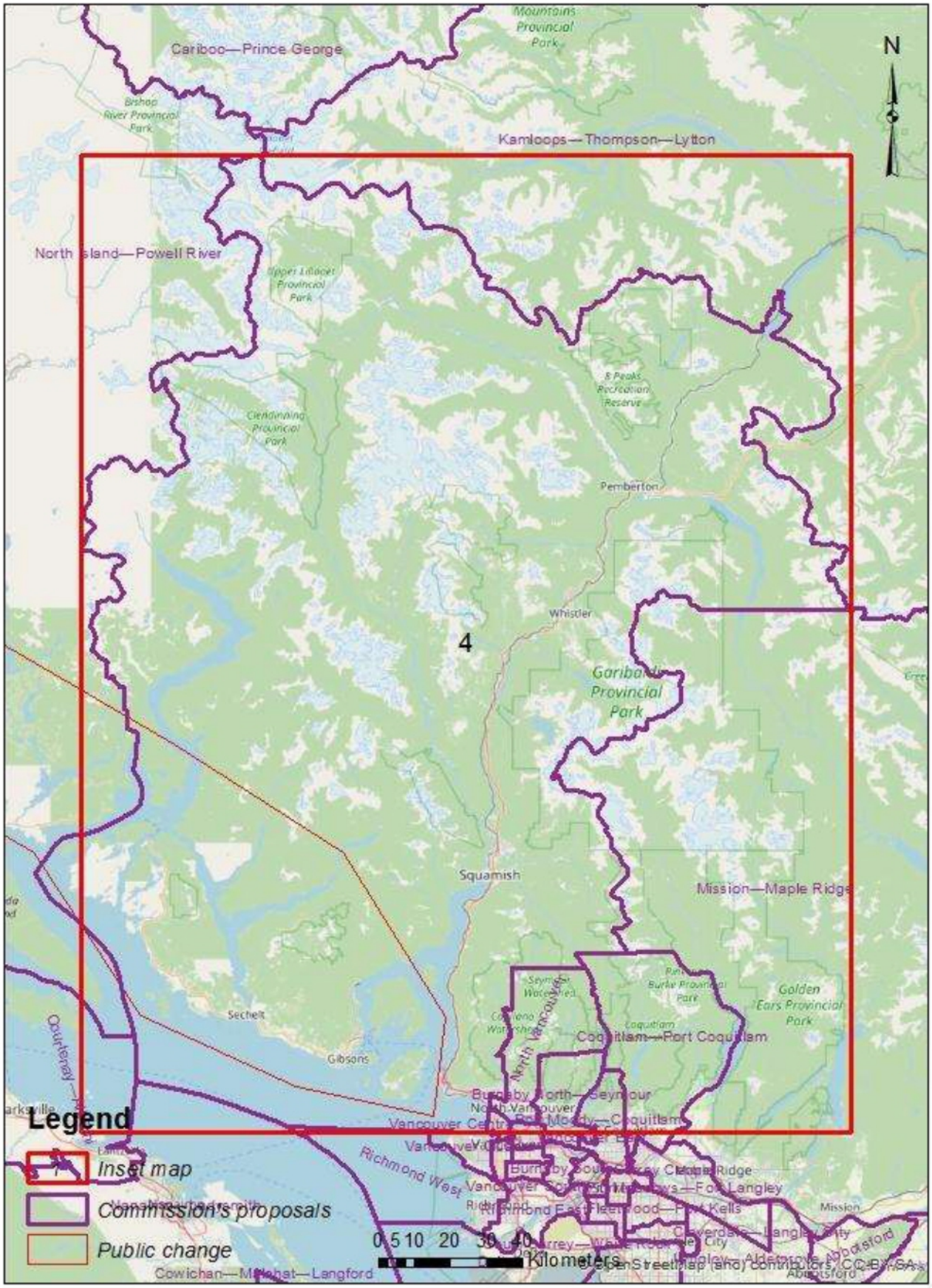

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 28, 2022 9:16 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Proposed Federal Riding of Pitt Meadows - Fort Langley - Request For Information to form my Submission to the Electoral Commission

Good afternoon

19(1)

19(1) I wish to make a submission to the Electoral Commission. In order to make the submission can you please provide the following information:

1. Population and Voting Results

As I review this proposed change can you please provide the populations and 44th General elections voting patterns for each city's area which will now be included in the proposed federal riding of Pitt Meadows – Fort Langley

City or Township	Popu
(a) that part of Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A comprising Barnston Island;	
(b) that part of the City of Maple Ridge lying southwesterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the westerly limit of said city and the Alouette River; thence generally southeasterly along said river to 224 Street; thence southerly along said street and its production to the southerly limit of said city;	
(c) that part of the City of Pitt Meadows lying southwesterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of said city and the Alouette River; thence generally northwesterly along said river to the westerly limit of said city;	
(d) that part of the City of Port Coquitlam lying southwesterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of said city and the Pitt River Bridge; thence northwesterly along said bridge and Lougheed Highway (Highway 7) to the westerly limit of said city;	
(e) that part of the City of Surrey lying northerly and easterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of said city with the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1); thence northwesterly along said highway to its intersection with the production of 168 Street (approximate latitude 49°11'14"N and longitude 122°45'23"W); thence northerly along said street and its production to 108 Avenue; thence northerly in a straight line to the northerly limit of said city (approximate latitude 49°12'54"N and longitude 122°45'24"); and	

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(f) that part of the Township of Langley lying northerly of the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1).
Total

2. In all of Canada what other major urban area ridings will have six separate cities or townships to form a single federal riding?

3. What was the premise and logic that Elections Canada used to create the proposed riding of Pitt Meadows – Fort Langley using six separate cities or townships?

4. Why is the proposed riding described as Fort Langley when this not a legal location?

Please respond no later than August 15, 2022 so that I have time to review the requested information in preparing my submission for the commission.

Sincerely yours and thank you in advance for the information.

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: May 30, 2022 1:03 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Zones

Why in the world would you consider splitting Penticton in half? The boundry shown goes right down the main street!? As a city we are divided enough, this will cause even more conflict. Have u reviewed out political history at all? I would rather the government bind us together with one representative. I hope i'm viewing the proposal incorrectly or I've lost my last bit of faith in the establishment. Thank u for a correction....

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: June 2, 2022 12:36 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Election Boundaries

Hello,
19(1) vehemently opposed to the upcoming proposed changes to our electoral district. The current system has served us well for a very long time and is also a contributing piece to the strong sense of a community we value.
DO NOT go down this wrong headed path.

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Sent from my iPad

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Susan McEvoy

From: 19(1)
Sent: July 7, 2022 11:32 PM
To: BC-CB
Subject: Sunshine Coast

To whom it may concern,

I am in favour of keeping the Sunshine Coast as one riding and splitting West Vancouver into two. 19(1) 19(1) I believe that we should be represented by one MP and not two.

Sincerely,

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